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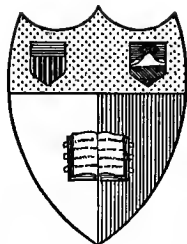
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OF THE

Loyal Cambrian Lodge,

No. 110,

OF FREEMASONS, MERTHYR TYDFIL.

1810 TO 1914.

WITH INTRODUCTORY CHAPTERS ON OPERATIVE AND SPECULATIVE
MASONRY, THE MODERN AND ANCIENT GRAND LODGES,
AND THE LODGES OF SOUTH WALES AND
MONMOUTHSHIRE.

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COL J. J. JONES, V.D., J.P., P.M., P.P.G.J.W. 18 deg.

WE accord the place of honour in these pages to the Worthy Brother who ruled over the destinies of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge during the most memorable period in its history, embracing the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Temple and celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of its formation. In this we are only acknowledging the brotherly and considerate manner in which Bro. Jones came forward in 1910 to fill the breach caused by the untimely death of the W.M. Elect, the revered Bro. Col. D. R. Lewis, V.D.

Bro. Jones was born at Merthyr Tydfil in 1845, and is the second son of the late Mr. John Jones, J.P., a prominent and prosperous tradesman of Merthyr prior to his retirement to Fairwater and afterwards to Northlands, near Cardiff. The subject of our sketch was educated at private schools in Merthyr, Windsor, and Taunton, and matriculated at the London University in 1862. He was articled to Messrs. Simons and Plews, and admitted a Solicitor in January, 1868. In the same year he became a partner in the firm of Smith, Lewis, and Jones, Solicitors, of Merthyr and Swansea, and when that firm was dissolved in 1877 Bro. Jones and Bro. D. R. Lewis continued the partnership at Merthyr, under the style of Lewis and Jones, and this partnership was only severed by the death of Bro. Lewis on December 31st, 1909. In July, 1910, Bro. Jones retired from practice, after a long and honourable professional career of 42 years. He married, in 1869, Kate, the second daughter of Mr. Wm. Jones, J.P., Cyfarthfa, by whom he had issue one son and one daughter. The daughter died in 1901, and the son, who served in the South African War, died in 1904.

Bro. Jones, like his esteemed partner, Bro. D. R. Lewis, took an active part in the early Volunteer movement, joining the Merthyr Corps in 1863. In 1881 he transferred his services to the Brecknock Volunteer Battalion. He retired in 1901, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and for his long and valuable military services he received the coveted V.D.,

In 1898 he was made a Justice of the Peace for Brecknockshire, and for many years he has been Chairman of the Penderyn Bench of Magistrates. His other public offices include membership of the Brecknockshire Standing Joint Committee, the Licensing Compensation Committee, St. David's Diocesan Finance Board, and also Chairman of the Brecknockshire Territorial Association. In recognition of his many public services, he was honoured in 1914 with the office of Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Brecknock.

His introduction to Freemasonry was in December, 1878, when he was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge by Bro. D. R. Lewis. In January, 1886, he was installed W.M., and again in February, 1910—the Centenary year of the Lodge. For his services to Masonry he was appointed in 1887 Prov. Grand Asst. Director of Ceremonies, and on the occasion of the holding of Provincial Grand Lodge at Merthyr in September, 1910, he was invested with the collar of Prov. Grand Junior Warden. In January, 1913, he was installed W.M. of the Hendre P.M., Lodge, No. 3250, Cardiff, and on the formation of the St. Tydfil Lodge, No. 639, of M.M.M., in September, 1912, he was installed the first Wor. Master, and received the collar of Prov. Grand Senior Deacon in the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of South Wales. He is also a Past First Principal of the David Rees Lewis Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a member of the Prince Llewellyn Lodge, No. 2570, Cardiff, the Ashlar Lodge, No. 185, of M.M.M., Tredegar, the Caerdaf Chapter, 18°, Cardiff, and of the Morganwg Chapter of the Knights of Malta.

Although a busy man, on account of his many public engagements, Bro. Col. Jones performs his duties with a vigour and thoroughness worthy of emulation. To attain the highest degree of perfection in whatever duties he undertakes has always been his aim. It is, therefore, with sentiments of the truest admiration we respectfully and fraternally dedicate to him this unpretending volume. May health and long life be his portion, to enable him to continue his services to mankind.



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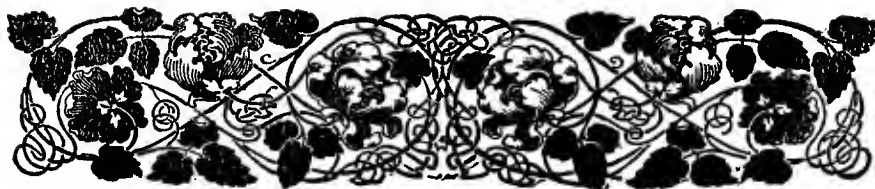
Introduction.

THE compilation of the history of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge was suggested to my mind from a study of the Minutes for the purpose of summarising the progress of the Lodge from its inception in 1810 to its Centenary. This summary was read at the Centenary Meeting on September 22nd, 1910, and from the interest aroused then, as well as the knowledge that many incidents of personal and local interest had necessarily to be omitted, I felt that it would be a misfortune if the whole of those details marking the origin of the Lodge, its struggles and difficulties in the course of a life extending over an entire century, and the ultimate full tide of success which crowned its Centenary, should not be collated and presented in a convenient form for the information of the Brethren. I was further impressed with the desirability of such a work by the number of past members, most of whom have joined the majority, who occupied social positions of the highest respectability and public importance, and in such positions rendered invaluable services to the community to which they belonged as well as to the Lodge in which they were so highly appreciated. More especially did I feel the worthiness of those old Brethren, and the necessity of placing on record in a more accessible form than the Minute Books the story of their fine example of unwearied zeal and loyalty in the maintenance and advancement of the sublime principles of our Grand Fellowship, and the supreme importance illustrated by their own example of keeping every centre of its life and activity, once started, in continuous and unbroken vitality.

In bringing my labours to a close, I desire to pay tribute to the memory of the late Bro. Henry Sadler, Librarian, Grand Lodge, and to acknowledge the cheerful and willing assistance I received from him when examining the old Registers and in collecting data relating to the old Lodges of South Wales and Monmouthshire.

I have also to acknowledge the valuable assistance and personal interest of Bro. H. W. Southey, J.P., and his kindness in placing at my disposal the old files of the "Merthyr Express," from which many interesting notes have been extracted.

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CHAPTER I.

OPERATIVE AND SPECULATIVE MASONRY.



BEFORE coming to the history of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, it will be instructive to consider the conditions governing Free Masons during the 17th Century—the transition period from the Operative to the Speculative System.

Up to this period the Craft was restricted to operative or working stone masons, and Lodges or Courts were formed solely for the protection and regulation of their trade.

The most interesting of the statutes governing the conditions of labour, although applying only to Scotland, are the Schaw Statutes of 1598. These were issued by Wm. Schaw, Master of Work and Chief Warden to James VI. of Scotland, and enacted that Masons were to be obedient to the Wardens, Deacons, and Masters in all things pertaining to the Craft. They were not to undertake any work unless able to complete it satisfactorily under a penalty of £20.

Apprentices were bound for a term of not less than seven years, and their names entered in the Lodge Book, hence the term "entered apprentice." At the end of their apprenticeship they had to undergo an examination, to prove their knowledge and skill of architecture, before being passed to the grade of a Fellow Craft.

In this grade they had to serve a further period, and pass another examination before receiving the license of their Lodge, which raised them to the status of Masters, or Freemen Masons, free to work as Masters

within the recognised boundaries of the Borough or district supervised by their Lodge.

Masters and Fellow Crafts were strictly forbidden to allow Cowans to work in their company, or in any way to assist them, under a penalty of £40 for each offence.

The term Cowan distinguished the irregular from the regular Craftsmen. It referred to workmen who had not served an apprenticeship to the Mason trade.

In the records of the Glasgow Corporations of Masons for 1623, Cowans were authorised to work stone and build mortar walls, but not above an ell (3ft. 9ins.) in height. The right to work hewn stone and build with sand and lime was withheld.

The Bye-laws of the Kilwinning Lodge permitted Cowans to be employed when no qualified Craftsmen were to be found within a radius of 15 miles.

The statutes further required Masters and apprentices to take every precaution in the erection of suitable scaffolding, and in the event of an accident happening through their negligence they were not afterwards allowed to act as Masters, but be subject to others.

Apprentices who happened to run away from their lawful service were not to be employed again, and all Masons present at any assembly were to be sworn by the "Great Oath" not to conceal any wrong done to each other or to the owner of the work, as far as they knew, under a penalty of £40.

Apart from these general regulations, of which the foregoing is a brief summary, Lodges were governed by their own Bye-laws, and it is interesting to find that entered apprentices were eligible for the office of Master of a Lodge, and in one or two instances acted in that capacity. Apprentices were also invariably present at the examination and passing of Fellow Crafts. The tests for efficiency usually took the form of an essay on Architecture, and a proof of practical workmanship in stone dressing. Degrees, as in Symbolic Masonry, were unknown prior to the formation of Grand Lodge in 1736. Members were bound by an obligation to observe the rules of their trade, and the only secret communicated, in the opinion of Bro. David Murray Lyons, author of several Scotch Masonic works, was the "Mason Word."

The secret of this word is now unknown. It became lost on the extinction of the Operative System, and this seems to indicate that it was not communicated to the Speculative section.

Up to the end of the 16th Century, Minutes of the meetings of Lodges were not kept. Probably they were not required, but on the decadence of architecture and the restrictions of the privileges granted by Corporations and Guilds to Freemasons, the rules of the trade were enforced through the Lodges, consequently records of Lodge proceedings became necessary. The first Lodge to minute its proceedings was St. Mary's Chapel, better known as the Edinburgh Lodge.

The minutes of this Lodge date back to July, 1599, and are, as far as is known, the oldest Lodge minutes in existence. The system introduced into the oldest Lodge soon became general in the Scotch Lodges, and much valuable information regarding early Masonry is thus preserved.

In the minutes of the Edinburgh Lodge for 1600 appears the first authentic record of an honorary, or non-operative, member being "accepted." A second honorary member was admitted in 1634.

This marks an interesting epoch in operative Masonry, the importance of which could not have been foreseen at that time, and one which ultimately destroyed the Operative System.

Probably the reason for admitting honorary members was a desire to elevate and increase the influence of the Craft, as only persons of the highest social standing were admitted.

Towards the middle of the 17th Century the acceptance of honorary members was a general rule, and it became to be considered fashionable to be an accepted member of a Freemasons' Lodge.

With the increase in the numbers of non-operatives, frequent differences arose between the two sections, and in the Edinburgh Lodge, in 1727, the operatives moved the exclusion of the honorary members, on the ground of non-payment of entrance fees. The motion was, however, defeated, and for the purposes of equality the accepted members were afterwards charged an entrance fee of one guinea.

The ascendancy of the non-operative, or speculative section, brought about another important change towards the end of the 17th Century. Lodges which had existed up to this period for the furtherance of the interests of the members, and the regulation of trade matters, ceased to perform these necessary duties, and instead lapsed into social and convivial centres, thus severing almost the last link between the Operative and Speculative Systems.



CHAPTER II.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, 1717-1813.



IN the preceding chapter the conditions of Scotch Freemasonry during the 17th Century were briefly considered. Unfortunately it is not possible to ascertain the state of the English Craft during the same period. There are no records of the proceedings of English Lodges earlier than the beginning of the 18th Century, consequently there is no direct evidence of the existence of Operative Masons throughout the 17th Century, except such references as are to be found in the records of the Building Companies and Statutes of the Realm.

There is, however, proof of the existence of a few Lodges of a Speculative nature.

Elias Ashmole, the Antiquarian, and founder of the Oxford Ashmolean Museum, noted as the first known Speculative English Mason, gives in his diary an account of his initiation in a Lodge of Freemasons at Warrington, in 1646, and also of a visit to a London Lodge in 1682, when six persons were received into fellowship.

Another account of Speculative Masonry is given by Dr. Robert Plot, in his Book, *Natural History of Staffordshire*, published in 1686. The testimony of this eminent writer, who was not a Freemason, is of special interest. In referring to the customs of the County, he says: "To these add the custom relating to the County whereof they have one of admitting men into the society of Freemasons; that in the moorland of this County seems to be of greater request than anywhere else, though I find the custom spread more or less all over the nation, for here I found persons of the most eminent quality that did not disdain to be of this Fellowship. Nor, indeed, need they, were it of that antiquity and honor that is pretended in a parchment volume they have amongst them containing the History and Rules of the Craft of Masonry."

Following these accounts of Masonry comes the York Lodge of 1705-6, of which, however, very little is known except proof of its existence.

Another Lodge existed in York City from 1712 to 1730, and is interesting as being probably the first English Lodge to minute its proceedings. These minutes, written on a roll of parchment, are in the possession of the present York Lodge, which was constituted in 1777.

The formation of the Grand Lodge of England, the most important event in the history of Freemasonry, took place in 1717.

An account of this memorable occurrence is given in the first and second editions of the Book of Constitutions, and was written by Dr. James Anderson, M.A., who is described as the "Father of Masonic History."

Dr. Anderson graduated at Marischal College, Aberdeen, and is supposed to have been initiated into Freemasonry before going to London in 1710, as Presbyterian Minister of St. James's Church.

The first step towards forming Grand Lodge was taken on June 17th, 1717, when the only four Lodges in London, afterwards known as 'Time Immemorial Lodges, met at the *Goose and Gridiron* Alehouse, St. Paul's Churchyard, and having placed the oldest Master of a Lodge present in the chair, resolved to "revive the Ancient Craft," and hold the quarterly communications. Bro. Anthony Sayers was, by a show of hands, elected the first Grand Master, and forthwith invested with the Badges of Office and Power. In this modest manner the Grand Lodge of England, the Premier Lodge of the World, was Founded. The Grand Lodge of Ireland was formed in 1725, and that of Scotland in 1736. Anthony Sayers was succeeded in the following year by George Payne, who continued at the head of the Craft for two years. During this time he caused to be collected the old Manuscripts containing the Regulations and old Charges, and had them tabulated for the better government of the Craft. These old manuscripts were afterwards arranged in proper form by Dr. Anderson, and printed in book form by authority of Grand Lodge in 1723. A second edition was issued in 1738, and is interesting as affording evidence of the working of the Third Degree.

Authorities differ as to whether distinct and separate Degrees were worked prior to 1723, but the Regulations issued in that year, and other alterations agreed to in the Order of 1725, concerning the "making of

Masons," seem to prove that the three Degrees were then known to the Craft; but an impression appears to have prevailed that in elaborating the ceremonies, parts of the Second and Third Degrees were omitted, such as choosing a Mark and communicating the secrets of a Master Mason. This omission is supposed to have given birth to the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees. In 1725 the first Committee of Charity was established for relieving indigent Masons, their Widows and Children, now known as the Benevolent Fund. Thus the foundation was laid on which Speculative Masonry rests, and which justifies its existence. The Craft has been singularly fortunate in the patronage which it has received from the nobility. The Earl of Darnley was Grand Master in 1737, notable as the year when Frederick Lewis, Prince of Wales, father of King George III., was admitted into Masonry. This was the beginning of that close connection between the Throne and the Craft, which, happily, still continues, and it may be interesting here to give the names of the other members of the English Royal Family who have been received into the Order:—

H.R.H. Duke of York (George III.'s brother)	...	Initiated	1766
.. Duke of Cumberland (George III.'s brother)	..	..	1768
.. Duke of Clarence (afterwards William IV.)...	..	..	1786
.. Prince of Wales (afterwards George IV.) ...	..	..	1787
.. Frederick, Duke of York	... ..	..	1787
.. Edward, Duke of Kent (the late Queen Victoria's father)	... ..	..	1790
.. Prince William of Gloucester	... ..	..	1795
.. Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex	... ..	..	1798
(George III.'s sons).			
.. Prince of Wales (afterwards King Edward VII.)	... ..	..	1868
.. Duke of Connaught	... ..	..	1874
.. The late Duke of Albany	... ..	..	1875
.. The late Duke of Clarence	... ..	..	1890
.. Prince Arthur of Connaught	... ..	..	1911

In 1739 the attention of Grand Lodge was directed to a body of Irregular Masons then working in London, and directions were given to the Craft respecting them. This Minute is interesting, as indicating the time when the Brethren who afterwards, in 1752, formed the Ancient Grand Lodge, first attracted notice. The custom of a Lodge adopting a title or name, in addition to a number, began in 1730, and soon became a

general rule in the modern English Lodges, and is now compulsory by Rule 128 of the Constitution. In Ireland Lodges are still distinguished by numbers only. Regulations were enforced in 1768, requiring the name, age, profession, and residence of every Member admitted to Masonry in a Regular Lodge to be registered in Grand Lodge. Another important change was contemplated in 1771. The Duke of Beaufort, the Grand Master for that year, conceived the idea of incorporating the Craft, and with this view a census of Lodges was taken, when 168 voted for and 43 against the scheme. A Bill for a Charter of Incorporation was thereupon promoted in Parliament, but after the second reading it was so strongly opposed in Committee that it was withdrawn. The object of desiring Incorporation is not quite clear, but, apparently, the main purpose was to remove the opposition of the rival Grand Lodge, and accomplish by Act of Parliament what was effected in 1813 by a friendly and fraternal Union.

The foundation stone of the Freemasons' Hall in Great Queen Street, London, was laid on May 1st, 1775, and the building was opened in May, 1776. The site cost £3,180, and the total cost of the buildings when completed was between £20,000 and £30,000. The attention of Grand Lodge was again drawn to the Ancients (or, as termed by the Moderns, "Irregular" Masons) in 1777, and a resolution was passed, "That all persons calling themselves 'Ancients,' said to be under the Patronage of the Duke of Athole, are not to be countenanced by any Regular Lodge of Masons under the Constitutions of England, and persons initiated at those irregular meetings are not to be admitted into any Lodge without being re-made and paying the usual making fee." The Ancient Grand Lodge passed a similar resolution against the Moderns, but, notwithstanding these stringent resolutions, the rival Brethren frequently fraternised, and in one or two instances Lodges were warranted under both Constitutions. One, the Royal Gloucester, No. 130, continued to hold meetings under both the Ancient and Modern systems until the Union in 1813. The feud which existed appears to have been almost wholly between the rival Grand Lodge Officers.

In 1777 the Lodge of "Antiquity," one of the "Time Immemorial" Lodges, became involved in a dispute with Grand Lodge over Time Immemorial Rights, which resulted in the Brethren, including Wm. Preston (author of "Illustrations of Masonry"), withdrawing their adherence and setting up a rival Grand Lodge, under the title of the "Grand Lodge of all England South of the Trent." This unfortunate

dispute continued for ten years, when, amends having been made, the Lodge was restored to its former rank and privileges.

At this period there were no less than four Grand Lodges in existence in England. The Grand Lodge of England (Modern), the subject of the present sketch ; The Grand Lodge of All England, York City ; The Ancient or Athole Lodge, noticed in a separate chapter ; and The Grand Lodge of England South of the Trent (Lodge of Antiquity). There is also evidence of another Grand Lodge having existed in London from 1770 to 1775, formed by Scotch Masons, and controlling five subordinate Lodges, but with the exception of the Modern and the Antient Grand Lodges, none of these survived beyond 1792.

The old Lodge at York, said to have existed from a remote period, and claiming to have received its warrant from Prince Edwin in 926 A.D., established itself as the Grand Lodge of All England in York City in 1725, two years subsequent to the publication of the first Book of Constitutions by Dr. Anderson. It continued a single existence, having no Lodges under its control, until 1745, when it became dormant. In 1761, the Modern Grand Lodge constituted a Lodge at York City, and this is supposed to have led to the revival of the York Grand Lodge. The Lodge warranted by the Moderns continued to meet for about three years, when it became dormant, and in 1767 the York Grand Lodge notified its rival in London that " the most Antient Grand Lodge of All England, held from time immemorial in this City, is the only Lodge held therein " ; further, " That this Lodge acknowledges no Superior ; that it pays homage to none ; that it exists in its own right ; that it grants Constitutions and Certificates in the same manner as is done by the Grand Lodge in London, and as it has from time immemorial had a right and used to do ; and that it distributes its own Charity according to the true principles of Masons."

It was after its revival in 1761 that it first began to issue warrants for the formation of subordinate Lodges. In all, ten warrants were issued, eight in Yorkshire and one each in Cheshire and Lancashire. In addition, a Royal Arch Chapter and a Knight Templars Lodge were warranted. In this the existence of the York Lodge is interesting, if only for showing its recognition at this early period of five degrees of Masonry, viz. :—The E.A., F.C., M. Knight Templar, and Royal Arch. The last Minutes, in 1792, record the election of Grand Master, Treasurer,

and Wardens, after which it appears to have become dormant, having out-lived all its subordinate Lodges.

In March, 1788, The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was established by the Moderns for the purpose of educating and maintaining female orphans of indigent Masons. Fifteen girls were admitted at the opening. At present (1913) 503 girls are receiving the benefits of the Institution, 321 of whom are in residence and 182 are receiving grants, for home education and maintenance. The Income for 1912 was £44,348 7s. 5d. Of this sum £7,995 2s. 6d. was derived from investments, and £36,353 4s. 11d. from donations and subscriptions. The Expenditure for the same period was £25,771 10s. 3d.

An Act of Parliament was passed in July, 1799, for the "effectual suppression of societies established for seditious and treasonable purposes"; and it was enacted that "societies whose members are required to take an oath not authorised by law shall be deemed an unlawful assembly." Through the representations of the Duke of Athole, Grand Master of the Ancients, and the Earl of Moira (afterwards Marquis of Hastings) societies "held under the Denomination of Lodges of Freemasons" were exempted from the operation of the Act, provided that the names and addresses of all the Members of a Lodge were registered with the Clerk of the Peace before the 25th day of March in every year—a rule which has still to be observed. Towards the beginning of the 19th Century it was becoming evident that the two rival fraternities were desirous of effecting a Union, and this feeling induced the Grand Lodge to appoint a committee, of which the Earl of Moira was a member, to consider the steps necessary to bring about so desirable an object, but through the opposition of a few of the Grand Lodge Officers the negotiations fell through, and were not resumed until 1809. In that year the following resolution was passed by the Modern Grand Lodge:—"That this Grand Lodge do agree with the Committee of Charity that it is not necessary any longer to continue in force those measures which were resorted to in or about the year 1739 respecting Irregular Masons, and do, therefore, enjoin the several Lodges to revert to the Ancient Landmarks of the Society." This appears to be a frank admission by the Moderns that they had departed from the traditions of the Craft, and seems to justify the claims of the Ancients that they had preserved the Ancient Landmarks. The Union of the two fraternities was effected in December, 1813, and the principal events leading up to that happy consummation are referred to in the next chapter.



CHAPTER III.

THE "ANCIENT" OR ATHOLE GRAND LODGE, 1751-1813.



THE movement which led to the formation of the Ancient, or "Grand Lodge of England according to the old Institutions," has been a matter of keen controversy among Masonic historians until within the last few years. The accepted theory was that, on account of innovations introduced into the working of the Lodges between 1723 and 1739, a large number of zealous Brethren seceded, and formed themselves into a separate body, and as such they are alluded to as "seceders," "schismatics," and so called Ancients. The late Brother Henry Sadler, Librarian of United Grand Lodge, and author of several Masonic Works, put forward a more probable theory, and one which is now generally accepted. His contention is that the founders of the Ancient Grand Lodge were Irish artizans, who had been made Masons under the Irish Constitution, and who had, from time to time, emigrated to London in sufficient numbers to enable them to form Lodges without, at the same time, acknowledging any Masonic Authority. He further refers, in *Masonic Facts and Fiction*, to the early registers of the Grand Lodge of England, to show that secessions on a large scale had not taken place, and from the first lists of Ancient Lodges he points out that, with hardly an exception, the names of the Brethren are peculiar to Ireland, and that until the third Duke of Athole was elected Grand Master the fraternity were known in London as Irish Masons.

The first step taken by the Ancients towards establishing a Grand Lodge was on July 17th, 1751, when the "Representatives of all the Ancient Masons in and adjacent to London," comprising eight Lodges, met at the *Turk's Head Tavern*, London, and formed themselves into a Grand Committee. In less than two years this Committee resolved

itself into a Grand Lodge. Robert Turner was elected Grand Master, and Laurence Dermot, after having been "examined and found fully qualified," was appointed Grand Secretary. Laurence Dermot was a journeyman painter (artist), and a Past Master of Lodge No. 26, Dublin. It appears that he went to London in 1748, and is described as the "most wonderful Mason who ever lived." He acted as Grand Secretary for 19 years, and during that period he compiled the *Ahiman Rezon*, or Book of Constitutions of the Ancients. It was in the first edition of the *Ahiman Rezon* that he referred to his own Grand Lodge as "Most Ancient," claiming that its Constitutions were modelled according to the old Constitution of York. He, at the same time, referred to the rival Grand Lodge as the Moderns, implying that they had modernised their system. Thus the terms Ancients and Moderns came into general use in distinguishing one fraternity from the other. The great success of the Ancients was undoubtedly due to the Grand Secretary's administrative skill and abilities, and this was acknowledged in 1753, when the Ancient Lodges increased to 29, and the Grand Committee voted the Grand Secretary a jewel of the value of five pounds on the second anniversary of his election, for his zeal in promoting the interests of the Craft.

Two important events took place at this time. The first was the formation of a Committee of Charity, when it was resolved that every Member of a Lodge should contribute fourpence a month towards a Charity Fund, in order that the Officers of a Lodge could pay ten shillings to a sick member and seven to a member confined for debt. The second was the opening of the first country Lodge at Bristol, which, however, lapsed in a few years. In 1754 several Lodges were reported to be in arrears, and their warrants were declared vacant. A proposal, however, was made by Bro. Cowen, Master of Lodge No. 37, to pay "one guinea into Grand Fund for No. 6, now vacant." This proposal was accepted, and the Brethren of No. 37 thenceforward ranked as No. 6. This movement was the beginning of the practice, by the Ancients, of selling and re-issuing vacant warrants, a practice which was continued until the Union, and which has caused much confusion in ascertaining the actual date of Constitution of the Ancient Lodges. Existing Lodges were usually charged five guineas for a senior vacant warrant, but for new Lodges the charge was generally two guineas. The system of re-issuing vacant numbers of warrants is still in vogue under the Irish Constitution. The Junior number on the Irish Grand Lodge Register at the present time (1913) is 1009, but the Lodge bearing that number

was constituted in 1813. Another instance is that of Lodge No. 49, Greystone, Wicklow, constituted in 1736, and Lodge No. 48, Belfast, senior in number, constituted only in 1907.

It appears that about the end of the seventeenth and beginning of the eighteenth centuries, Lodges were formed all over Ireland, far in excess of requirements, with the result that a large number soon became dormant. In June, 1817, there were 210 vacant numbers on the Irish Register, and in order to dispose of these the Grand Lodge passed a resolution "That on and after this date the vacant numbers shall be granted to existing Lodges, according to seniority," at a fee of one guinea. It was further resolved that all new warrants should bear the senior vacant number on the list, and that no new numbers should be added until all the vacant numbers were disposed of. The number of Lodges on the Irish Register at present (1913) is 492, so that there are 517 vacant numbers yet to be allotted before any new numbers can be added to the Roll.

John, the third Duke of Athole, was elected Grand Master of the Antients in January, 1771, and installed in the following March, and Laurence Dermot was appointed Deputy Grand Master. The election of the Duke of Athole is interesting, from the fact that the Ancients thenceforth became known as Athole Masons. From this time a brotherly connexion and correspondence was established between the Ancients and the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, and it was resolved that no warrants should be granted by the Grand Lodges of the different nations to any part where either of them had a Provincial Lodge established. The Duke of Athole died in 1774. On February 25th, 1775, the fourth Duke was, at a Masters' Lodge, initiated into the First, Second, and Third Degrees, and "after proper instruction had been given it was proposed that he should be immediately Installed Master of the Grand Masters' Lodge, which was accordingly done." He acted in the capacity of Grand Master for six years, when he resigned. He was also Grand Master of Scotland from 1778 to 1779. A resolution passed at this time illustrates the feud existing between the Ancients and the Moderns. It was resolved that "No Modern Masons were to be made Ancient for a less fee than one guinea." The Duke of Athole was succeeded as Grand Master by the Earl of Antrim, Past Grand Master of Ireland, who continued at the head of the Society until his death in 1791. The office of Grand Master was again filled by the election of the Duke of Athole for the second time, a position which he continued to hold until November, 1813.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was founded by the Ancients in 1798, for educating the sons of indigent Masons. The Grand Lodge voted two hundred guineas, and ordered that London Lodges should contribute 5s., and Provincial Lodges 2s. 6d. towards this Institution. The number of boys admitted at the opening was six. In 1809 the number was increased to fifty, and a sum of two hundred and ten guineas was again voted by Grand Lodge in commemoration of the Jubilee of George III. After the Union the control of the Schools was taken over by the United Grand Lodge, and at the present time 535 boys are on the Foundation, 400 of whom are in residence at Bushey Park. The income for 1912 was £7,000 from investments and £35,872 12s. 5d. from legacies, donations and subscriptions, making a total of £42,872 12s. 5d. The expenditure for the same period was £26,741 1s. 6d.

Towards the beginning of the Nineteenth Century the Ancients, or Athole Masons, were, like the Moderns, moved by a desire to find means to effect a Masonic Union, and with this object important alterations were made in the General Regulations, with the view thereby of bringing them more into harmony with those of the Moderns. In 1809 a Lodge was warranted, under the title of the "Special Lodge of Promulgation," for establishing uniformity in ritual, and for the purpose of ascertaining and promulgating the Ancient Landmarks of the Craft. The Lodge was composed of Brethren of the two fraternities. Meetings were held weekly for over two years, and the form and manner of the various ceremonies rehearsed and arranged. In this arrangement the working system of the Ancients was, with a few variations, adopted, and this is described as the complete surrender of the Moderns. The difference between the Ancient and the Modern systems appears to have been largely of a ceremonial nature, and the pronouncement of the Lodge of Promulgation helps us only to a small extent in defining the extent of those differences. The Ceremony of Installation, which had been dropped by the Moderns, but kept up by the Ancients, was considered one of the Landmarks of the Order, and restored. Deacons, unknown in the Modern Lodges, were considered "not only Ancient but useful and necessary." The restoration of the proper words to each Degree, and the making of the Passwords between one Degree and another—instead of in the Degree, as well as the form of the Lodge and the number and situation of the Officers, were arranged. It appears, even from this small list, that the old customs were preserved, and that English Masonry is to-day the richer by the advent of the Ancients.

In May, 1813, an important meeting of the Ancients, or Athole Grand Lodge, was held, over which the Duke of Athole presided, in honour of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, Provincial Grand Master of Canada. His Royal Highness, referring to the proposed Masonic Union, said, "That however desirable a Union with the other fraternity of Masons would be, it could only be accomplished on the basis of the Ancient Institution, and with the maintenance of all the rights of the Ancient Craft." In the following November the Duke of Athole resigned in favour of the Duke of Kent, who was thereupon elected and installed Grand Master. On the 25th of the same month the Articles of Union, containing twenty-one Clauses, were signed by the Duke of Kent, on behalf of the Ancients, and by the Duke of Sussex, on behalf of the Moderns. The two fraternities met on December 27th, 1813, and having been previously re-obligated in the obligations peculiar to both Societies, so as to place each Body on a level of equality, and having been vouched for by the Lodge of Reconciliation, the Act of Union was ratified and confirmed. H.R.H. the Duke of Kent proposed the Duke of Sussex to be Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons of England for the ensuing year. This was seconded, and unanimously agreed to, and His Royal Highness was then placed on the Throne by the Duke of Kent, and "solemnly obligated."

The progress of Masonry during the last hundred years, under the three Constitutions of the United Kingdom, is shown by the following table:—In 1813, 386 Modern and 262 Ancient Lodges—a total of 648—comprised the United Grand Lodge. Of these old Union Lodges there are still 209 Modern and 125 Ancient Lodges in existence, and 314 have lapsed.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND—

Number of Lodges in 1813	...	648	...	Increase in 100 years.
" " 1913	...	3,154	...	2,506
SCOTCH LODGES in 1813	...	280	...	
" " 1913	...	822	...	542
IRISH LODGES in 1813	...	810	...	Decrease
" " 1913	...	492	...	318

The decrease in the Irish Lodges is undoubtedly due to shrinkage in the Irish population. The total increase of Lodges in the United Kingdom for 100 years is 2,730.



CHAPTER IV.

ANCIENT MASONRY IN SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE.



THE Loyal Cambrian Lodge was warranted by the Athole or Ancient Grand Lodge, and its history would not be complete without referring to the early movement which resulted in establishing Ancient or Athole Lodges in South Wales and Monmouthshire. Between 1764 and 1812, ten Lodges were constituted under the Ancient or Athole Constitution in the Districts now known as the Eastern and Western Provinces of South Wales and the Province of Monmouth, and of that number only two Lodges, the Glamorgan, No. 36, and the Loyal Cambrian, No. 110, have been able to maintain a continuous existence to the present time. The other Lodges, unable to survive the industrial depression prevailing throughout the country from 1815 to 1830, became dormant, and were ultimately removed from the Roll. Unfortunately no trace of the minutes of these old Lodges can now be found, and, consequently, it is impossible to give a full account of the working of each one. In one or two instances it has been possible to supplement the details from references in the minutes of the existing Lodges, and from the records of the old Philanthropic Lodge, Abergavenny.

The early success of the Ancients was largely due to the advantage which they had taken of the channels of commerce, and it may even be said of the exigencies of war. The Pioneers of the Ancient Craft in South Wales and Monmouth were undoubtedly Commercial Travellers, who, travelling by stage coach and on foot from one town to another in pursuit of trade, found both profit and pleasure in forming Lodges at the Inns or Taverns where they were wont to stay, and there is strong evidence that many of these Lodges were founded more for pleasure and business purposes than for the furtherance of Masonic principles. There is further proof of the strong commercial aspect of Masonry at this period in the fact that almost without exception Lodges were held in the principal Inns of the different towns, and it was not until

Masonry became firmly established, and the Charitable side became a necessity (supplying a want which at the present day is largely non-existent on account of the provision made by modern legislation for educational and philanthropic purposes) that the Craft was enabled to declare its independence, and build premises specially for Masonic purposes.

In the domain of war we find that a large number of Military Lodges were constituted by the Ancients during the middle and latter part of the 18th Century. At that time the English Army was engaged in war in different parts of Europe and America. The introduction of Ancient Masonry to America can be traced to those Military Lodges which were attached to Regiments stationed in different parts of that country. Through the influence of these Military Lodges, Civil Lodges were constituted, which, in the course of a few years, made such progress that they entirely superseded the few Modern Lodges which had been in existence from the year 1730. It thus happens that the American Craft is governed by the Ancient Regulations as in vogue in England prior to the changes which took place at the time of the English Union, changes which did not affect the American Lodges. Indeed, it is the pride of American Masons that they still work according to the old Rules and Regulations, and they point to the English Craft as having altered their constitutions to suit the caprice of the rival factions in 1813.

ANCIENT LODGES IN SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The first Ancient Lodge constituted in this district was at Newport, Mon., and it is interesting not only for being the first but for being the only Lodge warranted in the two Provinces by the Ancient Grand Lodge, whose warrant bore an original number. The numbers allotted to the succeeding Lodges were those of extinct warrants, or, as is frequently stated, re-issued numbers. The number of the Newport Lodge was 126. It was constituted on the 12th of June, 1764, at the sign of the *Green Dragon*, Skinner Street. The first and only return made to Grand Lodge under the above date gives the names of the officers as follows:—Jacob Nicholas, W.M.; Thomas Nicholas, S.W.; John Owen. No other names were registered, and from this it would appear as if the Lodge had no real existence. The number of the Lodge to which the Founders

belonged is not given. The nearest Ancient Lodge at that time was at Bristol, and probably the Founders were Commercial Brethren from Bristol or London.

The second Ancient Lodge was Lodge No. 54, constituted on the 27th of December, 1764, at the *Sun Inn*, Wheat Street, Brecon. The warrant of this Lodge was first issued to a Lodge called "St. David's," on June 14th, 1756, and meeting at the *Bear's Paw*, London. This Lodge purchased for 21s. the dormant warrant of Lodge No. 12, and No. 54 in consequence being vacant, was re-issued to the Brecon Lodge. In this instance again, only one return of members was sent to Grand Lodge, and the names given are:—William Frew, Thomas Child, Richard Parry, James Martin, Thomas Bold, Thomas Corkey, Robert Brok, John Jones. These Brethren were evidently the founders, but no particulars can be given concerning them.

The third Ancient Lodge was Lodge No. 33, constituted at Bridgend, Glamorganshire, in 1765. A Lodge bearing this number was first constituted on the 13th of March, 1754, at the sign of the *Star and Garter*, Strand, London. The Founders were London Brethren, but as in the case of the previous Lodges, no particulars can be given. Only one return of members was sent to Grand Lodge, and after the following year (1755) it appears to have lapsed. The vacant number of the warrant was re-issued to the Bridgend Brethren, and a Lodge was constituted there on June 13th, 1765. The transfer of the vacant number of the London warrant to Bridgend is not recorded in the minutes of the Ancient Grand Lodge, but the names of the Bridgend Brethren are entered in the Grand Lodge Register as if they were a continuation of the London Lodge of 1754, although, apart from the re-issued number of the London warrant, there appears to have been no connection whatever between them. This is shown from an examination of the names of the Brethren of the two Lodges.

LONDON LODGE, 1754-1755.

John Doughty.	John Little John.
George Morrison.	Robert Sharp.
William Palmer	Richard Pickering.
Fras. Mathews.	

BRIDGEND LODGE, 1765-1774.

Richard Price.	William Flew.
John Morgan.	Alex. Jardine.

BRIDGEND LODGE—Continued.

Michael Flew.	Edward Davies.
Evan Davies.	John Newbigging.
David Williams.	Robert Tairtton.
Lewis Thomas.	John Lougher.
Benj. Coffin.	William Martin.
John Mathews.	

Return November 4th, 1771.

Rev. David Powell.	Rev. Thomas Richards.
Thomas Davies.	John Hopkins.
Thomas Wilkins.	Charles Bowen.

Return January 24th, 1774.

David Jones.	Jenkins Williams.
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No return of members was sent by the Bridgend Lodge after 1774, and evidently after that year the Lodge lapsed. An attempt appears to have been made in 1777 to revive the Lodge, and on the 25th of October of that year a new warrant was granted "To our well beloved Brethren the Worshipful Richard Price, the Worshipful David Jones, his senior warden, and the Worshipful Jenkin Williams, his junior warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid at the sign of the Bear, or any other place in the town of Bridgend, Glamorgan, upon the first Monday in every Calendar Month." It will be noticed that Richard Price's name appears at the head of the list for 1765, and the names of David Jones and Jenkin Williams in that of 1774. No returns were sent to Grand Lodge in connection with the warrant of 1777, and there is no record that a Lodge was constituted, although a warrant was issued for the purpose; neither is there any reference in the Minutes of Grand Lodge respecting the issuing of this particular warrant, nor of the usual fee having been paid. Further proof of the non-existence of the Lodge appears to be furnished from the fact that its number does not appear in the first known list of Ancient Lodges, published in 1791, nor in any subsequent list until after the formation of the Glamorgan Lodge in 1808. Yet it is quite clear that a warrant was issued in 1777. The parchment is still in existence, and is the one under which the Glamorgan Lodge still holds its meetings.

LODGE No. 126, CAERPHILLY.

The next movement by the Ancients to establish Lodges in the district was in the year 1807. A petition was then presented for a warrant to constitute a Lodge at Caerphilly, by Bros. John Williams, W.M., Levi Barnet, S.W., Benj. Thomas, J.W., John Morgan, James Shepherd, Thomas Davies and Thomas Evans. The number of the Lodge, or Lodges, to which the Petitioners belonged is not given, but a footnote states that some of the Brethren were registered in London. The warrant was issued at a fee of five guineas, a sum in excess of that usually charged for new warrants, and indicates that more than ordinary importance was attached to it. The number allotted to the warrant was 126, the vacant number of the Newport Lodge of 1764. The Caerphilly Lodge consequently ranked in seniority as it would have done had it been a continuation of the former Lodge. At that time no importance appears to have been attached to seniority, otherwise the Founders could have secured the dormant warrant of Lodge No. 33, Bridgend, or of Lodge No. 54, Brecon.

The Lodge was duly constituted, under the title of Ancient Britons Lodge, on December 16th, 1807, and met first at Bro. Thompson's House, and afterwards at the *Boar's Head*, Caerphilly. The first return to Grand Lodge gives the names of the officers and members as follows:—

December 16th, 1807.

John Williams, W.M.	Robert Hillier, S.W.
John Morgan, J.W.	Jacob Nicholas, P.M.
John Owen.	Levi Barnet.
Thomas Llewellyn.	

From this list it appears as if only three of the Brethren who signed the Petition became members of the Lodge. The name of Jacob Nicholas, P.M., is suggestive as the brother who was returned as Worshipful Master of the Newport Lodge forty-three years previously.

During the seven years of the Lodge's active existence, seventy-seven candidates were initiated, and out of this number twenty-eight became Founders of Lodges in the Province. The last return was sent to United Grand Lodge on April 6th, 1814, showing a membership of fifteen Brethren. The Lodge is mentioned for the last time in the Minutes of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge for August, 1814, on the occasion of a presentation of silver goblets to the Right Worshipful Benjamin

Plummer. Probably it became dormant about that time, although it was not erased from the Roll of Lodges until March 5th, 1828.

There appears to have been a special purpose in selecting Caerphilly for the location of a Lodge. The place was centrally situated, and within easy reach of the neighbouring towns, and the object in establishing a Lodge there was undoubtedly to form a Masonic Centre in order to initiate a sufficient number of members from various districts, with a view to constituting Lodges throughout South Wales. In this way seven Lodges were constituted from December, 1807, to June, 1814—an average of one every twelve months—in the following order :—

The Caerphilly Lodge	...	Constituted	December,	1807
The Glamorgan Lodge, constituted by Caerphilly Brethren	...	...	November,	1808
The Royal Cambrian Lodge, Newport, constituted by Caerphilly Brethren...	...	...	November,	1809
The Loyal Cambrian Lodge, Merthyr, constituted by Caerphilly Brethren	...	...	August,	1810
The " Union " Lodge, Carmarthen, constituted by Brethren from Caerphilly and Newport Lodges	...	...	July,	1811
The Hwlford Lodge, Haverfordwest, constituted by Brethren from Carmarthen, Bristol and other Lodges	...	...	June,	1812
The Hiram Lodge, Pontypool, constituted by Brethren from the Royal Cambrian Lodge...	...	...	June,	1812
The last in the list is the old Philanthropic Lodge, Abergavenny, constituted by Brethren from the Loyal Cambrian and Hiram Lodges	...	...	June,	1815

The Masters and Wardens of the Lodges above mentioned, almost without exception, had no Masonic qualifications previous to being installed as Principal Officers in their respective Lodges. This was undoubtedly the case in connection with the Glamorgan, the Royal Cambrian, and Loyal Cambrian Lodges. At the present time, when Lodge work is performed so perfectly, it is difficult to understand how Brethren without experience of Masonic work could undertake the government of a Lodge. In order to meet this difficulty the ulterior object of forming a Lodge in a central district is apparent. The officers

of the new Lodges were instructed in their duties by experienced Brethren from Caerphilly, and occasionally by officers from Grand Lodge. The minutes of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge show that for the first few years Brethren from Caerphilly and other Lodges were frequently present at the Lodge meetings, and invariably took part in the ceremony of the evening.

As the Caerphilly Lodge was undoubtedly the most important of the old extinct Lodges of South Wales, the names and occupations of all the members initiated therein during its brief existence will prove interesting. The names have been copied in the order in which they herewith appear from the old Athole Register.

1807, Decr. 16—	Williams, John	... Caerfily from No.	W.M.
	Hillier, Robert	... do.	S.W.
	Morgan, John	... do.	J.W.
	Nicholas, Jacob	... do.	P.M.
	Owens, John	... do.	
	Barnet, Levi	... do.	
	Llewellyn, Thomas	do.	
	(The above appear to have been Founders).		
1808, Jan.	—Thomas, Benjamin, Mercer	... Caerfily.	
	Evans, Thos. Morgan, Mercer	... do.	
	Davies, William, Yeoman	... Bedwas.	
„ Feb. 13—	Howell, William, Shoemaker	... Caerfily.	
	Edwards, Lewis, Taylor	... Pontypool.	
„ Mar. 2—	Thackwell, John, Watchmaker	... Cardiff.	
	Edmonds, William, Yeoman	... Monmouth.	
	Willyams, David, Gent	... Lanblithian.	
„ „ 24—	Lewis, Edward, Innkeeper	... Landaff.	
„ May 20—	Wood, Frederick, Lieut. 11th L Dragoons.		
	Wood, John, junr., Solr.	... Cardiff.	
„ June	Leyshon, William, Innkeeper	... Caerfily.	
	Bird, Edward, Ironmonger	... do.	
	Bird, John Davies, Printer	... do.	
	Watkins, Thomas, Malster	... do.	
	Bird, John, Postmaster	... do.	
	Jones, David, Dealer	... Merther.	
	Richards, Thos. William, Lieut. 18th L Dragoons.		
1808	Wood, John, senr., Esq., Banker	... Caerfily.	

1808.	Aug.	21—Griffiths, Thomas	...
		James, Thomas, Surgeon	...
	„	Oct. 3—Turner, John	...
	„	„ 5—Rogers, Richard	...
		Hopkins, Charles	...
		Perkins, Hopkin (<i>sic</i>)	...
	„	„ 26—Wheeler, Joseph	...
	„	Nov. 3—Llewellyn, Thos.	...
	„	„ 23—Morgan, William, Grocer	... Cardiff.
1809,	Jan.	Williams, Daniel, Gent	... Penylasgrwn
	„	4—Bryan, John, Brewer	Merthyr Tydvile.
		Williams, Wm., Organist	... do.
		Phillips, Thos., Taylor	... do.
		Warham, Joseph, Steward	... do.
	„	Feb. 1—Williams, Wm., Blacksmith	... Caresent.
		Edwards, Wm., Blacksmith	... Newport
		(<i>Error</i> , Davis, Edward).	
		Pride, Thos., Farmer	... Lydney.
		Williams, Edward, Farmer	... Caresent.
	„	Mar. 1—Lewis, Thomas, Victr.	... Merthyr Tydvile.
		Kingson, John, Turner	... Aber Iron Works.
	„	April 5—Edwards, Henry, Carpenter	... Newport.
		Davis, Wm., Gent	... Gollygroves.
	„	Nov. Harris, Wm., Carpenter	... Machen.
		Davis, Edward, Agent	... Newport.
	„	Sept. 6—Wilkins, John, Carpenter	... Caerfilly
	„	Oct. 24—Williams, Rees, Watchmaker	... Merthyr.
		Jones, Phillip, Schoolmaster	... Monmouth.
	„	Decr. 6—Thomas, Edward, Carpenter	... Machen.
1810,	Feb.	7—Lewis, Wm., Agent	... Cromgror * *
			(<i>undecipherable</i>)
	„	April 11—Treharn, John, Innkeeper	... Merthyr.
	„	May 20—Jones, Hopkin, Moulder	... nr. Caerfilly.
		Edwards, James, Glazier	... Merthyr.
	„	April 11—Williams, William, Mercer	... do.
	„	June 6—Ward, Robert, Gent	... do.
		Jones, Lyson, Clerk	... do.
		Jones, Richard, Gent	... do.
	„	July 26—Richardson, Thos., Gent	... do.

1810.	Nov.	7—	Thomas, George, Victr.	...	Bassalleg.
			Perry, James, Architect	...	Cardiff.
1811,	May	13—	Depear, Matthew, Agent	...	Leek.
„	June	5—	Watkins, Edward, Gent	...	Gollygane.
			Wynn, William, Sergt. M.G.G. Local M., Cardiff.		
			Woodman, John, 1st Foot Guards	Cardiff.	
„	July	3—	Lewis, Phillip, Victr.	...	do.
„	Octr.	2—	Jones, Isaac, Wheelwright	...	Newport.
1812,	Mar.	4—	Channing, John, Victr.	...	Cardiff.
			Hussey, Daniel, Gentn.	...	do.
			Davis, Wm., Grocer	...	Merthyr.
			Lewis, Josiah, Gentn.	...	Cwm Neath.
			Jones, Sylvanus, Miner	...	Neath.
„	Nov.	6—	Channings, John, Victr.	...	Cardiff.
„	Aug.	5—	Phillips, John, Victualler	...	nr. Caerfilly.
1813,	Mar.	3—	Snelling, William, Smith	...	Merthyr.
			Barnet, Levy, Finer	...	Pontirole Forge

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			Davis, Wm., Returned in 1808	...	Caerfilly.
			James, John, Surgeon do.	...	do.
			Jones, Phillip, Schoolmaster, Returned in 1809		
			Thomas, B., Mercer	do.	1808
			Lewis, Thomas	do.	1809
			Barnet, Levy	do.	1808 & 1813
			Hillier, Robert, Mercer	do.	1807
			Jones, Hopkin, Moulder	do.	1810
			Morgan, Thos., Engineer	...	Mellin Griffith.
			Price, Jenkin, Innkeeper	...	Cwmneath.
			Phillips, John, Returned in 1812.		
			Lewis, George, Finer	...	Caerfilly.
1814,	April	6—	Morgan, Wm., Agent	...	Mell'n Griffith.
			Williams, Thos., Innkeeper	...	Newbridge.
			Wilkins, John, Carpenter, Returned in 1809.		

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BENJ. PLUMMER, P.S.G.W.

The movement which resulted in the formation of the Caerphilly Lodge, and which ultimately led to the establishment of Ancient Masonry in South Wales generally, was undoubtedly promoted by

Bro. Benjamin Plummer, G.S.W., a noted Mason in his time, and as his name appears frequently in the early records of the Glamorgan, Loyal Cambrian, and Philanthropic Lodges, it will be interesting here to trace his Masonic Career, some of the particulars of which are taken from his French Masonic Certificates at Abergavenny. He was born at Shepton Mallet, Somerset, October 10th, 1771, and on June 4th, 1798, he was initiated into Masonry in the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 10 (Ancients), London. He presided as Master of this Lodge in 1803, and in 1804 he was appointed by the Athole Grand Lodge, Grand Sword Bearer; in 1805, Grand Junior Warden; in 1806, Grand S.W., and after the Union in 1814 he was appointed by the United Grand Lodge, Past Grand Senior Warden. He was a member of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 57, London, and of two French Prisoners' Lodges—"Paix Desiree," Wincanton, Somerset, in 1810, and "Enfant de Mars et de Neptune," Abergavenny, in 1813. Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in 1799, in 1813 he was made Superintendent Grand Commander of Knights Templars for Wales, Grand Expert for England under H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, and a member of the Baldwin Encampment at Bristol. He is described on one of his Certificates as a commercial agent, and probably he also acted as agent for Masonic Jewellers. This would account for his connection with so many Lodges in different parts of the country. He was a frequent visitor to the Merthyr Lodge, and usually took part in the work of the evening. The high esteem in which he was held by the Merthyr Brethren is shown by the following Minute, dated July 5th, 1814:—"Proposed that an additional sum of one pound fifteen shillings be added to the sum of three guineas voted by the Lodge on July 6th, 1813, and appropriated from the Funds of this Lodge for the purpose of purchasing in conjunction with Lodges No. 126-150 Caerphilly, and No. 160-195 Pontypool, a pair of silver goblets to be presented to the Right. Wor. Bro. Benj. Plummer as a testimony of gratitude for the many services rendered by him to this Lodge, and also to the above mentioned Lodges; and it was resolved that the Master and Wardens attend at Caerphilly in order to present them to Bro. Benj. Plummer whenever he may be prepared to receive the same." After this date his name does not appear in the records of the Lodge, from which it may be inferred that his commercial visits to the district ceased.

THE GLAMORGAN LODGE, No. 33.

The success which attended the Caerphilly Lodge during the first few months of its existence enabled the Brethren to take steps to form another Lodge in the town of Cardiff. On August 20th, 1808, a Petition was presented to the Athole Grand Lodge for a warrant to constitute a Lodge there by the following Brethren :—

Bro. John Wood, Esq. (the Elder), Banker, Caerphilly, nominated first W.M.

Bro. John Wood, Esq. (the Younger), Solicitor, Cardiff, nominated first S.W.

Bro. John Thackwell, Watchmaker, Cardiff, J.W.

Bro. Edward Bird, Ironmonger, Caerphilly.

Bro. Thomas Watkins, Malster, Caerphilly.

Bro. John Davies Bird, Printer, Caerphilly.

Bro. John Bird, Postmaster, Caerphilly.

The Petition was granted, and the warrant issued in 1777 to the Bridgend Brethren, which evidently remained in the possession of the Athole Grand Lodge, was assigned by endorsement to the Petitioners, who thus secured not only the senior position in the Province, but a senior rank over their mother Lodge. The Lodge was duly constituted on November 4th, 1808, by the Right Worshipful Benj. Plummer, P.G.S.W., acting as Grand Master, and Worshipful Bro. John Williams, Wor. Master of the Caerphilly Lodge, acting as Deputy Grand Master. In 1811, the Lodge was named the "Glamorgan" Lodge, the title by which it is known at the present time. The number of the Lodge was altered at the Union in 1813 to No. 52, and at the closing up of numbers in the years 1832 and 1863 to No. 43 and No. 36, respectively. An endorsement on the margin of the warrant states: "This warrant is registered in Grand Lodges, Vol. 1, Letter A, and bears date March 13th, 1753." This refers to the registration of the original London warrant, and not to the present warrant of the Lodge. The date ought to be 1754, because in 1753 the number of Athole Lodges on the Register did not exceed twenty-seven, whereas the warrant bears No. 33. The error was made by the Grand Secretary when transferring the warrant to Cardiff in 1808. A similar error appears on the margin of the *Loyal Cambrian* warrant, which was issued in 1810. A Centenary Warrant was granted to the Lodge on August 17th, 1908, and the event was

celebrated in a becoming manner on November 4th following. A Centenary Souvenir was published by Wor. Bro. George Clarry, P.G.D. of England, and Wor. Bro. A. L. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W., which gives an interesting history of the Lodge and an account of the Centenary celebrations.

LODGE No. 135, NEWPORT, MON.

Lodge No. 135 was constituted at the *Navy House Club*, Sheerness, on January 13th, 1765. No returns were made to Grand Lodge after that year, and probably the Lodge lapsed shortly after being constituted. On August 11th, 1809, a Petition was presented for a warrant to constitute a Lodge at Newport, Mon., by the following Brethren of Lodge No. 126, Caerphilly :—

H. Perkins, Master.	Martin Bevan, S.W.
Richard Rogers, J.W.	John Thomas, Treasurer.
James Davies, Secretary.	Edmond Jones, S.D.
Charles Hopkins, I.D.	

The Petition was granted, and a warrant bearing the vacant number of Lodge 135 was issued at a fee of £2 2s. 0d. The Lodge was duly constituted on November 24th, 1809, and registered under the title of the Royal Cambrian Lodge. The number of members registered up to July 12th, 1812, was 37. After the Union the number of this Lodge was altered to 162, and returns were sent to Grand Lodge up to July, 1822, after which the Lodge became dormant, and was erased from the Roll on December 1st, 1830. During the Lodge's existence 54 members were registered.

LODGE No. 158, CARMARTHEN.

Lodge No. 158 was constituted at the *Castle*, Isleworth, on January 31st, 1769, but became dormant shortly afterwards. The vacant number was afterwards issued to a Lodge constituted at the *Old Ivy Bush*, Carmarthen, known as the Union Lodge, on January 9th, 1811. The Founders were :—

Wm. Cowling, Master, from Lodge No. 135, Newport.	
Wm. Moss, S.W.	do.
John Robinson, J.W.	do.

Hy. Edwards, Lodge No. 126, Caerphilly.

Hy. Pride do.

Wm. Edwards do.

James George do.

Hy. Mathias, Lodge No. 162, Bristol.

William Garden, Lodge No. 8, London.

Francis Nash, Lodge No. 135, Newport.

The Lodge became No. 192 on the Register of United Grand Lodge in 1813. No members were registered after that year, but the Grand Lodge cash account shows that dues amounting to £1 13s. 6d. were paid on June 3rd, 1822. It appears as if the Lodge had an active existence for only two years, but during that time 45 members were registered. It was removed from the Roll of Lodges in June, 1829.

LODGE No. 59, HAVERFORDWEST.

Lodge No. 59 was constituted at the *White Hart*, Newport Market, London, on the 23rd December, 1756, but lapsed shortly afterwards. On January 23rd, 1812, the vacant number was re-issued to a Lodge constituted at Haverfordwest, known as the *Hwliford Lodge*. The Founders were:—

Joseph Mathias, Master, Lodge No. 162, Bristol.

Wm. Owen, S.W., Lodge No. 158, Bristol.

Francis Lemon, J.W., Lodge No. 158, Bristol.

Lewis Pugh, Lodge No. 158, Bristol.

Wm. Davies, Lodge No. 30, Halifax.

George James, Lodge No. 296, Manchester.

George Jenkins, Lodge No. 247, Newfoundland.

Francis Nash, Lodge No. 135, Newport.

Returns were made in connection with this Lodge up to 1820, after which it became dormant, and was erased on March 5th, 1828. Thirty-three members were registered up to December, 1813, and 37 from 1813 to August, 1820—a total of 70 members.

LODGE No. 160, PONTYPOOL.

Lodge No. 160 was first constituted at the *Queen of Hungary's Head*, Norwich, on March 22nd, 1769. On the 22nd September, 1791, it was reported for irregularities and suspended, but on March 27th, 1792, it

was restored to all its former privileges. Shortly afterwards it "apostatized," joined the Moderns, and the warrant was cancelled on June 5th, 1793. On June 5th, 1802, the number was re-issued to a Lodge constituted at Peterborough, which lapsed in 1807. On June 30th, 1812, a warrant was granted to constitute a Lodge at the *Red Lion Inn*, Pontypool, to be called the Hiram Lodge, and the vacant Number of Lodge 160 was re-issued to the Petitioners, who were members of the Royal Cambrian Lodge, Newport.

John Arain, W.M.	Rees Prothero, S.W.
John Prichard, I.W.	Walter Evans.
William Williams.	Edward Williams.
David Hughes, Lodge No. 290, London.	

The Hiram Lodge continued to hold meetings till about the year 1818. It was erased in 1830. Seventeen members were registered up to 17th December, 1813, and one afterwards—a total of 18 members.

THE PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 658, ABERGAVENNY.

The formation of this Lodge is of special interest to the Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, because not only was the Petition recommended by that Lodge, then known as the Merthyr Lodge, but seven out of the ten Petitioners were initiated therein. The Philanthropic can, therefore, be claimed as the first daughter of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge. The Petitioners were:—

Rev. James Ashby Gabb, nominated first Master. Hiram Lodge, No. 195, Pontypool.

James Jones, nominated S.W., Innkeeper, Abergavenny. Merthyr Lodge, No. 175.

Thomas Richards, nominated J.W. (Modern), Abergavenny. Merthyr Lodge No. 175.

Benoni Peach, Schoolmaster, Abergavenny. Merthyr Lodge, No. 175.

Thomas Daniel Tudor (Modern), Abergavenny. do.

John Lewis, Cabinet Maker, Abergavenny. do.

Richard Jones, Accompt., Abergavenny. do.

James Jones, junior, Maltster, Abergavenny. do.

Abraham Phillips, Silversmith, Abergavenny. Hiram Lodge, No. 195.

Baker Gabb, Solicitor, Abergavenny. Hiram Lodge, No. 195.

The Petition was granted on the 27th December, 1814, but as warrants were not issued by the United Grand Lodge for the first year or two after the Union, a Dispensation was granted for constituting a Lodge to be known as the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 658. The Lodge was duly constituted on June 12th, 1815, at the *King's Head Inn*, Cross Street, Abergavenny, by the Right Wor. Bro. Benj. Plummer, P.G.W. of England, acting as Grand Master, assisted by Wor. Bro. F. C. Hasenbeth, Deputy Grand Master of Bristol. The Rev. William Powell was installed as the first Master, and not the Rev. Ashby Gabb, as nominated by the Petitioners. A similar incident took place at the opening of the *Loyal Cambrian Lodge*. The procedure appears to have been first to nominate certain Brethren as Master and Wardens, in order to obtain a warrant, and afterwards to select a Wor. Master. In 1818 the Lodge removed to the *Angel Inn*, and in the course of the following three or four years became dormant. It was removed from the Roll of Lodges on March 5th, 1828. The last return to Grand Lodge was sent in 1819. During the 4 years of active work 8 members were initiated, including one serving Brother, as follows:—

- July 14, 1815—George Gwyne Bird, Surgeon, joining member from Llanelly.
- „ „ James Williams, Farmer, age 30, Corella, near Abergavenny.
- Aug. 3 „ James Howells, Farmer, age 26, Hadnock, near Monmouth.
- „ „ James Snead, Banker, age 30, Abergavenny.
- „ „ William Jones, Skinner, age 29, Abergavenny.
- June 7, 1816—James Wedger, Grocer, age 31 (Tyler, no fee), Abergavenny.
- Feb. 1817—Thomas Batt, Surgeon, age 34, joining member from Lg. Guernsey.
- June 5, 1818—J. J. Walter Lambert, Lieut., age 24, Inniskilling Dragoons.
- Sept. 4, 1818—John Petherick, Agent, age 32, Penyardarren Iron Works.
- May 7, 1819—John Kane, Gent., age 23, Abergavenny.

A very strange circumstance in connection with the opening of the Philanthropic Lodge is that the event is not in any way referred to in the minutes of the *Loyal Cambrian Lodge*. This is the more singular when it is recalled that the petition was recommended by the Merthyr

Brethren, and that the Founders were, with three exceptions, members of the Merthyr Lodge. Probably the reason for the omission was the semi-dormant condition of the Lodge, or it may be due to the indifference of the Merthyr Secretary, who might not have considered the formation of a Lodge of sufficient interest to warrant any notice being taken of it. The apparent indifference, or lack of sympathy, between the two Lodges is further exemplified by the fact that only in one instance is it recorded that the Brethren from the Philanthropic Lodge visited their Mother Lodge, and that visit was the response to a direct invitation from the W.M., Bro. John Petherick. Bro. Petherick was initiated in the Philanthropic Lodge, and on Lodge night, December 19th, 1827, he informed the Brethren that he "proposed to apply to Bro. Benoni Peach and Bro. James Jones to assist on the next Lodge night." Bros. Peach and Jones attended accordingly, on January 3rd, 1828, and probably assisted in the ceremony of Passing Bro. George Price, D. W. Meyrick and John Watkins. The present St. John's Lodge was constituted at the *Angel Inn*, Abergavenny, on May 5th, 1860, under the old name, Philanthropic, and became No. 1120 on the Register of United Grand Lodge. At the closing up of numbers in 1863, the Lodge became No. 818, the number which it still bears.

The Lodge removed in 1866 to the *Masonic Hall*, Lion Street, but now the Brethren meet in old *St. John's Church*, which was converted some years ago into very handsome Masonic premises. In consequence of this removal the name of the Lodge was changed in 1900 to that of St. John.

In the Lodge Room are several interesting relics of the French Prisoners' Lodge, which was held in the town during the internment there of French prisoners of war in 1813 and 1814. They consist of several beautifully hand-drawn certificates of Craft, Royal Arch and Rose Croix Degrees, and several Rose Croix Swords. There is also a set of old Lodge Officers' Collars, similar in design to the old collars in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, but these were probably purchased sometime subsequent to the departure of the French Brethren.

**KNOLL LODGE, No. 506, NOW THE INDEFATIGABLE LODGE,
No. 237, SWANSEA.**

The Knoll Lodge was warranted by the Modern Grand Lodge, but as it is one of the three Union Lodges in South Wales still in active existence, an account of its early history is interesting and necessary in

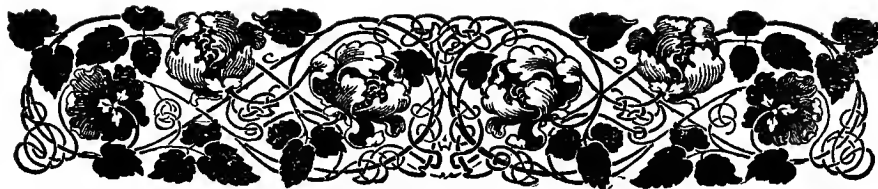
order to understand the changes which took place at the Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813. The Lodge was constituted at the *Angel Inn*, Neath, on September 20th, 1777, and the meetings were held there until 1784, when the Brethren removed to the *Ship and Castle*, where they continued to meet until about the year 1790. After that year the Lodge appears to have become dormant, but in September, 1800, it was revived at the *Plume and Feathers*, Swansea, under the title of the Indefatigable, by "permission regularly obtained from Grand Lodge." The old warrant having been lost or destroyed, a warrant of confirmation was granted on May 8th, 1805, by which the continuous existence of the Lodge from the year 1777 was acknowledged, and the Brethren were permitted to retain the same order and rank on the Records of Grand Lodge as they previously held under the old warrant. When the Beaufort Lodge lapsed in 1809, the Brethren of that Lodge joined the Indefatigable, and the name was altered to the Indefatigable and Beaufort Lodge, but by an oversight the new title was not registered in Grand Lodge, with the result that the name Beaufort was eventually dropped. The warrant of the Beaufort Lodge, granted by Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort, Grand Master of the Moderns, on April 24th, 1769, is in the possession of the Indefatigable Lodge, and occupies an honoured position in the north-east corner of the Lodge Room. The number of the Lodge was altered at the closing up of numbers in 1780 to No. 411; in 1781 to No. 412, and in 1792 to No. 333. At the Union, under the United Grand Lodge the number allotted was 427; in 1832, No. 288, and at the last closing up in 1863, No. 237, the number borne at the present time. A Centenary Warrant was granted on January 25th, 1878, and the event was duly celebrated in that year. The Indefatigable Lodge has thus, without question, the longest continuous record of any Lodge in the Province, without even taking into account its existence at Neath prior to 1800.

By the system prevailing in the Antient or Athole Grand Lodge, of re-issuing vacant numbers of warrants, the Glamorgan Lodge, constituted in 1808, and Loyal Cambrian Lodge in 1810, occupied, on account of their re-issued numbers, high positions on the Roll of their Grand Lodge at the time of the Union. The Indefatigable Lodge was warranted by the Modern Grand Lodge (who, in only a few instances, re-issued vacant warrants) and stood on the Grand Lodge Register as No. 333, a much lower number than that of the two Athole Lodges. In conformity with the Articles of Union, the Lodges were, in 1813,

arranged according to their position on the Registers of their respective Grand Lodge, and not according to the date of their constitution. Article of Union No. VIII. states ;—“ The representatives of the several Lodges shall sit under their respective Banners, according to seniority. The first two Lodges under each Grand Lodge to draw a lot in the first place for priority, and to which of the two the lot No. 1 shall fall, the other to rank as No. 2, and all the other Lodges shall fall in alternately ; that is, the Lodge which is No. 2 of the Fraternity whose lot it shall be to draw No. 1 shall rank as No. 3 in the United Grand Lodge, and the other No. 2 shall rank as No. 4, and so on alternately through all the numbers respectively. This shall for ever after be the order and rank of the Lodges in Grand Lodge and in Grand Processions for which a plan and drawing shall be prepared previous to the Union. On the renewal of any of the Lodges now dormant, they shall rank after all Lodges existing at the Union, notwithstanding the numbers in which they may now stand on the respective Rolls.”

By this arrangement the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 33, became No. 50, the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 144, as No. 175, and the Indefatigable, No. 333, as No. 427. The Glamorgan Lodge, in consequence of the method adopted in allotting the numbers, retained the senior position in the Province, the Loyal Cambrian coming second. The Indefatigable Lodge has the distinction of being not only the oldest Lodge in the Province, but of being one of the seventeen Lodges still existing which contributed towards paying off the debt on Freemasons' Hall in 1779, and the Worshipful Master is on that account entitled to wear the Freemasons' Hall Jewel, a Jewel which is worn suspended between the arms of the Master's Square. It was bestowed on Brethren and Lodges who contributed £25, free of interest for a stated period, towards paying a debt of £3,150. Eighty-two Brethren and twenty-six Lodges contributed £2,700. The Lodge is first mentioned in the minutes of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge for June 1st, 1813, when it is recorded that that Bro. David Gwynne, W.M. of the Indefatigable Lodge, was present.





CHAPTER V.

LODGES IN SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTH FROM 1724 TO 1908.



IN the last chapter, references were made mainly to the Ancient Lodges of South Wales and Monmouth. A number of Lodges were also constituted in those Provinces by the Modern Grand Lodge, and in order to complete the series, and render the whole of greater interest, all the Lodges which were formed of which there are any records are chronologically arranged in the present chapter.

1. THE first Lodge formed was LODGE No. 34, CARMARTHEN, warranted by the Modern Grand Lodge, and constituted in 1724 at the *Bay's Head and Star*. Removed to the *Bunch of Grapes* in 1733. Re-numbered in 1740 to No. 30. Erased from the Roll of Lodges on November 29th, 1754.

2. LODGE No. 189, HAVERFORDWEST. Warranted by the Modern Grand Lodge and constituted on April 14th, 1741, at the *Ship and Castle*. Removed to the *Three Cranes* in 1766. Named the *Tyrian Lodge* in 1770. Re-numbered in 1755 to No. 121, and in 1770 to No. 95. Erased from the Roll of Lodges on April 23rd, 1773.

3. LODGE No. 240, CARMARTHEN. Warranted by Modern Grand Lodge and constituted on October 17th, 1753, at the *Three Crowns*, Nott's Square. Removed to the *Red Lion*, Market Street, in 1758, to the *Shakespeare Inn* in 1766, and back to the *Red Lion* in 1772. Named the Lodge of Perfect Friendship in 1767, and re-named *Temple Lodge* in 1772. Re-numbered in 1755 to No. 167, and in 1770 to No. 132. Erased from the Roll of Lodges on February 5th, 1777.

4. CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 266, CARDIFF.—Warranted by the Modern Lodge, and constituted in August, 1754, at the *Red House*. Removed to the *Bear Inn* in 1766. Re-numbered in 1755 to No. 188, and in 1770 to No. 148. Erased from the Roll of Lodges on April 28th, 1775.

5. LODGE No. 276, COWBRIDGE. Warranted by the Modern Grand Lodge, and constituted in September, 1754, at the *Bear*, High Street. Re-numbered in 1755 to No. 189, and in 1770 to No. 149. Erased from the Roll of Lodges on April 28th, 1775.

6. LODGE No. 126, NEWPORT, MON. Warranted by the Ancient Grand Lodge on June 12th, 1764. Met at the *Green Dragon*, Skinner Street. Appears to have lapsed shortly after being constituted (*See page 16*).

7. LODGE No. 54, BRECON. Warranted by the Ancient Grand Lodge, and constituted on December 27th, 1764, at the *Sun Inn*, Wheat Street. Lapsed shortly afterwards. The warrant of this Lodge was first issued to a Lodge named St. David's, and meeting at the *Bear's Paw*, London, but that Lodge purchased on December 1st, 1756, the vacant number of Lodge No. 12 for 21/-, and No. 54 being thus vacant, was re-issued to the Brecon Lodge (*See page 17*).

8. LODGE No. 337, BRECON. Warranted by the Modern Grand Lodge in 1765. Met at the *Bell Inn*. Erased from the Roll of Lodges in 1769.

9. LODGE No. 33, BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN. Warranted by the Ancient Grand Lodge on June 13th, 1765. Met at the *Bear Inn*, Dunraven Place. It appears to have lapsed soon after 1774. The number of the warrant of this Lodge was first issued to a Lodge constituted at the *Star and Garter*, Strand, London, on March 13th, 1754, but which appears to have lapsed in the following year. The number was afterwards re-issued to the Bridgend Brethren, and on the formation of the Glamorgan Lodge in 1808 the warrant was again re-issued (*See page 17*).

10. BEAUFORT LODGE, No. 443, SWANSEA. Warranted by the Modern Grand Lodge on April 24th, 1769. Met at the *Star Tavern*, Cross Street. Removed to the *Mackworth Arms*, Wind Street, in 1797, and to the *Lamb Inn*, High Street, in 1801. Re-numbered in 1770 to No. 378, in 1780 to No. 291, in 1781 to No. 292, and in 1792 to No. 244. Erased from the Roll of Lodges on February 10th, 1809.

11. **KNOLL LODGE, No. 506, NEATH.** Warranted by the Modern Grand Lodge on September 20th, 1777. Met at the *Angel Inn*, Angel Street. Removed to the *Ship and Castle*, The Parade, in 1784, when the name of the Lodge is spelt for the first time "Gnoll." Became dormant in 1790. Re-numbered in 1780 to No. 411, in 1781 to No. 412, and in 1792 to No. 333. Revived in September, 1800, under the title of the *Indefatigable Lodge*, at the *Plume of Feathers*, Wind Street, Swansea. Re-numbered in 1814 to No. 427, in 1832 to No. 288, and in 1863 to No. 237. Until the erection of the Masonic Hall in Caer Street, the Lodge met at the following places:—

<i>Fountain Inn</i> , Strand	...	...	...	1805
<i>Tiger Inn</i> , Strand	...	...	...	1805
<i>Mackworth Arms</i> , Wind Street	...	...	...	1810
<i>Cambrian Hotel</i> , Burrows	...	...	...	1813
<i>Mackworth Arms</i> , Wind Street	...	...	...	1816
<i>Fountain Inn</i> , Strand	...	...	...	1817
<i>Bush Inn</i> , High Street	...	...	...	1817
<i>Assembly Rooms</i> , Cambrian Place	...	...	...	1836
<i>Cameron Arms</i> , High Street	...	...	...	1840
<i>Bush Inn</i> , High Street	...	...	...	1841
<i>Cameron Arms</i> , High Street	...	...	...	1846
<i>Cambrian Coffee Tavern</i> , Fisher Street	...	...	...	1848
<i>Mr. Young's</i> , Cambrian Place	...	...	...	1849
<i>Assembly Rooms</i> , Cambrian Place	...	...	...	1850
<i>Mackworth Arms</i> , Wind Street	...	...	...	1871
<i>Masonic Hall</i> , Caer Street	...	...	...	1871

Warrant of confirmation granted on May 8th, 1805, and a Centenary Warrant on January 25th, 1878 (*See page 30*).

12. **MACKWORTH LODGE, No. 496, COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.** Warranted by the Modern Grand Lodge on March 20th, 1787. Erased from the Roll of Lodges on April 18th, 1792.

13. **CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 542, BRECON.** Warranted by the Modern Grand Lodge on August 1st, 1789. Met at the *Swan Inn*, Ship Street. Re-numbered in 1792 to No. 451, and in 1814 to No. 510. Erased from the Roll of Lodges on March 5th, 1828.

14. **ANCIENT BRITONS LODGE, No. 126, CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.** Warranted by the Ancient Grand Lodge, and constituted on December 16th, 1807. Met at Brother Thompson's in 1808, and at the *Boar's*

Head in 1809. Re-numbered in 1814 to No. 150. Erased from the Roll of Lodges on March 5th, 1828. The warrant of this Lodge was first issued to the Newport Lodge in 1754, but that Lodge having become extinct, the vacant number was re-issued to the Caerphilly Brethren (*See page 19*).

15. GLAMORGAN LODGE, No. 33, CARDIFF. Warranted by the Ancient Grand Lodge on August 20th, 1808. Constituted at the *Cardiff Arms Hotel*, Bute Street, on November 4th of the same year. Named the Glamorgan in 1811. Removed to the Freemasons' Hall, Church Street, in 1855, to Freemasons' Hall, St. Mary Street, in 1859, to the Freemasons' Hall, Working Street, in 1877, and to the present Masonic Temple in September, 1895. Re-numbered in 1814 to No. 50, in 1832 to No. 43, and in 1863 to No. 33. The warrant of this Lodge was issued for the revival of the Bridgend Lodge in 1777, but it does not appear to have been taken up until the formation of the Glamorgan Lodge in 1808 (*See page 25*).

16. ROYAL CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 135, NEWPORT, MON. Warranted by the Ancient Grand Lodge on August 11th, 1809, and constituted on the following November 20th at the *Parrot Inn*, High Street. Erased from the Roll of Lodges on December 1st, 1828. Warrant No. 135 was first issued to a Lodge constituted at the Navy Club House, The Garrison, Sheerness, on January 13th, 1765, but lapsed shortly afterwards, and the vacant number was in consequence issued to the Newport Brethren (*See page 26*).

17. LOYAL CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 144, MERTHYR TYDFIL. Warranted by the Ancient Grand Lodge on June 20th, and constituted at the *Castle Inn* on August 7th, 1810. Removed to the *Bush Inn* in December, 1827, to the Masonic Hall, Lower High-street in September, 1881, and to the new Masonic Temple, Pontmorlais Circus, in January, 1912. Re-numbered in 1814 to No. 175, in 1832 to No. 127, and in 1863 to No. 110. Warrant No. 144 was first issued to a Lodge constituted in London in 1766. This Lodge removed in 1771 to the *King's Head*, Howitt's Court, Strand, and again to the *George*, Great St. Andrew Street, Seven Dials. It removed again in 1774, but although the removal was confirmed, the place of meeting is not recorded. The warrant was cancelled on June 7th, 1775, and re-issued in 1810 to the Merthyr Brethren (*See Chapter VI.*).

18. ST. DAVID'S LODGE OF PERFECT FRIENDSHIP, No. 623, CARMARTHEN. Warranted by the Modern Grand Lodge on March 1st, 1811. Met at the *King's Arms*, Priory Street. Removed in 1812 to the *Ivy Bush Inn*, King Street, and to the Union Hall, Quay Street, in 1814. Re-numbered in 1814 to No. 631. Erased from the Roll of Lodges in 1822.

19. UNION LODGE, No. 158, CARMARTHEN. Warranted by the Ancient Grand Lodge on July 9th, 1811, and constituted on the 15th of the same month at the *Old Ivy Bush Inn*, King Street. Removed in 1812 to the *White Lion*, Green Street, to the Union Hall, Quay Street, in 1813. Returned to the *White Lion* in 1814, and to the *White Lion* and *Royal Hotel* in 1822. Re-numbered in 1814 to No. 192. Erased from the Roll of Lodges on June 3rd, 1829. Warrant No. 158 was first issued to a Lodge constituted at the *Castle*, London-road, Isleworth, Middlesex, on January 31st, 1769. Removed to the *Feathers*, Richmond, London, in 1771. Became dormant after 1775. The vacant number was re-issued in 1811 to the Carmarthen Brethren (*See page 26*).

20. HWLFFORDD LODGE, No. 59, HAVERFORDWEST. Warranted by the Ancient Grand Lodge on January 23rd, 1812. The meetings were held in a private room up to 1818, and afterwards at the *Blue Boar Inn*, New Street, and *New Inn*, Upper Market Street. Re-numbered in 1814 to No. 81. Erased from the Roll of Lodges on March 5th, 1828. Warrant No. 59 was first issued to a Lodge constituted at the *White Hart*, Porter Street, Newport, London Market, on December 23rd, 1756, but which lapsed in 1770. It was re-issued to the Haverfordwest Brethren in 1812 (*See page 27*).

21. HIRAM LODGE, No. 160, PONTYPOOL. Warranted by the Ancient Grand Lodge on June 13th, 1812. Met at the *Red Lion Inn*, Commercial Street. Re-numbered in 1814 to No. 195. Erased from the Roll of Lodges in 1830. Warrant No. 160 was first issued to a Lodge constituted at the *Queen of Hungary's Head*, St. Benedict Street, Norfolk, on March 22nd, 1769, and meeting afterwards at the *Golden Anchor* and *White Horse*, Market Place, from 1787 to 1789. On September 22nd, 1791, the warrant was cancelled for irregularities, but on March 7th, 1792, the Lodge was restored to all its former privileges. In the latter year the Brethren joined the Modern Grand Lodge, and the warrant was cancelled on June 5th, 1793. The number of the warrant was re-issued on June 5th, 1802, to a Lodge constituted at the *Angel Inn*,

Narrow Bridge Street, Peterborough, which lapsed shortly afterwards, and the vacant number was for the third time re-issued to the Pontypool Brethren (*See page 27*).

22. ROYAL AUGUSTUS LODGE, No. 656, MONMOUTH. Warranted by the United Grand Lodge on January 2nd, and constituted at the *Crown and Thistle Inn*, on April 22nd, 1815. Removed to the *King's Head*, Agincourt Square, in 1816. Erased from the Roll of Lodges on December 1st, 1830.

23. PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 658, ABERGAVENNY. Warranted by the United Grand Lodge on December 27th, 1814, and constituted on June 12th, 1815, at the *King's Head*, Cross Street. Removed in 1818 to the *Angel Inn*. Erased from the Roll of Lodges on March 5th, 1828. (*See page 28*).

24. WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 707, CHEPSTOW. Warranted by United Grand Lodge on October 30th, 1818, and meeting at the *Beaufort Arms*, Beaufort Square. Removed in 1820 to the *Bell Inn*. Re-numbered in 1832 to No. 457. Erased from the Roll of Lodges in 1837.

LODGES IN THE EASTERN DIVISION OF SOUTH WALES IN 1913.

1. GLAMORGAN LODGE, No. 36; Masonic Temple, Cardiff; constituted November 4th, 1808; 161 subscribing members.

2. LOYAL CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 110; Masonic Temple, Merthyr Tydfil; constituted August 7th, 1810; 135 subscribing members.

3. INDEFATIGABLE LODGE, No. 237, Masonic Temple, Swansea; constituted September 20th, 1777; 200 subscribing members.

4. CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 364, NEATH. Constituted on January 31st, 1821, at the *White Hart*, Duke Street; removed to the *Eagle Inn*, Wind Street, in 1826, and to the *Castle Inn*, The Parade, in 1832. It was dormant from 1833 to 1843, but in 1844 it was revived at the *Castle Hotel*, and in 1848 the Brethren removed to the Masonic Hall, Queen Street; the Lodge was re-numbered in 1832 from No. 726 to No. 472, and in 1863 to No. 364; 67 subscribing members.

5. BRECKNOCK LODGE, No. 651, BRECON. Warranted on May 14th, and constituted at the *Castle Hotel* on July 28th, 1855; removed to the *Swan Hotel*, Ship Street, in 1856, to the Town Hall in 1862, and to the Masonic Hall, *Castle Hotel*, in 1870. Meet now at Masonic Hall, Ruperra House. Re-numbered in 1863 from No. 936 to No. 651; 51 subscribing members.

6. ST. DAVID LODGE, No. 679, ABERDARE. Warranted on May 16th and constituted at the *Queen's Hotel* on June 18th, 1856; removed to the *Black Lion Hotel*, Commercial Place, in 1870, and to the Masonic Hall, Canon Street, in 1880. Re-numbered in 1863 from No. 799 to No. 679 (*see St. David Lodge*, No. 679); 80 subscribing members.

7. AFAN LODGE, No. 833, ABERAVON. Warranted on September 29th, and constituted on November 8th, 1840, at the *Walnut Tree Hotel*, High Street; removed to the National Schoolroom, Church Street, in 1862, and to the Masons' Hall, Water Street, in 1874. Re-numbered in 1863 from No. 1135 to No. 833; 123 subscribing members.

8. BUTE LODGE, No. 960, CARDIFF. Warranted on April 13th, and constituted on June 30th, 1863, at the Masonic Hall, Bute Dock; removed to the Masonic Hall, Working Street, in 1876, and to the present Masonic Temple in September, 1895. Re-numbered in 1863 from No. 1262 to No. 960; 253 subscribing members.

9. TALBOT LODGE, No. 1323, SWANSEA. Warranted on June 20th and constituted on December 8th, 1870, at the Masonic Rooms, *Mackworth Hotel*, Wind Street; meets now in the Masonic Temple, Caer Street; 73 subscribing members.

10. CARADOC LODGE, No. 1573, SWANSEA. Warranted on October 8th, 1875, and constituted on February 7th, 1876, at the Masonic Hall, Caer Street; 166 subscribing members.

11. MERLIN LODGE, No. 1578, Pontypridd. Warranted on October 23rd, 1875, and constituted on April 27th, 1876, at the *New Inn Hotel*, Taff Street; removed to the Masonic Hall, Court Street, in 1887; 113 subscribing members.

12. OGMORE LODGE, No. 1752, BRIDGEND. Warranted on April 24th, and constituted on July 2nd, 1878, at the *Wyndham Arms Hotel*, Dunraven Place; removed to the Masonic Hall, Adare Street, in 1892; 95 subscribing members.

13. WINDSOR LODGE, No. 1754, PENARTH. Warranted on April 24th, and constituted on July 15th, 1878, at the *Penarth Hotel*; removed to the Masonic Hall, Windsor Road, in 1879; to the Masonic Hall, Landsdowne, Plymouth Road, in 1889, and to the Windsor Masonic Hall in 1894; 165 subscribing members.

14. LOYAL WYE LODGE, No. 1807, BUILTH. Warranted on February 4th, and constituted on April 29th, 1879, at the *Lion Hotel*, Broad Street; removed to the Freemasons' Hall, Market Street, in 1883; 35 subscribing members.

15. ST. QUINTIN'S LODGE, No. 1822, COWBRIDGE. Warranted on April 28th, and constituted on August 21st, 1879, at the *Bear Hotel*; The last return to Grand Lodge was made in 1891; since that year the Lodge has been dormant.

16. TENNANT LODGE, No. 1992, CARDIFF. Warranted on February 20th, and constituted on October 10th, 1883, at the Masonic Hall, Working Street; removed to the Masonic Temple in September, 1895; 242 subscribing members.

17. BARRY LODGE, No. 2357, BARRY. Warranted on April 15th, and constituted on September 11th, 1890, at the *Royal Hotel*, Barry Road; removed to the New Masonic Temple in 1906; 218 subscribing members.

18. LOYAL HAY LODGE, No. 2382, HAY, BRECKNOCKSHIRE. Warranted in September, and constituted on November 25th, 1890, at the Masonic Hall, Hightown; 49 subscribing members.

19. DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2453, CARDIFF. Warranted on November 21st, 1892, and constituted at the Masonic Hall, Working Street; removed in 1895 to the Masonic Temple; 88 subscribing members.

20. LLANGATTOCK LODGE, No. 2547, CARDIFF. Warranted on January 18th, and constituted on March 27th, 1895, at the Masonic Temple; 178 subscribing members.

21. PRINCE LLEWELLYN LODGE, No. 2570, CARDIFF. Warranted on June 25th, and constituted on January 18th, 1896, at the Masonic Temple; 86 subscribing members.

22. FFOREST LODGE, No. 2606, TREHARRIS. Warranted on March 27th, and constituted October 28th, 1896, at the Public Hall; afterwards met at the Masonic Rooms, Perrot Street; removed to the New Temple, May 11th, 1911; 80 subscribing members.

23. LOYAL COMMERCIAL LODGE, No. 2720, CARDIFF. Warranted on June 4th, and constituted on September 23rd, 1898, at the Masonic Temple; 112 subscribing members.

24. LLYNFI LODGE, No. 2965, MAESTEG. Warranted on April 17th, and constituted July 28th, 1903, at the *Star Inn*; 58 subscribing members.

25. DR. JAMES GRIFFITH LODGE, No. 3161, SWANSEA. Warranted on April 3rd, and constituted July 19th, 1906, at the Masonic Temple; 75 subscribing members.

26. HENDRE LODGE, No. 3250, CARDIFF. Warranted July 30th, 1907, and constituted at the Masonic Temple January 24th, 1908 (Past Masters' Lodge); 146 subscribing members.

27. ITHON LODGE, No. 3320, LLANDRINDOD WELLS. Warranted on July 4th, and constituted on September 25th, 1908, at the old *Gwalia Hotel*; 46 subscribing members.

MASONIC LODGES IN THE WESTERN DIVISION OF SOUTH WALES IN 1913.

1. ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 366, MILFORD, PEMBROKESHIRE. Warranted on January 31st, and constituted on November 16th, 1821, at the *Milford and Waterford Coffee House*, Hakin; removed to the *Lord Nelson Hotel*, Hamilton Terrace, in 1824, and to the Masonic Hall in 1883; re-numbered in 1832 from No. 728 to No. 746, and in 1863 to No. 366; 94 subscribing members.

2. LOYAL WELSH LODGE, No. 378, PEMBROKE DOCK. Warranted on October 1st, 1824, and constituted at a private room, Melville Town; removed in 1829 to the *Navy Tavern*, in 1833 to the *Clarence Inn*, in 1835 to the *Victoria Hotel*, in 1857 to the New Lodge Room at the *Victoria Hotel*, and in 1869 to the Masonic Hall, Meyrick Street; 134 subscribing members.

3. CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 464, HAVERFORDWEST. Warranted on September 23rd, 1839, and constituted on January 27th, 1840, at the *Mariners' Inn*, Mariners' Square; removed in 1854 to the *Castle Hotel*, Castle Square, in 1856 to the *Mariners' Hotel*, Mariners' Square, and to the Masonic Hall, Picton Street, in 1872; re-numbered in 1863 from No. 683 to No. 464; 77 subscribing members.

4. ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 476, CARMARTHEN. Warranted on April 26th, and constituted on September 14th, 1841, at the *Ivy Bush Hotel*, Spilman Street; removed in 1874 to *Napier House*, returned to the *Ivy Bush Hotel* in 1885, and back again to *Napier House* in 1889; in the latter year the Brethren removed finally to the Masonic Hall, Spilman Street; the Lodge was re-numbered in 1863 from No. 699 to No. 476; 65 subscribing members.

5. PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 671, LLANELLY. Warranted on April 11th, 1856, and constituted on the 30th of the same month, at the *Thomas Arms Hotel*, Thomas Street; removed to the Masonic Hall, Old Road, in 1874; re-numbered in 1863 from No. 969 to No. 671; 173 subscribing members.

6. NEYLAND LODGE, No. 990, NEW MILFORD. Warranted on November 5th, 1863, and constituted on November 8th, 1864, at the *South Wales Hotel*; removed to the Masonic Hall, Neyland, in 1892; 113 subscribing members.

7. ABERYSTWYTH LODGE, No. 1072, ABERYSTWYTH. Warranted on September 19th, and constituted on November 23rd, 1865, at the *Belle Vue Royal Hotel*, Marine Terrace; removed in 1884, to the *Lion Royal Hotel*, and in 1891 to the Masonic Hall, Market Street; 92 subscribing members.

8. TENBY LODGE, No. 1177, TENBY. Warranted on June 5th, and constituted on July 27th, 1867, at the *Gate House Hotel*, High Street, removed in 1880 to the Masonic Hall, South Parade; 41 subscribing members.

9. CASTLE MARTIN LODGE, No. 806, PEMBROKE. Warranted on January 3rd, 1848, and constituted at the *Lion Hotel*, Main Street; erased from the Roll of Lodges on September 7th, 1859.

CASTLE MARTIN LODGE, No. 1748. Warranted on April 3rd, and constituted on November 21st, 1878, at the Assembly Rooms, Pembroke; 59 subscribing members.

10. NARBERTH LODGE, No. 2001, NARBERTH, PEMBROKE. Warranted on May 31st, and constituted on December 19th, 1883, at the *Rutzen Hotel*, Market Street; removed in 1891 to the Masonic Rooms, Market Street; 76 subscribing members.

11. KEMES LODGE, No. 3152, FISHGUARD. Warranted on February 5th, and constituted on April 26th, 1906, at the Masonic Rooms, West Street; 67 subscribing members.

12. SAINT TELLO LODGE, No. 3168, LLANDILO. Warranted on May 1st, 1906. Intended meeting place, *Cawdor Arms Hotel*. This warrant was not taken up, and the Lodge was consequently not consecrated.

MASONIC LODGES IN MONMOUTHSHIRE IN 1913.

1. LOYAL MONMOUTH LODGE, No. 457, MONMOUTH. Warranted on December 21st, 1838, and constituted on January 16th, 1839, at the *Bell Inn*, Church Street; removed in 1841 to the Freemasons' Hall, The Parade; re-numbered in 1863 from No. 671 to No. 457; 62 subscribing members.

2. SILURIAN LODGE, No. 471, NEWPORT. Warranted on April 30th, and constituted on November 30th, 1840, at the *Westgate Hotel*, Commercial Street; removed in 1843 to the Council Chamber, Town Hall,

and returned again to the *Westgate Hotel* in the same year ; removed a second time in 1846 to the Masonic Hall, High Street, and in 1856 to the Masonic Hall, Great Dock Street ; re-numbered in 1863 from No. 693 to No. 471 ; 102 subscribing members.

3. ISCA LODGE, No. 683, NEWPORT. Warranted on August 23rd, and constituted on December 30th, 1856, at the Masonic Hall, Dock Street ; re-numbered in 1863 from No. 983 to No. 683 ; 96 subscribing members.

4. ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 818, ABERGAVENNY. Warranted on March 23rd, and constituted under the title of Philanthropic, on May 15th, 1860, at the *Angel Hotel*, Cross Street ; removed in 1866 to the Masonic Hall, Lion Street, and in 1899 to St. John's Church ; the name was then changed to " St. John's " ; re-numbered in 1863 from No. 1120 to No. 818 (*see page 25*) ; 80 subscribing members.

5. ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1098, TREDEGAR. Warranted on March 6th, and constituted on April 12th, 1866, at the private room, *Temperance Hotel* ; removed to the Masonic Hall, Morgan Street, in 1894 ; 92 subscribing members.

6. KENNARD LODGE, No. 1258, PONTYPOOL. Warranted on March 12th, and constituted on June 3rd, 1869, at the *Clarence Hotel* ; removed to the Masonic Hall, High Street, in 1871, and to the Masonic Hall, George Street, in 1879 ; 57 subscribing members.

7. ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES' LODGE, No. 1429, NEWPORT, Warranted on April 5th, and constituted on August 1st, 1873, at the Masonic Hall, Dock Street ; 131 subscribing members.

8. HOMFRAY LODGE, No. 1562, RISCA. Warranted on August 14th, and constituted on October 15th, 1875, at the Masonic Hall, High Street ; 60 subscribing members.

9. STRIGUIL LODGE, No. 2186, CHEPSTOW. Warranted on November 30th, 1886, and constituted on May 13th, 1887, at the Masonic Hall, Nelson Street ; 48 subscribing members.

10. ST. DAVID LODGE, No. 2226, RHYMNEY. Warranted on September 14th, 1887, and constituted on April 19th, 1888, at the Local Board Buildings, High Street ; the Brethren now meet in the New Masonic Hall ; 95 subscribing members.

11. GLYN EBBW LODGE, No. 2556, EBBW VALE. Warranted on April 9th, and constituted on August 1st, 1895, at the Assembly Rooms ; removed to the Masonic Hall in 1900 ; 60 subscribing members.

12. CHARLES LYNE LODGE, No. 2964, NEWPORT. Warranted on April 9th, and constituted on July 30th, 1903 (Past Masters' Lodge) ; 77 subscribing members.



CHAPTER VI.

HISTORY OF THE LOYAL CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 110. 1810 TO 1827.

IN Chapter IV. an explanation was offered for the location by the Ancients of a Lodge in the central district of Caerphilly, and the opening of a Lodge at Merthyr—the third in less than three years—by the Caerphilly Brethren still further supports that view. The petition for a warrant to constitute a Lodge at Merthyr was presented by the following Brethren:—

Bro. Wm. Edwards, Solicitor, Merthyr.	Caerphilly Lodge No. 126.
Bro. Fred Walters	do.
Bro. William Williams, Dowlais.	do.
Bro. Thomas Llewellyn, Sergt., 1st Foot Guards.	do.
Bro. Thomas Lewis, Accompt. (Accountant), Merthyr.	do.
Bro. John Morgan, Puddler, Penydarren Works.	do.
Bro. John Bryan, Brewer, Merthyr.	do.
Bro. John Treharne, Innkeeper, Dowlais Inn.	do.
Bro. William Lewis, Accompt., Cwmgarloch.	do.
Bro. James Edwards, Plumber & Glazier, Merthyr.	do.

The warrant was issued on June 20th, 1810, under the signature of the Duke and Marquis of Athole, Grand Master of the "Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons according to the old Constitutions," and was registered in Grand Lodge as Warrant No. 144. This was the number of a warrant granted in 1766 to a Lodge formed at the *King's Head*, Strand, London, but, which lapsed in the course of a few years, and its warrant was cancelled on June 7th, 1775.

The Athole Grand Lodge, following their usual custom, re-issued the cancelled warrant to the Merthyr Brethren, who, in consequence, secured a senior position of forty-four years on the Roll of Lodges.

On the margin of the warrant there is a note stating "This warrant is registered in Grand Lodge, Vol. 6, Letter F, June, 1768. Signed,

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Edward Harper, Deputy Grand Secretary." This refers to the registration of the original warrant, issued to the London Lodge, and not to the present parchment of the Loyal Cambrian, which was only issued, as already stated, on June 20th, 1810, at the usual fee of two guineas.

It will be noticed that a mistake was made in the year. It ought to be 1766, and not 1768. A mistake of the same kind was made in connection with the Warrant of the Glamorgan Lodge, reference to which will be found on page 25. It is interesting to observe that the original numbers of the warrants of the Glamorgan and Loyal Cambrian Lodges were first borne by London Lodges, and that the founders of the two local Lodges were all initiated in Caerphilly Lodge.

The Athole Lodges were, almost without exception, known by their warrant numbers, and not by a distinctive title or name, and although the Bye-laws of 1810 state, "That a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid shall be held at the *Castle Inn* in Merthyr Tydfil, in the County of Glamorgan, on the first Tuesday of every month, to be called the Loyal Cambrian Lodge," the name did not come into general use for several years afterwards. The Lodge was known locally as the Merthyr Lodge, and by Grand Lodge as Lodge No. 144. The name, Loyal Cambrian, appears for the first time on the minutes for April 26th, 1834, but it was not registered in Grand Lodge until 1837.

The Lodge was constituted on Tuesday, August 7th, 1810, at the *Castle Inn*, now known as the *Castle Hotel*. The *Castle Inn* was built about the year 1806—several years prior to the *Bush Inn*—and being the most commodious and up-to-date establishment of the kind in the town, its selection as the first meeting place of the Lodge is accounted for.

The opening ceremony appears to have been of a very simple and unpretentious character. The impressive consecrating ceremony of the present day was not then considered necessary, and in many cases not possible. The Worshipful Master of Caerphilly Lodge, Bro. Benjamin Thomas, was authorised, in the absence of the Grand Master or his Deputy, to act as Grand Master for three hours, in order to "Congregate, Install and Constitute the Petitioners." Bro. Benjamin Thomas, assisted by the Brethren of his Lodge, duly performed his task, and installed as the first Master Bro. Thomas Richardson, Agent, Penyardren Iron Works.

The Petitioners nominated Bro. William Williams, of Dowlais, as the first Master, and his name appears as such on the warrant, but

for some reason not explained Bro. Richardson was elected and installed on the opening day in his stead.

Bro. Richardson was registered as a Master Mason in Grand Lodge on July 26th, just fifteen days prior to his Installation as Wor. Master. This course was only possible according to the Ancients' Regulations on the formation of a New Lodge in a district where a Brother could not be found who had previously served the office of Master or Warden in a Regular Lodge. Under such circumstances three Master Masons were eligible for election as Master and Wardens of a new Lodge.

The opening proceedings are recorded as follows:—

Installed Tuesday, August 7th, 1813.

The Lodge being duly opened in the name of his Grace, Prince John, Duke of Athole, Grand Master of Antient Masons in England, by Brother Benjamin Thomas, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 126, Caerphilly, Glamorgan, William Leyshon, Junior Warden of the said Lodge, William Richard, Junior Warden of Lodge No. 33 (Glamorgan Lodge), and Bro. John Williams, Past Master of Lodge No. 126.

The Lodge being duly congregated, Bro. Thomas Richardson was unanimously chosen and regularly Installed Worshipful Master of this Lodge until St. John's Day, 1811.

Bro. William Edwards, Sn. Warden.

Bro. William Williams, Jn. Warden.

Bro. Robert Ward, Treasurer.

Bro. Richard Jones, Secretary.

Bro. William Williams, Sen. Deacon.

Bro. Rees Williams, J. Deacon.

Visiting Brethren present :

Bro. Thomas Davies.	Lodge No. 33, Cardiff.
Bro. Roderick Walters.	” ” ”
Bro. John Treharne.	Lodge No. 126, Caerphilly.
Bro. Thomas Lewis.	” ” ”
Bro. James Edwards.	” ” ”
Bro. David Jones.	” ” ”
Bro. John Bryan.	” ” ”
Bro. William Lewis.	” ” ”
Bro. Thomas Llewellyn.	” ” ”
Bro. James Walters.	Lodge No. 33, Cardiff.
Bro. Edward Bird.	Lodge No. 135, Newport.

The following Gentlemen were proposed :

William Aubrey, Engineer, Tredegar.
Thomas Ward, Dowlais Iron Co., aged 42.
Jeremiah Cairns, Agent, Hirwain, aged 26.
Thomas Gardener, Abernant, aged 34.
Edward Gregory, Accompt., Plymouth Works, aged 28.
Thomas Burnell, Chandler, Merthyr, aged 30.

Lodge closed in Harmony at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The candidates proposed on the opening day were balloted for and accepted at the meeting on September 4th, and three—Gardener, Wood, and Gregory—were initiated. A Lodge of Emergency was held on September 28th, at which Jeremiah Cairns and Thomas Burnell were initiated. On that occasion the first difficulty of the new Lodge arose in connection with the Balloting for candidates. John Edwards was balloted for and duly accepted; but William Williams, "on being put to the ballot was found inadmissible."

At the Lodge meeting, on December 4th, Charles Branton, Modern Mason, was accepted; but Charles Bannister, a candidate, was found "inadmissible."

In consequence of these adverse ballots, it was resolved that the admission or rejection of candidates should be by a majority, and in case the voting should prove equal the Master for the time being to possess the casting vote. This resolution was rescinded at the Lodge meeting on January 1st, 1811, and the following unanimously adopted: "That one-third of the members present shall be sufficient to exclude a candidate, including the Master's vote." Immediately after the adoption of that resolution, three candidates were separately balloted for and found "inadmissible."

From September 4th, 1810, to August 12th, 1811, 23 candidates and one joining member were balloted for, and of these, 14 were accepted and 9 rejected. These proceedings menaced the very existence of the Lodge, and as a possible way out of the difficulty it was resolved at the March meeting, on the motion of Bro. William Williams, W.M., seconded by Bro. Edward Gregory, "That in future no candidate who may be proposed in this Lodge shall be balloted for until the expiration of one month from the period of his being proposed, Naval and Military

characters and sojourners excepted." A further alteration was made in the rules at a Lodge Emergency on August 12th, when it was decided "That three dissenting voices do in future reject a candidate agreeable to the sixth new Regulations."

Bye-laws published in 1828 reduced that number to two, and those issued in 1866 enacted that "On balloting for a person to be made a Mason or a Mason to become a member the members must be unanimous." Bye-laws were again issued in 1882, and in these the old rule of three negative votes was reverted to, and this rule is incorporated in the present Bye-laws, which were revised in 1909.

The rivalry existing between the Modern and Ancient Masons is shown in the early history of the Lodge by the procedure necessary in the admittance of Modern Brethren. The Regulations of both Grand Lodges required a brother who desired to join the rival body to be re-made, or, as it is sometimes called, re-crafted. The first admittance of a Modern Mason to the Loyal Cambrian Lodge was at the meeting held on December 4th, 1810, when Bro. Charles Branton was initiated from a Modern to an Ancient Mason, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. At the same meeting, Bros. Thomas Gardener, Thomas Ward, and Edward Gregory were passed to the Degree of Fellowcrafts, and probably Bro. Branton was also included, although no record appears of it on the minutes.

The first Lodge of Instruction was formed on May 7th, 1811. The meetings were held on the second Tuesday of every month until April 11th, 1812, when they were discontinued by a vote of the Regular Lodge. The Lodge of Instruction was not revived until April 4th, 1833. A resolution was then passed directing that Lodges of Instruction be held at "Bro. Teague's House at Dowlais (*Dowlais Inn*) every alternate Thursday for the instruction of the Brethren." A further resolution was unanimously adopted at a subsequent meeting, ordering Lodges of Instruction to be held every other Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock, commencing on Sunday, the 15th day of September. It is not stated how long these instruction meetings continued, probably they were of short duration. A Lodge of Instruction on a proper basis was not formed until the spring of 1888, an account of which will be found in the proceedings of that year.

FESTIVALS.

The first festival was held on June 25th, 1811. The proceedings of the day are recorded as follows:—

Lodge held to celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Baptist.

The Lodge was opened in due form at 10 o'clock in the morning, and the Lodge proceeded to business.

The following Brethren were nominated as officers:—

- Bro. Wm. Edwards, S.W., as W.M.
- Bro. William Williams, J.W., as S.W.
- Bro. William Williams, S.D., as J.W.
- Bro. Edward Gregory, as Secretary.
- Bro. Robert Ward, as Treasurer.
- Bro. Rees Williams, J.D., as S.D.
- Bro. John Treharne, as J.D.
- Bro. Thomas Llewellyn, as Tyler.

Visiting Brethren :

- Bro. Benj. Thomas, P.M., Lodge No. 126, Caerphilly.
- Bro. Depear, Lodge No. 126, Caerphilly.
- Bro. William Bird, Lodge No. 116, Guernsey.
- Bro. Jenkin Rhys, Lodge No. 33, Cardiff.

The Brethren then proceeded in due form and proper solemnity to Church, where Divine service was performed and an appropriate sermon was delivered from the 28th chapter of Isaiah, 16th and 17th verses, by the Rev. T. Jones, upon the conclusion of which the Brethren returned to the Lodge Room to dinner, after which the above-mentioned newly-elected officers were Installed. The Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The old Bye-laws governing the Feasts directed "that all members of this Lodge shall dine together upon or near St. John's Day. That each member shall pay five shillings on the Lodge night before such Feast day towards defraying the charges of the Festival, and that visitors who dine at such Feast shall pay five shillings over and above the constant members." The minutes are silent as to how far the Bye-law was enforced, but the anniversaries of the Patron Saints were, with few exceptions, observed on June 24th and December 27th, for the first half century of the Lodge's existence.

The connection of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist with Freemasonry must be looked upon as of a symbolic and not of a Masonic or historical character. The association probably does not date further back than the 15th century—the time when it was customary for trade Guilds to range themselves under the Banner or protection of Patrons who were supposed to have followed a calling bearing some resemblance to their trade, as instance by Fishermen adopting St. Peter as their Patron. According to one authority (Mr. Toulmin Smith) no less than 11 trade Guilds adopted the Saints John as their Patrons, observing June 24th as the Festival of St. John the Baptist, and December 27th as that of St. John the Evangelist. The adoption of the Saints as the Patrons of Freemasons evidently originated from a religious or trade custom, and not from any direct association of the Saints with the Mason Craft.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

On August 12th, a Lodge of Emergency was held, to receive the Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Deputy Grand Master. On this occasion "Mr. Hugh Barker was proposed by Bro. Thomas Ward, and seconded by Bro. Thomas Davies, and in consideration of his being a sojourner, was balloted for and unanimously accepted, and by a Dispensation from the Right Wor. Bro. Harper, was admitted to the Degree of an Entered Apprentice." A sojourner was a temporary resident, such as a commercial traveller, and the granting of a Dispensation in open Lodge for the admission of a sojourner is interesting, if not unique, and illustrates the early methods of Lodge work. The R.W. Bro. Thomas Harper was Deputy Grand Master of the Ancient or Athole Grand Lodge from 1801 to 1813. He was a manufacturing jeweller in the Strand, London. The old collar jewels of the officers, which are still in use in the Lodge, were supplied by him, and they bear his trade mark and initials.

FIRST CHARITY GRANT.

Until the Masonic Educational and Widows' Fund was established by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, in 1887, the Lodges of the Province distributed their own charity. In some cases a special fund was reserved for that purpose, but as a rule indigent Brethren were relieved by grants from the Lodge Funds, supplemented at times by private contributions from the Brethren. The custom

in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge appears to have been to vote sums from the Funds, and it is worthy of observation that grants were frequently given to Brethren of other Lodges who were not in any way associated with the district. On stated Lodge night, Tuesday, December 3rd, 1811, it was resolved unanimously "that a donation of five guineas be made out of the Funds belonging to the Lodge, in aid of a subscription set on foot for the benefit of Bro. William Jones, Mariner, of Newport, who, through the recent loss of a vessel, lost his entire and only property, and has been totally deprived of the means of supporting an aged parent and a numerous family."

On Lodge night, October 6th, 1812, the question of these charity grants was considered, and for uniformity of distribution it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Edward Gregory, S.W., "That should any distressed Brother make an application for relief to any Brother belonging to this Lodge, such Brother shall refer him to the Secretary, who shall immediately summon the Wor. Master and Wardens, and if they cannot conveniently attend to the summons, any other two Master Masons belonging to this Lodge, who are to prove the said Brother and afford him such relief as they may deem necessary out of the Funds."

FRENCH BRETHERN.

At the Lodge meeting on February 4th, two French Brethren were present—Bro. Francis Julien, Lodge G.O. de France, and Bro. 1812. Antonie Ellioy, Lodge L'Orient, Rochefort. These Brethren were probably members of the French Prisoners' Lodge at Abergavenny.

The anniversary of St. John the Baptist, on June 24th, was celebrated in the usual manner, by opening the Lodge at 10 a.m., and at 12 noon proceeding to Church. After service the Brethren returned to the Lodge room to dinner. The officers were afterwards invested, and the meeting closed at 8 o'clock. On the following Lodge night, July 7th, the R.W., Bro. Benj. Plummer, occupied the Master's Chair. Bro. Thomas Davies, Dowlais, a member of the Caerphilly Lodge, was balloted for as a joining member, but was found "inadmissible." At the same meeting, Mr. Roger Rosser Jones, Commercial Traveller, of Birmingham, was proposed as a candidate for admission into the Order by Bro. Plummer, and seconded by Bro. W. Edwards, P.M. "In consideration" of Rosser Jones being a sojourner, he was balloted for, unanimously

accepted, and initiated in the Degree of an Entered Apprentice. At the August meeting Bro. James Scandred was passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, "in consideration of his leaving the place." Bro. Scandred was an Excise Officer, who appears to have left the town in the autumn of 1812. He resigned his membership on October 3rd, 1813.

The anniversary of St. John the Baptist was held on June 24th.

On this occasion the Brethren did not attend Church. The **1813.** Lodge was opened at 12 o'clock, and Bro. Edward Gregory was installed W.M. Dinner was served at 3 o'clock, and the Lodge was closed in harmony at six o'clock. There is a "memo." added to the Minutes of the Festival meeting, stating that "Bro. Thomas Richardson gave notice this day of his not intending to continue a member of this Lodge after the date thereof." Bro. Richardson was the first Wor. Master, and during his year of office he attended every meeting, but after his successor was Installed in June, 1811, he appears to have taken no interest in the Lodge. He only attended on two occasions during that year, and ceased subscribing in April, 1812. Another instance of a Modern Mason being initiated in the Lodge is that of Thomas Richards, Abergavenny, who on August 3rd was proposed to be "Transferred" from Modern to Ancient Masonry by Bro. John Treharne, and seconded by Bro. Wm. Williams, P.M. He was balloted for, unanimously accepted, and made an Entered Apprentice the same evening. Bro. Richards, in the following November, joined the French Prisoners' Lodge, located at Abergavenny. His French Certificate, a beautiful specimen of French handicraft, is still preserved in St. John's Lodge.

EXPULSION OF A MEMBER.

The following memorandum, which is added to the minutes of the meeting of September 7th, seems to indicate that the resolution it contains was passed after the close of the Lodge meeting:—

"Memorandum.—Bro. Thomas Llewellyn, Tiler (late Sergt. 1st Foot Guards) having repeatedly attended the Lodge in a state of intoxication, and upon such occasions having frequently conducted himself in a very improper manner, upon his repeating his misconduct upon the present evening, it was proposed by Bro. Edward Gregory, W.M., that the said Bro. Thomas Llewellyn should be expelled the Lodge, which motion was seconded by Bro. Thomas Burnell, J.W., and

upon the same being brought to ballot there appeared in favour thereof 12; against the same, 2. The said Bro. Thomas Llewellyn was thereupon declared regularly expelled this Lodge."

Bro. Thos. Llewellyn was initiated in the Caerphilly Lodge, and was a Founder of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge. No further reference is made to him in any of the subsequent minutes of the Lodge. Immediately after Bro. Llewellyn's expulsion, it was resolved to remit a donation of one pound to David Kent, "a Brother in distress in Cowbridge."

THE UNION BETWEEN THE MODERN AND ANCIENT GRAND LODGES.

The Brethren were kept fully informed of the progress of the negotiations for a Union between the two Grand Lodges, but very little interest appears to have been taken in the matter at the Lodge meetings. The first important communication received was an account of the Special Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to the Old Institutions, held at the *Crown and Anchor Tavern*, Strand, on November 8th, 1813, acquainting the Brethren of the Resignation by the Duke of Athole of the office of Grand Master, in favour of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent (Queen Victoria's father), and of the unanimous decision of Grand Lodge that H.R.H. Edward, Duke of Kent and Strathearn, Grand Master of Masons in the Province of Canada, etc., should be elected Grand Master of Masons of England according to the Old Institutions.

The Union was consummated on St. John's anniversary, December 27th, and notice was received on January 10th, 1814, that in consequence of the Lodges holding under the two former Grand Lodges being intermixed and incorporated in one list, the new number of the Lodge on such United List would be No. 175, instead of No. 144. At the closing up of Lodge numbers on Grand Lodge Register in 1832, the number of the Lodge was altered to No. 127. In 1863, when the last revision took place, the present number, 110, was allotted. It is interesting to observe that at the present time, 1913, the highest number on the Register of United Grand Lodge is 3,707. The actual number of Lodges on the Register is 3,154. This leaves 553 vacant numbers of Lodges, whose warrants have been surrendered or cancelled since the year 1863. If the Lodges were now re-numbered, the new number of the Loyal Cambrian would be 109, a gain of only one. The Lodge senior

to the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, which has been removed from the list since 1863, is the Albion Lodge, No. 17. This was a Military Lodge attached to the Fourth Battalion Royal Artillery, warranted by the Ancients at New York on October 18th, 1781, and registered as Lodge No. 213. When the English Army returned from New York City in 1783, the Lodge severed its connection with the Grand Lodge of New York, and continued on the Ancient or Athole Roll. On December 20th, 1787, the Lodge purchased the vacant number of Lodge No. 9, for £5 5s. At the Union in 1813, the number of the Lodge was altered to 17, and on the 27th January, 1829, it was warranted as a Civil Lodge, and continued on the United Grand Lodge Register until 1870. In 1869 it joined the Grand Lodge of Canada, and is now No. 2 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. A Centenary Warrant was granted in 1862.

At the Lodge meeting held on May 3rd, 1814, the R.W., Bro. Benj. Plummer, P.S.G.W., occupied the Master's Chair. On this occasion he initiated Bro. Samuel Richardson, of Bath, and Bro. Robert Evans, from Modern to Ancient Masonry, and afterwards proposed a Lodge of Emergency for the following day for the purpose of Passing and Raising Bro. Roger Rosser Jones and "Transferring" Bro. Thomas Daniel Tudor from Modern to Ancient Masonry, "which motion was seconded and carried unanimously by the Lodge in the affirmative." The Emergency Lodge was held accordingly, and Bro. Roger Rosser Jones was duly Passed and Raised, and the other Brother "Transferred." The Union between the Modern and the Ancient Grand Lodges was ratified in the previous December, and the necessity for transferring or initiating Brethren from one system to another was thereby removed, but it was enacted by the fifth clause of the Articles of Union that in order to place members on a "level of equality," they should "mutually and reciprocally give and receive the obligations of both fraternities." This explains the reasons for the proceedings of May 3rd and 4th, and from the wording of the minutes it is clear that the ceremony of transferring consisted of only the obligations. This was the last occasion on which Moderns were transferred in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge.

Bro. Samuel Richardson, one of the transferred Brethren, joined the Lodge on its removal to the *Bush Inn* in 1827, and became one of its most enthusiastic members, as the history of the Lodge will disclose in the next chapter. Regarding Bro. Robert Evans, no particulars

can be given. Bro. Thos. Daniel Tudor became a member of the Philanthropic Lodge, Abergavenny, on its formation in June, 1814.

The proceedings of the Lodge of Emergency, in addition to the Passing, Raising and Transferring ceremonies, included the passing of the following quaint resolution :—" That a cocked hat such as is usually worn by the Masters of Lodges be procured for the use of the Master of this Lodge." There is no further reference to the cocked hat, and probably it was never procured, but the motion is interesting as illustrating the custom prevailing in some of the Lodges at that time. The Master invariably wore a cocked hat whilst presiding over the Lodge meetings. The custom is now unknown under the United Grand Lodge of England, but in many of the American Provinces it is still usual for the W.M. to wear a silk hat in presiding over his Lodge. In the Edinburgh Lodge, early in the 19th century, the Tyler wore a cocked hat and green uniform when on duty. The custom probably originated from the Jewish Law of covering the head while engaged in devotional duties.

The Installation Festival, which had hitherto been held on the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, was in June, 1814, postponed by the following resolution to December 27th, the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist :—" That the Feast heretofore held on the 24th of June be in future holden on the 27th of December, in order to commemorate the Union effected between Ancient and Modern Masons on that day, and that the present officers be continued in their respective situations until the 27th December aforesaid." This anniversary was regularly observed by the Lodge until the year 1872, when, apparently, the convenience of the members was considered of more importance than a commemorative Festival. The date was then changed to the first Thursday in January, on which day the annual meetings have since been held.

The readiness with which charity was dispensed in answer to the appeals of indigent Brethren is again shown by the proceedings on Lodge night, July 5th, when it was resolved, " That a donation of five pounds be made to Bro. John Wilkins, of Lodge No. 150, Caerphilly, for the purpose of assisting him to extricate himself from his present state of distress." " N.B.—The above sum was advanced to him by the W.M. on the 16th May last by way of loan." On the following Lodge night it was resolved that a loan of six pounds be given to Bro.

George Beach, Lodge No. 72, "upon his giving proper security for the repayment thereof."

FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

There is no record of the initiation fee charged prior to 1827, but the Bye-laws state "that no person shall be made a Mason for a less sum than two guineas, and an old Mason cannot be accepted as a joining member for a less sum than one guinea." It is, therefore, probable that two guineas was the fee charged, as this sum conformed to the Ancient or Athole Grand Lodge Regulations, which ordered that no Lodge was to initiate for less than two guineas. When the Lodge removed to the *Bush Inn*, in 1827, the initiation fee was fixed at five guineas, and this sum continued to be charged until December 4th, 1891, when it was raised to £7 10s. The fee was raised again this year (1914) to £10 10s. The joining fee, which appears to have been one guinea in 1810, continued at that amount until 1909, when it was raised to three guineas. The fee for a Brother rejoining is still one guinea. The subscription per member in 1810 was 24s., payable at 2s. per month, and in accordance with the Bye-laws 1s. was to be spent and the remainder put into a Fund for "indigent Masons." The subscriptions were collected at the Lodge meetings every month, and this method continued until 1817, when, on account of the unsatisfactory state of the Lodge, the subscription was reduced to 12s. per annum, payable at 3s. per quarter. In 1827 it was raised to 22s. It remained at this amount until March 6th, 1863, when it was once more raised to 24s., payable quarterly. Again in April, 1874, it was fixed at 30s., the amount charged at present.

A critical period in the history of the Lodge occurred towards the end of the year 1815. At the annual Festival of St. John the Evangelist, on December 27th of that year, Bro. Thomas Burnell was Installed Worshipful Master, and he thus entered upon duties which he faithfully discharged for a period of twelve years. It is recorded that after the officers were installed, a motion was brought forward to exclude fifteen members for non-payment of Lodge dues. The cause appears to have been the slackness of trade in consequence of the irregular work at the local Ironworks. The exclusion of so large a number of Brethren, and the withdrawal of the members from Abergavenny on the formation there of the Philanthropic Lodge in 1814, left the Lodge with only the officers to carry on the work. At a meeting on July 1st, 1817, six

members, including the Tyler, and three visitors, were present. Robert Lilly was balloted for and unanimously accepted, and John Llewellyn, Auctioneer, Merthyr, was balloted for and found "inadmissible." On the same night, Bro. Edward Gregory, Past Master, succeeded Bro. Thomas Treharne as Secretary. The attendance of members at the Lodge meetings became so irregular that in the following October it was "Resolved that instead of the Lodge nights being held monthly as hitherto, the same be in future held quarterly, viz., on the first Tuesday in the months of December, March, June, and September; and that the contributions to be paid by the Brethren in future shall be three shillings quarterly, the said alteration to commence on the first Tuesday in December next."

The subscriptions were thus reduced from 6s. to 3s. per quarter, but the alteration did not benefit the Lodge to the extent anticipated. At the first meeting under the new arrangement six Brethren were present, viz., Bro. William Williams, W.M. *pro tem.*, John Treharne, S.W., Robert Morgan, J.W., Edward Gregory, Secretary, and John Morgan, Tyler. Apart from opening and closing the Lodge, no business appears to have been transacted, and no other meeting is recorded until June 25th, 1821. A Lodge of Emergency was then held to consider "a letter from the Provincial Grand Master summoning the Master of the Lodge to attend the meeting of P.G.L. at Swansea on Thursday, July 5th next, and to produce the warrant, books, and papers belonging to the Lodge for the Grand Master's inspection." It was resolved that as neither the Master of the Lodge nor any of the members could possibly make it convenient to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, "that a letter of apology for their non-attendance be forwarded to the Prov. G. Secretary as soon as possible." At the same meeting, Bro. Burnell proposed "that a subscription of £3 for each member be entered into for the purpose of forming a fund for this Society, and that a Lodge of Emergency be called as speedily as possible to discuss the same." This proposition was seconded by Bro. Edward Gregory, and agreed to. The Lodge of Emergency was accordingly held on September 29th, when it was decided "that the members who may continue in this Lodge do immediately subscribe the sum of £3 for the purpose of forming a Fund for charitable purposes. It was also agreed that a remittance be made to the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge for the amount of all arrears due to the same as speedily as may be

convenient." The Brethren present were:—Bros. Burnell, W.M., John Treharne, S.W., Ed. Gregory, Secretary, and John Morgan, Tyler.

No further meetings are recorded until September 11th, 1824, when a Lodge of Emergency was held to consider the withholding of Lodge Funds by Bro. William Williams, of Penydarren Works. It was decided that an application be made to Bro. Williams for the amount of his arrears of contributions due to the Lodge up to that date, and "that he be also again required to produce an account of cash disbursed by him on account of the Lodge out of the balance of £5 9s. 6½d. which remained in his hands on the 11th February, 1818, and in default of his not paying up the whole of his arrears as above stated, amounting to £3 18s., the said William Williams will no longer be considered a member of this Lodge; the said payment to be made either before or on Saturday, the 18th inst." Signed, Thomas Burnell, W.M., Edward Gregory, Secretary.

In accordance with that resolution, a Lodge of Emergency was held on the date specified, when the following resolution was passed:—"That Bro. William Williams, having neglected to attend this meeting to pay up his arrears of contributions, agreeable to the notice sent him on the 11th inst., be no longer considered a member of this Lodge." Signed, Thomas Burnell, W.M., Edward Gregory, Secretary.

The Worshipful Master and Secretary appear to have been the only Brethren present at these meetings, showing the dormant condition into which the Lodge had lapsed. Regular meetings were impossible—the required number of Brethren not being available to form a Lodge. There is no further account of meetings being held from September, 1824, to December, 1827. Yet there is ample proof that the interests of the Lodge were not neglected. Charity was dispensed, and Grand Lodge dues were paid. The helpless state of the Lodge would have discouraged many Brethren, but Bros. Burnell and Gregory discharged their duties faithfully under most trying circumstances for the long period of twelve years, after which they had the satisfaction of seeing their labours rewarded. With the revival of trade towards the end of the year 1827, brighter prospects dawned. Several Brethren from other districts had, in the meantime, taken up their residence in the town, and advantage was taken of this to revive interest in the Lodge and in Masonry.

In the following illustrations the signatures of the members of the Lodge from 1810 to 1817 are reproduced, and they form an interesting addition to the first chapter of the history of the Lodge. One signature,

LIST of the MEMBERS of Lodge No. 111 held at *the Castle in Merthyr Tydfil*
 and returned to the GRAND LODGE the *7th August 1810* with their respective Payments.

Date, when made, or joined.	Name.	Profession.	Residence.	L. s. d.	Remarks.
<i>1811 Aug 6th</i>	<i>Edw Richardson</i>	<i>Gent</i>	<i>Ponydarran</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>
	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Gent</i>	<i>Merthyr</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>7</i>
	<i>Wm Williams</i>	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Merthyr</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>8</i>
	<i>Robert Ward</i>	<i>Gent</i>	<i>Ponydarran</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>
	<i>Richard Jones</i>	<i>Accountant</i>	<i>Merthyr</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>
	<i>Wm Williams</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>Dowlais</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>Wm Williams</i>	<i>Watchmaker</i>	<i>Merthyr</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>2</i>
	<i>Wm Lewis</i>	<i>Accountant</i>	<i>Merthyr</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>3</i>
	<i>Wm Lewis</i>	<i>Accountant</i>	<i>Cwm Quarles</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>4</i>
	<i>John Thomas</i>	<i>Printer</i>	<i>Merthyr</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>5</i>
	<i>John Bryan</i>	<i>Brewer</i>	<i>Merthyr</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>6</i>
	<i>Jas Edwards</i>	<i>Chamberlain</i>	<i>Merthyr</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>7</i>
	<i>Hewellyn</i>	<i>Serjt</i>	<i>1st Foot Guards</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>8</i>
	<i>Thos Davis</i>	<i>Dowlais Iron</i>		<i>14</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Sept 14th</i>	<i>Thos Gardner</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>Gent</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>
"	<i>Thomas Bond</i>	<i>Doctor</i>	<i>Doctois & Co</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1</i>
"	<i>Edw Gregory</i>	<i>Accountant</i>	<i>Plymouth</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>S "</i>	<i>John Morgan</i>	<i>Publican</i>	<i>Plymouth</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Sept 18th</i>	<i>Thos Cairns</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>Gent</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>4</i>
	<i>Thos Brownell</i>	<i>Merthyr</i>	<i>Chandler</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Nov</i>	<i>Wm Williams</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>Merthyr</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Dec</i>	<i>Thos Brownell</i>	<i>Gent</i>	<i>Merthyr</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>7</i>

Master.

S. Warden.

J. Warden.

Edw Gregory Secretary

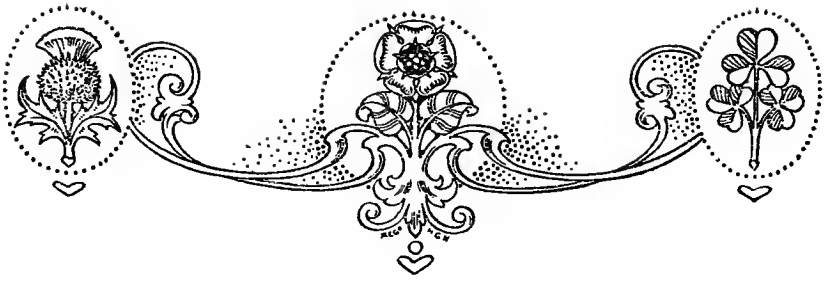
and in the same Order, when made and returned to the GRAND LODGE for Register.

Date, when made and registered.	Name.	Profession.	Residence.	L.	S.	J.	Local when first made
1810 Apr 27	Leyson Jones	Ch.	Langarvan				23
1810 Apr 5	David W. Williams	Attorney	Merthyr Tydfil				24
1810 May 7	Thomas Harding	Gas boiler	Merthyr Tydfil				25
1810 June 6	Richard Williams	Farmer	Aberdare				26
1810 July 3	Alumj Westlake	Printer	Bristol				27
1810 Aug 6	John Lewis	Iron Worker	Merthyr				28
1810 " 11	Hugh Barker	Taylor	Bristol				29
1810 " 11	Herbert Read Williams	Surgeon	Merthyr				30
1810 Nov 5	William Jones	Agent	Londregan				31
1812 April 7	James Scandrett	Excise officer	Merthyr Tydfil				32
1812 June 2	Samuel Morgan	Milliner	Aberdare				33
1812 July 7	David Hughes	Manager	Merthyr				34
1812 " 11	Robert Jones	Coal Miner	Birmingham				35
1812 Nov 5	William Jones	Merchant	North				36
1813 March 15	Almg. Morgan	Taylor	Newport Monmouth				37
1813 June 1	J. Martin	Joint Dealer	Burgavenny				38
1813 June 7	Walter Rhys	Surgeon	Aberdare				39
1813 August 3	James Jones	Iron Worker	Abergavenny				40
1813 " 11	John Thomas	53 Foot	Merthyr				41
1813 " 11	John Richards	W. Master	Abergavenny				42
1813 Sept 7	J. M. Jones	J. M. S.	North				43
1813 Oct 5	Wm Edwards	Surveyor	Cardigan Hill				44
1813 Nov 2	John Lewis	Colier	Merthyr				45
1813 " 11	James Jones	Walter	Cardigan				46
1814 June 4	Ben. Beach	Schoolmaster	Abergavenny				47
1814 " 11	Wm. Jones	Smith	Aberdare				48
1814 Feb 1	Isiah Lewis	Shop keeper	Cardigan				49
1814 May 4	Edward Jacob	Seaman	Cardigan				50
1814 June 7	Edward Jacob	Seaman	Cardigan				51
1814 Sept 6	Rowland Lowell	Printer	Cardigan				52
1814 " 11	George Robertson	Printer	Cardigan				53
1817 July 1	William Mills	Moulder	Cardigan				54
1817 July 1	Robert Silly	38 Foot	Cardigan				55

that of Thomas Snelling (X, *his mark*) is of special interest, as showing that as late as the beginning of the 19th century it was possible for an illiterate person to be admitted to Masonic fellowship. Thomas Snelling was a joining member from the Caerphilly Lodge, and is described as a Smith. He acted as Tyler of the Lodge for some time. This is the only instance of an illiterate Brother being accepted in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, but such cases were not unusual in the Craft during the 18th century. Now admissions of the kind are prohibited.

During the first seven years of the Lodge's existence the members signed their names in a Register, which formed part of the Book of Bye-laws, but from 1827 to 1863 the custom was discontinued. In the latter year a Declaration Book was provided, in accordance with Rule 187, Book of Constitution, which every candidate has to sign prior to his initiation.





CHAPTER VII.

HISTORY OF THE "LOYAL CAMBRIAN" LODGE, No. 110. 1827 TO 1840.



THE Lodge was located at the *Castle Inn* from 1810 to 1827. In the latter year the Brethren removed to the *Bush Inn*. No reasons are given for the change, but it can be assumed that the advent of Bro. Thos. Davies, a member of the *Indefatigable Lodge*, Swansea, as proprietor of the *Bush Inn* was the direct inducement, and thus a tenancy commenced which continued for 55 years. The first meeting was held on December 14th, 1827, and the proceedings are minuted as follows:—

“Lodge No. 175, *Bush Inn*, Merthyr.

“Lodge held for the purpose of opening same at the above house, 14th December, 1827.

“The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer at — o'clock, and the Lodge proceeded to business.

“Present:—

“Bro. Burnell, W.M.

“Bro. T. S. Todd, Lodge No. 50, S.W. (*Glamorgan Lodge*, Cardiff).

“Bro. W. Jones, Lodge No. 50, J.W. do.

“Bro. Edwin Gregory, Secretary.

“Bro. Thomas Kirkhouse, Lodge No. 726 (*Cambrian Lodge*, Neath).

“Bro. Thomas Davies, Lodge No. 427 (*Indefatigable Lodge*, Swansea).

“Bro. Jackson Price do. do.

“Bro. T. P. Michael do. do.

“Bro. S. S. Harmsworth do. do.

“ Bro. Rhys Morgan, Lodge No. 25 (Globe Lodge, London).

“ Bro. John Petherick, Lodge No. 658 (Philanthropic Lodge, Abergavenny).

“ Bro. George Peirce, Lodge No. 510 (Cambrian Lodge, Brecon).

“ Bro. Sam Richardson, Lodge No. 246, Bath.

“ Bro. Moses Miles, Lodge No. 81 (Hwlfordd Lodge, Haverfordwest).

“ The following Brethren were transferred from their respective Lodges to Lodge No. 175 :—Bros. John Petherick, Sam Richardson, Thomas Kirkhouse, George Peirce, Rhys Morgan, Thomas Davies.

“ The Lodge proceeded to Install the following Brethren into office for the ensuing year, they having been previously proposed and elected by the Brethren present :—

Bro. John Petherick, W.M.

Bro. Sam Richardson, S.W.

Bro. Thos. Kirkhouse, J.W.

Bro. George Peirce, Treasurer and Secretary *pro tem*.

Bro. Rhys Morgan, S.D.

Bro. Thomas Davies, J.D.

Bro. John Morgan, O.T.

“ Mr. D. W. Meyrick was proposed by Bro. Ed. Gregory and seconded by Bro. S. Richardson to be admitted an Entered Apprentice. Mr. John Watkins was also proposed and seconded by the same Brethren. Mr. Benj. Lewis, Aberdare, was proposed by Bro. T. Davies, and seconded by Bro. T. Kirkhouse, to be admitted an Entered Apprentice.”

“ Messrs. David Meyrick and John Watkins were balloted for and unanimously accepted, and were initiated in the first or Entered Apprentice Degree.

“ The Lodge closed in harmony at — o'clock.” The time of closing is not recorded.

It will be noticed that David Meyrick and John Watkins were proposed, balloted for, and initiated on the same evening, and on January 3rd following, less than three weeks, they were passed to the Degree of Fellow Crafts. The Brethren appear to have been guided in these irregular practices by “ considerations,” to the exclusion of the Regulations laid down in the Book of Constitution.

Bro. D. W. Meyrick, referred to in the foregoing, was an attorney, and a son of the noted Merthyr lawyer of that name. He earned much local notoriety through his romantic marriage with the daughter of

Rees Davies, of the Mardy. It is said that while yet a schoolgirl of sixteen that she eloped with young Meyrick, to Gretna Green, where they were married by the public functionary of the place—the village blacksmith. Bro. Meyrick died in early manhood, and his widow afterwards married Bro. Edward Lewis Richards. Gretna Green, the name applied to the village of Springfield, in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, is really the name of a farmstead in the neighbourhood. The place was once celebrated for the number of clandestine marriages contracted there of runaway lovers. An Act passed in 1856 renders such marriages illegal unless the parties to the contract reside in the parish for six weeks preceding the wedding day.

Bro. John Petherick, who succeeded Bro. Burnell as W.M., was initiated in the Philanthropic Lodge, Abergavenny, on September 4th, 1818. He was a native of Camborne, Cornwall, and was employed at the Penydarren Ironworks. He probably came to the district in the wake of Richard Trevethick, of "locomotive" fame. His son, the famous traveller, was Queen Victoria's Consul in the Soudan, and the author of *Egypt, the Soudan, and Central Africa*. Another son was the noted Cefnpennar Hermit, mentioned in Bro. Chas. Wilkins's *History of Merthyr*.

The state of Masonry in the Provinces now known as the Eastern and Western Provinces of South Wales and the Province of Monmouth, at the time when the Lodge removed to the *Bush Inn*, can be judged from the fact that in 1814 there were eleven Ancient Lodges and one Modern Lodge in active working in these districts, and that of this number only two Ancient and one Modern, viz, the Glamorgan, Loyal Cambrian, and Indefatigable Lodges, survived the period of trade depression prevailing between 1814 and 1830. How narrowly the Loyal Cambrian Lodge escaped the fate which overtook her sister Lodges can be realized when it is pointed out that at the opening at the *Bush Inn* only three of the old members and the Tyler were on the Register.

The survival of the Lodge was due to the untiring efforts of Bros. Burnell and Gregory, and it was due to their labours that the Brethren were able, in 1910, to prove the continuous existence of the Lodge for one hundred years, and thereby obtain permission to wear the coveted Centenary Jewel. Further proof of the Lodge's continuous existence is given in the communication received from Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, under date March 9th, 1910, wherein he states, "The Claim of the Lodge has been investigated, and found to be fully substantiated." In

appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Bros. Burnell and Gregory, the Brethren in 1829 elected them honorary members, and "the Secretary was instructed to apprise them of it, and convey the high sentiments the members of this Lodge entertain for their disinterested and praiseworthy conduct in keeping up this Lodge when other members had receded, and for the handsome manner in which they came forward to finance the Lodge." The sum of £30 was advanced by them in December, 1827, and was left with the Lodge for nearly four years, free of interest. After the year 1828 there is no record of either Bros. Burnell or Gregory having attended any of the meetings. On May 5th, 1831, a letter was received from them, requesting payment of the £30, "the amount of note of hand given them by Bro. Thomas Davies as the value of the Lodge Jewels." The Secretary was instructed to write them that "the money would be paid as early as possible." The money was paid in the following October.

Bro. Thomas Burnell was a Chandler in Merthyr Tydfil. He was High Constable in 1825, and Church Warden at the Parish Church in 1827. There is a stone tablet to his memory as Church Warden in the burial ground of the Parish Church. It appears to have been at one time in the wall of the old Church, and apparently got displaced during the restoration a few years ago. Bro. Edward Gregory was an Accountant at Plymouth Iron Works. Both Brethren were buried in the Parish Churchyard, but during the restoration of the Church their graves were disturbed, and cannot now be traced.

An Emergency Lodge was held on December 19th, five days after the opening ceremony, when it was resolved that the regular meetings should be held on the first Thursday in every month. In addition to the regular meetings, Emergency Lodges were usually held on the third or fourth Thursdays, a custom which continued for the first half century. The regular Lodge meetings are still held on the first Thursday in the month—a record of 86 years.

Charity was dispensed at the Lodge meeting on January 3rd, in the form of a pair of shoes, at 5/6, for the son of Bro Henry 1828. Dunn, and 5/- to Bro. Dunn himself to assist him on his journey. In the minutes for February 14th, the office of Inner Guard is first mentioned. This office, which is considered so necessary in the working of a Lodge at the present day, was unknown prior to the Union, the duties pertaining thereto being discharged by the Junior Deacon, which is still the practice in American Lodges. The office is first

mentioned in the Constitutions of 1815, and the cross swords were prescribed as the jewel of office in the edition of 1819. The first Brother elected to the office in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge was Thomas Davies, the respected proprietor of the *Bush Inn*, who proved a most faithful and diligent Brother for many years, occupying various offices from time to time. During the first year at the *Bush Inn*, five joining members and nine Initiates were admitted to fellowship.

FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ON A SUNDAY.

At the Lodge meeting on December 18th, it was resolved that the Festival of St John should be celebrated by the members on Sunday, the 28th, by a dinner at 3 o'clock, "and that timely notice to that effect be sent to every one of them, in order that no other engagement may intervene; the Lodge to be opened at 1 o'clock precisely." The holding of a Festival or a regular Lodge meeting on a Sunday was not unusual in the history of many Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters during the first half of the 19th century, but as the practice was open to criticism it was prohibited by order of United Grand Lodge. The Loyal Cambrian Brethren celebrated the Festival on the stated date, and Bro. Samuel Richardson was duly Installed W.M.

Bro. Richardson was closely associated with the Lodge for several years before he joined as a member in December, 1827. He was initiated in the Lodge as already recorded from Modern to Ancient Masonry in May, 1814. In recognition of his many services, he was presented by the Brethren, on August 1st, 1833, with a medal of the value of £10, designed by Bro. Edward Lewis Richards (the donor of the Loving Cup), and is notable as the first presented to a Master of the Lodge. The medal, which was evidently of considerable size, was inscribed as follows:—"To B. S. Richardson, Companion of the Royal Arch Chapter, No. 528, Bath; W.P.M. of the Lodge of Virtue, No. 246, Bath; three times W.M. of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 127. This medal is presented by the Brethren of the last mentioned Lodge as a mark of esteem for his many private and public virtues, and as a token of approbation for the zeal, industry and ability with which he presided over them for upwards of two successive years."—*Vetur honor Cui debetur* 1833. Bro. E. J. Hutchins, W.M.

Transactions of much interest are not recorded during Bro. Richardson's first year in the chair. The work consisted of two initiations

and the acceptance of two joining members. One of the initiates calls for special notice, in that he was admitted for the purpose of a serving Brother as Lodge Waiter. The resolution bearing on the proceedings was passed at the meeting held on December 3rd, 1829, and decreed: "That Thomas Kibby be initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, and that he should be so made gratuitously for the purpose of attending in the Lodge as Waiter and serving Brother." Bro. Kibby was accordingly initiated on December 17th, but he was not passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft until June 20th, 1831, nor raised to the Degree of Master Mason until October 18th, 1832, a period of nearly three years. No reason can be assigned for the delay, as in the course of that time a large number of Brethren were Passed and Raised.

Bro. Kibby served as waiter for some years at an annual fee of one guinea. The Treasurer's account for February, 1834, shows that "£4 was paid to Thomas Kibby to bury his wife," and at a Lodge meeting held on November 17th, 1836, it is recorded "that in consequence of the illness of Bro. Kibby, now at Cardiff, and who requires the assistance of the Craft, the Wor. Master be requested to make every enquiry relative to his present pecuniary circumstances." In the account dated December 14th, appears the following entry:—"Relief and funeral of Bro. Thomas Kibby, £3." Bro. Kibby was the only member initiated for the purposes of a waiter, but a waiter was retained up to the year 1839, at a fee of one guinea per annum.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was again celebrated on Sunday, December 27th, 1829. The Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. Bro. Thomas Kirkhouse was Installed W.M., and dinner was "served up at 4 o'clock precisely." At the following Lodge meeting in January, Bros. J. Petherick, Peirce, W. W. Williams, D. W. Meyrick, and Rhys Morgan were fined 3s. each for non-attendance at the Festival. At the same meeting, Bro. D. G. Curry presented the Lodge with a sword, for the use of the Tyler. The sword, or rapier, is still used by the Inner Guard. Bro. Kirkhouse, the newly Installed Master, was a grocer in Merthyr. He was initiated in the Cambrian Lodge, Neath, in 1821, and joined the Lodge on its removal to the *Bush Inn*. He appears to have left the district in 1831, for London, where misfortune overtook him. On September 17th, 1832, a Lodge of Emergency was held, to consider a request from him for relief from the Fund of Benevolence, when it was unanimously resolved to recommend him as a fit and proper person to become a partaker of the Fund. The minutes state "he being now in London as a stranger and in great distress."

Bro. Samuel Richardson was again Installed W.M. on December 27th, 1830, and during his second term of office he initiated eight candidates, the most notable being Bro. Edward John Hutchins, M.P., Dowlais House

MERTHYR RIOTS.

An interesting entry bearing on the Merthyr Riots of 1831 appears on the Minute Book for June 2nd of that year. It is recorded that "the Lodge was not held on this night on account of the disturbed state of the town, occasioned by a tumultuous assembly who paraded the place and committed several outrages. The Lodge was therefore adjourned till the first Thursday in July next, barring all Lodges of Emergency to be held in the meantime. Present, Bro. Richardson, W.M., etc" The riots referred to here were the third and most serious arising out of labour disputes which have ever taken place in the district. The first riot was in 1800, when the Penydarren Company's Shop in High Street, Merthyr, was sacked. This disturbance was quelled by the arrival of the Cardiff Volunteer Cavalry. Two of the ringleaders were tried at Cardiff, found guilty, and executed. The second riot in 1816 passed off without serious results. The riots of 1831, the most memorable and tragic, were brought about through the resistance of the workmen to a reduction in their wages which Richard Crawshay, the great Iron Master of Cyfarthfa, felt compelled to make on account of the depression in trade. A strike followed, and in the month of May shops were pillaged in Merthyr and Aberdare, and the Court of Requests wrecked. So serious was the state of the district that the authorities summoned the Military from Brecon, and on the morning of June 2nd a company of the 93rd Highlanders arrived, and were posted outside the *Castle Hotel*. The arrival of the soldiers caused a large and angry crowd to assemble. Encouraged by the fiery orations of the ringleaders, the mob attacked the soldiers, who, in self-defence, opened fire, with the result that some fifteen were killed and a large number wounded. Several of the soldiers were also seriously injured. Two of the ringleaders, Dick Penderyn and Lewis the Huntsman, were afterwards arrested, and tried at Cardiff Assizes. Both were found guilty, and sentenced to death. Lewis was reprieved, but Dick Penderyn suffered the extreme penalty of the law.

Bro. Samuel Richardson was re-elected W.M., and Installed for the third time at the annual Festival on December 27th, 1831. During

his third term of office he caused a Lodge of Emergency to be held on April 19th, 1832, to consider the propriety of opening a Royal Arch Chapter. "After mature deliberation it was ordered, on the motion of Bro. Kays, seconded by Bro. Hutchins, that the further consideration of this matter be adjourned for the present, and be further proceeded with on the first Lodge night in the month of August next." No reference was made to the subject at the August meeting, the principal business transacted being the passing of a resolution ordering the Treasurer "to pay Donald Chisholm (Abersychan) the sum of one pound for the purpose of relieving him and assisting him to go to Scotland."

BRO. EDWARD JOHN HUTCHINS.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was, on this occasion, held on December 20th, 1832. Bro. Edward John Hutchins was Installed W.M. in succession to Bro. Richardson. Bro. Richardson had thus the unique experience of installing, or inducting (as no Installation Ceremony appears to have been performed), a Brother he had initiated less than two years previously. Bro. Hutchins was a nephew of Sir Josiah John Guest, of Dowlais. He was initiated on February 3rd, 1831, Installed W.M. on the above date, and re-elected W.M. on December 27th, 1833. On the occasion of his marriage the Brethren resolved, on Lodge night, February 6th, 1840, to send him a congratulatory address, in which a hope was expressed "that the bliss so peculiar to the marriage state might be bountifully bestowed on him and on the amiable partner of his choice." and trusting that the Order of which he was a distinguished member would at all times have a portion of his solicitude and care. Bro. Hutchins replied from Dowlais House on February 10th, 1840, as follows:—

"Wor. Sir and Bro.—I received with great pleasure the address which you and the other members of my Mother Lodge have been kind enough to present to me. You will be pleased to accept my heartfelt thanks, and tell the Brethren how deeply I feel the many obligations I am under to them for their attention and hearty good wishes. It will give me particular pleasure to communicate to my wife your congratulations on my marriage, and I trust your hopes of my future happiness will be fully realized. I do hope that my situation in the House of Parliament will enable me to be useful to the Craft, and to promote the great and enlightened principles of our Order. Sincerely joining the wish you have been so kind as to express that our fraternal regard may continue and

increase, I trust that circumstances will allow me more often to meet the Brethren in open Lodge, and to benefit by your instruction. That our Lodge may prosper and that you, Worshipful Sir, may have health and long life to teach the High Moral Principles of the Craft and that harmony and good fellowship may continue among the Brethren is my earnest prayer. May you long continue here the ornaments of society and hereafter be received into the Lodge prepared in Heaven for the Blessed.—I have the honour to be, with the highest esteem and regard,
Yours in Brotherly love,

E. J. HUTCHINS.

Wor. Bro. J. C. Wolridge, W.M.”

Bro. Hutchins was appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master of South Wales in 1836, and when Sir Josiah John Guest, the Prov. G. Master, resigned, Bro. Hutchins was appointed as his successor. He was Installed at Neath on August 8th, 1848, and resigned in 1856. He was Chairman of the Rhymney Iron Company for many years, but resigned shortly before his death, which took place in 1876. Bro. Hutchins's year of office in 1833 does not call for much attention. At the May meeting a letter was read from Mr. Charles Wilson, of the Merthyr Theatre, requesting the patronage of the Brethren. It was unanimously agreed to attend on the following Monday night, properly clothed, and “to allow the managers to attach the emblems of Masonry to their bills, and state that it was under the patronage of the Lodge.” A custom crept into the working of the Lodge at this time, of passing and raising candidates by resolution, and it continued for many years. At a Lodge meeting in September, the W.M. proposed, and P.M. S. Richardson seconded, that Bro. Hebb, of London, be passed to the 2nd Degree. Bro. Hebb was accordingly passed. At the December meeting, Bro. Hutchins was unanimously re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year, on the proposition of Bro. S. Richardson, P.M., and the Installation was to have taken place on St. John's Day, December 27th, but on that date no meeting was held. On the regular Lodge night in the following January, no meeting was again held. An unsigned note on the minutes states “that a sufficient number of Brethren not being present, the Lodge was not opened.” The matter is not further alluded to, and the work of the Lodge proceeded in the usual way at the subsequent meetings. The membership of the Lodge for the years 1833-34 was 29. Nineteen meetings were held, and the average attendance was about thirteen.

It will be interesting at this stage to give in full a copy of the Certificate sent to the Clerk of the Peace, on April 26th, 1834.

“GLAMORGANSHIRE TO WIT.

We, the undersigned, George Peirce of Dowlais in the Parish of Merthyr Tydfil in the County of Glamorgan, Gent, and David Kays of the same place, two of the members of the Lodge of Freemasons held at the *Bush Inn*, the house of Thomas Davies, Innkeeper, of Merthyr Tydfil in the said County, called the Loyal Cambrian Lodge and being No. 127 in the list of Lodges, do hereby certify and Declare pursuant to an Act of the 39th year of his late Majesty George III. entitled “An Act for the more effectual suppression of societies established for seditious and treasonable purposes and for better preventing treasonable and seditious practices.” That the said Lodge of which we are respectively members as aforesaid hath been usually held and now is held under the Denomination of a Lodge of Freemasons under the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England and in conformity to the Rules prevailing amongst societies as Lodges of Freemasons in this kingdom and that the said Lodge meets on the first and third Thursday in every month at the house above stated and is composed of the members—

Samuel Richardson,	William Williams,	Rhys Davis,
George Peirce,	Daniel Thomas	Daniel Kays,
Thomas Davies,	David G. Currie,	Edward Jenkins,
William Black,	Edward John Hutchins,	Christ. O'Reilly,
John Pridding,	Richard Powell Davies,	Roland Hopkins,
Maynard Colchester Harrison,		Rob. Roberts,
William Purnell,	Thomas Darker,	Rup. Wood,
David Davies,	William Teague,	William Perkins,
Thomas David,	Alfred M. Hughes,	D. D. Jenkins,
Charles Hebb,	John Howells,	
William Richards, Cardiff.”		

At a Lodge of Emergency held on August 13th, Bro. E. J. Hutchins, W.M., objected to a portion of the minutes of the previous Lodge meeting which alluded to the passing and raising of Bro. Howells on the same evening. After some discussion, the Brethren decided that such portions of the Minutes should be expunged, and that “Bro Howells should not be passed until further examination, and also that he should be requested to apologise to the W.M. for the intemperate language made use of by him relative to his disapproval of Raising and

Passing him on the night alluded to." On the following Lodge night the Wor. Master informed the Brethren that through the medium of Bro. Hughes, the Secretary, he had received a letter from Bro. Howells, and he felt perfectly satisfied with the apology it contained. Bro. Howells, who was a stationer in Merthyr, was initiated on October 17th, 1833, but although he apologised to the W.M. he did not again present himself for further advancement. At the September meeting, Mr. Robert Gibson, of Penydarren, was balloted for and rejected. This was highly resented by some of the Brethren, and the Secretary, Bro. Hughes, proposed that Mr. Gibson be again balloted for at the Next Lodge night. This was seconded by Bro. T. Davies, of the *Bush Inn*. The ballot was accordingly taken on the following Lodge night, October 2nd, but again proved unfavourable.

Another Lodge of Emergency was held on October 10th, to consider again the question of establishing a Royal Arch Chapter, and a Committee was appointed to ascertain if the Funds would admit of purchasing Royal Arch furniture. The result of the enquiry is not recorded.

At the November meeting it was reported that one of the Brethren was in distress in Prison. Practical sympathy was at once extended to him as follows:—"Ordered by the Lodge at this meeting that the sum of five pounds be forwarded to Bro. Rhys Morgan, who was in distress in Prison for debt." The ready response of the Brethren was evidently much appreciated by Bro. Morgan, for on January 17th, 1839, Bro. Teague, P.M., informed the Lodge that he had been requested by Bro. Rhys Morgan, Varteg, to return the five pounds so handsomely presented to him from the Funds of the Lodge at a time when he stood in need of the fraternal assistance of the Brethren. "This noble act on the part of Bro. Morgan elicited from the assembled Brethren a manifestation of marked admiration for his integrity of conduct and strict Masonic feeling." Bro. Morgan's prosperity was, however, of short duration, for on Lodge night, July 2nd, 1840, it was resolved, on the motion of Past Master Hopkins, seconded by Past Master Davis, "that the sum of five pounds be forwarded to Bro. Rhys Morgan, now confined in Monmouth Gaol." Prior to the repeal of the Debtors Act, doing away with imprisonment for debt, Brethren who were unfortunate enough to be committed to gaol on account of their inability to satisfy their creditors were frequently relieved by grants from their Lodges. The Ancient or Athole Grand Lodge formed a special fund for that purpose.

Bro. Hutchins's second year of office having come to an end, he proposed as his successor Bro. Roland Hopkins, who was unanimously elected. Bro. Hopkins appears to have been inducted into the chair on the night of his election. No ceremony of any kind is mentioned, but the minutes state that he selected his officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. Rhys Davis, S.W., Teague, J.W., Black, S.D., Darker, J.D. In consequence of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist falling on a Saturday, it was agreed to defer its celebration until the following Lodge night, on January 1st, 1835, on which date it was duly observed, thirteen Brethren being present.

BRO. ROLAND HOPKINS.

Bro. Roland Hopkins was initiated on December 1st, 1831, and inducted as Wor. Master on December 18th, 1834. He was re-elected on December 27th, 1835, and on October 4th, 1838, it was resolved that a vote of thanks be given him for his uniform attention and assistance to the Lodge, "as well as for his zeal for Masonry in general, more particularly for his kindness in instructing the members in the Principles of Masonry." It was also proposed that a Medal of the value of ten guineas be presented to him.

The Wor. Master, Bro. J. C. Wolridge, in proposing the foregoing resolution, said:—"I feel considerable pleasure and satisfaction in addressing you on the subject of which I have given notice at our last meeting. I do not know how it is that some mark of respect has not been before shown to Bro. Hopkins by us, but this I know, that it is not for want of a due appreciation of his talents and estimable qualities. When our worthy and much-esteemed Brother Richardson fell into the sere and yellow leaf, he bequeathed his mantle to Bro. Hopkins, and you will all bear testimony how worthily his place has been filled among us, many of us having been initiated into Masonry by him. I need hardly allude to the dignity and grace with which Bro. Hopkins at all times conducts himself while in the discharge of his important duties. It must have made an impression on every one, and all must admit the importance of that serious deportment when instruction is to be given. I believe, Brethren, you will all agree with me in thinking that this Lodge mainly exists by the unwearied attention and industry of Bro. Hopkins. When our countrymen at this time are so anxious to reward and honour those men who are the means of preserving and handing

down to posterity the beauties of our ancient Welsh Literature, ought we to be more backward in paying homage to our Masonic Bards? Is there anything more calculated to improve and instruct mankind, or teach them how to live and how to die, than a contemplation of the virtues of our Great Master, the tradition of Whose death has been often impressively told us by our worthy Brother? It would be needless for me to recapitulate the many domestic and social virtues of Bro. Hopkins, for they are engraven on the minds of all of you, and I humbly beg to move that a medal of the value of ten guineas be presented to Bro. Hopkins as a small token of the esteem and respect in which he is held by the Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge.”

On December 27th, 1838, Bro. Hopkins was Installed Wor. Master for the third time, and on Lodge night, March 7th, 1839, he was presented with the medal “ amidst the joyous Masonic acclamation of the Brethren.” For the design of the medal, with its appropriate inscription, the Lodge was indebted to Bro. Edward Lewis Richards, Hon. Member.

As acting Wor. Master, Bro. Hopkins laid the Foundation Stone of the Market Square Church on June 4th, 1840, and in the following August he had the honour of Installing as Master of the Lodge the Right Wor. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Josiah John Guest. He was a Brewer by trade, and owned the brewery which is now the property of Messrs. Giles and Harrap. He died in 1842. Bro. Thomas Darker, who was appointed by Bro. Roland Hopkins, Junior Deacon, is noted in local annals as the first manufacturer of coal gas in Merthyr. He was a draper and grocer in the town, and in 1820 he erected a gas-producing plant at the rear of his premises, for lighting his shop—an achievement which aroused much interest in the district. The Merthyr Gas Works were erected in 1836, so that Bro. Darker anticipated the introduction of gas illumination by sixteen years. He was High Constable of Merthyr in 1829.

At the February meeting, the Treasurer, Bro. George Pearce, presented a statement of accounts, showing a balance in favour
 1835. of the Lodge of £27 11s. 4d. This amount he handed over to the W.M., Bro. Hopkins. Mr. John Camplin Wolridge, Accountant, Dowlais, was, on Lodge night, March 5th, “ regularly admitted a member of our Ancient and Honourable Institution, and

initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree." At the same meeting it was resolved, in consequence of the indisposition of Bro. Robert Bell, that two sovereigns be remitted to him for temporary relief.

The Foundation Stone of the Glamorgan and Monmouth Infirmary, now known as the Cardiff Infirmary, was laid on April 9th, and a cordial invitation was received by the Lodge from the Brethren of the Glamorgan Lodge to attend with them that interesting ceremony. The W.M. and several of the Merthyr Brethren attended, and supported the Cardiff Lodge, an action which was highly appreciated, as the following letter shows :—

"Glamorgan Lodge, No. 43.—At a Lodge held at the *Cardiff Arms Inn*, Cardiff, on Thursday, the 9th day of April, 1835, for the purpose of assisting in laying the Foundation Stone of the Glamorgan and Monmouth Infirmary. I. Lloyd, W.M., E. Bird, S.W., M. Macker, J.W., T. W. Anthony, S.D., W. Roper, J.D., W. Prichard, J.S., S. Strange, O.G., W. C. Dempsey, P.M., R. Predwin, Treasurer, J. Evans, Chaplain, W. Thomas, Secretary. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Dempsey, it was resolved that the thanks of the Glamorgan Lodge be respectfully tendered to the Provincial Grand Officers, the Master and Deputation from the Royal Cambrian and Beaufort Lodge, Swansea, and the W.M., P.M.'s, Wardens and Brethren of the Merthyr Lodge, for their ready and prompt attention to the requisition and for their presence here this day, which added so much to the effect and proceedings of the meeting."

At the November meeting, the W.M. ordered to be inserted in the minutes a motion instructing the Secretary to write to the Glamorgan, Beaufort, and Indefatigable Lodges, requesting their co-operation and support to a memorial which he, as W.M., intended forwarding to the Provincial Grand Master for Glamorganshire, entreating him to hold a Provincial Grand Lodge in his Province as soon as convenient. A letter was subsequently received from the Glamorgan Lodge, expressive of their approval and support. The Provincial Grand Master, on being communicated with, replied regretting his inability to hold a Prov. Grand Lodge in Merthyr that term.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on December 27th. Bro. E. J. Hutchins proposed that Bro. Rhys Davis be Installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Davis declined the honour, but moved that Bro. Hopkins be re-elected for another year. Bro. Hutchins seconded

the motion, but observed that it was a bad precedent. Bro. Hopkins was accordingly unanimously re-elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to him for his valuable services in the chair during the year, for which he returned thanks and afterwards selected his officers. The Installation ceremony appears to have been omitted—a common occurrence in those days.

At the regular meeting on January 7th, the necessity of providing a collar and jewel of office for the use of the Inner Guard was
1836. discussed, and on the motion of Bro. Teague it was resolved “that the Inner Guard do have a badge of honour, which is to be regularly worn by that Officer.” The first Inner Guard was appointed in February, 1828, and evidently the officer holding the position performed his duties without a distinguishing collar or jewel for eight years. Immediate effect was given to Bro. Teague’s motion, and a collar with silver lace and a jewel of office (cross swords) was procured at a cost of £2 14s. The Jewel is still worn by the Inner Guard, and the collar is preserved, along with the other old collars of the Lodge. The return for the Clerk of the Peace for the year ending March, 1836, shows a membership of 36, an increase of seven during the previous two years.

The Festival of St. John the Baptist, which had been neglected for some years, was on this occasion celebrated on June 24th. The Lodge was opened at six o’clock, and after the minutes were confirmed, the Brethren retired for refreshments. Here it will be interesting to give the Treasurer’s statement for suppers and refreshments:—From December 4th, 1835, to December 15th, 1836: 270 Suppers and Grogs were provided and paid for out of the Funds of Lodge. Suppers, 2/- per head, Grogs extra; total, £27. Two bottles Madeira, 16/-; Postage of Letters, 5/2; Carriage of Parcel, 4/6; Relief to a Distressed Brother, 5/-; Waiter’s Annual Fee, 21/-.

At the August meeting five pounds was voted towards the Fund for the “repair of the Royal Freemasons School House.” It was also agreed to present an address to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, the Grand Master, congratulating him on the success of the operation performed on his eyes. An address was read by the Secretary, which was approved of, and he was instructed to forward it to the Grand Secretary, for presentation to His Royal Highness. On the following Lodge night, the W.M. proposed that the Brethren should, at the next meeting, ballot for Thomas Wayne, of Aberdare, “a person assumed by the W.M. to be fit and proper to become a member of our Ancient and Honourable

Institution." Thomas Wayne was initiated on Lodge night November 3rd, and continued a subscribing member until September 2nd, 1841. He was a member of the noted Wayne family, the pioneers of the iron and coal trade in Aberdare.

The reply of the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, was read at a meeting held on October 6th, and the W.M. ordered it to be entered on the minutes as follows:—

"Worshipful Master and Brethren of Lodge No. 127, Merthyr Tydfil.—I thank you for your Brotherly and affectionate address. In the midst of my affliction and temporary privation of the inestimable blessing of sight, the sympathy and interest in my behalf expressed by the Fraternity at Lodge has been to me a source of the greatest consolation. The confirmation of those sentiments, while it calls from me a renewed tribute of gratitude, will serve as an additional stimulus to exert my best endeavours for the integrity and advantage of the Craft in general, as well as for the benefit of each particular brother.—Kensington Palace, 9th of September, A.D. 1836."

The Duke of Sussex was elected the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England at the Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813, and in 1836 a movement was inaugurated by the Lodges and Brethren of England to present him with a suitable token in appreciation of his services on the completion of 25 years at the head of the English Craft. The Loyal Cambrian Lodge, ever ready to recognise valuable services, held a Lodge of Emergency on October 27th, and decided to co-operate with the Sussex Committee in promoting the testimonial. Subsequently a sum of five guineas was voted from the Funds of the Lodge. The presentation took the form of a service of plate weighing over 1,800ozs., and was presented to His Royal Highness on January 24th, 1838. The Plate was afterwards presented, in 1845, to the United Grand Lodge by the Duchess of Inverness.

The office of Provincial Grand Master of South Wales having become vacant through the death of Bro. Sir Christopher Cole, K. C.B., who had held the position since 1817, Bro. Sir Josiah John Guest, of Dowlais, was appointed his successor. The Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge were informed of the appointment by a letter from the Grand Secretary, which was read at the Lodge meeting on November 17th, and which evoked great enthusiasm. The W.M. ordered the letter to be inserted in the Minutes. The following is a copy:—

“Freemasons Hall, London,

10th November, 1836.

Wor. Master,

We have to acquaint you that the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to appoint Josiah John Guest, Esq., M.P., of Dowlais House, Merthyr Tydfil, Provincial Grand Master for South Wales, to whom, therefore, you will in future address all your communications relating to the Craft, excepting the returns, of your Lodge. Application for certificates and other matters specially directed by the Book of Constitution, and which are to be forwarded to us jointly as Grand Secretaries.—With fraternal regards, We remain, Your obedient Servants and Brethren,

WILLIAM H. WHITE,

EDWARD HARPER, G. Secs.

Wor. Master, Lodge No. 127, Merthyr Tydfil.”

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on December 27th. Bro. Roland Hopkins Installed as his successor Bro. Rhys Davis, and the event is of special interest to the Brethren at the present time, from the fact that his youngest son, Bro. R. R. Davis, is now (1913) the second oldest subscribing Past Master in the Lodge. A full transcript of the proceedings at the Festival will, therefore, prove interesting.

“St. John’s Day, December 27th, 1836.

The Lodge was opened in the 1st Degree at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 p.m., after which the Installation of Bro. Rhys Davis as W.M. took place.

The Brethren then returned to the Festival, after which the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony until January 5th, 1837, barring Lodges of Emergency held in the meantime, of which due notice will be given.

Brethren present :

Rhys Davis, W.M.

W. Teague, S.W.

Creswick, J.W., *pro tem.* for Black.

Darker, S.D.

Davies, G.T., J.D.

Peirce, Treasurer.

White, Secretary *pro tem.* for Hughes.

Davies, I.G., *pro tem.*

Hopkins, P.W.M.

Perkins, Wolridge, Alfred Williams, McKennell, Anthony, V.B.,
Wood, Evans, Rilly, Thomas, Olliver."

A total attendance of 19, out of a membership of 35.

BRO. RHYS DAVIS.

Bro. Rhys Davis was descended from an old and well-known Glamorganshire family. His father was John Davis, of Gillar-street, a Government stamper, whose duties consisted of stamping sheep skins, reminiscent of the time when the crime of sheep stealing was a capital offence. Davis married the daughter of Williams of Yscubor Farm, Merthyr Tydfil, and in 1797 Bro. Rhys Davis, the subject of our sketch, was born. Bro. Davis received his early education at Taliesin Williams's celebrated School in Wellington Street. At the age of 14 he was apprenticed with his uncle, William Milbourne Davis, to the grocery and drapery trade, in the premises which stood on the site of the present Milbourne Buildings. Wm. Milbourne Davis was a most successful business man, and is notable as the first Postmaster of Merthyr Tydfil. Having amassed a competency, he retired to Swansea, where he died in 1840. He was succeeded in the business by his nephew, Bro. Rhys Davis, who having settled down in life, married the daughter of Wm. Williams, Penrheolgerrig Farm, by whom he had a family of three sons and seven daughters. One of the daughters married Thomas Stephens, author of the *Literature of the Kymry*, who survived him by 34 years. Bro. Rhys Davis, like his uncle, prospered in business, but in the hay-day of life he was cut down at the early age of 50. He was buried amidst universal manifestations of public sorrow, on Sunday, May 30th, 1847, in the burial ground of Ynysgau Church. The W.M. and several of the Brethren attended the funeral, "each Brother wearing white gloves and black silk bands, provided by themselves."

The custom of wearing white gloves in Masonic processions, and at social functions, dates back to at least the 16th century. They were probably first worn as a useful adjunct to the Masons' apron, to complete, as it were, the full dress, in imitation of the gorgeous uniforms of the Livery Companies and Retainers of that period. The Schaw Statutes of 1599, pertaining to Kilwinning Lodge of Operative Masons, enacted that all Fellowcrafts at their entry and prior to their admission were to pay £10, and 10s. extra for gloves. Entered Apprentices were required to pay £6, but as this arrangement resulted in an accumulation of gloves in excess of requirements, their

value came to be given in coin, a custom known as glove money. The aprons now worn by Speculative Masons have been evolved from the leather aprons formerly worn by all Operative Masons, exact copies of which are still used in the advancement ceremony of the Mark Master Mason.

Bro. Rhys Davis presided over his first Lodge meeting on January 5th, the business of the evening being a discussion relative to the necessity of supporting the *Freemason's Quarterly Review*. It was ultimately decided that all matters of importance be communicated to the Editor, "thereby assuring him of the acquiescence of the Brethren of the Lodge in his laborious endeavours to further the interests of the Craft." These communications had eventually to be discontinued by order of Grand Lodge.

The festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated on June 26th. The Lodge was opened at five o'clock, and Mr. Wm. Williams, Ironmonger, Merthyr Tydfil, was initiated in the first Degree. The Lodge closed at six o'clock, after which the Brethren retired to the Festival. The labour of the evening must have been very expeditiously performed, the whole business occupying, according to the minutes, one hour. Eleven Brethren were present. During the autumn of that year the Brethren were agitated over the question of procuring an organ for the use of the Lodge. Notice was given that the matter would be considered at the Lodge meeting on November 16th. On that occasion it was decided that the organ belonging to Bro. Darker be purchased forthwith, and placed in a conspicuous part of the Lodge room, and from the general notice given, "for the consideration thereof it was ordered by the W.M. that no ulterior complaint on the above decision be taken cognisance of." Here the matter apparently ended. The minutes are silent as to the use of an organ again until the advent of Bro. Edward Lawrance.

At the Lodge meeting on December 21st, Bro. William Teague was elected W.M. in succession to Bro. Rhys Davis. He was duly Installed at the Festival of St. John the Evangelist on the 27th, fifteen Brethren being present. Bro. William Teague was the landlord of the *Dowlais Inn* at that time. He was initiated on July 5th, 1832, and appears to have taken an active part in the Lodge, being a very regular attendant. In Chapter IV. the Lodges of Instruction held at his house on Sundays are noticed. The Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated in the customary manner on June 25th. Fourteen of the Brethren attended. In the Minutes for July, the first reference to the reigning members of

the Royal Family appears, when, on the motion of Bro. Roland Hopkins, it was resolved to send an address of congratulation to Her Majesty Queen Victoria on her coronation. There is no record of an acknowledgment of this address. It may appear singular that the foregoing should be the first reference to Royalty, considering the several great changes which had taken place since the death of George III., but it must not be inferred from this that the Brethren were remiss in their loyalty to the Throne. The fault probably lay with the secretaries in not fully recording the transactions of the Lodge meetings.

The first clergyman admitted to the Lodge was the Rev. David Williams, Cwmdru, Breconshire. He was initiated on December 6th. At the June meeting the following letter was read from Bro. Edward Lewis Richards, bearing testimony to the personal worth of Bro. Roland Hopkins, Merthyr Tydfil :—

“ December 5th, 1838.

Dear Sir and Brother,

My absence and detention in another part of the County on a professional engagement during the last five weeks will, I trust, prove my apology for not answering ere this your kind communication of the 24th of October. I read with much pleasure the minutes of the Lodge transmitted to me by command of the Wor. Master, to whom you will be pleased to convey my assurance of regard and of my ready acquiescence in the wishes of the Brethren. Permit me also to express my gratification at this instance of Fraternal reward towards one whom I have so long and so greatly respected, not only as an excellent Mason in the business of the Craft, but also as an honourable and upright man. The strict performance of his public duties you and the Brethren of the Craft have amply acknowledged by this instance of your kindness and respect. It is myself and those situated like me, who have had ready access to his private life, to bear our willing testimony to his private worth. Presenting, my dear sir, to you and to the Brethren of the Lodge my wishes for your and their happiness and prosperity,—I remain, with every sentiment of respect, Fraternaly and sincerely yours,

EDWARD LEWIS RICHARDS.”

The fraternal sentiments conveyed in Brother Richards's letter were apparently much appreciated by the Brethren, and the Secretary was instructed to send the following reply :—

" Dowlais Iron Works,

December 7th, 1838.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 5th inst., and I am commanded by the Worshipful Master to inform you that it was read last night in open Lodge, and entered in the Minute Book. The Brethren having expressed much pleasure in hearing your sentiments respecting Bro. Hopkins, I have it in command further to thank you for the readiness which you have at all times shown to promote the interests of our humble Lodge and to request that you will, at your earliest convenience, procure a Medal, a Masonic testimonial, value ten guineas, the design and inscription we leave entirely to your excellent taste, well knowing that you will feel great pleasure in promoting our views. We hope that the next time you come to Merthyr to have the pleasure of meeting you in Lodge, and assuring you of the warm wishes of the Cambrian Lodge for your welfare and happiness.—I am, Yours respectfully and fraternally,

ALFRED MEYLER HUGHES."

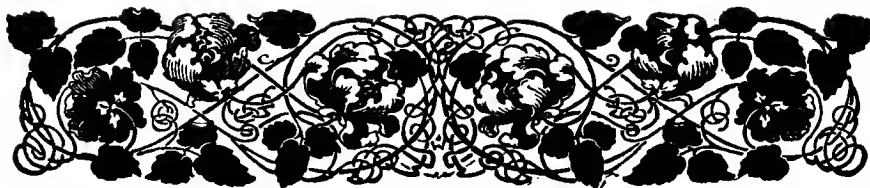
Bro. Roland Hopkins was elected W.M. for the third time on December 20th, and Installed at the Festival of St. John the Baptist on the 27th of the same month. At that meeting four candidates were proposed, one of them being Dr. William Thomas, Court House, Merthyr Tydfil. Dr. Thomas was initiated in the first Degree at a Lodge of Emergency on January 31st, 1839, and at the meeting on March 21st, whilst yet a Fellow Craft he proposed his friend and fellow-townsmen, Mr. Thomas Jones Dyke, Surgeon. The proposal was seconded by Bro. David Davies, Spirit Merchant, Merthyr, and the initiation ceremony took place at a Lodge of Emergency on June 5th following. Another notable candidate was proposed at the August meeting, in the person of Andrew Buchan, Grocer, etc., *Rhymney Inn*, the founder of the Rhymney Brewery Company. Bro. Buchan was initiated on March 19th, 1840. His Grand Lodge Certificate is still preserved in the Lodge safe. The only reference to a Masonic Dance in the first half-century of the Lodge's existence appears on the minutes for May 2nd, 1839. The Treasurer was ordered on that occasion to pay Mr. Martin 40/- for damage done to his window by a carriage on the Ball night.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated as usual on December 27th. Bro. Hopkins installed as his successor Bro. John

Camplin Wolridge. Bro. Wolridge was at that time cashier at the Dowlais Iron Works. He afterwards acted in a similar capacity at Plymouth Iron Works. He was Church Warden for the Parish of Merthyr Tydfil when the Thomastown Cemetery was opened in 1847. His name, and that of his co-Warden, Mr. E. Morgan, are carved on the stone pediment surmounting the Cemetery gate.

Bro. Wolridge appointed as his officers, Bros. John Creswick, S.W., J. W. Russell, J.W., Edward Jones, S.D., Thomas Jones Dyke, J.D. The remaining officers were appointed at subsequent meetings. There is evidence here that a difficulty was experienced in filling all the offices, Out of a membership of 57, only 11 Brethren attended the Festival.





CHAPTER VIII.

HISTORY OF THE LOYAL CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 110. 1840 TO 1860.



DURING the year 1840 several notable events took place which are landmarks in the history of the Lodge. The first interesting occurrence was the laying of the foundation stone of the Market Square Church. At the Lodge meeting held on June 4th, Bro. Roland Hopkins, P.M., informed the Brethren that Bro. Sir Josiah John Guest, Prov. Grand Master, had granted a Dispensation for a Masonic procession, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone "of the new Presbyterian Chapel in the field adjoining the new Market house," and he proposed that the ceremony should take place on Thursday, the 11th, the Brethren to assemble at the Lodge room at 12 o'clock, the procession to be then formed, and the stone laid with Masonic Honours, the Brethren afterwards to return to the Lodge.

A Lodge of Emergency was accordingly held on June 11th, and the proceedings are recorded as follows:—The Brethren met this day for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Presbyterian Chapel in this town, which solemn ceremony was duly executed with Masonic Honours by P.M. Bro. Hopkins, who, in the absence of Bro. Wolridge, W.M., acted as W.M. *pro tem*. Brethren present :

R. Hopkins, W.M.	D. G. Currie.
J. Creswick, S.W.	Rhys Davis, P.M.
T. J. Dyke, J.W.	T. Davies (<i>Bush Inn</i>).
H. W. White, Treasurer.	L. Lewis.
A. M. Hughes, Secretary.	David Davies.
Wm. Williams, S.D.	J. McKinnell.
M. C. Harrison, J.D.	— Homan, P.M.

At the meeting held on August 7th, the following interesting communication from the Prov. Grand Master was read :—

“ Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil,

August 3rd, 1840.

W. Master,

You are hereby summoned with your Officers to attend the Provincial Grand Master at Swansea on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at 10 o'clock a.m., either in person or by deputy, in order to the furthering his Installation and to bring with you your Warrant, Books, Papers and Accounts, and also a list of all members who may be in arrears of payment, that the same may be inspected in order to ascertain the progress of the Craft and to enable the P.G.M. to report to the Grand Lodge accordingly.

Be so good as to inform me as early as possible the number that is likely to attend from your Lodge, to enable the Grand Officers to make out the regular form of procession.

I am, W. Master,

Yours fraternally,

J. JOHN GUEST,

P.G.M. of S. Wales.”

It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Powell, that the letter of the P.G. Master be affixed to the Minute Book, and that the W.M. “do communicate to the Prov. G. Master the unanimous intention of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge to attend the forthcoming convention at Swansea.” The W.M., Wardens, and a fair proportion of the Brethren attended the installation accordingly.

SIR JOSIAH JOHN GUEST INSTALLED AS W.M.

A Lodge of Emergency was again held on August 13th, when, on the proposition of Bro. Rhys Davis, Mr. Thomas Shepherd was initiated in the First Degree. The Secretary, Bro. White, afterwards read a communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, respecting the mourning to be worn by the Craft on the the decease of the lamented Pro. Grand Master the Earl of Durham. On this occasion Bro. Sir Joisah John Guest was present, and towards the close of the meeting “the Secretary read the charges on command of P.M. Bro. Hopkins, Worshipful Master *pro tem.*, to the Right Wor. Prov. Grand Master Sir Josiah John Guest, Bart., M.P., who was

afterwards duly Installed into the chair as Worshipful Master, and regularly saluted as such by the whole of the Brethren, with Masonic Honours by Bro. Hopkins." The Prov. Grand Master returned thanks for the honour conferred when the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. Brethren present :—

P.G.M. Sir Josiah John Guest, Bart., M.P., W.M.	
P.M. Hopkins.	H. W. White.
P.M. Davis, P.O.	D. Richards.
D. G. Currie, S.W.	Geo. Roach.
J. Russell, J.W.	Ed. Roach.
T. Shepherd.	J. S. Lampier.
T. J. Dyke.	Dd. Davies.
M. C. Harrison.	T. Davies (<i>Bush</i>).
C. J. Powell	W. Bedlington.
Christopher O'Rielly.	A. M. Hughes, Secretary.
	Morgan, Tiler.

No information is given in the Minutes as to the object of installing the Prov. Grand Master as Wor. Master of the Lodge. The Emergency meeting appears to have been called to initiate Bro. Shepherd, and the only inference which can be deduced from the account of the proceedings is that the Brethren desired to honour the Prov. Grand Master by installing him as Wor. Master. He was appointed Prov. Grand Master in November, 1836, but was not installed in that office until August 18th, 1840, although in the interval he discharged all the duties pertaining to it. The Wor. Master of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge in 1840 was Bro. Wolridge, and he continued to act up to the end of his year of office, so that the necessity of appointing another Master did not arise. It can, therefore, be assumed that the honour conferred on Bro. Sir Josiah John Guest was purely complimentary.

Bro. Sir Josiah John Guest was born on February 2nd, 1785. In 1825 he entered Parliament for Honiton. When Merthyr was enfranchised in 1832 he was returned unopposed as the first Parliamentary representative of the Borough, and on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Coronation in 1838 he was elevated to the rank of a Baronet. He resigned the office of Prov. Grand Master of South Wales in 1848, and died on November 25th, 1852, at the age of 67. He was buried in a vault in Dowlais Church. His father, Thomas Guest, who died 1807, was buried in St. Tydfil's Church, Merthyr. His Provincial Chain of

Office and Regalia were presented in 1897 to the Province by his son, the Hon. Montague Guest, Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master of Dorset, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Queen Victoria's reign. On the occasion of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Merthyr on September 28th, 1899, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Llangattock, presented to the Loyal Cambrian Lodge the Regalia and Chain, handsomely mounted in a walnut case.

DEGREE OF PAST MASTER.

A Lodge of Emergency was held on September 17th, to Pass Bro. Davies, of Chepstow. Bro. Davies afterwards retired, and the Lodge was opened in the 3rd Degree. At this meeting an innovation was introduced for which, as in the former installing ceremony, no explanation is given, viz., that of conferring the Degree of Past Master on Brethren of the Lodge. It is recorded that the following Brethren were initiated into the Degree of Past Master:—Bros. White, Thomas Darker, John Creswick, J. W. Russell, James McKinnell, Thomas Dyke, J. D. Powell, W. Wood (Chepstow). The Lodge was then opened in the Fourth, or Past Master's Degree, and closed in perfect harmony. For several years the Degree of Past Master was constantly conferred on Brethren at the Lodge Meetings. In the Minutes for October 19th, 1843, it is stated that the Lodge was opened at 8 o'clock in the Fellow Crafts' Degree, and then in the Degree of Master Mason. The Lodge was subsequently opened in the Past Master's Degree, when it was proposed "that any Brother being a past or present officer of the Lodge, wishing to take the Degree of Past Master, may have that honour conferred on him next Lodge night, and that Bro. John Lewis be included in that Privilege for his munificent present of a Bible to the Lodge." At the following Lodge meeting on November 2nd, six Brethren were installed into the Past Master's Degree.

The last entry relating to this practice appears in the Minutes for December 27th, 1855, when it is recorded "that at the Annual Festival after Brother Robert Jones was duly installed Wor. Master for the year ensuing, the Lodge having been opened in the Past Master's Degree, Bro. J. W. Russell proposed, and Bro. Roach seconded, that Bro. Rees Hopkin Rhys (Aberdare) be intrusted with the secrets and be installed in the Past Master's Degree." The oath of Past Master was then duly administered to Bro. Rhys, and he was installed accordingly. The

Lodge was then closed in the 4th Degree. In no instance is it stated that Brethren who were honoured with the Past Master's Degree discharged the duties of an Installed Master. The Degree appears to have been introduced in 1840, merely as a complimentary one, and as a reward for special services. The same custom prevailed in the Anchor of Hope Lodge, No. 37, Bolton, and the Lodge of Relief, No. 42, Bury, Lancs., down to 1850. It is still the practice under the Scotch, Irish, and American Constitutions to confer the Degree of Past Master on candidates for the Royal Arch as a qualifying Degree, such as was necessary in English Masonry prior to the Union of the two Grand Lodges.

At the Festival of St. John the Evangelist on December 28th, Bro. John Creswick was installed W.M. Bro. Creswick was a native of Sussex, and an Inland Revenue Supervisor. His son, Theophilus, was for many years engineer at the Plymouth Ironworks, and afterwards at other centres in South Wales. He died at Bridgend on October 19th, 1913, at the age of 92. Twenty-one members attended the Festival. The first duty of the newly installed Master was to present the thanks of the Lodge, written on a roll of parchment, which was prepared by Bro. Wolridge, I.P.M., to Bro. Alfred Meyler Hughes, for his lengthened services as Secretary. As a further mark of the Brethren's appreciation it was decided to continue his name on the books as an honorary member, and on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Hopkins, P.M., he was raised to the Past Master's Degree.

Notwithstanding these appreciative actions on the part of the Brethren, the Secretary, Bro. Dyke, reported to the Lodge in the following February that 13 Brethren (including Bro. A. M. Hughes, 33/-) were in arrears to the amount of £37 13s. Why Bro. Hughes' name should have been specially mentioned and bracketed, in view of the resolution of the previous December, cannot be explained, but a worse fate awaited him. He was initiated in the Lodge by Bro. E. J. Hutchins, on April 1st, 1833, and is described as a Grocer, etc. At a later period he appears to have been employed in the offices of the Dowlais Ironworks, and subsequently at one of the Monmouthshire Works, probably Blaenavon. He was there charged with embezzlement, and convicted at the Cardiff Assizes in June, 1857. At the Lodge meeting held on July 30th of that year, Bro. Robert Jones, W.M., proposed, and Bro. J. W. Russell seconded, that the name of Bro. Alfred Meyler Hughes be removed from the list of subscribing members "inasmuch as he has been convicted of the crime of embezzlement

at the Cardiff Summer Assizes, and further that the fact of his removal be communicated to the Grand Secretary." It appears that Bro. Hughes was well known in South Wales, and on the authority of the late Bro. D. R. Lewis, his trial and conviction created a great sensation in the district. Yet it seems uncharitable that the Brethren who honoured him for special services a little over seven years previously should, not only remove his name from the list of members, but also place on record the crime for which he was convicted.

An important communication from Grand Lodge was read at the Lodge meeting held on April 1st, and as the injunction it
1841. contains is of interest and importance at the present day, no apology is necessary for quoting it in full.

"At the Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 3rd of March, 1841, H.R.H. The Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M., on the Throne.

Resolved :—

1st. That it is the primary duty of the Grand Lodge to view with the greatest jealousy any breach of the Privileges secured to the Masonic Body by the Legislature.

2nd. That one of the most valuable of those privileges, and that which constitutes the very essence and spirit of the Order, is the secrecy with respect to the proceedings and concerns of Masonry which is enjoined in the Ancient charges inculcated by the strongest obligations in every stage of Masonic Degree, and rigidly laid down by the laws and constitutions.

3rd. That the publication by Masons of the proceedings and concerns of Masonry, or furnishing material for such publications, are traitorous violations of this most important privilege and deserving of the highest punishments denounced against such offences by the Laws and Constitutions, as such publications, if not discouraged and suppressed, must ultimately destroy the respectability and may even hazard the existence of the Craft.

4th. That with a view of checking this evil the Grand Lodge call on all Masonic Authorities and Masters of Lodges, on their Masonic allegiance, to use their utmost endeavours to cause all Brethren who may violate this privilege by engaging in any such publication as the late "Freemasons' Quarterly Review," or by furnishing material for such

publication by any disclosure, without due sanction of the proceedings or concerns of Masonry, to be brought before the proper Tribunal to be dealt with according to the Laws and Constitutions of the Order.

5th. That these resolutions be forthwith transmitted by the Grand Secretary to all the Constituted Authorities of the Order, and the Masters of all Lodges under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England.

6th. That the M.W. Grand Master be requested to communicate the same in whatever manner he may deem fit to the Grand Masters of Masonry in Scotland and Ireland, and of the other Grand Lodges.

7th. That the Master of every Lodge under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England shall cause these resolutions to be read in open Lodge at the next meeting after the receipt thereof, and to be entered on the Minutes of such Lodge, and that he shall immediately after such meeting report to the Grand Secretary the compliance with this resolution.

(Signed) WILLIAM WHITE,
Grand Secretary."

The Return to the Clerk of the Peace was completed on April 28th, and for the first time the names, occupations, and residences of the Brethren are given. During the previous twelve months 26 Lodge meetings were held. The average attendance at each meeting was about 14, and the membership of the Lodge at the time 61. The Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated as usual on June 24th. Twenty members attended. A Lodge of Emergency was held on September 7th, to receive a communication from the Secretary of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 699, Carmarthen, inviting the Brethren to assist the Prov. G. Master to Consecrate that Lodge and install the W.M. It was agreed that the W.M. and his Wardens should attend as a deputation, and that the sum of £10 be allowed from the funds of the Lodge towards defraying their expenses.

BIRTH OF THE PRINCE OF WALES—AN ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

The national rejoicings which took place on the occasion of the birth of a Prince and Heir Apparent to the British Throne (the late King Edward VII.) are recalled by the following address which was approved of and sent to the late Queen Victoria on December 16th, 1841 :—

“ To the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty.

We, your Majesty’s loyal and faithful subjects, the Master, Wardens, Officers and Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Lodge assembled at Merthyr Tydfil in the County of Glamorgan most sensibly participating in every subject of joy and happiness to your Majesty, thus most dutifully crave to offer our heartfelt congratulations on the safe deliverance of your Majesty in the Birth of a Prince and Heir Apparent to your Majesty’s throne, by which the direct succession of the Crown of these Realms is rendered more certain and the internal peace of your Majesty’s kingdom rendered more secure.

In all humility therefore we offer our thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for the Goodness and Mercy he has vouchsafed to your Majesty and the Blessing he has thereby conferred on your Majesty’s subjects, and we fervently pray that He will take your Majesty and your Majesty’s illustrious son under His most especial favour and protection, that He will deign to bless your Majesty and him with uninterrupted health and long life to your Majesty’s own felicity and comfort and to the ever-increasing prosperity of this kingdom.

Above all we pray that when your Majesty is called upon by that Almighty Power to resign your temporal crown He will take your Majesty into His Grand Lodge above from whence all goodness emanates, and there bestow on your Majesty a crown of joy and rejoicing which will never fade away but shall continue when time shall be no more eternal in the Heavens.”

Addresses were also sent to H.R.H. Prince Albert and H.R.H. The Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge. In the address presented to H.R.H. Prince Albert, the following passage occurs :—

“ We rejoice in every occurrence that can add to the domestic happiness of Her Majesty and your Royal Highness, and with grateful admiration of your Royal Highness’s exalted and exemplary character, we look with much satisfaction on an event which binds more closely the ties connecting your Royal Highness with the British Nation.”

The several addresses were written by the late Bro. Dyke, who was Secretary at the time, and signed by the W.M., Senior and Junior Wardens and Secretary, and they were forwarded by the late Sir J. J. Guest, Bart., M.P., to the Duke of Sussex for presentation to Her Majesty and the Prince Consort.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on December 27th, when Bro. James Ward Russell (better known in later years as Captain Russell) was installed Wor. Master by Bro. Creswick, the retiring Master. Bro. Dyke, who was thorough in any work which he undertook, records that after Bro. Russell was duly installed in the chair, the Brethren saluted him as Master Masons—the Lodge was then closed in the Third Degree, and the Brethren saluted their Master as Fellow Crafts—the Lodge was afterwards closed in the Second Degree, and the Brethren saluted their Master as Entered Apprentices. This is the first record of these salutations being given, which are never omitted at the present day.

BRO. JOHN WARD RUSSELL, W.M., P.P.G.S.W.

Bro. Russell was a native of Marlborough, Wiltshire. He was born in 1812 and educated at Eton College, one of his fellow-collegians being the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone—an association of which Bro. Russell was very proud. After completing his education he was articled as a Solicitor to his uncle, and in 1836 he removed to Merthyr, where he commenced practice on his own account. In the course of a few years he obtained a number of public appointments, the principal being the Registrarship, under Judge Wilson, of the newly formed County Court, in 1847—a position he held until his death. He was also the first Clerk to the old Local Board of Health, formed in 1850; Chairman of the Directors of the Merthyr Gas Company, and for several years Secretary of the Merthyr Library. Although well known to the public in connection with these appointments, it was his association with the Volunteer movement that made his name a household one. On the formation of the old 12th Glamorgan Corps in 1860, he was gazetted Captain, and the late Bro. Robert Jones was appointed his Lieutenant. He was the prime mover in acquiring the site and building the Drill Hall, the foundation stone of which was laid by Mrs. Russell. His connection with the Loyal Cambrian Lodge commenced shortly after his advent to the town. He was initiated by Bro. Rhys Davis on April 6th, 1837, and he continued a subscribing member till his death—a period of 43 years. During that time he was Wor. Master of the Lodge four times—in 1841-2, 1844-5, 1850-1, and 1861-2. He died on August 6th, 1880, and was buried in Cefn Cemetery with full military honours. He was succeeded as Registrar of the Merthyr County Court by Bro. D. R. Lewis.

A Lodge of Emergency was held on February 21st, to consider a summons from the Prov. Grand Master to attend a Provincial **1842.** Grand Lodge at Cardiff on the 23rd of that month. "It was determined that the Secretary do write to the Prov. Grand Master stating that the Lodge could not attend the Provincial Grand meeting, their principal officers being obliged to attend the Sessions at Swansea."

The Lodge suffered a serious loss at this time. Bro. Roland Hopkins, who had taken a very active part in Masonry, died in the last week in March, and a special meeting was called on the 29th of that month to arrange for the attendance of the Brethren at the funeral. A resolution was passed, on the motion of Bro. Wolridge, seconded by Bro. Creswick, "that the Brethren attend at the *Bush Inn* at six o'clock, attired in black clothes with hat bands and white gloves, and walk from there together to pay the last respects to our late Brother." At the April meeting it was decided to appropriate £3 from the funds of the Lodge towards purchasing a new Bible for Bro. Thomas Davies, in lieu of the one in use in the Lodge, and the W.M., Bro. J. W. Russell, and another Brother—whose name is not given—were instructed to wait on Mrs. Hopkins and present her with the old Lodge Bible, as a small testimony of the high respect in which her late husband was held by the members. The presentation evidently took place shortly afterwards, for on July 19th Bro. John Lewis presented the Lodge with a new Bible, and a vote of thanks was passed to him "for his truly Masonic gift of the volume of the Sacred Law," and in appreciation of his generosity he was raised to the Degree of a Past Master.

The Return for the year ending March, 1842, is interesting as showing the state of the Lodge at that period. The membership, according to that Return, was 44, a decrease of 17 since the previous one in 1841. During the preceding twelve months two joining members were admitted and one initiate accepted. One member died, and 19 were excluded for non-payment of dues. Bro. Samuel Richardson's name, which had for several years headed the list as the oldest member, was removed along with the others, and Bro. Thomas Davies, *Bush Inn*, became the oldest subscriber. Twenty-four meetings were held from April 1st, 1841, to March 29th, 1842. The average attendance was less than 12.

The Festival of St. John the Baptist, which was celebrated on June 24th, is of special interest, because on that occasion Bro. Edward Lewis

Richards was present for the last time before his departure to Flintshire, where he was appointed the first County Court Judge for that district. There is every reason to believe it was at this Festival that he presented to the Lodge the Crystal Goblet, or Loving Cup, which is now so highly prized by the Brethren, although the Minutes are silent on the matter. Bro. Richards was a son of Mr. Richards, of the *Greyhound Inn*, Bridge Street, Merthyr. He was initiated in the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, and enrolled as an honorary member in the Loyal Cambrian on April 4th, 1833. He practised as a Barrister on the South Wales Circuit up to the time of his departure to North Wales. He married the widow of Bro. D. W. Meyrick, Attorney, who predeceased him. He died in 1864.

THE LOVING CUP.

The Loving Cup presented to the Lodge by Bro. Richards is, on the occasions of the Annual Installation Festivals, filled with Madeira, and passed round to every Brother present to drink success to the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110. For many years the late Bro. D. R. Lewis related the history of the Cup before handing it round, and at his own Installation Festival in January, 1878, he ordered it to be passed a second time, requesting the Brethren to drink in solemn silence to the memory of the Donor, a practice which has since been continued. Bro. D. R. Lewis, shortly before his death, mounted the cup in silver for its better preservation, at a cost of eight guineas, and had it suitably inscribed. The work was executed in a very elegant manner by Bro. A. I. Freedman, P.M., from a design by the writer. At the Installation Festival on the occasion of the opening of the New Temple on Thursday, June 4th, 1912, Bro. F. S. Simons, the newly installed Master, called upon Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, V.D., P.M., to relate the history of the Cup, a duty he performed in a graceful and reverent manner. In passing the Cup for the second time he requested the Brethren to drink to the memory of Bro. Edward Lewis Richards and Bro. David Rees Lewis. This was the first occasion on which the Cup was used after Bro. D. R. Lewis's death, and the tribute thus paid to his memory will no doubt be repeated at all future Festivals.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was, as usual, celebrated on December 27th. The Lodge opened at 4 o'clock, and after the Minutes were read, and the Lodge raised to the Second and Third Degrees, Bro. Thomas Jones Dyke was, for the first time, duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year by the retiring Master, Bro. J. W. Russell. At the



LOVING CUP, 1842.

conclusion of the installation ceremony, David Davies, Surgeon, Builth, was initiated "in the privileges of our Ancient and honourable institution."

BRO. THOMAS JONES DYKE, W.M., P.P.G.S.W.

Bro. Thomas Jones Dyke was born at Merthyr on September 16th, 1816. He was educated for a time at Taliesin Williams's School, and afterwards at Mr. Armsworth's Grammar School, Swansea, and Bedminster House Academy. He was apprenticed, at the age of 15, to Messrs. David Davies & Sons, Surgeons, Cyfarthfa Works. Afterwards he attended Granger's School of Anatomy, and Guy's and St. Thomas's Hospitals, London, for about three years. He qualified as a Surgeon in 1838, and in January, 1839, began practice in Merthyr. He was the first Medical Officer of Health appointed by the Merthyr Local Board under the Public Health Act, 1848, the duties of which he discharged for over fifty years with the greatest ability. It was directly due to his able reports on the unhealthiness of towns that the first steps were taken to provide waterworks and drainage for the district. He was High Constable of Caerphilly Higher in 1876.

His connection with the Lodge began in June, 1839, when he was initiated by Bro. Roland Hopkins, W.M., and a more faithful or zealous Brother never entered the portals of the Lodge. He was Worshipful Master in the years 1842, 1847, and 1854, and acted as Secretary in 1841 and again from 1848 to 1853, also from 1857 to 1863, when he relinquished the office through pressure of public duties. He was then accorded, on the motion of Bro. J. W. Russell, a hearty vote of thanks for the very efficient manner in which he discharged for so many years the secretarial duties of the Lodge. When the warrant for constituting St. David's Lodge at Aberdare was granted in 1856, Bro. Dyke was nominated the first Worshipful Master, and he was duly installed on June 5th of that year. He held several offices in Provincial Grand Lodge, and in 1868 he was honoured with the Collar of Prov. Grand Senior Warden. The Brethren, in November, 1894, presented him with his portrait in oils and a handsome gold jewel, in recognition of his long connection and invaluable services to the Lodge, then extending over 55 years. The presentation was made by the late Bro. D. R. Lewis, P.M., who referred in feeling terms to Bro. Dyke's many good qualities as a Freemason, a private friend and a public officer. Bro. Dyke was visibly moved by the cordiality of the Brethren, and spoke with pride of his long connection with Masonry,

concluding with the earnest exhortation, "Go thou and do likewise." He presented the oil painting to the Lodge, and after his death his presentation Jewel and Regalia were presented by his executor, Bro. Pool, through Bro. John Morgan, P.M. They are now handsomely encased, and adorn the walls of the Lodge room. Bro. Dyke died in January, 1900, and was buried at Cefn Cemetery with Masonic honours. He was connected with the Lodge for over sixty years.

Bro. Dyke's first duty in the chair on January 19th was an agreeable one. Bro. Charles Wilson applied for relief on account of the **1843.** destitution of his wife and family, and one pound was voted to him. At the same meeting Bro. Rhys Davis brought to the notice of the Brethren the distressed circumstances and ill-health of Bro. McKinnell, an old subscribing member, and the Brethren voted him five pounds out of the funds. At the Lodge meeting held on May 4th, Bro. Dyke informed the Brethren of the death of H.R.H. The Duke of Sussex, the Grand Master, and in accordance with instructions from Grand Lodge, he directed that Masonic mourning be worn by all the Brethren for twelve months from April 21st.

The Duke of Sussex, the fourth son of King George III., was elected Grand Master at the Union of the two Grand Lodges on December 27th, 1813, and for nearly thirty years he discharged the duties of his high office with honour to himself and every advantage to the Craft. To commemorate his long and useful term of office, a marble statue of His Royal Highness, executed by Bro. C. H. Bailey, R.A., was in April, 1846, placed in Freemasons' Hall, immediately behind the Throne, the cost being defrayed by United Grand Lodge. The Duke of Sussex was succeeded in 1844 by the Earl of Zetland, who was Pro. Grand Master from 1841 to 1843. This nobleman continued at the head of the English Craft until 1870. To commemorate the completion of his 26 years' Grand-Mastership the Craft subscribed £3,000, which his Lordship applied to Masonic Charities, and which became known as the Zetland Fund. It is related of the Earl that he was one of three English noblemen who subscribed £5,000 each to enable the Duke and Duchess of Kent to return to England in time for the Duchess's accouchement. In this happy manner Queen Victoria was born on English soil. On the occasion of the Queen's marriage with Prince Albert, she, in graceful acknowledgment of the Earl's patriotism, returned him the money, together with a gold salver and an autograph letter.



BRO. DR. T. J. DYKE, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.

The Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated in the customary manner by postponement from December 24th to the 27th, eleven Brethren being present.

At the July meeting the distressed circumstances of Bro. Edward Jenkins was considered, and the Brethren, on the motion of **1844.** Bro. White, voted him £2 out of the funds. Bro. Jenkins was a Cabinet-maker. He joined the Lodge on December 28th, 1828, from the Glamorgan Lodge. The old Master's Chair and the Master's Pedestal of Chippendale Mahogany, which are still in use in the Lodge, were made by him in the years 1832 and 1834. The Chair cost £3 10s., and the Pedestal £5. The extent to which the Degree of Past Master was conferred on Members at this time can be judged from the proceedings on Lodge night, November 2nd, when Bros. M. C. Harrison, D. Richards, T. Shepherd, E. Roach, J. Walkinshaw and John Lewis were "Installed in the Past Master's Degree," and on November 16th following, Bro. George Roach was "Raised to the Past Master's Degree." Practically all the active members of the Lodge were in possession of the secrets of a Past Master.

The following interesting communication was read by the W.M. from the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Josiah John Guest, at the Lodge meeting in December:—

"Dowlais, December 1st, 1843.

Dear Sir and Brother,

If the Loyal Cambrian Lodge and you, as its Master, consider Mr. Thomas Davies, junior, *Bush Hotel*, to be so sedate and considerate a character as to justify you in selecting him a Mason, and intrusting him with the mysteries of the Craft, although he has not yet attained the age of 21 years, I have no objection in his case to dispense with the rule which, as a general one, I think it very necessary to adhere to.

I am, yours fraternally,

J. JOHN GUEST,
Prov. G.M. for South Wales."

Thomas Davies, junior, referred to in the foregoing Dispensation, was the son of the respected proprietor of the *Bush Inn*, and was the first Lewes, or minor, admitted to the Lodge. He was balloted for and initiated on December 7th, and on December 21st he was acting J.D., and at the Festival on the 27th of the same month he was appointed Secretary of the Lodge, duties which he discharged for a period of six

years. On December 22nd, 1848, he was appointed J.W., and S.W. in the following year, and on November 7th, 1850, he was nominated for the chair, but requested to be excused. He was again unanimously elected W.M. on December 15th, 1853, and his installation was to have taken place on the 27th of that month, but before this period elapsed he removed to Aberdare as manager of the West of England Bank, in consequence of which he was unable for the second time to accept the office of W.M. When St. David's Lodge, Aberdare, was consecrated in June, 1856, he was appointed S.W., and in the following year he succeeded Bro. Dyke in the chair of that Lodge. He continued a subscribing member of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge until 1867. His son, Bro. Gilbert Wood Davies, manager of the Merthyr Branch of the Old National Bank of Wales, was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on October 3rd, 1889, and continued a subscribing member until he removed from the district a few years ago.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on December 27th. Bro. Thomas Shepherd, Cashier at Cyfarthfa Ironworks, was installed W.M., and he was saluted in the usual manner, thirteen Brethren being present. The remuneration to be paid to the Tyler was considered at the Lodge meeting held on 1844. February 1st, and on the motion of Bro. Dyke it was agreed to retain Bro. John Williams as a serving Brother, and pay him at the rate of 1/- for attendance on Lodge nights and 1/- for delivering the Lodge circulars.

The Return to the Clerk of the Peace was completed in March, giving the names, residences and occupations of the members; and as it is the last Return copied in the Minutes, it is herewith inserted in full.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	PROFESSION.
Thomas Davies	... Merthyr	... Innkeeper
David John Currie	... Merthyr	... Draper, etc.
Rhys Davis	... Merthyr	... Draper, etc.
Edward John Hutchins	... Dowlais	... Gentleman
David Davies	... Abergavenny	... Gentleman
Thomas Davies	... Nantyglo	... Engineer
Henry White White	... Merthyr	... Bookseller
Jno. William Edwards	... Merthyr	... Clerk to the Guardians
John Creswick	... Merthyr	... Gentleman
John Griffith	... Tredegar	... Currier
John Evans	... Dowlais	... Agent

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	PROFESSION.
James Ward Russell	... Merthyr	... Solicitor
Edward Roach	... Merthyr	... Grocer
William Williams	... Dowlais	... Agent
Maynard Colchester		
Harrison	... Dowlais	... Agent
Joseph Standish Lamphier	Blaina	... Cashier
George Martin	... Dowlais	... Agent
William Thomas	... Merthyr	... Gentleman
William Thomas	... Bridgend	... Engineer
Thomas Jones Dyke	... Merthyr	... Surgeon
Lewis Lewis	... Merthyr	... Wine Merchant
David Richards	... Merthyr	... Accountant
Charles James Powell	... Dowlais	... Brewer
Andrew Buchan	... Rhymney	... Draper, etc.
George Roach	... Merthyr	... Innkeeper
William Bedlington	... Rhymney	... Agent
Thomas Shepherd	... Merthyr	... Cashier
Sir Josiah John Guest,		
Bart, M.P.	... Dowlais House	
Robert Hunt	... Bristol	... Commercial Traveller
William Vaughan	... Nantyglo	... Agent
John James Purchase	... Bath	... Carver, etc.
James Brown	... Blaina	... Gentleman
Thomas Williamson	... London	... Commercial Traveller
John Lewis	... Llanely	... Gentleman
James Walkinshaw	... Dowlais	... Accountant
William Wood	... Chepstow	... Merchant
John Lloyd	... Tredegar	... Innkeeper
Pender-Luke Stoke	... Hereford	... Commercial Traveller
Thomas Davies	... Merthyr	... Accountant
John Williams	... Merthyr	... Painter, etc.
Henry Lewis	... Green Meadow	Gentleman.

The membership of the Lodge, according to the foregoing Return, was 41. Twenty-four Lodge meetings were held during 1844, and the average attendance thereat was about eight. On five occasions only six Brethren were present. No candidates were initiated from December 7th, 1843, until March 15th, 1849, a period of over five years. On July 11th, a Lodge of Emergency was held, in order to appoint a Deputation

to attend the re-opening of the Cambrian Lodge, Neath. Bros. Thomas Davies, senior, Edward Roach, and George Roach were deputed to represent the Lodge, and £5 was allowed them for expenses. The Minutes state that the motion was carried "by a large majority." The minority and majority consisted of seven Brethren, viz., Bros. Dyke, White, Walkinshaw, Richards, Davies, Lewis, Rhys Davis, and Thomas Davies, junior! The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on December 27th. Bro. Shepherd's year of office having come to an end, the Brethren desired him to continue in the chair for another year, but he declined the honour, and Bro. J. W. Russell was thereupon unanimously chosen and installed for the second time. The Brethren saluted the newly installed Master in the three Degrees, and afterwards adjourned to dinner.

This year, like the preceding one, proved a failure. The only items recorded in the Minutes meriting attention are two
1845. applications for charity. One is a petition from Bro. Busley, a non-subscriber, setting forth his distressed condition, and praying to be relieved. The other, a letter from the Indefatigable Lodge, Swansea, soliciting subscriptions on behalf of Bro. Michael. The Brethren unanimously voted £3 to each applicant. During the year only nine Lodge meetings were held, instead of 24 as formerly. On two occasions in March four Brethren attended. A note on the Minute Book states "the Lodge was not opened in consequence of a sufficient number of Brethren not being present." No meetings were held from April 3rd until December 18th. On the latter date Bro. James Walkinshaw was elected W.M., and in consequence of St. John's Day falling on a Saturday, the Festival was postponed until Tuesday, January 8th, 1846. On that date Bro. Walkinshaw, who was cashier at Dowlais Works, was duly installed W.M., ten Brethren and two visitors being present.

On March 19th, a Lodge of Emergency was held, to consider an invitation from the Rev. J. C. Campbell, M.A., Rector of
1846. Merthyr, to attend the laying of the Foundation Stone of St. David's Church. The Brethren decided that it would be "inexpedient" to accept the invitation, the notice being too short to enable them to assemble in sufficient numbers. The Rev. J. C. Campbell was appointed to the living of the Parish of Merthyr in 1844, and during his incumbency, extending over 15 years, he was the chief promoter in building St. David's Church, and also the old National Schools. He was

created Bishop of Bangor in 1859, and on his departure from Merthyr he was presented by the Parishioners with a service of plate, as a mark of their esteem. He was married to a sister of the first Lord Aberdare. He died in 1895, at the age of 83.

Towards the end of 1846 the Lodge entered a most critical period. No meetings were possible from April 27th until November 23rd. On the latter date a Lodge of Emergency was held, to consider the advisability of discontinuing the Lodge, but on the motion of Bro. C. J. Powell, seconded by Bro. George Roach, it was decided unanimously to continue it.

Bro. Dyke, who had resigned two years previously, rejoined on December 17th, and was unanimously elected W.M., and
1847. installed on January 7th, ten Brethren being present. The

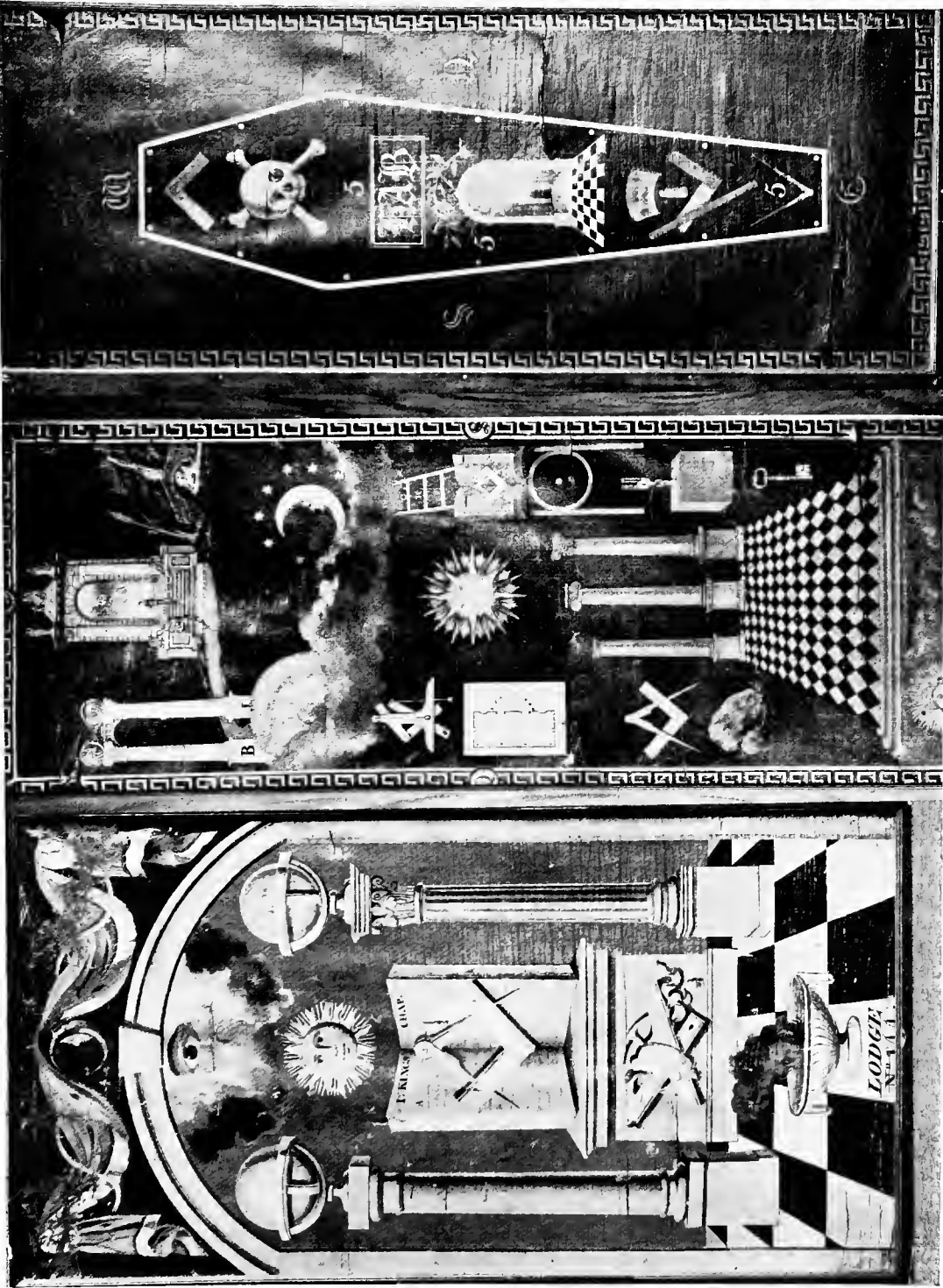
W.M. ordered circulars to be sent to all the Brethren in arrears with their subscriptions, and at the February meeting the names of those who had not replied were reported to the Lodge. Ten Brethren were in consequence removed from membership. The arrears varied from £2 15s. to £6 6s. per member. A Lodge of Emergency was held on June 26th, in order to appoint a deputation to attend the Installation at Newport of Col. Tynte as Prov. Grand Master of Monmouthshire, but only the W.M., Bro. Walkinshaw, and Bro. Davies, Secretary, attended, and the Lodge was therefore not opened. No Lodge was again held on August 5th, only the W.M., Bro. Davies, senior, and Bro. Davies, junior, being present. In response to an appeal from the Prov. Grand Master for Sussex, for subscriptions towards the widow and children of the late Rev. G. Hewlett, £5 was voted, and on October 7th £2 was subscribed towards the relief of Bro. the Venerable Frederick Hasenbeth, Past Deputy Grand Master of Bristol. At the Festival of St. John the Evangelist on December 27th, Bro. John Ludford White, Surgeon, Dowlais, who joined the Lodge on April 2nd, 1846, just 18 months previously, was installed W.M. in succession to Bro. Dyke, twelve Brethren being present.

In the summer of 1848 the South Wales Province was divided into the Eastern and the Western Divisions. The P.G.M., Bro.
1848. Sir Josiah John Guest, resigned, and on August 3rd the Brethren were notified by the Grand Secretary, Bro. H. White, of the appointment of Bro. Edward John Hutchins, a Past Master of the Lodge, as Prov. Grand Master of the Eastern Division, and of his installation at Neath on the 8th of the same month. It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Dyke, seconded by Bro. Walkinshaw, that the

travelling expenses of the Brethren who attended Bro. Hutchins's installation should be paid out of the funds of the Lodge. Bros. J. L. White, W.M., T. J. Dyke, C. J. Powell, J. W. Russell, J. Walkinshaw, George Roach, Edward Roach, H. W. White, Thomas Davies (senior), George Martin, and Thomas Davies (junior), Secretary, attended the installation, and afterwards witnessed the Dedication of the New Masonic Hall of the Cambrian Lodge. Bro. Hutchins, the newly installed P.G.M., appointed Bros. T. J. Dyke, P.G. Registrar ; J. L. White, P.G. Secretary ; J. W. Russell, P.G.S.D., and C. J. Powell, P.G.Sd.B. The appointments were much appreciated by the Lodge, and due prominence is given to the fact in the Minutes. The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was again celebrated on December 27th. Bro. Charles James Powell, Brewer, Gellifaelog, Dowlais, was installed W.M., and Bro. T. J. Dyke, Secretary. Ten Brethren were present.

The first initiation since December 7th, 1843, took place at the Lodge meeting held on March 15th. Frederick Smith, a 1849. Commercial Traveller, who had been balloted for and accepted nine months previously, but whose election was declared "null and void," being then under the age of 21 years, was, on the above date, accepted and initiated. This was the turning point in the prosperity of the Lodge, and in the subsequent years several initiates came forward, resulting in an increased interest in Lodge work.

The Brethren were desirous in the autumn of 1849 that the Prov. Grand Master should hold a P.G. Lodge at Merthyr, and intimation to that effect was sent to him ; but at the meeting held on October 18th a letter was read from the P.G. Secretary expressing the regret of the P.G.M. that he had not been able to hold a Lodge in Merthyr as he had proposed, owing to the prevalence of cholera, but intimating his intention of doing so as soon as the health of the town would permit the assembling of the Brethren. This reply apparently did not satisfy the Brethren, for the Secretary was instructed to inform the P.G. Secretary that, in the opinion of the Lodge, the Provincial Grand meeting might conveniently be called in the month of December. This communication had the desired effect, for the W.M. informed the Brethren at the November meeting that he had received an official intimation from the P.G.M. of his intention to hold a Lodge in Merthyr on December 13th. In anticipation of the event, £30 was voted from the funds towards furnishing the Lodge room. In accordance with this resolution a set of working tools was purchased from Charles Robinson, Strand, London, at a cost of £15 10s., and consisted of two Wardens' Columns,



3rd DEGREE TRACING CLOTH
 Size, 6ft. 10in. x 2ft. 8in.

COMBINED 1st AND 2nd DEGREE TRACING
 CLOTHS. Size, 6ft. 10in. x 2ft. 8in.

OLD ROYAL ARCH TRACING BOARD BEARING THE LOYAL CAMBRIAN
 LODGE NUMBER OF 1810, No. 144. Size, 4ft. 3in. x 2ft. 2in.

OLD ATHOLE TRACING BOARDS,
 LOYAL CAMBRIAN LODGE.

Rough and Perfect Ashlars, Windlass, Block and Shears, 24-inch Gauge, mahogany Level and Plumb-rule, two Compasses, Skirret, mahogany Square, Dagger, mahogany box for the Tools fitted with brass plate with the number of the Lodge (No. 127) engraved thereon, engraving 5/- extra. In addition to the working tools, three Brass Emblems for the W.M., Senior and Junior Wardens' Pedestals were procured at a cost of 25/-; also two silk Banners, two Berlin Black Door Knockers (supplied by Caleb Evans, Ironmonger, cost 4/-, fitting same 1/-). These Knockers were, until recently, on the inner door of the long room of the *Bush Hotel*, which was formerly used as a Lodge room. They were presented to the Lodge by Mrs. Michael, the present Proprietress, in June, 1914. The Lodge possessed in addition to the foregoing—

One W.M.'s Spanish mahogany Pedestal, made by Bro. Jenkins in 1832, cost £5 10s.

One W.M.'s Spanish mahogany Chair, made by Bro. Jenkins in 1834, cost £3 10s. (*see page 95*).

Two Pedestals for Senior and Junior Wardens, made by Evan Davies, Cabinet-maker, in 1849, cost £5 10s.

One Double Drawer Ballot Box, Lodge No. 144, date 1810.

Two Wardens' Columns of the Doric, Ionic and Corinthian order, date 1810.

Two Wardens' Mallets, probable date, 1810.

Three Mahogany Candlesticks of the Doric, Ionic and Corinthian order, probable date, 1810. (The candle holders are of cast brass, and appear to be of a later date).

One 1st Degree Tracing Board, beautifully painted, bearing the first number of the Lodge, No. 144, date 1810.

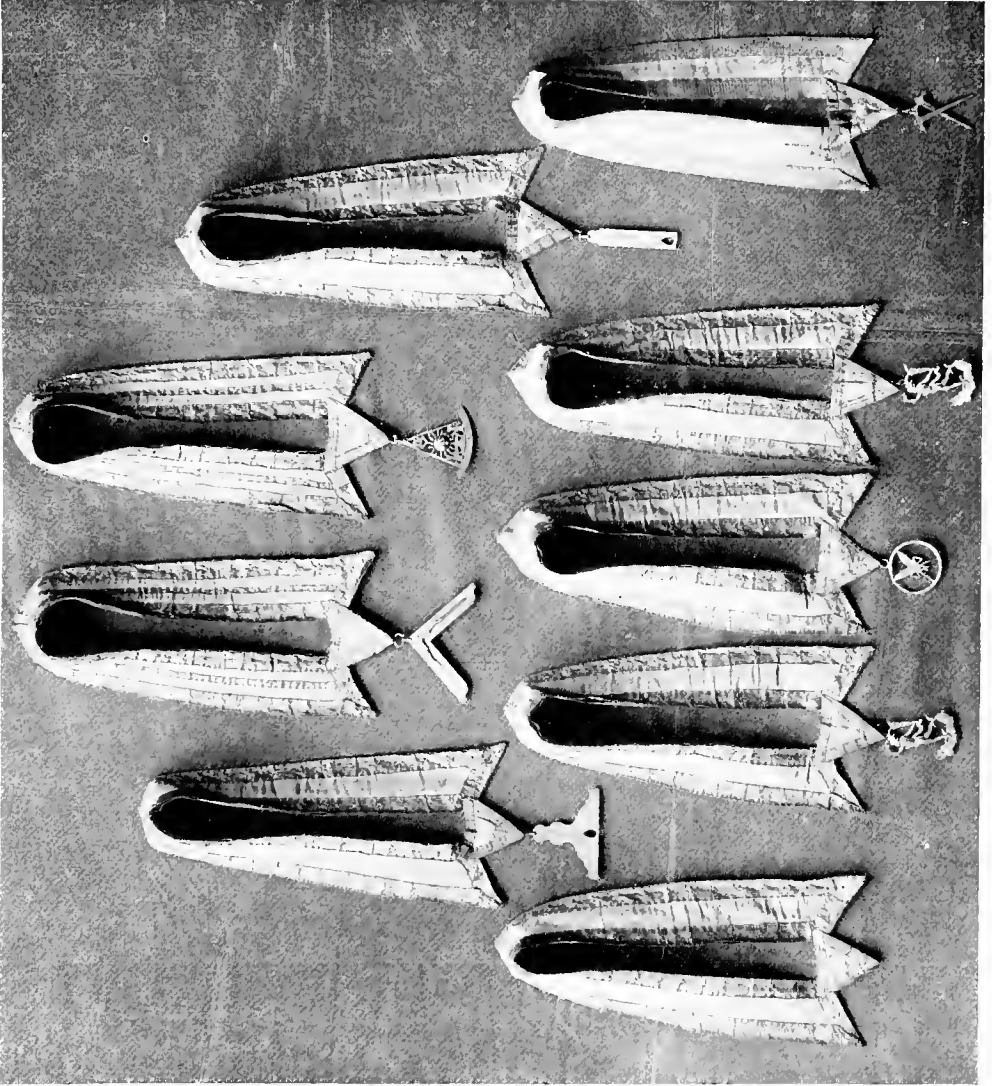
2nd and 3rd Degree reversible Tracing Board, probable date 1856.

The reversible Tracing Board is interesting as being of the old unframed pattern, which used to be laid on the floor of the Lodge, and rolled up when not in use. The Tracing Board of a Lodge was originally a plain drawing board for the Master Architect to draw designs on. Plans were delineated with chalk or charcoal, and this was known as drawing the Lodge. The inconvenience of this method on Lodge nights resulted in the course of time in plans or symbols being painted on canvas. In many instances Lodges designed their own Tracing Boards, as no authorised designs had been issued by Grand Lodge, consequently Tracing Boards differ considerably in design. The old Tracing Boards were in

use until March, 1891. A new set and table were in that year presented to the Lodge by Wor. Bro. D. R. Lewis. Mention must also be made of a very unique part-set of old Crystal Fired Glasses in a fitted case. Originally there were 40 glasses, but unfortunately only 27 now remain, including one Master's Glass, which cost 3/6. These glasses were made to order by John Mathews, Stourbridge, in February, 1828, and cost £5. Carriage from Stourbridge to Bristol, 2/6, and from Bristol to Merthyr per Thomas Kirkhouse, Grocer, 7/2; total, £5 13s. 2d. The glasses are engraved with the number of the Lodge at that period, No. 127. The two Pillars now in use in the Lodge were purchased by Bro. J. W. Russell, by order of the Brethren, on October 3rd, 1844. The cost does not appear in the Treasurer's Ledger, and probably they were a gift from Bro. Russell. There is also a Star Lamp for the 3rd Degree, which was supplied by Evan Davies, Merthyr, on July 17th, 1851, cost 5/-, making star, 2/-extra. The Star Lamp is still occasionally used, although contrary to Grand Lodge regulations.

In addition to the old Furniture, and Working Tools, the whole of which are in excellent preservation and in constant use, there is a set of eight Officers' old Collars and Jewels, which are of a unique design and of considerable value. The Jewels are of sterling silver, and have been in regular use in the Lodge since 1810, and are still in perfect condition. They were manufactured by Bro. Thomas Harper, Jeweller, Strand, London, in 1809. Bro. Thomas Harper was Deputy Grand Master of the Ancient or Athole Grand Lodge from 1801 to 1813. He visited the Loyal Cambrian Lodge in 1812 (*see page 51*). The Jewels comprise :—The Worshipful Master's Square, set with rock crystals; Immediate Past Master's Jewel; Senior Warden's Jewel (Level); Junior Warden's Jewel (Plumbrule); Senior and Junior Deacons' Jewel (Figure of Mercury); Secretary's Jewel (Cross Quills, surrounded with Snake Ring); Bible Square, ornamented with emblems of Masonry in relief.

The Officers' Collars are probably of a design peculiar to a few of the old Athole Lodges. The Ancients had no regulations for uniformity of clothing or jewels, consequently Lodges had free choice in these matters. In many Lodges the Collar Jewels were worn suspended by a narrow ribbon. The old Collars were used by the Officers of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge from 1810 to April 6th, 1893. They were then replaced by Collars as authorised by United Grand Lodge, in order to conform to Rule 307, Book of Constitution. The Inner Guard's Collar and Jewel were purchased from Robert Tate, London, in May, 1836, and cost £2 14s.



OFFICERS' OLD COLLARS, DATE 1810.

The old Collars are preserved in a handsome mahogany case, presented to the Lodge by the late Bro. D. R. Lewis in 1893. There is a similar set of collars in St. John's Lodge, No. 818, Abergavenny, formerly known as the Philanthropic. In the old Minutes of that Lodge it is recorded that in June, 1815, "£14 was paid to Bro. Plummer for belts." This was the year in which the Lodge was consecrated, and the Belts referred to were no doubt, Officers' Collars. Bro. Plummer was closely associated with all the Lodges in South Wales and Monmouthshire. He is described as a Commercial Agent, and it is safe to assume from his close connection with the Merthyr and Abergavenny Lodges, that the clothing of both Lodges was supplied through his agency. This would account for the two sets of Collars being of similar design (*see page 24*).

The Provincial Grand Lodge was duly held on the stated date, December 13th, under the Banner of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge. The P.G.M., Bro. Edward John Hutchins, presided, and he was supported by eleven of his Officers. The Glamorgan Lodge was represented by Bro. Wm. Bird, P.M., the Senior and Junior Wardens, and ten Brethren; the Indefatigable Lodge by Bro. I. G. Hall, W.M., the Senior Warden, and ten Brethren; The Cambrian Lodge, Neath, by Bro. W. G. Jones, W.M., the Senior and Junior Wardens, two Past Masters, and ten Brethren. Visitors were present from Lodges Nos. 81 and 120, Bristol; Lodge No. 235, Dover, and Lodge No. 227, London, making a total attendance of 72. No reference whatever is made in the subsequent Minutes of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge to the proceedings of Provincial Grand Lodge, although it was the most important meeting held up to that time in connection with its history.

The Cholera epidemic of 1849, to which reference is made, was the second and most severe which visited the town, resulting in a mortality of 1,432. The first visitation was in 1832, but there are no reliable statistics as to the number of deaths. The third occurrence was in 1854, when 424 died, and the last in 1856 caused 136 deaths. These statistics were supplied by Bro. Dr. Alexander Duncan, W.M., the present Medical Officer of Health, from returns made by Bro. Dyke.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on December 27th, when Bro. Henry William White, Stationer, Merthyr, was Installed W.M., six Officers and three Past Masters being present.

The Festival of St. John the Baptist, which had not been observed for the previous two years, was celebrated on June 24th. The

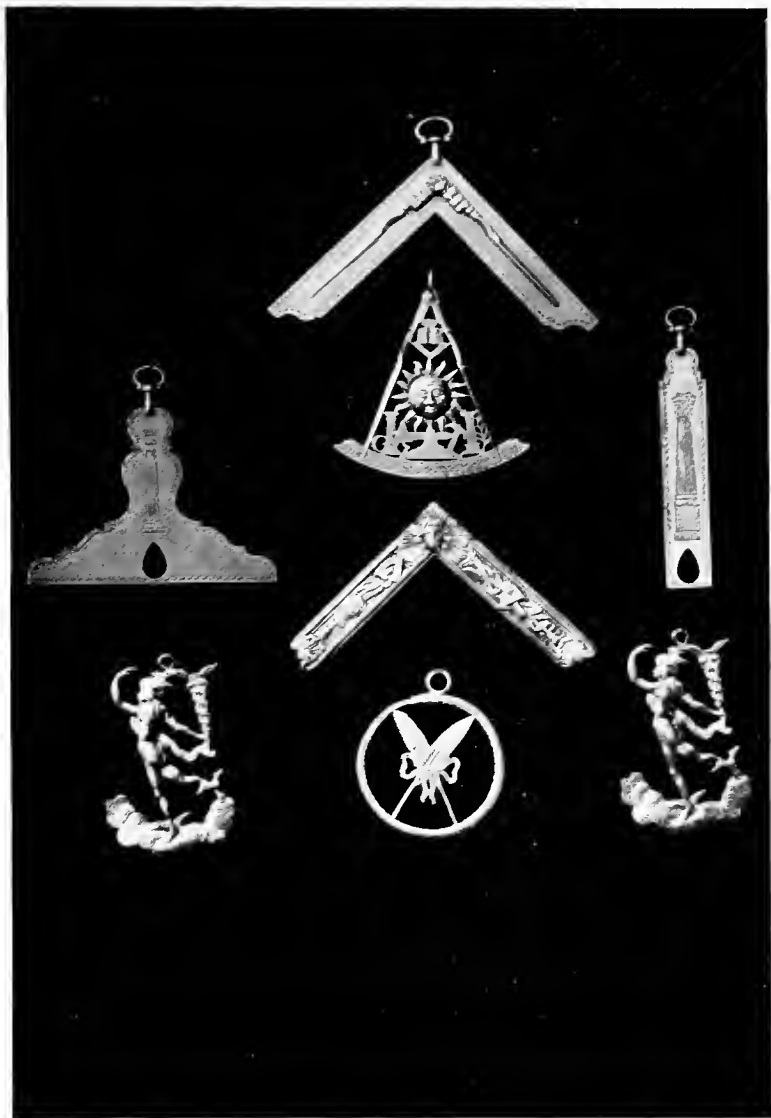
1850. Lodge was opened at 5.30 p.m., and after the confirmation of the Minutes, the Brethren adjourned to the Festival. Eight Brethren and two visitors were present. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the Banner of the Glamorgan Lodge in October, and at the regular meeting of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, on November 7th, the W.M., Bro. H. W. White, ordered it to be recorded on the Minutes "that in obedience to the command of the Provincial Grand Master, the W.M., accompanied by Bros. C. J. Powell, J. L. White, J. W. Russell, J. Walkinshaw, George Roach, Edward Roach, Thomas Davies (junior), George Martin, T. J. Dyke, M. C. Harrison, J. M. Hughes and Lewis, attended Provincial Grand Lodge at the Lodge-room of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 43, on October 17th, 1850." The W.M. also ordered the vote of thanks received from the Cardiff Brethren to be inserted in the Minutes, as follows:—"That the thanks of the W.M. and Brethren be voted to the W.M. and Brethren of the Merthyr Lodge, No. 127, for the loan of their Lodge furniture and working tools." The furniture of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge was probably at this period the most replete in the Province.

At the Festival of St. John the Evangelist on December 27th, Bro. Thomas Davies (junior) was nominated for the chair, but he desired to be excused, and Bro. J. W. Russell was in consequence elected W.M. for the third time. He was presented for Installation by Bros. Thomas Davies (senior) and George Roach, and duly installed by Bro. T. J. Dyke, P.M. Bro. Russell committed the jewels of the Lodge to the following Brethren:—

Bro. H. W. White, I.P.M.	Bro. Edward Roach, S.D.
Bro. George Roach, S.W.	Bro. Thos Davies (junior), J.D.
Bro. Jno. Daniel Thomas, J.W.	Bro. Thos. Davies (senior), I.G.
Bro. J. Walkinshaw, Treasurer.	Bro. John Williams, Tyler.
Bro. T. J. Dyke, Secretary.	

Seven Brethren were present, all of whom were appointed Officers of the Lodge.

In the following March, the Lodge suffered a loss through the death of the I.P.M., and on the regular Lodge night, Bro. Russell, **1851.** W.M., instructed the Secretary to record in the Minutes that the Brethren had attended the funeral of their late Brother, Bro. H. W. White, P.M., on March 7th, 1851. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the summer of 1851, in Swansea, and was well attended by the Merthyr Brethren. At the following Lodge meeting,



OFFICERS' COLLAR, JEWELS, DATE 1809.

which was not held until October 16th, the W.M. directed it to be entered in the Minutes that, in obedience to the command of the P.G.M., the W.M. of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, together with his Officers and Brethren, to the number of 13, had attended Prov. Grand Lodge at Swansea on July 24th, and that they had "united with all harmony in the various ceremonies of the day, and after a sumptuous banquet returned to their homes pleased to have fulfilled their duty as Masons, and to have received from the Brethren of the Indefatigable and Beaufort Lodges every attention that Masonic friendship could desire."

Bro. James Walkinshaw was elected and Installed W.M. a second time in succession to Bro. Russell at the Festival of St. John the Evangelist on December 27th. The attendance of the Brethren at the Lodge meetings was again very irregular, and a difficulty arose in connection with the secretarial duties. At the June Festival only seven Brethren were present, and at the August meeting the W.M. appointed Bro. Dyke Secretary, although he was at the time the Junior Warden of the Lodge. Bro. Dyke discharged the secretarial duties until the following Festival. On Friday, October 1st, Bro. J. W. Russell, P.M., and several of the Brethren attended Prov. Grand Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Neath, presided over by D.P.G.M., Bro. G. S. Bird.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist, which was to have been held on December 27th, was postponed on account of
1853. the indisposition of the W.M. elect, Bro. John Daniel Thomas, and it was celebrated on January 6th, when Bro. Thomas was duly Installed. Bro. J. D. Thomas joined the Loyal Cambrian Lodge in January, 1850, from the Cambrian Lodge, Neath. He came to Merthyr in 1849, on his appointment as High Bailiff of the Merthyr County Court, a position he held until his death, which took place in February, 1894. He was High Constable of Miskin and Caerphilly Higher in 1860 and 1861.

The ill-health and pecuniary circumstances of Bro. John Williams, the Tyler of the Lodge, was taken into consideration at the Lodge meeting in June, and relief to the amount of £1 was granted him. It was also resolved to relieve Bro. Thorn, "who was incapacitated by ill-health," to the same amount. The Tyler died towards the end of June, and the W.M. advanced £5 towards the expenses of his funeral, an action which was approved of by the Brethren at the regular Lodge meeting on July 7th.

The Provincial Grand Lodge, presided over by Bro. E. J. Hutchins, P.G.M., was held for the second time in Merthyr on August 30th, but such an important event does not seem to have aroused much enthusiasm among the Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, only six of whom attended the meeting. In addition there were present: Six Brethren from the Glamorgan Lodge, seven from the Indefatigable Lodge, Swansea, two from the Cambrian Lodge, Neath, together with one or two visitors, and the P.G.L. Officers, a total of only 36 Brethren. The Dowlais Band and Church Choir were engaged to entertain the Prov. Grand Lodge, and at the regular meeting in October, "it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Dyke, that £5 should be spent on the purchase of music, and presented to them for their services, and that £1 be given to Bro. Jenkins for acting as Tyler." A communication was subsequently received from the Dowlais Band and Choir, to the effect that the donation of £5 would be more acceptable in money. The Brethren having no objection to this course, the money was paid to Bro. Walkinshaw "to expend as he may think fit."

The question of the annual subscription to the Masonic Institutions was considered at several of the meetings during the year, and on December 15th the Treasurer, Bro. T. Davies (junior), submitted a statement of the financial condition of the Lodge. After a long discussion Bro. Wm. Simons proposed, and Bro. Dyke seconded, "that the result of the enquiries as to the liabilities of the Lodge with respect to the subscriptions to Charities is that the Lodge has not been a recognised subscriber, and consequently no subscriptions are now due." At a subsequent meeting it was agreed to subscribe annually one guinea to each of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the Benevolent Institution "for aged and decayed Masons."

Bro. Thomas Davies, junior, was elected W.M. in December, and the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was to have taken place on Tuesday, the 27th of that month, but Bro. Davies removed to Aberdare, and consequently, being unable to accept the office of Master, the Festival was not held. No steps appear to have been

1854. taken to elect a W.M. again until the Lodge meeting on March 16th, when, on the motion of Bro. J. W. Russell, seconded by Bro. W. Simons, Bro. George Roach was unanimously elected and duly Installed. Bro. Roach was initiated in the Lodge on August 3rd, 1840, at the age of 42, and continued a subscribing member until February 17th, 1870, when he resigned. He was well known as the proprietor of the *Castle Hotel*, Merthyr.

The office of Tyler having been vacant for some time, a Dispensation was applied for to initiate Mr. Thomas Flooks as a Serving Brother, and on August 3rd, the secretary informed the Lodge that he had received the necessary authority from the P.G.M. Mr. T. Flooks was thereupon proposed by Bro. Robert Jones, and seconded by Bro. J. D. Thomas, P.M., unanimously accepted, and initiated "accordingly into the mysteries of Masonry." Bro. Flooks, who is at the present time (1914) the oldest non-scribing member of the Lodge, acted as Tyler for 16 years. In January, 1870, he became a subscribing member, and filled various offices up to that of Junior Warden, but for personal reasons he would not allow his name to be put forward for the chair. Until a few years ago he carried on a Hairdresser's establishment in High Street, near the site of the Arcade. His reminiscences in connection with the Lodge are highly interesting. In his early association he had frequently on Lodge nights to personally summon Brethren within call, to enable the W.M. to open the Lodge. He has lived to see the Lodge emerge from such adversity and enter a period of great prosperity. As an honoured guest, he took part in the centenary celebrations, and witnessed with pride the laying of the foundation stone of the New Temple on September 22nd, 1910.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was held in 1854, at Cardiff. The hospitality extended to the Brethren on that occasion, by the Glamorgan Lodge, was very much appreciated, and on Lodge night, September 27th, the Secretary was instructed to convey to the Cardiff Lodge the "thanks of the Brethren for the kind manner in which they were received and entertained at the Provincial Grand Lodge on August 15th."

At the Festival of St. John the Evangelist on December 27th, Bro. T. J. Dyke was elected W.M. for the third time, and duly installed by Bro. J. D. Thomas, P.M., 11 Brethren being present. During the previous twelve months 14 meetings were held, the average attendance being about 8. The names of the faithful few are worth recording:—George Roach, W.M., W. Simons, S.W., T. J. Dyke, J. S. Benest, Thomas Davies (junior), Francis Allday, Thomas Davies (senior), Robert Jones, and J. W. Russell. The work transacted at the meetings consisted mainly of reading and confirming the Minutes. For the previous seven years, only four initiates and one joining member were received.

The dark days of the Crimean War are recalled by a motion by Bro. J. W. Russell, seconded by Bro. Simons, in March. "that
1855. a sum of five pounds and five shillings be subscribed out of the funds of this Lodge in aid of the Patriotic Fund." The

Festival of St. John the Evangelist was again celebrated on December 27th, when Bro. Dyke duly installed as his successor Bro. Robert Jones. After the Installation ceremony, Bro. Rees Hopkin Rhys was raised to the Past Master's Degree. This is the last occasion on which the Degree of Past Master was conferred on a lay Brother of the Lodge. Bro. Robert Jones, the newly-installed Master, was the principal and founder of the drapery establishment now carried on by Bro. R. T. Jones, P.M., under the style of Messrs. R. T. Jones & Co. Bro. Robert Jones, after his retirement from business, resided in London, and became a Sheriff of that City.

The most important event in Bro. Jones's year of office was the consecration of St. David's Lodge, Aberdare. At the Lodge meeting on June 5th, a communication was read from Bro. Dyke, notifying the Brethren that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, had been pleased to grant a warrant for constituting a new Lodge "styled" St. David's Lodge, and numbered 979, at Aberdare, and appointing him (Bro. Dyke) the first Master. Bro. Dyke invited the W.M., Bro. Robert Jones, to give him the benefit of installation, to which the W.M. "was pleased to acquiesce," and summons were sent to the members of the Lodge, inviting their attendance at Aberdare on Wednesday, June 18th, to assist in constituting the Lodge and installing the W.M. The W.M. and several of the Brethren attended on the stated date, and assisted in the interesting ceremonies of the day.

St. David's Lodge is the second daughter of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, and one to which the Brethren look with pride as having from the first observed the tenets of Masonry and worked in harmony with her Mother Lodge. The founders were:—

Bro. Thomas Jones Dyke, W.M., Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 127.		
Bro. Thomas Davies (junior), S.W.	"	"
Bro. Rees Hopkin Rhys, J.W.	"	"
Bro. Thos. Davies (senior), <i>Bush Hotel</i>	"	"
Bro. J. W. Russell	"	"
Bro. George Roach	"	"
Bro. Nelson Mark, Lodge No. 693 (Silurian Lodge, Newport, Mon.)		

The Lodge was held at the *Queen's Hotel* until 1870. The Brethren then removed to the *Black Lion Hotel*, and held their meetings there until 1880, when they finally removed to their own freehold Temple in Canon Street. At the last re-numbering of Lodges in 1863, St. David's Lodge became No. 679 on Grand Lodge Register.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on January 2nd, by adjournment from December 27th. Bro. Robert 1857. Jones was re-elected and Installed W.M. by Bro. J. W. Russell, P.M., after which he appointed as his Officers:—

Bro. W. Simons, S.W.	Bro. H. Harries, J.W.
Bro. Thos. Davies, Treasurer.	Bro. T. J. Dyke Secretary.
Bro. Christopher James, S.D.	Bro. Thos. Evans J.D.
Bro. Thos. Davies (senior), I.G.	Bro. T. Flooks, Tyler.

On this occasion 11 Brethren were present, and the following Brethren from St. David's Lodge, Aberdare:—Bros. Gawn, V.B., J. Lewis, E. Lewis, L. Davies, Rees Watkins, and —. Evans. Bro. Dyke, W.M., St. David's Lodge, Aberdare, attended the Lodge meeting on March 5th, and extended a cordial invitation to the W.M., Officers and Brethren to the Installation of Bro. Thomas Davies, junior, which the Brethren were pleased to accept.

In this year the Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, Bro. E. J. Hutchins, resigned, and was succeeded by Bro. C. K. Kemeys Tynte, Cefn Mabley. At the Lodge meeting on July 2nd, a letter was read from the P.G.M. Elect, notifying the Brethren of his appointment. "The W.M. was instructed to convey to the R.W. Bro. Tynte, the satisfaction of the Brethren at his appointment, and of their earnest desire to co-operate with him in promoting the good of the Craft." Bro. Tynte acknowledged the good wishes of the Brethren on May 29th, 1857, as follows:—

Wor. Sir and Brother,

I have the honour to acknowledge your flattering communication of the 15th inst., and in reply beg to say how extremely gratified I feel at receiving on my appointment as Prov. Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales the congratulations of so influential a body of gentlemen as the Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge. Such a communication, indeed, affords me great encouragement, as I am assured that I shall receive from the Brethren the co-operation and support which are so essential to enable a Prov. Grand Master to fulfil with advantage to the Craft the important duties required at his hands.

I have the honour to be, Wor. Sir and Brother,

Very truly and fraternally yours,

C. K. KEMEYS TYNTE,
P.G.M., E.D. South Wales.

The Warrant or Patent of the Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, appointing Bro. C. K. Kemeys Tynte, P.G.M., is in the possession of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge. It was formerly the property of the late Bro. Dyke, and was presented to the Lodge by his executor, Bro. Pool. It is now suitably framed, and forms an interesting addition to the property of the Lodge.

The question of annual subscription to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was considered at the Lodge meeting on November 5th, when it was agreed to contribute the sum of ten guineas, in order to constitute the Lodge a life subscriber, with one vote in perpetuity. The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by adjournment from the 27th to the 29th of December, when Bro. Francis Allday, Surgeon, Merthyr, was duly installed Wor. Master, eight Brethren and four visitors being present.

BRO. DR. FRANCIS ALLDAY, W.M.

Dr. Allday was a native of Birmingham, and came to the district as an assistant to Dr. Davies, Cyfarthfa. After leaving Cyfarthfa he opened up a private practice in the town, and in the course of a few years he was appointed surgeon to the Waunwylt Colliery and Medical Officer to the Merthyr Union. In the discharge of his duties in connection with the Union during an epidemic of typhus fever he contracted the disease, and died on December 18th, 1868, at the age of 54, just 12 months after his marriage. His widow survived him for over 30 years. The daughter, the only issue, is now married and lives in India.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of South Wales was held at Brecon on August 6th. The R.W. Prov. 1858. Grand Master, Bro. Kemeys Tynte, in the chair. The Loyal Cambrian Lodge was represented by Bros. J. W. Russell, P.M., T. J. Dyke, P.M., and Thomas Evans, J.W. The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was again celebrated on December 27th. The Lodge was opened at 5.30 p.m. in the First Degree, when the Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Christopher James was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. James was then presented by Bros. J. W. Russell and George Roach, P.M.s, and duly installed by Bro. T. J. Dyke, P.M. The newly-installed Master was initiated in the Lodge on December 6th, 1855. He was a son of D. W. James, colliery proprietor, Mid Rhondda, and a grandson of Christopher James, a prosperous tradesman in Merthyr in the first quarter of the 19th century, the one who built the *Bush*

Hotel in the year 1822. Bro. James, like his father, was a Colliery Proprietor. He lived for some time at Mountain Ash, and afterwards removed to London, where he died on October 10th, 1882.

At the Lodge meeting held on May 5th, "two distinguished foreign visitors," whose names are not given, were present, **1859.** and solicited assistance to enable them to reach Swansea.

The Brethren befriended them to the extent of 10s. At the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, held on December 27th, Bro. Thomas Evans, Gellifaelog, Dowlais, was unanimously elected and regularly Installed W.M.



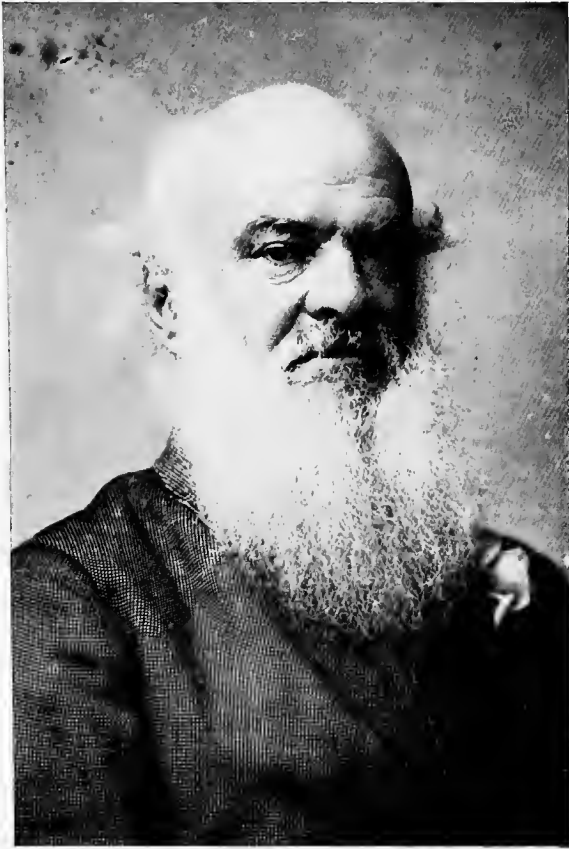


CHAPTER IX.

HISTORY OF THE "LOYAL CAMBRIAN" LODGE, No. 110, 1860 TO 1882.

ON August 7th, 1860, the Lodge attained its Jubilee, and at the meeting held on March 1st, a very singular resolution was passed. On the motion of Bro. Dyke, it was decided not to collect the subscriptions for the year commencing March 26th, 1859, and ending March 25th, 1860. The reason for this unusual course is not stated. The Treasurer's statement of accounts, presented on December 6th, 1860, shows a balance in favour of the Lodge of £43 14s. Probably this sum was considered sufficient to meet all Lodge purposes, or the exemption might have been in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Lodge, which occurred on August 7th. In the absence of any information, the most feasible reason appears to be the lethargic state of the Lodge. During the years 1859 and 1860, no initiates were received. Seven meetings were held in the former, and five in the latter year, the average attendance being about 8 for the whole period. In the year 1860, Bro. J. W. Russell acted as Steward for the Girls' Schools and Benevolent Institution. The Brethren resolved to subscribe two guineas annually to each of these Institutions, commencing with that year.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on December 27th. The Lodge was opened at 6 o'clock, and after the Minutes were confirmed, Bro. J. W. Russell, P.M., presented Bro. William Simons for Installation, which ceremony was duly performed. Six Brethren, were present, viz., Bros. T. J. Dyke, J. W. Russell, J. D. Thomas, George Roach and Thomas Davies. The attendance at the Festival is the smallest recorded, yet the year 1861 proved successful. Two joining members and four initiates were received into brotherhood. Three of



BRO. WILLIAM SIMONS, W.M.

the initiates—Bros. Edward Lawrence, organist St. David's Church; John Emrys Jones, Sculptor; and D. C. Gunn were prominent townsmen in their time. Happily, one of the initiates is still with us, in the full vigour of body and mind, in the person of Bro. John Plews, P.M., Barrister.

BRO. WILLIAM SIMONS, W.M.

Bro. William Simons, one of the best known men of his day in South Wales, was born at Llanelly in 1812. His father was a native of Kent, and emigrated to Carmarthen in the early mining and manufacturing days of South Wales, where he acquired considerable property in land and minerals. The family history, dating back to the beginning of the 17th century, is a very interesting one, and begins with John Simons, of Berrysfield, Captain of the Horse, who was killed near Chalgrove in 1643. This gentleman married Mary Scobell, whose brother was Clerk of the House of Commons. A son of the marriage, born in 1633, became Clerk of the Council. Another member of the family, on the female side, was Captain of the "Royal Sovereign" at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

The subject of our sketch, after completing his education, was articled to a solicitor in the town of Carmarthen, and after his admittance to the profession he practised there for nearly 20 years. In his daily drives to his office he on one occasion had an unusual adventure passing over Carmarthen Bridge. His spirited steed, through some cause, jumped the parapet. Bro. Simons leapt clear, but singularly, man, horse and trap escaped without injury or damage, and were able to proceed on their way as if nothing untoward had happened—a soft, sandy patch in the river bed saved them. (A witness of the accident is still living in the person of Mr. Nicholas, Brecon Road, Merthyr). In 1850 Bro. Simons elected to be called to the Bar, but that branch of the profession not proving congenial, he again took up practice as a solicitor.

In 1852 he removed to Merthyr, and after practising on his own account for some years, he entered into partnership with Mr. J. B. Evans, his brother-in-law, and later opened a branch office in Swansea in partnership with Mr. Morris, but both these associations were of short duration. In 1860 he took Mr. John Plews into a partnership, which continued until 1891, when Mr. Plews was called to the Bar. Bro. Simons then took his two sons, Bro. Vazie Simons and Bro. F. Sydney Simons, into partnership, under the title of William Simons and Sons. Bro. Simons was married to the daughter of the late Mr. John Evans, Manager of the Dowlais Works, by whom he had four sons and six

daughters. Two of his sons entered the medical profession, and one of them, Dr. Chas. Simons, joined his uncle, Bro. Dr. Dyke, and after that Brother's retirement, Dr. Simons succeeded him as Medical Officer of Health for the Borough, a position which he resigned some time before his death, which took place in 1902.

Bro. Simons was considered one of the most learned and astute lawyers of his time. He possessed a commanding presence, a fine, cultured voice, and a sharp, penetrating eye, which extracted admissions by the merest twinkle, or confused a witness by its flashing indignation and scorn. He was one of the greatest authorities of his time on mining law, and his pre-eminence in this led to his selection as solicitor for the Coalowners' Association for South Wales and Monmouth. In that capacity he prepared, in conjunction with Lord Merthyr and Mr. George Campbell, of Wigan, the legal foundation for the Miners' Permanent and Provident Fund. In politics he was a staunch Liberal, and acted as agent for the late Mr. Fothergill during his connection with the Borough from 1868 to 1880. In local affairs he was a member of the old Local Board of Health as far back as 1868, and in 1867 and 1868 he held the appointment of High Constable of Caerphilly Higher. During his term of office as High Constable he had the honour to present the public address to Lord and Lady Wimborne, on their first visit to Dowlais after their marriage. He also took an active part in the movement for national education, which ultimately led to the passing of the Education Act of 1870. He was a staunch upholder of public rights, and being of a quick temperament, he on more than one occasion ran counter to the Powers-that-be. Probably his last protest was against the action of the Agents of the Court Estate in leasing the Market Square for building purposes, thereby depriving the public of an open space in the centre of the town, and although an old man of close on four score years, he showed his spirit by vigorously attacking the builders' hoarding in a style reminiscent of his early football days; but all to no purpose, the builder won the day, and the Market Square became a thing of the past.

Bro. Simons joined the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on November 3rd, 1853, from Lodge No. 168. He was Installed W.M. on December 27th, 1860, and on January 4th, 1912, 57 years afterwards, his son, Bro. F. Sydney Simons, was Installed into the same chair. Another coincidence was that both father and son were joining members of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge. The father from St. Luke's Lodge, No. 168, London, and the son from the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36. Bro. Simons, senior,

continued a subscribing member until June 6th, 1867, when he resigned. He died on October 25th, 1893, at the age of 81 years, at Fernleigh, Cardiff, where he had resided since the expiration of the lease of Gwaunfarren, Merthyr.

On February 14th it was resolved on the motion of Bro. Dyke, seconded by Bro. J. W. Russell, that the sum of ten pounds **1861.** be paid out of the funds of the Lodge towards apprenticing the son of the late Bro. Edward Roach, Draper. This amount does not appear to have been paid, for on May 2nd, 1862, it was resolved to vote £5 to Mrs. Roach for the benefit of her son, "out of the £10 voted and not paid." The Festival of St. John the Evangelist, which had not been observed for some years, was celebrated on June 20th, when twelve members were present. The W.M. invested Bro. Frank James with the collar of Junior Warden, and Bro. Rees, a Fellowcraft, with that of Junior Deacon. These Offices were vacant since the annual Festival in December, which illustrates the difficulty in carrying on the work of the Lodge at that time.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was again celebrated on December 27th. Mr. John Plews was on this occasion initiated into Masonry by Bro. Robert Jones. P.M. The Lodge was afterwards opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bro. J. W. Russell, P.M., took the obligation to rule the Lodge aright, and was afterwards duly installed W.M. This was the fourth time for Bro. Russell to occupy the chair of the Lodge, and it proved to be his most successful, five joining members and seven initiates being accepted that year. The initiates were William Thomas Lewis (now Lord Merthyr), the late Bros. John Lees Cocker, John Russell, Dr. Pearson Robert Cresswell, Peter Williams and Elliot Thomas Sheldrick. The most distinguished of the number is Bro. Lord Merthyr, and a brief outline of his life will, therefore, be appropriate.

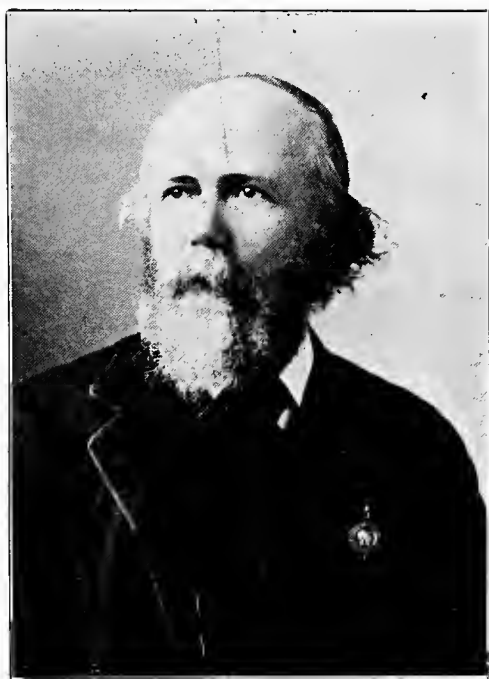
BARON MERTHYR OF SENGHENYDD, K.C.V.O., K.B., D.L.,
F.R.G.S., J.P.

Lord Merthyr, known in early life as William Thomas Lewis, one of the most illustrious of the many eminent men who have been members of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, was the eldest son of the late Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mechanical Engineer at Plymouth Ironworks under Mr. Anthony Hill. He thus comes of a family who had been connected with the Dowlais and Plymouth Ironworks for a period close on 150 years.

Lord Merthyr was born in Plymouth Street, Merthyr, on August 5th, 1837, but during his infancy his parents removed to Pentrebach. He received his early education at Taliesin Williams's celebrated School, and at the age of 12½ years he was apprenticed in the Plymouth Engineering Shops. Before his 20th year he was appointed Junior Engineer under Mr. W. J. Clarke, Mineral Agent to the Marquis of Bute, and four years later he became resident Engineer and Chief Assistant to Mr. Clarke. In that capacity he was employed in the construction of the East Dock, a portion of which was opened in 1855; in the construction of the Rhymney Railway, of which he is now a director, and in developing the mineral resources of Aberdare and Rhondda Valleys, and several other large undertakings in South Wales. His rise in the engineering and commercial world was so rapid that in less than 20 years he was controlling as managing director the works where he had served his apprenticeship. In 1864 Mr. Clarke died, and Lord Merthyr, although then only 27 years of age, was appointed to succeed him as Mining Engineer to the Marquis of Bute. In the same year he married Miss Rees, daughter of Mr. William Rees, of Llettyshenkin Colliery, and grand-daughter of Robert and Lucy Thomas, Wannwyllt, Merthyr, the pioneers of the Welsh steam coal trade. Lady Lewis died in October, 1902.

On the retirement of the late Mr. Richard Fothergill in 1880, Lord Merthyr contested the Borough in the Conservative interest, and although he polled a large number of votes—receiving no less than 3,330 plumpers—he failed to get elected. His numerous friends took advantage of the occasion to present him with a magnificent silver candelabra and a service of plate of the value of 1,000 guineas. Again in 1883 his services to the coalfields of South Wales were acknowledged by the presentation of an illuminated address and 1,000 guineas, and on a subsequent occasion he received a similar address and 3,000 guineas. The whole of this money, together with an equal amount, he generously devoted to local charitable and educational purposes.

He was President of the Mining Association of Great Britain in 1880, and in conjunction with Sir J. D. Llewellyn he founded the Monmouthshire and South Wales Provident Fund in 1881, from which £868,000 has been distributed in relief to widows, orphans, and disabled colliery workers up to 1909. He was the founder of the Sliding Scale, and its President for 20 years—a system which secured peace to the South Wales coalfields from the strike of 1875 to that of 1898. In the latter



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year it was superseded by the Conciliation Board. His Lordship has also served on several Royal Commissions. He was twice Chairman of the South Wales Institute of Engineers, Chairman for many years of the Coalowners' Association, Fellow of the Royal Geological Society, and various other learned bodies, and High Sheriff and Deputy-Lieutenant of Brecknockshire. His invaluable services to commerce were recognised by the conferment of a Knighthood by Her Majesty Queen Victoria in 1885, and a Baronetcy in 1896. The late Lord Salisbury, in communicating Her Majesty's pleasure, added the striking testimony that the honour was conferred "in recognition of the services you have rendered to the commerce of South Wales and the welfare of the great population engaged in these industries in which your name is so honourably mentioned."

He was again the recipient of Royal favour on the occasion of the opening of the new Dock at Cardiff in 1907. He was then decorated by the late King Edward VII. with the Badge of Knight of the Victorian Order, the King remarking, "I wish to thank you and to give you this decoration in recognition of your long and valuable services to your country and to me."

In connection with his native town he laid the foundation stone of the Merthyr General Hospital in 1887, and since its inception he has taken a keen and practical interest in its progress. Through his agency the late Marquis of Bute contributed over £3,000 towards the Building and Endowment Fund. Lord Merthyr's own gifts consisted, in the first instance, of £750 towards the Endowment Fund, followed by a contribution of £1,000 towards the building of an accident receiving ward, and again by another sum of £1,000 towards the extension of the female ward. In addition to these princely donations, his Lordship gave the total proceeds of the 1d. subscriptions contributed by 35,000 workmen for the purpose of a presentation. To commemorate this gift, the Governors placed an engraved marble tablet in the Boardroom of the Hospital, and in the accident receiving ward Mr. F. T. James placed a beautiful stained-glass window to record his Lordship's generosity, and also as a memorial to Mr. James's own year of office as Mayor of the town. On the death of the late Marquis of Bute, his Lordship succeeded him as president of the Institution. In further recognition of his Lordship's many services and valuable gifts to the town, his statue in bronze, executed by Mr. Brock, R.A., was unveiled on April 4th, 1900, in the grounds of the Hospital, by the late Thomas Jenkins, Esq., J.P., Pant.

The cost, exceeding £1,000, was defrayed by public subscription. The statue bears the following inscription:—"Sir W. T. Lewis, Bart., D.L., etc., Civil Engineer, 1900. 'Gwna a ddylit, docd a ddel' (Sir William's motto). Erected by voluntary subscription of friends and admirers of Sir W. T. Lewis, to commemorate in his native town and on the site of his labours to suffering humanity, their satisfaction with the honour conferred upon him by Her Majesty the Queen, in recognition of his invaluable service in the development of the South Wales mineral field, and in the construction of railways and docks and other works; and also his untiring efforts for more than a quarter of a century in improving the relations between employers and employed in the prevention of strikes, principally achieved by the establishment of a Parliament of coalowners and representation of the working colliers."

Another bronze statue of his Lordship was placed by public subscription at the entrance to the Park at Aberdare in 1912.

Among his Lordship's gifts to his native town may be mentioned two beautiful stained-glass memorial windows in St. David's Church; a stained-glass window and brass tablet in St. Tydfil's Church, to the memory of the local pioneers of industry, and an artistic fountain in Lower High Street to the memory of Robert and Lucy Thomas, the pioneers of the South Wales coal trade. For these gifts and for his valuable services he was made a freeman of the Borough in 1908. His services to commerce was again recognised by King George in 1911, by his elevation to the Peerage. This mark of Royal favour afforded the Corporation and townspeople an opportunity of entertaining him to a public banquet at the Drill Hall on October 19th, 1911.

In a brief outline of this kind it is impossible to even allude to many interesting incidents in the life of one acknowledged to be the greatest Welshman of his day. His Lordship's history has yet to be written—his labours in the cause of humanity have not yet ended.

At this juncture, a brief reference to Lord Merthyr's tutor, Taliesin Williams, the son of the celebrated bard and antiquarian, Iolo Morganwg, will be interesting. Taliesin Williams was born at Cardiff on July 9th, 1787, and after finishing his education he was engaged as an assistant schoolmaster in the Boarding School of the Rev. David Davies, Neath. He subsequently came to Merthyr, and opened a private school in Wellington Street, in the building used afterwards as an armoury by the local Volunteers. This building is of interest

to the Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, from the fact that a portion of the premises belonged to Bro. Edward Lewis Richards, the donor of the Loving Cup, and the unexpired lease is still held by his heirs.

Taliesin, like his father, was a writer and poet of great merit. His essay, "A History of the Bardic Alphabet," published in Welsh, is considered one of his masterpieces. In 1834 he won the chair and medal at the Cardiff Eisteddfod for a Welsh poem, "Awdl Derwyddon Ynys Prydain." In the bardic world he was known as Taliesin ap Iolo. As a schoolmaster he became famous on account of the number of eminent men who had received their early education at his hands—to mention a few will be sufficient: Penry Williams, the celebrated artist; Joseph Edwards, sculptor; John Petherick, the famous explorer; William Llewellyn, C.E., F.R.G.S., and Lord Merthyr. Mention must also be made of Edward Williams, Taliesin Williams's son, who commenced his life as a clerk in the Dowlais Iron Company's office, where he soon acquired a thorough knowledge of iron manufacture. He subsequently became manager of the Bolcklow-Vaughan Ironworks, Middlesborough, afterwards establishing ironworks of his own in the same place. He was twice Mayor of Middlesborough. He died in 1886, in his 60th year, and was succeeded by his two sons. Taliesin Williams, the father, died on February 16th, 1847, also in his 60th year.

Provincial Grand Lodge was again held in Merthyr on August 13th. The Minutes state that "The Brethren were summoned **1862.** to meet the Prov. Grand Lodge at the hour of high twelve on Wednesday, the 13th of this month of August, 1862, at the Lodge room of this Lodge. The Lodge was opened in the First Degree at the hour of high noon. The following Masters were present:—

- Bro. D. Bird, D.P.G.M., Lodge No. 288.
- Bro. M. Mogridge, P.G.S.W. ,,
- Mr. E. J. Morris, P.G.J.W. ,,
- Bro. Burrows, P.G. Sec., Lodge 472.
- Bro. N. B. Allen, P.G. Treas. ,,
- Bro. S. Allen, P.G.S.D. ,,
- Bro. Michael, P.G.D.C., Lodge No. 288.
- Bro. Russell, P.P.S.G.W. ,,
- Bro. Jones, P.P.S.G.D., Lodge No. 127.
- Bro. Hallen, P.P.G.S., Lodge No. 288.

Bro. Donaldson, P.M., Lodge No. 472.

Bro. Dosser, P.G. Tyler „

Bro. Jones, P.G.J.D. „

The Province of the Eastern Division of South Wales comprised at that time seven Lodges, and these were represented at P.G. Lodge as follows:—Brethren from Glamorgan Lodge, No. 43—E. J. Thomas, W.M., John Grierson, S.W., Dr. Roberts, J.W., D. Owens, O.G.; Brethren of Indefatigable Lodge, No. 288, Swansea—J. Jacobs, H. W. Williams, S.W., John Evans, —. Stroud, P.M., T. J. Evans, Tyler, Probert, O.G., Wm. Rees; Brethren from the Cambrian Lodge, Neath, No. 472—J. Lindsay, and J. Smith, I.G.; Brethren from St. David's Lodge, No. 979, Aberdare—R. Miles, W. Thomas, J. Smith, Wm. Davies, W.M., Wm. Powell, T. Bowen, O.G.; Brethren from Brecknock Lodge, No. 939, Brecon—Davies, W.M., Banks, S.W., P.P.S.G.W. Fowler, Rich, J.W., Cansick, Thomas, Cummins and Webb; Brethren from Avon Lodge, No. 1135, Aberavon—Langdon, W.M., Jones, Smith and Barnes; Brethren from Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 127—Dyke, W.M., Lawrance, S.W., Rees, J.W., Allday, S.D., Roach, J.D., Rhys (Aberdare), Mathias, Stephens, Plews, Gunn, J. Emrys Jones, Simons, Phillips, and T. J. Dyke, Secretary.

Arising out of the proceedings of Prov. Grand Lodge, it was resolved at the September meeting to pay two guineas to Bro. Lawrance for distribution among the choir, clerk, and pew-opener of St. David's Church. This indicates that attendance at Church was part of the proceedings of Prov. Grand Lodge. On November 6th. Dr. Pearson Robert Cresswell, William Thomas Lewis, Peter Williams, and Elliot Thomas Sheldrick were regularly initiated in the first Degree by Bro. Robert Jones, P.M. At the same meeting, on the motion of Bro. Dyke, five guineas were unanimously voted from the funds for the relief of the distressed cotton workmen in the North of England. United Grand Lodge voted £1,000 for the same purpose. The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by adjournment on December 30th. The Lodge was opened at 5.30 p.m., when Bro. Edward Lawrance was regularly installed W.M. Twenty-three Brethren and one visitor were present.

BRO. EDWARD LAWRANCE, W.M., P.P.G.O.

Bro. Lawrance, who was for many years a leading light in the musical life of the town, was born at Weymouth on March 28th, 1836.

His preliminary musical education was under the tuition of Mr. Linster, Professor of Music. Subsequently he proceeded to the Conservatorium of Music at Leipzig, where he studied for several years, having for his masters, Moschels, Plaid, Richter, Pappevitz, and others. Returning to England he was appointed organist at Sidmouth, and in 1860 he came to Merthyr as organist of St. David's Church. In 1861 he married Fraulein Louise Koch, youngest daughter of Herr Bergruth Koch, Germany. He was organist of St. David's Church for 31 years, but resigned some years prior to his death, which took place on June 10th, 1900. His wife died on October 4th, 1898. Bro. Lawrance joined the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on March 7th, 1861, from the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 190, East Stonehouse, Devonshire. He was three times Wor. Master of the Lodge—in 1863, 1867 and 1876. He resigned his membership on February 5th, 1887.

On February 5th the Treasurer presented a statement of accounts, showing a balance in favour of the Lodge of £26 6s. 9d. Fifteen **1863.** well-attended meetings were held during the previous 12 months, and advantage appears to have been taken of the increased interest of the Brethren in Masonry to raise the yearly subscription to 24s. To regularise this, it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Dyke, on March 5th, that the 5th Article of Section I. in the Bye-laws be altered from 5/6 to 6/- per quarter. The Festival of St. John the Baptist was held by adjournment on June 25th, when 18 brethren were present.

An important and interesting communication from United Grand Lodge, dated July 6th, 1863, and signed by William Gray Clark, Grand Secretary, was read at the Lodge meeting on August 6th, informing the Brethren that the number of the Lodge would henceforth stand on the Register of Grand Lodge as No. 110. The W.M. directed a note to be made of the order, and also that the new number be endorsed on the Warrant. This was the last closing up or re-numbering of the Lodges under United Grand Lodge. Bro. Dyke, who had for several years acted as Secretary, found it necessary on account of his public duties to resign at the August meeting, and the Wor. Master, Bro. Lawrance proposed, and Bro. J. W. Russell, P.M., seconded, "That the hearty thanks of this Lodge be presented to Bro. Dyke for the very efficient manner in which he has for so many years filled the office of Secretary to this Lodge, and whilst accepting his resignation, feel the greatest

regret at his retirement from that office." The Wor. Master appointed Bro. Peter Williams to the vacant office, and he proved a worthy successor to Bro. Dyke. He carried out the secretarial duties for many years.

Bro. Peter Williams was a son of the Rev. Benj. Williams, and a brother to Bro. J. D. Williams, Jeweller. He was best known as the Proprietor and Editor of the *Merthyr Telegraph*, a weekly newspaper established in 1855, and which was continued until 1880. Bro. Williams died on October 2nd, 1895.

BRO. THOMAS REES, W.M., P.P.G.S.W.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was held, by postponement, on January 7th, from December 27th. Bro. Thomas Rees **1864.** was presented for installation and regularly Installed W.M.

Bro. Rees was a Chemist for some years in the town, and afterwards emigrated to America. In the beginning of this year the first donation of £10 10s. was sent to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a communication from Bro. Burrows was read on February 4th, intimating that the Master of the Lodge for the time being became a Life Governor of the Institution.

The Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated on June 24th, twelve Brethren being present. It was resolved to send a letter of condolence to the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Charles Kemeys Tynte, on the lamented death of Mrs. Tynte. At a Lodge of Emergency held on September 20th, it was agreed by resolution that the Lodge should be represented at Neath on the 22nd inst., at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency, convened for the purpose of laying the "corner stone of a Church." It was also resolved, on the proposition of Bro. Miles, P.M., seconded by Bro. Roach, P.M., that the following Brethren be appointed to represent the Lodge at a committee to consider the uniformity of working in the Province in accordance with a resolution passed at the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Cardiff on the 16th ult., when Bros. J. W. Russell, P.M., Edward Lawrance, P.M., and Thos. Rees, P.M., were present. At the Lodge meeting on December 1st, the W.M. informed the Brethren that the Committee of Past Masters of the Province proposed to meet in the Lodge room at Merthyr on Wednesday, the 7th December, at 3 p.m., and on the proposition of Bro. Dyke, seconded by Bro. Allday, it was agreed to provide a dinner for the Committee at the cost of the

Lodge, the charge not to exceed five shillings each. The Wor. Master, with the approval of the Brethren, directed that 10/6 be paid to Bro. Flooks for each of his attendances at Cardiff and Neath in connection with Provincial Grand Lodge meetings.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was held on December 27th. On this occasion Bro. John Plews, who was elected on December 1st as W.M., and was described, even then, as the "Worthy Bro. Plews," was presented for Installation and duly and regularly Installed W.M. Bro. Plews appointed the following Officers:—

Bro. John Russell, S.W.	P. R. Cresswell, J.W.
P. Williams, Secretary.	J. D. Williams, S.D.
W. E. Jones, J.D.	

Bro. Thos. Davies was re-elected Treasurer. The following Brethren were present:—T. B. Meredith, Ed. Lawrance, Roach, Gunn and J. H. Thomas.

BRO. JOHN PLEWS, B.A.L., J.P., P.M., P.P.G.S.D.

Bro. Plews is a native of Yorkshire, and after completing his education at York College, he was articled to Mr. John Fisher, Solicitor, Ripon. On being admitted to the profession, he joined that gentleman in partnership, an association which only continued for a short time. Leaving home, Bro. Plews went to Newent, Gloucestershire, where he established a private practice, and was elected Clerk to the Magistrates, and also to the Income Tax Commissioners. In 1860 he negotiated a partnership with the late Bro. Wm. Simons—the firm being known as Simons and Plews—and came to reside in Merthyr. This partnership continued until the beginning of 1891, when Bro. Plews gave the usual notice and was in due course called to the Bar by the Inner Temple. Such briefly is the opening chapter in the life of one of Merthyr's most active and oldest citizens, who has, since his advent to the town, taken a most active part in every movement having for its object the welfare of the inhabitants.

He acted as High Constable of Miskin and Caerphilly Higher in 1872, and again in 1873, and during his term of office he summoned a public meeting at the Temperance Hall to consider the advisability of promoting a petition for a Charter of Incorporation for the town. The meeting was called for August 13th, 1873, but through the opposition of the employers of labour and their workmen, who besieged the entrance to the hall in thousands, the meeting had to be abandoned. The matter

however received such public attention that Bro. Plews was requested to draw up a petition in favour of a Charter, a task which he accomplished with his usual enthusiasm, and his efforts ultimately led to the enquiry of 1876 by Major Donnelly. At that enquiry Bro. Plews acted for the petitioners, and taking the matter entirely in his own hands he engaged as Counsel Mr. Jeff, Q.C., who afterwards became one of the Judges of the High Court. The result of the enquiry was unfavourable to the promoters, but upon a further application a second enquiry was held in 1897, conducted by Mr. C. Neve Cresswell, Barrister. Bro. Plews, who had in the meantime become a member of the Bar, represented the petitioners in conjunction with Mr. Cripps, but their efforts again proved futile. In 1903, Bro. F. Sydney Simons carried a resolution in the Council Chamber in favour of a third attempt being made. This led to the enquiry held by the Hon. Everard Fielding. Bro. Plews's services were again retained as Counsel for Gelligaer Parish Council and Gelligaer Rural District Council, being assisted by Mr. Samuel Evans, now President of the Probate Court. The Commissioners' report was on this occasion favourable. A Bill was consequently promoted in Parliament, and received the Royal assent on May 28th, 1905. On June 6th following the Charter was signed by the King, and on its delivery to Bro. F. Sydney Simons, Dr. C. Biddle was appointed Charter Mayor until the November elections, when Alderman Enoch Morrell was elected first Mayor.

Bro. Plews, following the example of other eminent townsmen, joined the Volunteer movement soon after his advent to the town, and as an old member of that force and a representative townsman, he was privileged to attend and take an active part in the unveiling of the memorial erected to the memory of the fallen Volunteer heroes of Merthyr in the South African War, on September 8th, 1904. The memorial, which is an obelisk of grey Aberdeen granite, was erected by public subscription in Thomastown Park, on the rising ground overlooking the town, and was unveiled by Lord Windsor, Lord Lieutenant of the County. Some years ago Bro. Plews was elected Chairman of the Income Tax Commissioners, was made a Justice of the Peace for the County of Glamorgan, and Deputy Stipendiary for the Borough of Merthyr. Among other appointments he has been Clerk to the Rhymney District Council, a member of the old Merthyr District Council, and of the Merthyr Board of Guardians, Honorary Secretary for many years of the Merthyr Chamber of Trade, Chairman of the Merthyr and Dowlais Improvement Building Society, and Church Warden of Christ Church, Cyfarthfa.



BRO. JOHN PLEWS, B.A.L., J.P., P.M., P.P.G.S.D.

Probably the work most congenial to his mind is that in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital, an institution with which he has been closely identified since its inception, having negotiated the contract for the erection of the building in 1887. In the general management of this institution he takes a keen personal interest, being Chairman of the Executive Board from the commencement. He is in addition a life Governor and Auditor. In the educational life of the town, Bro. Plews has also associated himself, especially in connection with the Merthyr Intermediate School, of which he is a Governor.

His connection with Masonry dates back to December 27th, 1860, when he was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge by his late partner, Bro. Simons, and it will be noticed that he was installed W.M. exactly four years afterwards. He is thus not only the oldest subscribing member, but also the oldest P.M., having occupied the chair of the Lodge 50 years ago. On the formation of the Prince Llewellyn Lodge at Cardiff, on January 18th, 1896, he became one of the founders. His professional and public duties have prevented him from taking an active part in Masonry for some years, but whenever he attends a Lodge his presence is always appreciated. In connection with the Centenary Celebration and the building of the New Temple he identified himself in a practical manner by contributing a substantial sum to the building fund. He has resided for many years in The Cottage, a residence of much local interest, having been the home of the Homfrays of Penydarren Ironworks, and subsequently of the Davieses, the Mardy family.

Bro. Thomas Rees, P.M., announced at the meeting of April 6th that the Lodge had, by a donation of an additional five guineas **1865.** to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, become entitled in perpetuity to an extra number of votes annually. The regular meeting on the first Thursday in May was not held, by order of the W.M., in consequence of the Lodge room being occupied. Bro. Peter Williams took advantage of the postponement to bring forward a resolution, on June 1st, to change the night of meeting from Thursday to Tuesday, but after considerable discussion it was withdrawn.

The Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated on Tuesday, June 27th. Three communications were read by the Secretary; one from Bro. G. Clark, Grand Secretary, announcing the appointment of Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, Esq., of Margam, as Prov. Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales; another from Bro. R. Phillips,

Lodge No. 237, Swansea, expressive of thanks for the support given by the Lodge in securing the admission of Edwin Price Jones to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys ; and the last announcing the inauguration on the 8th prox. of the building then in course of erection as a School House for Boys at Bushey Park.

At the meeting in September, a letter was read from Bro. Talbot, announcing the resignation of Bro. Tynte as Prov. Grand Master of the Province, and of his own appointment to the vacant office. It was unanimously agreed to congratulate Bro. Talbot "on his elevation to the important and honourable office of Prov. Grand Master." A Lodge of Emergency was held on September 26th, to arrange for the representation of the Lodge at the Installation of Bro. Talbot as Prov. Grand Master, at Cardiff, on the 28th, and the Secretary was instructed to circularise the members, inviting them to attend. Several of the Brethren responded to the summons.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on December 27th. The Lodge was opened at 5.30 p.m., and the Minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. William Simons, P.M., in an admirable address on the qualification necessary in all candidates for introduction into Freemasonry, gave notice that, "subject to the sanction of the Grand Secretary of England, he would move at the earliest opportunity that the three gentlemen who were unsuccessfully balloted for at the last Lodge meeting, should be again submitted for the approval of the Lodge, and that, if allowed by the Book of Constitutions, or sanctioned by precedent, he would move that the ballot be taken for those three gentlemen simultaneously." The rejected candidates were J. M. Seddon, Richard Williams, Penyradwy, and Alexander Chisholm. Williams and Chisholm were accepted on February 1st, 1866, and J. M. Seddon on February 15th, all unanimously. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Russell, S.W., having taken the usual obligation, was duly and regularly Installed W.M. Bro. Dyke was appointed Treasurer of the Lodge. Twenty Brethren were present, and three visiting Brethren from Aberdare.

BRO. JOHN RUSSELL, W.M., P.P.G.S.W.

Bro. John Russell was a Solicitor, employed in the County Court Office, under his cousin, Bro. J. W. Russell, P.M. He died on March 8th, 1872, at the age of 33.

On the front page of the Minute Book, dated January 1st, the names of the Officers and members of the Lodge are given 1866. as follows:—

John Russell, W.M.	J. W. Russell, P.M.
P. Cresswell, S.W.	G. Roach, P.M.
P. Williams, J.W.	Thos. Davies (Aberdare).
J. D. Williams, Secretary.	R. H. Rhys (Aberdare).
W. E. Jones, S.D.	W. Simons, P.M.
L. T. Lewis, J.D.	F. Allday, P.M.
W. Rolands, I.G.	Christopher James, P.M. (Mountain Ash).
T. J. Dyke, Treasurer.	F. James
T. Flooks, O.G.	E. Lawrence, P.M.
D. C. Gunn	Thomas Rees, P.M.
J. Emrys Jones	J. Plews, P.M.
J. L. Cocker	T. J. Jones.
W. T. Lewis (Aberdare)	W. Harris.
Rupert James	J. H. Pollock.
J. Meredith.	M. W. Morgan (Aberdare).
M. W. Harrison (Dowlais).	George Russell (Aberdare).
W. Jenkins (Dowlais).	T Carlyle.
J. H. Thomas.	

It was decided at this time that notice of Lodge meetings should in future be sent to P.M. Talbot, P.G.M; E. J. Morris, Sunny Bank, Swansea, D.P.G.M.; W.M., Indefatigable Lodge, Swansea; W.M., Talbot Lodge, Swansea; W.M., St. David's Lodge, Aberdare; W.M., Glamorgan Lodge, Cardiff; W.M., Bute Lodge, Cardiff, and to the W.M., St. George's Lodge, Tredegar. These notices are still regularly sent by the Secretary to every Lodge in the Province, including St. George's Lodge, Tredegar, and St. David's Lodge, Rhymney, both in the Province of Monmouth. The revised Bye-laws were submitted to the Lodge on February 15th, by Bros. T. J. Dyke and Peter Williams, and having been approved, Bro. Williams was ordered to print 200 copies. Rule I. of these Bye-laws directs "that the members of this Lodge dine together at the Lodge room, whilst good entertainment and civility are rendered, on the Festivals of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist, towards which every subscribing member attending shall contribute 10/6, but on no account shall the funds of the Lodge be infringed upon on such occasions."

On May 4th an application was received from the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, for a renewal of the usual contribution of £2. It was decided to raise the amount by voluntary subscriptions. Nine members contributed 5/- each, and one 2/6; 40/- was sent to the Benevolent Institution, and the balance of 7/6 was left in the hands of the Secretary. This is the first instance recorded of voluntary subscriptions for charitable purposes. At the Lodge meeting on November 1st, Bro. J. W. Russell, at the request of the W.M., proposed Bro. P. R. Cresswell, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ballot to take place at the next regular Lodge meeting, on December 6th. Before that date a letter was received from Bro. Cresswell, resigning both his office and membership in the Lodge, and also one to the same effect from Bro. Rupert James. The reasons for these resignations are not given, but they indicate serious dissension amongst the Brethren. On the following Lodge night, Bro. Frank James resigned, and in the course of the following year Bros. W. Simons, P.M., T. B. Meredith and Francis Allday withdrew their membership.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on December 27th. Bro. Edward Lawrance, P.M., who had been unanimously elected W.M., in consequence of Bro. Cresswell's resignation, was presented for installation by Bro. Dyke, and having taken the usual obligation "to rule the Lodge" aright, he took his seat as Master, 17 Brethren being present.

DR. PEARSON ROBERT CRESSWELL, C.B.

Bro. Dr. Cresswell was the son of Mr. Charles Cresswell, Solicitor, Worcester, and was born at Henwick in 1833. He first entered Worcester Collegiate School, but while still a youth his parents emigrated to Melbourne, Australia. Bro. Cresswell remained there for some time, subsequently returning to England in order to pursue his studies for a medical career. For this purpose he entered Middlesex College, London, and from there went to Middlesex Hospital, becoming House Surgeon of that institution in 1859, and qualifying as M.R.C.S. In 1863 he took the degree of L.S.A., and ten years later he was admitted F.R.C.S. and Fellow of the Royal Medical Chirurgical Society, and member of the British Medical Association. In connection with the latter Association he was for many years a member of the London Council for South Wales and Monmouthshire, along with Dr. Lyn Thomas. He came to Dowlais in 1860, as successor to Dr. Harrison, as chief surgeon to the Dowlais

Iron Company, a position he held until his death. In his profession he was notable as the first to introduce into South Wales antiseptic treatment of fractures and amputations. In public life he became well known in connection with the Volunteer movement. Shortly after he came to the district he joined the 2nd Glamorgan Corps Rifle, then under the captaincy of Mr. G. T. Clark, and was gazetted Assistant Surgeon. In the following year he was promoted 1st Lieutenant, and gradually, step by step, rose through the various ranks until he became Colonel Commandant on the retirement of Col. David, of Cardiff. He shared with the late Bro. Col. D. R. Lewis the honour of being presented to Her Majesty Queen Victoria. For his services he was created a C.B. He retired in 1902, and was succeeded in the command by Col. D. R. Lewis, V.D. He died on November 22nd, 1905, at the age of 72, and was buried at Newland, Malvern. He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on November 6th, 1862, and resigned, as already stated, on December 6th, 1864.

At the Festival of St. John the Baptist on June 27th, 10 Brethren were present. The usual communication from United Grand **1867.** Lodge, respecting irregular Masonic Bodies, was read, urging special caution in the admittance of strangers to the Lodge meeting. The W.M. ordered the letter to be inserted in the Minutes. The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was again celebrated on December 27th. The Lodge opened at 5.30 p.m., and Bro. James David Williams was presented by Bro. T. J. Dyke, and duly Installed as W.M.

BRO. JAMES DAVID WILLIAMS, W.M., P.P.G.J.D.

Bro. J. D. Williams was born at Newbridge, near Crumlin, in 1828. He was the son of the Rev. Benj. Williams, the celebrated Welsh preacher, who was at one time pastor of Tabernacle Chapel, Merthyr. Bro. Williams received his education at the Rev. Owen Evans's School, in Cefn. He was afterwards apprenticed to Mr. Job James, Ironmonger, and after completing his apprenticeship he went to Cambridge, where he managed an Ironmonger's business for several years, subsequently removing to the City of Cork, where he acquired a knowledge of the Watchmaking and Jewellery trade. In 1856 he returned to Merthyr Tydfil, where he commenced what proved to be a very successful Jewellery business. He married the daughter of Mr. Francis

Carlyle, Tea Merchant, Albert Street, a cousin of the sage of Chelsea, by whom he had several children. He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge by Bro. Edward Lawrance in February, 1863, and continued a subscribing member until March, 1886. He was for many years Treasurer of the Lodge, and held the rank of P.P.G.J.D. in the Prov. Grand Lodge. He died on February 24th, 1890, at the age of 62.

The attendance at the Lodge meeting at this time again became very irregular. The Secretary stated at the April meeting 1868. that on March 5th he attended at the Lodge room at 8.15, but that no Brethren were present. In consequence of the irregular attendance, it was resolved "That the W.M. and P.M.'s Plews, Dyke, and Lawrance meet to consider the state of the Lodge with respect to its number, the attendance of its members, and devise the best means for celebrating in a becoming manner the approaching centenary meeting." The celebration of the Centenary of the Lodge was taken up with enthusiasm, the Brethren being evidently under the impression that the uninterrupted existence of the Lodge for 100 years could be proved. At the Lodge meeting on May 7th, it was agreed unanimously that the Secretary should write to inquire the expense of obtaining medals in commemoration of the Centenary Festival. It was also agreed unanimously to take no steps to enquire into the state of the Lodge, and that no special means be adopted to increase its members. On June 5th, the W.M. read a communication from Brother E. J. Morris, D.P.G.M., with respect to the celebration of the Centenary of the Lodge, and offering to hold the Prov. Grand Lodge in Merthyr. It was proposed by Bro. Dyke, P.M., seconded by Bro. Thos. Rees, P.M., and carried unanimously, that the offer be accepted. With respect to the Centenary Jewel, it was proposed by Bro. Rees, and seconded by Bro. T. J. Jones, that the necessary steps be taken by the W.M. and Bro. Dyke "to prove the uninterrupted existence of the Lodge for a hundred years, and obtain a license from Grand Lodge to wear the Jewel."

The celebration of the Centenary Festival was again considered at the Lodge meeting on July 22nd, when Bro. E. J. Morris, D.P.G.M., was present for the purpose of assisting the Brethren in their arrangements. The anniversary date on August 7th was found inconvenient, and the D.P.G.M. undertook to arrange with the Prov. Grand Master to select the 20th or the 27th instead. It was further agreed to hire the Temperance Hall for the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and

to hold the banquet in the Lodge room at the *Bush Inn*. The price of the dinner tickets was fixed at 7/6 each, exclusive of wine. The Lodge was to meet at 1 o'clock, and the banquet was to be served at 4.30 p.m. A communication was received from the P.G.M. on August 4th, stating that September 3rd would be more suitable for him, and this date being a convenient one for the Brethren, it was decided to agree to the suggested date. The Prov. Grand Lodge was accordingly held on September 3rd, but no further reference is made to the proceedings of the day in the Minutes of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, and on the authority of Bro. Whittington, the present P.G. Secretary, no mention is made in the records of P.G.L. to the celebration of what the Brethren believed to be the Centenary anniversary. The steps taken were no doubt due to the endorsement on the margin of the Lodge Warrant. As explained in Chapter VI., the endorsement referred to the original warrant, granted to the London Lodge, and has no bearing whatever on the age of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge. The Glamorgan Lodge, from a similar cause, took steps to obtain a Centenary Warrant in 1877, and in their case they held the warrant issued to the Bridgend Brethren in 1777, but the existence of the Lodge prior to 1808 could not be proved.

The amount collected at Provincial Grand Lodge for local charities amounted to £8 13s. 10d., and on December 3rd it was proposed by Bro. T. Rees, P.M., and seconded by Bro. T. J. Jones, that a committee be appointed to enquire "about the poor in the district, and dispense the sum in that way." An amendment was proposed that the sum be divided equally between the Soup Kitchen, Dorcas Society, Clothing Fund and Christmas Dinner. The motion was carried. At the December meeting subscriptions were solicited towards a testimonial to the M.W. Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, to commemorate his 26th year as Grand Master of United Grand Lodge. The Brethren decided to contribute two guineas. It was also resolved to contribute a similar amount towards the Eastern Exploration Fund.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on January 7th. The Lodge was opened at 5.50 p.m. Bro. William
1869. Edward Jones, Artist, was presented by Bro. J. D. Williams for Installation as W.M., and he was duly Installed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. E. J. Morris. Nine Brethren were present. The D.P.G.M. was supported by Bros. F. A. Hopwood and David Williams, of the Indefatigable Lodge, No. 237.

BRO. WILLIAM EDWARD JONES, W.M., P.P.G.J.D.

Bro. William Edward Jones was born in 1825, and although only 52 years of age at the time of his death, he had won fame as an artist of great merit. The work which enhanced his reputation as a painter was the celebrated picture, "The Last Bard," which won the first prize at the National Eisteddfod at Llangollen in 1859. The painting was conceived on Gray's ode, especially on the stanza—

On a rock whose haughty brow
 Frowns o'er old Conway's foaming flood,
 Robed in the sable garb of woe,
 With haggard eyes the poet stood,
 And with a master's hand and prophet's fire
 Struck the deep sorrow of his lyre.

Among other notable pictures were his portraits of the late Mr. Robert Crawshay, the first Lord Aberdare—now in Aberystwyth College—and the late Lord Tredegar.

Bro. Jones was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on April 2nd, 1863, and up to the time of his death he took an active part in its welfare. He died in October, 1877, and on account of the Masonic Rites observed at his funeral will be found in the proceedings of that year. In the obituary notice in the *Merthyr Express* he is described as having been "the most amiable of men, that his amiability was almost a weakness, for his simplicity and frankness were child-like, and if ever a man lived and died without making an enemy it was W. E. Jones." The high respect in which he was held by the Brethren of the Lodge is shown by the resolution passed at the Lodge meeting held on November 1st, 1877, viz., "That an expression of regret of this Lodge at the death of P.M. Brother W. E. Jones be entered on the Minutes as follows:—Bro. Jones had attained considerable distinction in this Lodge and in the Province by his zealous industry in acquiring a knowledge of our Laws and Rubric, but it was in the practice of the Noble Virtues of Charity and Truth that he adorned his profession as a Mason, and endeared himself to his Brethren. Of a child-like, unobtrusive character, expressive in his sympathy, and of a heart that responded to all that was distressing in human nature, and especially to the suffering of his Brethren, there can be no one whose death can be more regretted than that of our Brother Jones. His place is vacant, and cannot be filled, and the only consolation that remains to those who mourn his loss is

the thought that, although his familiar face has passed away, he is not wholly lost to them, for transfigured in the tender light of Masonry our friend and Brother will live for years to come in the affection of his Brethren and all who knew him."

On February 18th, five guineas was voted out of the funds in response to an appeal for subscriptions on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to clear off a debt of £10,000. The Festival of St. John the Baptist was postponed from June 24th, to Thursday, July 1st. The Lodge was to meet at 4.30 p.m., and the banquet was to commence at 6 p.m., but on the appointed date a sufficient number of Brethren did not attend in time, and consequently the Lodge was not opened. The banquet was, however, held, commencing at 6.30 p.m., when the following brethren dined :—

Bro. W. E. Jones, W.M.	Bro. A. Harris, Secretary.
Bro. T. Carlyle, S.W.	Bro. Charles Taylor.
Bro. J. D. Williams.	Bro. G. Sutton.
Bro. T. J. Dyke.	Bro. J. M. Seddon.
Bro. Peter Williams	Bro. T. Hopwood.

"Bro. T. Flocks prepared the Lodge room, but did not dine." In October, Bro. Flocks, who had been Tyler for 15 years, notified the Lodge of his intention to resign the office after that year, at which the Brethren expressed their regret. A successor was found in the person of Benj. Jenkins, Clerk in the employ of Messrs. Jones and Stuckey, Wine and Spirit Merchants, and a Dispensation having been obtained from the P.G.M. for his initiation as Serving Brother, he was proposed on December 2nd and balloted for and initiated on the 16th of the same month.

The Minutes of the Lodge had not been signed by the W.M. up to the autumn of 1869. In that year the necessity of such a course was urged by the Brethren, and on the motion of Bro. Lawrance, seconded by Bro. J. D. Williams, it was resolved that in future the Minutes should be signed by the W.M., after being confirmed by the Lodge. In conformity with this resolution, the Minutes confirmed on October 21st were signed for the first time by Bro. W. E. Jones, W.M., a practice which is still continued.

PAST MASTER'S JEWEL.

At the meeting on November 4th, Bro. T. J. Dyke, in the name of the Lodge, congratulated the W.M. on the very able and impressive

manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of Raising, and concluded by giving notice of the following motion, which was passed unanimously at the Lodge meeting on November 18th :—" That Masters who have, during their year of office, to the satisfaction of their Brethren as expressed by a ballot, conducted the ceremonies of Initiation, Passing and Raising, or any two of them, be presented with a Past Master's Jewel, not to exceed the value of £2 2s." On the same date it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Peter Williams, seconded by Bro. Dyke, " That the Secretary be instructed to procure Chromo Lithographic views in gilt frames of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, not to exceed in value £1 1s. each." These views are still in good preservation in the Lodge.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on December 30th. The Lodge was opened at 5 p.m. Bros. Edward Lawrance and J. D. Williams presented Bro. Thomas Jenkin Jones, W.M. elect, for installation, and he was duly installed W.M. by Bro. W. E. Jones. The W.M. invested his officers as follows :—

Bro. T. Carlyle, S.W.	Bro. A. J. Goodwin, S.D.
Bro. Albert Harris, J.W.	Bro. Charles Taylor, J.D.
Bro. T. J. Dyke, Treasurer.	Bro. George Sutton, I.G.
Bro. J. M. Seddon, Secretary.	Bro. Ben. Jenkins, O.G.

Two Visitors and 15 Brethren (including the officers) were present.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, Bro. T. J. Dyke proposed, and Bro. Lawrance seconded, " That a Past Master's Jewel be awarded to Bro. W. E. Jones, I.P.M., for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of his office as W.M. during the past year." This was agreed to unanimously by ballot. Bro. Dyke, the oldest P.M. present, then presented the Jewel to Bro. Jones, who thanked the Brethren for the honour. Since that time a Jewel has been regularly presented to the retiring W.M., but the conditions of efficiency have not been strictly observed. The value of the Jewel has been increased of late years from £2 2s. to £7 10s, commensurate with the increased prosperity of the Lodge.

BRO. THOMAS JENKIN JONES, W.M., P.P.G. SUPT. OF W.

Bro. Jones was the eldest son of the late John Jones, Esq., J.P., Northlands, near Cardiff, and a brother of Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, V.D., P.M. He was born at Merthyr Tydfil in 1842, and educated at private schools in Jersey and Windsor, subsequently qualifying as a Mining

Engineer. He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on October 5th, 1865, and in a little over four years time he was elected and installed W.M. of the Lodge. He continued an active member until May, 1873, when he resigned. He died in May, 1884, at the age of 42. Bro. Jones's year of office as W.M. is of special interest, on account of his action in appointing a committee to report on the financial state of the Lodge, with the view of promoting a company to build or acquire premises suitable for Lodge purposes, apart from a licensed house. A digest of this very interesting report will be found in the Chapter dealing with the Masonic buildings. The scheme propounded then failed to mature, but the necessity of providing Masonic buildings was brought prominently to the notice of the Brethren, and resulted in the course of a few years in the formation of a company and in the erection of the Masonic Hall and Club in Lower High Street, which were completed in 1882. The inadequate accommodation in these buildings, consequent on the increased membership of the Lodge, necessitated the building of the present Temple. This achievement possesses a pleasing feature, unique in the annals of Masonry, in that Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, V.D., P.M., was W.M. for the second time during the Centenary year, when the foundation stone of the New Temple was laid, and that on the occasion of the Dedication of the Temple on January 5th, 1912, he performed the ceremony of declaring the Lodge room open, thus completing the work initiated by his brother 42 years previously. During Bro. Jones's year in the chair, he received into the Lodge Bros. Dr. T. J. Webster, Harry Dyke Pearce, Henry Watkin Lewis, Sydney Ollard (Solicitor), and T. J. Matthews (Wine and Spirit Merchant).

Bro. T. Flocks, who had resigned the office of Tyler, was accepted as a subscribing member on January 20th, and at the same meeting it was resolved that the names of the Brethren present at the last meeting be read with the Minutes. On March 3rd, the Lodge voted 21s. towards the Fund raised by the Craft for establishing the Freemasons' Life Boat. The United Grand Lodge voted £50, but in 1877, when the Royal National Lifeboat Institution was established, the Grand Lodge vote £4,000 towards it. On the motion of Bro. A. Harris, seconded by Bro. T. J. Dyke, it was resolved, "That as the introduction of music would greatly add to the solemnity of the working of the Lodge, a harmonium be purchased at a price not exceeding £15 15s., and that Bro. Lawrance be instructed to procure it." At the same meeting Bro. Harris gave notice

that he would ask the W.M. on the next Lodge night "Whether a Grand Lodge Certificate can be delivered to a Master Mason, that Mason having so far disgraced himself as to tell a deliberate untruth to a Brother Master Mason." The W.M., at the Lodge meeting on April 7th, read a letter from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master on the question, in which the Deputy gave it as his opinion that the matter of complaint was a private one, and not Masonic, and that the Grand Lodge Certificate could not be withheld if applied for in the regular form.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on December 29th. The Lodge was opened at 5 p.m. Bro. T. J. Dyke and Bro. Edward Lawrance presented Bro. Thomas Carlyle for Installation, and he was duly installed W.M. by Bro. W. E. Jones, P.M. Fifteen Brethren and two Visitors were present.

BRO. THOMAS CARLYLE, W.M., P.P.G.J.W.

Bro. Thos. Carlyle was the only son of Mr. Francis Carlyle, Tea Merchant, Albert Street, Merthyr, and a brother-in-law of Bro. J. D. Williams, Jeweller. He was managing and confidential clerk to the firm of solicitors known as Messrs. Smith, Lewis, and Jones, of which Bro. Col. D. R. Lewis and Bro. Col. J. J. Jones were partners. On the retirement of Mr. Robinson Smith from the firm, to take up practice in Swansea in 1877, Bro. Carlyle accompanied him, but he lived only a few years in his new sphere. He died after a brief illness on March 22nd, 1882, at the age of 47. He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge by Bro. J. Plews in 1864, and continued a subscribing member until July, 1880, when he resigned.

Bro. Dyke expressed a desire to be relieved of his duties as Treasurer—duties which he had discharged for the previous five years—on account of the "great increase in his professional duties." His resignation was accepted with general expressions of regret, and Bro. J. D. Williams was unanimously appointed as his successor. Following the resolution passed at the March meeting to purchase a harmonium, it was resolved to appoint an organist and to purchase a Collar and Jewel of Office for that officer. The Collar and Jewel were in due course provided, and the W.M. appointed Bro. Edward Lawrance the first regular organist. In 1837 the Brethren purchased a harmonium from Bro. Darker, but there is no record what became of that instrument.

A Past Master's Jewel was presented to Bro. T. J. Jones at the regular meeting on January 19th, for the efficient manner in 1871. which he had performed the duties of W.M. The Jewels which had been presented to the two previous Wor. Masters were without inscriptions. In order to remedy this, Bro. Stuckey proposed, and Bro. Webster seconded, that all Jewels presented by the Lodge to the Past Masters for efficiency be engraved with an inscription as follows:—"Presented by the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, to Bro. —, P.M., as an acknowledgment of his efficient services during his year of office." This was unanimously agreed to, a rule observed on all subsequent occasions. The W.M. reported on July 6th that a Lodge could not be held on the first Thursday in June, in consequence of the Brethren not attending in sufficient number to open the Lodge.

The Annual Festival was celebrated on January 11th. Bro. Albert Harris was presented for Installation by Bro. W. E. Jones, 1872. P.M., and Bro. J. D. Williams, P.M., and was duly installed by Bro. T. Carlyle, the retiring Master. At this Festival it was decided to purchase a Collar and Jewel for the use of the Chaplain. Seventeen Brethren and six Visitors were present.

BRO. ALBERT HARRIS, W.M.

Bro. A. Harris was a Bank Cashier in the Brecon Old Bank. He afterwards became a Bank Manager in the West of England.¹ He resigned his membership on March 18th, 1875. His Installation on January 11th marks the change from December 27th, the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, to the more convenient date, the first Thursday in January. The change appears to have been effected without a resolution from the Lodge.

The cost of suppers provided on Lodge nights was, up to this time, paid out of the Lodge Funds, but dissatisfaction having arisen respecting the guarantee arrangement and the price charged for grogs, a discussion took place at the February meeting, resulting in an interview with Mrs. McEachern for re-arrangement of terms. The result of this interview was communicated to the Lodge by the W.M. on March 7th, from which it appears that Mrs. McEachern was not agreeable to the suggestion that no payment should be made except for those who sat down to supper, but when informed that the Lodge was prepared to increase the rent by £5 per annum she agreed to reduce the charge of 1s. for extra

gros to the usual price of sixpence. The further consideration of the matter was adjourned until the following Lodge meeting on March 21st, when an arrangement was made with Mrs. McEachern for suppers at 2s. per head and 6d. for gros. The reference to rent is interesting as being the first instance in which it is mentioned. No entry appears in the Treasurer's accounts of rent having hitherto been paid. Accommodation had apparently been provided in consideration of the suppers and gros partaken of at the Lodge meetings, a system known as wet rent, and one which is not altogether unknown at the present time.

Two worthy citizens were unanimously accepted and initiated on June 6th, in the persons of the late Bros. D. R. Lewis, P.M., and Charles Wilkins, P.M.. A Lodge of Emergency was held on September 26th, to consider what steps were necessary for the admission of Wm. Tydfil Davies, the second son of the late Bro. Thomas Davies, junior, *Bush Inn*, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The W.M., Bro. A. Harris, Bro. Dyke and Bro. J. D. Williams were appointed at the Lodge meeting held on September 5th to confer with the Brethren of St. David's Lodge, Aberdare, and they reported that the Aberdare Brethren had agreed to subscribe 50 guineas in consideration of the late Bro. Davies having been a founder and the second W.M. of their Lodge, provided that the Merthyr Brethren contributed an equal amount, towards purchasing a presentation to the Royal Masonic Schools. To fulfil this condition subscriptions were solicited from the Brethren, and on October 17th the W.M. had the pleasure of announcing that more than the amount required had been promised.

Bro. Benj. Jenkins, who had acted as Tyler for three years, having resigned, Bro. T. Carlyle proposed, and Bro. C. Wilkins seconded, that Bro. John Emrys Jones "be excused his subscriptions due to the Lodge, and be appointed Tyler." This was agreed to, and Bro. Jones was invested with the Collar and Jewel of his office. A new departure was agreed to at the Lodge meeting held on December 19th, when, on the motion of Bro. D. R. Lewis, it was decided to invite the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Wor. Masters of the Lodges in the Province, to the Annual Festival, and pay the cost out of the Funds of the Lodge. These invitations have since become a recognised custom, and until 1903 the cost was defrayed from the Funds. In that year the W.M., Bro. W. W. Jones, paid the whole of the expenses, and the example thus shown has been followed by the

succeeding Wor. Masters, and with the exception of the ante-room refreshments, which are usually from £4 to £5, no cost is now charged to the Funds in connection with the Annual Festival.

BRO. JOHN MILLS SEDDON, W.M., P.P.G.D.C.

The Annual Festival was celebrated on January 8th, when Bro. John Mills Seddon was duly and regularly installed W.M. Bro. 1873. Seddon was initiated in the Lodge on March 15th, 1866, and continued an active member for over ten years. He was W.M. for two years in succession, and at the Annual Festival in January, 1874, and at the one in 1875 he was presented with a Past Master's Jewel for his valuable services to the Lodge. He resigned his membership on July 8th, 1879. He carried on a successful tailoring establishment in Church Street, and retired with a competency in the summer of 1879, to take up his residence in London. Through unfortunate speculations he found himself in his old age destitute. At that time of distress an appeal to his mother Lodge would have received a ready response, but probably from a desire to conceal his poverty from his old friends, no application was made. He died under tragic circumstances a few years ago. His widow survives him, and for the past few years she has been relieved by donations from the Home Charities.

Bro. Edward Lawrance, who joined the Lodge in 1861, resigned by letter on April 3rd, much to the regret of the Brethren, who, to mark their appreciation of his services, resolved to record in the Minutes an expression of their regret at the step he had taken. Bro. Lawrance rejoined on January 7th, 1875, and was appointed S.W., and W.M. in the following year. A resolution was passed on July 3rd, on the motion of Bro. Chas. Wilkins, seconded by Bro. J. D. Williams, P.M., that all newly-initiated Brethren be presented, at the expense of the Lodge, with copies of the Book of Constitution and Bye-laws of the Lodge. This resolution is still in force. Formerly a charge was made for the Constitutions and Bye-laws. It was customary, up to this time, to hold mid-monthly meetings, or, as they are frequently called, Lodges of Emergency, but the irregular attendance of the Brethren at the Lodge meetings appeared to some of the Brethren to justify the discontinuance of all meetings except the regular Lodges held on the first Thursday in every month. With that object, Bro. Peter Williams, on October 16th,

proposed that all mid-monthly meetings should be discontinued, and that in future such meetings should be called at the discretion of the W.M., but an amendment having been proposed, it was agreed to withdraw both motion and amendment.

During the year discussions took place at several of the meetings relative to the state of the Funds, and the necessity of either increasing the yearly subscriptions—which at that time was 24s. per annum—or of reducing the expenditure. A motion to this effect was brought forward at the February meeting by Bro. A. Harris. An amendment was proposed by Bro. Stuckey, seconded by Bro. Peter Williams, “That the Funds and financial position of the Lodge, not being in an unsatisfactory state, it is not necessary to make any alteration.” The motion and amendment were withdrawn, and on the suggestion of Bro. D. R. Lewis, a Committee was appointed to consider the financial condition of the Lodge. Bros. C. Taylor, F. Stuckey and D. R. Lewis were selected to make the financial enquiry and report to the Lodge. The report of this Committee was submitted at the meeting held in March, the purport of which can only be gathered from the subsequent proceedings. Bro. Harris proposed, and Bro. Taylor seconded, a motion “That the members sup together three times a year, in March, June and September.” An amendment was proposed by Bro. Peter Williams, seconded by Bro. D. R. Lewis, “That the members sup together only on the first Lodge night in each month, as usual, at the expense of the Lodge.” A further amendment was proposed by Bro. A. Goodwin, and seconded by Bro. T. Carlyle, “That the Lodge continue to sup together every Lodge night, and that the cost of such suppers shall not exceed 1s. each.” Bro. Stuckey further proposed, and Bro. W. E. Jones seconded, “That as the report of the Committee shows that the Funds and financial condition of the Lodge are not in an unsatisfactory state, it is not necessary to make any alteration in our expenditure as regards suppers.” Bro. Peter Williams’s amendment was ultimately carried. Eleven Brethren were present on this occasion, and the motion and series of amendments indicates the division among the Brethren over the proposed alteration of an old custom of the Lodge. Part of the difficulty appears to have been solved at the Lodge meeting held on March 19th, 1874, when, on the proposition of Bro. Chas. Taylor, seconded by Bro. D. R. Lewis, the yearly subscription was raised from 24s. to 30s., the increase commencing from the beginning of the financial year in January, 1873.

The Annual Festival was again held on January 8th, when Bro. Seddon, who was re-elected at the December meeting, was installed W.M. for the second time. A discussion was introduced at the April meeting, by the Secretary, Bro. Charles Wilkins, on the desirability of the Lodge inaugurating a movement for establishing a hospital in the town. The suggestion met with the hearty approval of the Brethren, and notice of motion was given to bring forward the matter at the following meeting. No further steps appear to have been taken, and the Lodge thus lost the opportunity of initiating the movement which culminated in the erection of the present General Hospital.

At the Lodge meeting on October 1st, the P.G.M., Bro. Talbot, and Bro. Whittington, G. Secretary, accompanied by Bros. Evan Jones, T. Phillips and Botting, from Aberdare, and other Brethren, attended as a deputation from Prov. Grand Lodge. The visit appears to have been brought about as the result of correspondence between the Prov. Grand Lodge and the W.M. On the following Lodge night a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. T. B. Meredith for supplying choice flowers for the decoration of the Lodge room on the above occasion.

During 1874 several notable events took place in the history of Masonry. In that year the Duke of Connaught, the present Grand Master, and his brother, the late Duke of Albany, were initiated into the Order, and the late King Edward, then Prince of Wales, was elected Grand Master on the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon. The Prince of Wales was installed G.M. in May, 1875. The names of the Brethren of the Lodge who attended the Royal Installation are not recorded, but at the April meeting it was resolved that the Master Mason's Ticket be given to Bro. Peter Williams.

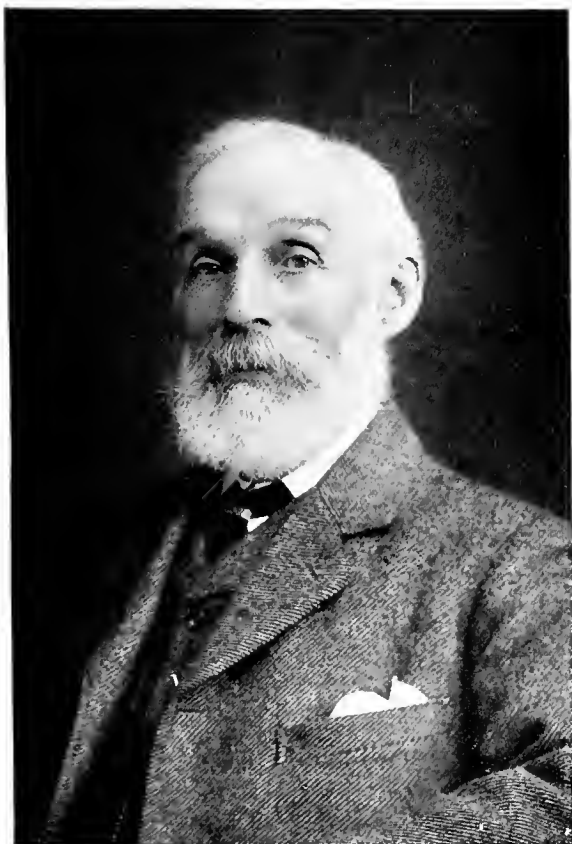
The Annual Installation Festival was held on January 7th, when Bro. Charles Taylor took the usual obligation, and was regularly installed W.M. Nineteen Brethren were present. The W.M. appointed as his officers—

Bro. Edward Lawrance, S.W.	Bro. Chas. Wilkins, J.W.
Bro. D. R. Lewis, Secretary.	Bro. W. James, S.D.
Bro. W. J. While, J.D.	Bro. J. D. Williams, P.M., Treas.
Bro. T. W. Goodfellow, I.G.	Bro. J. E. Jones, O.G.
Bro. John Jones, Organist.	

BRO. CHARLES TAYLOR, W.M., P.P.G.J.D.

Bro. Taylor was a well-known Architect in the town in the seventies. He came prominently before the public as Architect for the first School Board, in which capacity he designed the Caedraw, Twynrodyn and Penydarren Schools. He was at one time in partnership with the late Bro. John Forrester—the firm being known as Taylor and Forrester, Architects, Surveyors and Valuers. This partnership was dissolved in 1884. Bro. Taylor then removed to Cardiff, where he still resides. His wife was a descendant of Robert and Lucy Thomas, of steam coal fame, Waunwyllt. She died last May. Bro. John Forrester, after the dissolution of the above partnership, continued business on his own account until his death in February, 1913. Bro. Taylor was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge by Bro. J. D. Williams on September 1st, 1868, and he resigned on June 5th, 1879. During his connection with the Lodge he proved an ardent and useful Brother. He prepared plans and estimates for the conversion of Lloyd's Schoolroom into suitable premises for Masonic purposes, but the scheme was not proceeded with.

On several occasions mistakes were made on account of the unsatisfactory system adopted in balloting, and to remedy this it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Peter Williams, seconded by Bro. D. R. Lewis, that the system of balloting in vogue be discontinued, and that in future the ballot should be taken as follows:—"That the ballot box be a plain one, having two compartments and two holes in the lid, marked 'Yes' for and 'No' against; that this box be placed behind a curtain; that each Brother be given one ball, which he shall place in the box behind the curtain, and that only one Brother be allowed at one time behind the curtain, and that only one Brother be allowed at one time to Ballot." The W.M., Bro. J. M. Seddon, and Bro. D. R. Lewis were appointed to carry out the arrangement in accordance with the resolution. Unfortunately, the new method did not fulfil the expectations of the promoters. It is still common gossip in the Lodge that the Brethren were perturbed by constant black-balling, for which no reason or explanation was forthcoming. To detect the culprit, one of the wags of the Lodge, more expert than his fellows, removed the baize lining from one of the compartments of the ballot-box, with the result that a keen ear detected the black-baller. The ballot box, with its one lined drawer, still bears testimony of the ingenuity of the amateur detective.



BRO. H. W. SOUTHEY J.P.

A noted townsman, in the person of Bro. Harry Wood Southey, Proprietor, "Merthyr Express," was accepted at the Lodge meeting on February 4th, and at the following Lodge meeting on March 4th he was initiated into Masonry, together with William J. Gabe, Mining Engineer, Cyfarthfa.

BRO. H. W. SOUTHEY.

Bro. H. W. Southey has been a prominent man in Merthyr for over half a century. He is a native of Wellington, in Somersetshire, where he was born on December 5th, 1842. His patronymic appears in manorial records of that parish as far back as the reign of Richard II. Bro. Southey is a descendant of the same family from which Robert Southey, the great man of letters, who made the name famous in English literature, sprung. Their common ancestor was a Robert Southey who died in 1675. Bro. Southey came to Merthyr in August, 1857, and commenced his career as a journalist in December, 1860, when he became a reporter on the *Merthyr Telegraph* newspaper, of which our late Bro. Peter Williams was the Editor and Proprietor. He held this post for three years, and then joined the staff of the *Cambria Daily Leader* at Swansea, but finding that continuous night work was prejudicial to his health he gave that up and returned to the *Telegraph* for a short time. He relinquished that in order to fulfil a number of engagements on other papers, and upon the starting of the *Merthyr Express*, in November, 1864, he joined the staff of that paper. In the following March he was appointed Editor and Manager, and from that day to the present he has been the presiding spirit in the production, growth, and development of that newspaper, which is recognised as one of the very best of its class in the country. The position which Bro. Southey held in local journalism necessarily placed him prominently before the public. He was not merely a reporter of local affairs and a powerful critic of the same, but as a townsman and citizen he has personally thrown himself with ardour into all the leading public questions and movements of his time. It may be said with truth that he has contributed more than any other single individual to the formation and shaping of public opinion in the borough on most local subjects. He has always been a Liberal in politics, but in the exercise of his powerful influence as a journalist it is a matter of general knowledge that his attitude has always been characterised by firmness and moderation, with respect for those who differed from him in opinion, and an allowance of latitude for the free expression of conflicting opinions in the columns of the *Merthyr Express*

which has always secured for him a good name as a fair-minded Editor. It was due mainly to his efforts that the first public school in advance of the elementary schools was established here, and he gave a number of scholarships there for several years. In the year 1901 he was High Constable of Caerphilly Higher. In connection with his newspaper, Bro. Southey has with the assistance of his two sons in partnership with him in later years, built up the most important general printing and stationery business in the Borough of Merthyr, which gives employment to a large number of hands. He is a life governor of the Merthyr General Hospital.

Bro. Southey married, in 1864, Miss Waite, daughter of Mr. William Waite, of Castle Nibole, near Hereford. This lady was a woman of remarkable and varied gifts, and she had a famous ancestry. On her father's side she was descended from that Broughton who officiated as Clerk to the High Court of Parliament which tried and condemned King Charles I. to death. As Clerk he was directed by Bradshaw, the President, to read the sentence of death to the King, which he did. On the accession of Charles II. he was one of the first ten regicides selected to be tried for their lives, but he escaped to the Continent with Col. Ludlow, and found refuge in Switzerland. From that country his son returned after the expulsion of the Stuarts, but he himself never came back, and in the Lutheran Church of Vevey, on the Lake of Geneva, there is to this day a monument to the joint memory of Ludlow and Broughton. By his marriage, Bro. Southey had four sons and four daughters, of whom two sons and three daughters are living. The former are Mr. H. H. Southey and Mr. W. R. Southey, managing directors of H. W. Southey and Sons, Limited, while the first-named is the able and popular Captain of one of the Merthyr Companies of Territorials. In 1884, Bro. Southey, out of consideration for the health of his wife, which had broken down, went to reside at her home in Herefordshire. It was intended to be only a temporary arrangement, but it became permanent, and for over twenty-five years he went up and down at week-ends, though latterly with increasing age the journeys have been less frequent. There he has played a part in public life and local usefulness which brought him into prominence, and made him greatly respected. In 1894 it was recognised by his being placed upon the Commission of the Peace for the county, and since then he has been made a Commissioner of Land Tax and Income Tax. It was with much regret that Bro. Southey had, through the exigencies of his editorial duties, to cease attendance at our Lodge meetings, which were held on Thursday nights, at hours which necessitated his presence at his office.



BRO. CAPT. H. H. SOUTHEY, 5th WELSH REGT



W. R. SOUTHEY.

The first communication from Bro. Marmaduke. Tennant, the present P.P.G.M., was read at the Lodge meeting held on April 1st, soliciting the support of the Brethren towards the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for which he acted as Steward. On June the 3rd he attended the Lodge and addressed the Brethren on the financial position of the Institution, and the Brethren responded by contributing £20, £16 4s. of the amount being private subscriptions from the members, whose names are given in the Minutes of October 7th. After the meeting twenty-five Brethren, "including the Tyler," supped with Bro. Tennant. This was the beginning of that close connection between Bro. Tennant and the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, which, happily, still continues. The office of Tyler again became vacant through the ill-health of Bro. J. Emrys Jones, and John Owen Avis, Bookbinder, was balloted for and elected as a Serving Brother. It appears that Bro. J. Emrys Jones occupied a privileged position as Tyler for, on the election of his successor, it was resolved that the old rule as regards the Tyler be carried out, viz., "That he sups with the Lodge only upon the night of his initiation and at the Festival." The bye-law in force in the early history of the Lodge stipulated that the Tyler was to be paid 3s. for every attendance at Lodge meetings, and pay for his own refreshments. Bro. Avis continued a serving Brother until he emigrated to Australia. In 1907 an application for relief was made on his behalf by the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and a sum of money was sent for his immediate wants. He acknowledged the generosity of the Brethren in a very grateful letter, at the same time recalling many interesting events in his association with the Lodge.

In the autumn of this year a movement was inaugurated to form a Lodge at Pontypridd, and on September 27th Bros. J. E. Price and W. M. Morgan attended the Lodge meeting as a deputation, and were introduced by Bro. D. R. Lewis. The Brethren explained that they were present to solicit the support of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge for the formation of a Lodge at Pontypridd. They were assured of the cordial support of the Brethren, and on the motion of Bro. D. R. Lewis, seconded by Bro. J. D. Williams, P.M., it was resolved that the Lodge recommend the Petition of the Pontypridd Brethren to Grand Lodge, to found a Lodge there to be called the "Merlin" Lodge, and that the W.M. and Wardens sign the Petition. The D.P.G.M., Bro. J. E. Morris, was present on this occasion, and after the meeting 23 Brethren partook of refreshments. The Merlin Lodge was duly constituted on April 27th, 1876, and now occupies a strong position in the Province with a

membership of 113. During the year 18 meetings of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge were held, the average attendance being 19—an average which compares favourably with attendances up to recent years.

The Annual Festival was held on January 7th. The Lodge was opened at 4.10 p.m., when Mr. Herbert Rees, Grocer, Pentre, 1876. was balloted for, accepted and initiated. The retiring W.M., Bro. Taylor, was afterwards presented with a Past Master's Jewel in recognition of his services during the past year. The Lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bro. Edward Lawrance was regularly installed W.M. for the third time. Twenty-one Brethren and five visitors were present. On February 3rd a letter was read from Bro. T. Flooks, tendering his resignation as a member. Several Brethren expressed their regret that Bro. Flooks had decided to retire from the Lodge, and they referred in high terms to his devotion to the cause of Masonry during his membership of 22 years. It was proposed by Bro. Chas. Taylor, P.M., seconded by Bro. W. James, and carried, "That Bro. Flooks's resignation be not accepted until the views of the Brethren on the matter were conveyed to him."

BRO. WILLIAM EVANS.

On May 4th a notable candidate was initiated in the person of Bro. William Evans, now the General Manager of the Dowlais and Cyfarthfa Steelworks and Collieries. Bro. Evans's career is a most interesting one. He entered the Dowlais Works at an early age as an office boy, but being of an intelligent and observant nature he gradually rose to the position of Furnace Manager. In 1876 he was appointed General Manager of the Rhymney Iron Works, and a few years later he removed to Stockton; to undertake a similar appointment there. When the Cyfarthfa Works were reconstructed and adapted for steel manufacture, Bro. Evans returned to the district to take charge of them, and on the acquirement of the controlling interests in Dowlais and Cyfarthfa Works by Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, he was appointed General Manager of the combined undertakings. He is a Justice of the Peace for three counties—Glamorgan, Brecknock and Monmouth, but his time has been primarily devoted to the management of the great industries under his care. Although he has not been able to attend the Lodge meetings for some years, he still takes an interest in Masonry, and contributes towards the Charities. On the occasion of the Centenary Celebration of the Lodge he contributed a handsome sum towards the building fund, an action much appreciated by the Brethren.



BRO. WILLIAM EVANS.

The lamented death of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, of Margam Park, was referred to with sincere regret by the W.M. at the meeting held on July 6th, and on the proposition of Bro. D. R. Lewis, seconded by Bro. Peter Williams, a letter of condolence was sent from the Lodge to the father of the deceased, as follows :—

Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, Merthyr Tydfil.

To C. R. M. Talbot, Esq., M.P.

Dear Sir,

With feelings of profound sorrow we address you on the death of your beloved son, united to you and your family by an endearment of the closest and most affectionate character, and associated with you in your domestic and social life by the heart's sincerest affection. Your bereavement must indeed be the sorest of trials. It is, however, as a Lodge of Freemasons that we mourn the death of your son as a beloved Brother. The distinguished position he held in our Order and the zealous fidelity with which he performed the duties of his high position commanded our highest admiration. Whilst the active interest he always took in promoting our Masonic charities and in animating his Brethren to the practice of fraternal benevolence was a service invaluable to our community. Remembering the kindness of his disposition, his courtesy and his genial character, we feel saddened that we shall not again meet him at our various Masonic Assemblies, but we are consoled with the belief that, qualified as he was for the enjoyment of Heaven's favours, his soul is now enjoying its rich reward. As a Lodge we believe that what God gives us in his goodness He has a right to take away in His wisdom, and with becoming reverence we submit to His will. Your son did his duty well in life, diffused happiness in every circle in which he moved, mitigated distress and sorrow, and whilst we condole with you in his lamented death, we sincerely hope that God will give you strength in proportion to your trial, and that the sincere sympathy of friends may in some measure mitigate your sadness.

We are, Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge,

Yours very sincerely,

EDWARD LAWRENCE, P.M., P.P.G.O., W.M.

CHAS. TAYLOR, P.M.

WM. JAMES, Sec.

Mr. C. R. M. Talbot replied as follows:—

3, Cavendish Square, London,

July 17th, 1876.

Dear Sir,

I beg to ask the Brethren of your Lodge to accept my sincere thanks for their very kind remembrance of me in the depth of my sorrow. The loss I have sustained is one the nature of which none can appreciate but myself, for in my son were centred every earthly hope, object, and interest in this world that I have ever had. Life is now to me a blank, just at that time when I looked for support and comfort. I find the ground cut from under my feet, and I am left alone. What you say is true, the only consolation is to think he is now in a better place than this transitory life can afford.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

C. R. M. TALBOT.

A request having been received on October 5th from the Borough Constable for a copy of the Warrant of the Lodge, it was resolved that a copy should be taken and forwarded.

The Annual Festival was held on January 3rd. The Lodge was opened at 4 p.m. in the First and afterwards in the Second 1877. Degrees, when Bro. J. M. Seddon, P.M., presented, on behalf of the Lodge, a Past Master's Jewel to Bro. Edward Lawrance, in appreciation of his valuable and faithful services in the chair for the third time. Bro. C. M. Taylor, P.M., then took the chair, and Bro. Charles Wilkins took the usual obligation to rule the Lodge aright. He was afterwards duly installed by Bro. J. M. Seddon, P.M. Thirty-six members were present.

BRO. CHARLES WILKINS, W.M.

Bro. Charles Wilkins was initiated in the Lodge on June 6th, 1872, and continued a subscribing member until February, 1885, when he resigned. He was for 49 years connected with the Merthyr Post Office. In 1870 he succeeded his father as Postmaster, a position he held until his retirement in 1897, when he was the recipient of a handsome testimonial and a farewell banquet by the staff. He was widely known in Welsh literature as the author of "Wales—Past and Present," "Literature of Wales," "History of the Coal Trade," "History of the

Iron, Steel and Tinplate Trades," "History of Merthyr Tydfil." He was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and a member of the Cambrian Archæological Society. He died on August 5th, 1913.

An important and interesting communication was read from the Grand Secretary on March 1st, notifying the Brethren of the appointment of Sir George Elliot, Bart. M.P., as Provincial Grand Master for the Eastern Division of South Wales, and also one from the Prov. Grand Master elect, as follows:—

23, Great George Street,

Westminster, London, S.W.,

10th February, 1877.

Dear Worshipful Master,

I believe you have heard officially from the Grand Secretary that H.R.H. the Grand Master has done me the honour to appoint me Prov. Grand Master of South Wales Eastern Division. I have now to inform you that I am looking forward to being installed in my high office at no distant date, that I shall give myself the pleasure of communicating with you again as soon as the date of that ceremony can be fixed. I have to my deep regret learnt in a fraternal letter from Bro. E. J. Morris that he cannot accept the office of Deputy Provincial Master which, as I informed him on the day I heard of my appointment, it was my wish to offer him, and I have therefore to request that all communications on the business of the Province may be for the present sent to me direct. I beg, Worshipful Master, that you will be good enough to convey to the members of your Lodge my earnest desire to work with them for the promotion of the best interests of Freemasonry in our Province, and that you will inform the Brethren I am counting confidently upon their fraternal consideration and co-operation by which alone I can hope to discharge efficiently the responsible duties of the exalted position conferred upon me by the gracious favour of His Royal Highness.

I am, Dear Worshipful Master,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEORGE ELLIOT.

It was unanimously resolved that the following letter of congratulation be sent to the Prov. Grand Master:—

Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, Merthyr Tydfil.

To the Right Worshipful Sir George Elliot, Bart, M.P.,
Provincial Grand Master South Wales Eastern Division.

Worshipful Sir and Brother,

In accordance with a resolution of this Lodge, I have the pleasure of offering you its hearty and fraternal congratulations on your appointment to the honoured position of Grand Master of this important and progressive Province. The appointment has given special satisfaction to the Lodge and at the first meeting after it was made known the heartiest feelings of pleasure were expressed by the members, and a resolution expressive of your approval was entered in our Minute Book. This Lodge has no doubt but that you will receive the cordial co-operation of every Lodge in the Province, and the loyal support of every member in all matters affecting the interests of our beloved Craft ; but of this be assured, that in ready submission to your high Masonic Authority and deep respect for you as our Provincial Grand Master the Loyal Cambrian Lodge will always endeavour to secure your approval. We cannot, knowing your numerous and important duties, venture to expect frequent visits from you, but I may state on behalf of my Lodge that when opportunity favours your visits will be much esteemed and welcomed. Our Brethren occupy no exalted social rank, nor have we in our Lodge those external advantages which give effect to our sublime ritual, but we are an old Lodge, and have done Masonic work a century before others in South Wales had an existence, and we feel that we can glory somewhat in our history.

With fraternal regards,

I am, Right Worshipful Sir,

On behalf of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge,

Yours very fraternally,

PETER WILLIAMS, Secretary.

A further communication was received from the Prov. Grand Master, dated Great George Street, Westminster, February 26th, 1877.

Dear Worshipful Master,

I have pleasure to inform you that the Grand Registrar of England, Brother Aneas McIntyre, Q.C., has kindly agreed to perform the ceremony of installing me as Provincial Grand Master of South Wales Eastern

Division at Aberdare on the 4th April next. Aberdare has been selected for the reason that it is mid-way between the important Masonic centres of Cardiff and Swansea, and has easy railway communication with all parts of the Province, as well as adjacent Provinces; and also because, as I have been for some time a member of the St. David's Lodge of Aberdare, it may not be considered inappropriate that my first visit to Provincial Grand Lodge shall be held under its banner. I have had two separate buildings inspected at Aberdare, in one of which it is proposed to hold the Installation Ceremony, and the other to devote to the banquet. Each of these is capable of holding many hundreds of Brethren, and care will be taken to have them properly prepared and fitted for the occasion. A short service will be held at the Parish Church, Aberdare, and a sermon preached by the Vicar of Aberdare, Bro. the Rev. W. W. Jones, M.A. It is intended to have the collection after the other proceedings of the day, and at as early an hour as possible, in order to give facilities to Brethren who may wish to catch trains. I trust, Worshipful Master, these arrangements will meet with your approbation and that of the Brethren of your Lodge, and that I may look forward to being supported by a numerous attendance at the Provincial Grand Lodge.

I am, Dear Worshipful Master,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEORGE ELLIOT.

On March 15th the W.M., Bro. Wilkins, called the attention of the Brethren to the Installation of the Provincial Grand Master at Aberdare on the 4th proximo, and it was decided to wait upon the local railway authorities for special railway facilities. At the same meeting it was announced that the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge had been nominated by the Designated Prov. Grand Master, and that no appointment had been reserved for any member of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge. This information evoked from the Past Masters and other Brethren a feeling of displeasure, and on the proposition of Bro. D. R. Lewis, S.W., seconded by Bro. Seddon, P.M., "it was unanimously resolved that, as far as consistent with our loyalty to the Provincial Authority and our Masonic devotion to our Provincial Grand Master, the Secretary be instructed to write the Provincial Grand Secretary Designate and call his attention to the fact that the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, one of the oldest in the Province, had been entirely overlooked in the appointment of Provincial Grand Officers, and that its members felt disappointed and

hurt that its undoubted claims had not received the consideration which they are justly entitled to, but that other Lodges of comparatively no historic record, one of which had but recently had its Charter, were selected for special distinction. It was the opinion of this Lodge that our Worshipful Master should be a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the approaching year." The reply of the Provincial Grand Secretary was read on Lodge night, April 3rd, and the explanation given for the exclusion of the Brethren of the Lodge from the list of Provincial Grand Officers was considered satisfactory. A copy of the P.G. Secretary's letter is not incorporated in the Minutes, and consequently the nature of the explanation cannot be given.

At the Lodge meeting on April 3rd, the Brethren were informed of impending departure of Mrs. McEachern from the *Bush Hotel*. The information was received with expressions of sincere regret, and the Secretary was instructed to write Mrs. McEachern acquainting her of their appreciation of the kindness and generosity extended to the Lodge by her parents and by herself for more than half a century, and of their extreme regret that this long friendship was now about to be severed. A letter was accordingly sent, in which the following passage appears: "The Lodge honours your name, and for many generations to come the record of the kindly feeling entertained for you and your family will be a pleasing incident in the history of the *Loyal Cambrian Lodge*." The illhealth and distressed pecuniary circumstances of the old Tyler, Bro. J. Emrys Jones, was brought to the notice of the Brethren by the W.M., and evoked much sympathy. To relieve his temporary needs it was resolved to place £10 from the funds in the hands of the Treasurer and the W.M., with instructions that the money was to be paid in instalments as found necessary. It was also resolved, on the motion of Bro. D. R. Lewis, to make an application to the Board of Benevolence on behalf of Bro. Jones, for an annuity. On March 3rd, 1878, Bro. D. R. Lewis informed the Brethren that £20 had been granted by the Board of Benevolence in response to the appeal. While the Brethren were thus engaged in relieving the necessities of Bro. J. Emrys Jones, they were suddenly called upon to pay their last tribute of respect to his brother, Bro. William Edward Jones, Artist and Sculptor, a Past Master of the Lodge, and one who was highly esteemed for his genial nature and uprightness of character. The Brethren attended the funeral in full Masonic Regalia, being guided apparently by the funeral regulations

laid down in Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry." The proceedings are recorded in detail in the Minute Book, and as they are interesting and unusual they are herewith culled in full.

"LOYAL CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 110.

OCTOBER 19th, 1877.

BRO. C. WILKINS, W.M.

SPECIAL LODGE MEETING.

"It was announced by circular in the usual way that Bro. P.M. Wm. Edward Jones, Artist, had departed this life. Having expressed a desire that the Masonic Brethren should follow his body to the grave this special Lodge meeting was called in order to carry out that wish and also to express by their attendance their feeling of sorrow at the death of a Brother so distinguished in Masonry, and so endeared to the Lodge by his moral and social virtues. The Lodge was opened at 1 p.m., and raised to the second Degree, after which in Masonic Regalia the Brethren proceeded to the residence of their departed Brother, where, in the presence of the body of their esteemed friend, the Lodge was raised to the third Degree.

"The W.M. then proceeded with the burial service prescribed by the Ritual of our Craft upon such solemn occasions, at the close of which he addressed the Brethren on the noble character of our deceased Brother and the loss the Lodge had sustained; and he also expressed a hope that his example in the practice of love, truth, and charity would for years to come be profitable to society, and also be remembered to his honour as a Brother Mason. The Secretary having deposited with the body a copy of the sacred scroll, the Lodge proceeded in procession to the Cefn Cemetery, where, after the burial service of the Church was performed, the Wor. Master continued the service of our Craft. At its conclusion the Secretary deposited on the coffin another copy of the sacred scroll, and the Brethren sprigs of acacia, and then left the body of our departed Brother in the full hope of its glorious resurrection in the good time appointed by the Great Architect of the Universe. The Brethren returned to the Lodge, and it having been reduced from the Third to the First Degree, it was duly closed at 5 p.m. until the next regular Lodge meeting."

Twenty-five Brethren were present, and of this number only three, viz., Bros. H. W. Southey, D. J. Hirst, and E. Clay are still with us, the rest have long since joined the great majority. Unfortunately, the

Lodge omitted one very necessary procedure—that of obtaining a Dispensation to appear in public procession in Masonic clothing. This transgression did not escape the vigilant eye of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, and he at once called the attention of the Brethren to the serious offence which they had committed. At the Lodge meeting held on November 1st a letter was read from Bro. Tennant expressive of his opinion that the Brethren had acted unconstitutionally in appearing in Masonic Regalia in public, at the funeral of Bro. W. E. Jones, without previously obtaining a Dispensation permitting such public appearance. It was resolved, “That as a misapprehension in the authority of the W.M. in reference to this matter had occurred, the Lodge acquiesces in the view taken by Bro. Tennant, D.P.G.M., and regrets having thus far transgressed a law of the Masonic Constitution.”

The want of Lodge premises was at this time again considered, and on November 1st, Bro. Chas. Taylor, P.M., submitted a plan of a proposed Lodge-room and Masonic Club, together with the estimated cost of the purchase and conversion of certain premises on the Glebeland. It was agreed that if the premises in question could be obtained at the price mentioned, that the proposal of a Masonic Hall and Clubroom should be considered and determined at the next Lodge meeting. In furtherance of this scheme, a committee was appointed with instructions to purchase if the price was found reasonable, if not they were not to proceed without further authority. Evidently the conditions were unfavourable, as no report appears to have been submitted.

The Annual Festival held on January 3rd is of special interest, because it was on this occasion that the late revered Bro. Col.

1878. D. R. Lewis was installed into the chair of King Solomon for the first time, by Bro. Charles Wilkins, the retiring W.M.

It is recorded that the Lodge was opened in the First Degree at 4.45 p.m., and, after being opened in the Second Degree, the W.M. elect made the usual affirmative that he would uphold the form and principles of our Craft and submit to the Masonic Authorities appointed by the Constitution, after which he was duly installed. Bro. Lewis then appointed the following officers:—

Bro. C. Wilkins, I.P.M.	Bro. W. James, J.W.
Bro. T. W. Goodfellow, S.W.	Bro. J. D. Williams, Treasurer.
Bro. Nestor Williams, Chaplain.	Bro. E. H. James, S.D.
Bros. Peter Williams and J. Jones, Secretaries.	



BRO. COL. D. R. LEWIS, V.D., P.M., P.P.G.S.W.

Bro. D. J. Hirst, I.G.

Bro. E. Clay, J.D.

Bro. Nathaniel Thomas, Organist.

Bro. J. W. Gunn, S.S.

Bro. Timothy Evans, J.S.

Bro. J. O. Avis, Tyler.

Bro. Lewis's first duty in the chair was to present Bro. Charles Wilkins with a Past Master's Jewel on behalf of the Brethren, in recognition of the satisfactory manner in which he had ruled the Lodge during his year of office. His second duty was a still more pleasant one, and one with which he identified himself throughout his life, that of charity. He brought forward a memorial on behalf of the son of the late Bro. J. Emrys Jones, for admission to the Masonic Schools, and this was signed by the members of the Lodge. Twenty-nine Brethren and twenty-nine Visiting Brethren were present, a total of fifty-eight. The Visiting Brethren included Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, in his official capacity as D.P.G.M. for the first time. Bro. Col. Thomas Phillips, St. David's Lodge, No. 679, Aberdare; Bro. Dr. Evan Jones, Bro. Dr. Pearson R. Creswell, Bro. J. Hurman, P.M., Bute Lodge, No. 960; and Bro. R. Spencer, W.M., St. George's Lodge, No. 1098, Tredegar.

BRO. COL. D. R. LEWIS, V.D., P.P.G.S.W.

Bro. Col. D. R. Lewis was the son of Mr. Lewis Lewis, who was Magistrates' Clerk for the Petty Session Divisions of Caerphilly and Miskin Higher from 1843 to 1882. He was born on December 28th, 1843, and educated at Dr. Evan Davies's Grammar School, Swansea—a famous middle class School in its day—and at Melksham, Wilts. He was articled to the late Mr. Frank James, admitted as a solicitor in 1866, and in the same year joined Mr. Robinson Smith as a partner. In 1868 Bro. Col. J. J. Jones joined the firm, and this partnership continued until 1877, when Mr. Smith retired on his removal to Swansea. The firm then became known as Lewis and Jones. On the death of Bro. J. W. Russell in 1880, Bro. D. R. Lewis succeeded him as Registrar of the Merthyr County Court, and after his father's death in 1882, he was appointed to succeed him as Magistrates' Clerk by Mr. John Bishop, the Stipendiary Magistrate at that time. In connection with the Volunteer movement Bro. Lewis joined the 12th Glamorgan Corps in 1861, as a private, and gradually worked his way through the ranks until, in 1885, he received his commission as Honorary Colonel, and in 1905 he was gazetted Colonel-Commandant in succession to Col. Pearson R. Creswell. He retired under the age limit in 1907.

He was initiated into Masonry by Bro. Albert Harris, on June 6th, 1872, and after serving in several offices he was elected W.M. on December 5th, 1877, and installed, as already stated, on January 3rd, 1878. Bro. Lewis's advent as Wor. Master proved to be the turning point in the prosperity of the Lodge. At this time very little interest was taken in Masonry in the town. It was often necessary for the Tyler on Lodge nights to personally summon Brethren within hail, in order to get the required number to open the Lodge. Bro. Lewis applied himself diligently to the task of reviving the interest of the Brethren in Masonry, and instructing them in the proper signs and working of the various ceremonies. During his year of office in 1878 he initiated nine candidates, and three are still subscribing members of the Lodge, viz., Bros. R. R. Davis, William Griffiths, and the Centenary Master, Bro. Col. J. J. Jones. At the installation meeting in January, 1879, Bro. T. W. Goodfellow, the newly-installed Master, in presenting Bro. Lewis with a gold Jewel on behalf of the Lodge, referred to him as having "personally conducted every ceremony, lectured in every one of the Degrees, and acquired by unwearied labour and zealous devotion such a knowledge of our sublime Ritual as will make his year of office memorable in the history of the Lodge."

Bro. Lewis was installed a second time in January, 1890, and during this year he initiated seventeen candidates—a record number up to that time. In recognition of his invaluable Masonic services, he was presented by the Brethren with an oil painting of himself and an address in album form, on December the 4th, 1891. Bro. Lewis gracefully presented the oil painting to the Lodge, and it is now one of the most valued treasures in the Lodge room. When the Prince Llewellyn Lodge was constituted at Cardiff in 1896, Bro. Lewis was installed the first Wor. Master, and his year of office was in every way popular and successful. He was also a founder of the Fforest Lodge, and in 1906 he occupied the chair of that Lodge. Here again he distinguished himself as the leading Master in the province. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the Naunton Davies Chapter, Pontypridd, and was a Founder and First Principal of the Royal Arch Chapter at Merthyr named the "David Rees Lewis" in compliment to himself (see chapter on Royal Arch Masonry). During his long and active Masonic life he was reputed to have initiated more candidates into Masonry than any other Master in the Eastern Division of South Wales. He looked forward with great interest to the Centenary year of his Mother Lodge, and at a meeting of Past Masters held in November,

1909—the last he was destined to attend—when he was urged to accept the Mastership for the Centenary year, he readily consented. His acceptance of the office was hailed with lively satisfaction, not only by the members of his own Lodge, but by the Brethren of the Province. On December 2nd, 1909, he was unanimously elected the Centenary Master, but to the great grief of the Brethren, and the irreparable loss of the Lodge, he departed this life on the last day of the year. He was buried at Cefn Cemetery on Wednesday, January 5th, 1910, with full Military and Masonic honours. The Brethren attended in large numbers, almost every Lodge in the Province of the Eastern Division and the adjoining Province of Monmouth being represented. Immediately after the dispersal of the military, the Brethren surrounded the grave, and with heads bowed and sadness depicted on every face, listened to the solemn Masonic Rites, impressively delivered by the Chaplain, Bro. Peter Williams, at the conclusion of which, in solemn silence and falling darkness, they filed past the aperture and reverently deposited on the coffin a sprig of acacia—their last tribute of respect to departed merit. The *Merthyr Express* for January 8th, 1910, thus graphically describes the funeral:—

PROCESSION A MILE LONG.

“The funeral of the late Col. Lewis, V.D., took place on Wednesday afternoon. The weather was dull and chilly, a leaden sky prevailing throughout the day, but happily there was no rain, so that the grandest funeral pageant ever witnessed in Merthyr was carried out under conditions which enabled thousands upon thousands of sympathetic spectators to line the streets through which it passed on its way to Cefn Cemetery. A more imposing demonstration of the profound respect felt for the deceased officer by the Territorial service in the county of Glamorgan and by all classes of private citizens, it would be impossible to conceive. The grounds of the Merthyr Football Club, in Penydarren Park, were utilised for the marshalling of the immense cortege, and while the military portion was being placed in order on the promenade in front of Plas Penydarren, the civilian contingents were marshalled up in the adjacent ground, ready when the hour came to follow behind the military, the mourners, and the police. The entire procession was quite a mile long, and occupied nearly half an hour in passing a given point. From the Park gates just below the Hospital, to the end of Pandy Road, and again in the High Street of Cefn, the walks were thronged with spectators anxious to see the final mark of honour bestowed upon a man whose

name will go down deeply carved in the history of Merthyr. The bells of the Parish Church rung muffled peals during the day.

“ The gun carriage, drawn by six horses, and in charge of Sergt.-Major Instructor Scale, 4th Glamorgan, arrived at the Plâs just after 2 o'clock, and was drawn up at the main entrance to the residence. Members of the permanent staff of the Regiment were the drivers. At the same time the firing party, composed of men of the 5th Battalion Welsh Regiment, in command of Capt. D. Cope Harris and Second-Lieut. Evans, took up a position in front and facing the house, the remainder of the Battalion lining the roadway on each side of the drive, and formed up in column of fours, as the gun carriage passed through. Past and present Sergeants of the late Colonel's Battalion acted as bearers, and carried the coffin to the gun carriage, upon which it was reverently laid. As the coffin was brought from the house, the firing party presented arms. The coffin bore the following inscription—

‘ COLONEL DAVID REES LEWIS, V.D., J.P.

Born 28th December, 1843.

Died 31st December, 1909.’

The Union Jack, the flag the Colonel loved so well, was then spread over the coffin, and the Colonel's helmet and sword were placed on the top, as well as several beautiful wreaths. Just afterwards, the word of command was given, and the procession moved off.

“ On reaching the Cemetery gate the firing party formed up on each side of the road ; the bands, gun carriage, and chief mourners passed through into the Cemetery, and the representatives of the public bodies followed. The remainder of the Battalion and the police conformed to the movement of the firing party, and lined the roadway. While the service was being held in the church, the firing party and the rest of the military were marched down to the graveside, where they formed three sides of a square, the firing party being drawn up in a line of the slope enclosed by the Battalion. The buglers and drummers were massed immediately in the rear. After the service in the chapel, the coffin was borne to the grave by the Sergeants, preceded by the surpliced Choir of St. David's and the Clergy. The Rev. Daniel Lewis, Rector of Merthyr, and the Rev. D. Jones, Curate, officiated at the graveside. The scene was most impressive ; all the troops and police were lined up in solid rows, and kept the space around the grave clear for the mourners and clergy. At

the conclusion of the service, the firing party were called to attention, and presented arms, after which they fired the customary three volleys as a farewell salute to a dearly loved and honoured Colonel. The drummers played an impressive roll between each volley, and the final scene of all was the shrill bugles' wailing out the "Last Post" as darkness veiled the scene. Then followed sharp words of command, and the troops moved off, headed by the firing party with fixed bayonets."

Reverting to the Lodge work of 1878, Bro. D. R. Lewis, on January 17th, his first meeting as W.M., drew the attention of the Brethren to various discrepancies in the methods of working, as observed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, and he impressed upon the Brethren the necessity of carrying out the instructions of the D.P.G.M. He afterwards explained the discrepancies, and instructed the Brethren in the correct method of giving the signs in the First Degree. He also drew attention to the practice of moving from seat to seat in the Lodge room, and to certain irregularities occasionally committed when addressing the W.M. He urged upon them the propriety of maintaining a correct demeanour not so much in deference to the W.M. as to the reputation and character of the Lodge itself. He afterwards opened and closed the Lodge in the several Degrees, for the instruction of the Brethren, and he continued this practice at subsequent meetings throughout his year of office.

The movement initiated in 1878 to establish a Lodge at Penarth was warmly approved of by the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, and on the motion of Bro. D. R. Lewis it was resolved to support the petition for a Warrant, and to acquaint Bro. Hurman, the proposed W.M., of the New Lodge of the support of the Brethren. The outcome of the movement was the consecration of the Windsor Lodge, No. 1754, on July 15th, 1878.

The necessity of protecting the records of the Lodge was considered by the Brethren at this time, when it was decided to purchase a fireproof safe, the keys of which were to be in the custody of the Secretary and the W.M. during their term of office. The safe was afterwards purchased from Bro. William James, Ironmonger, at a cost of £7 10s., but in 1900 it was found to be too small to contain the whole of the records, and a larger one was purchased at a cost of £10 10s. The old safe was afterwards sold to the David Rees Lewis Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for £2. On July 4th, Bro. D. R. Lewis, W.M., informed the Brethren of his appointment as Charity Steward of the Province, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and of the acceptance of the son of

the late Bro. J. Emrys Jones as a candidate for admission to the Institution. On account of the candidate's age it was decided to purchase an Exhibition for him at a cost of £170. Of this amount, £21 was voted from the Lodge Funds, at the meeting held on August 1st, and in September of the following year Bro. Lewis announced that he had succeeded in collecting £178, and that Ernest Handel Jones had been admitted to the school.

At the Lodge meeting on November 21st, Bro. Charles Wilkins, I.P.M., intimated to the W.M. that he had a proposition to bring forward, personal to the occupant of the chair. Whereupon Bro. D. R. Lewis vacated his seat, and retired. Bro. Wilkins, in taking charge of the Lodge during the temporary absence of the W.M., said that it afforded him much pleasure in proposing that a Past Master's Jewel be presented to Bro. D. R. Lewis for his valuable services during the year, observing that Bro. Lewis had attended the Lodge during his official year with invariable regularity; that he had acquired with commendable zeal a very extensive knowledge of the Masonic Ritual, and that he had performed all ceremonies with an accuracy that commanded the approval of every Brother and Visitor." The resolution was seconded by Bro. Peter Williams, and carried unanimously. During the year fifteen Lodge meetings were held, the average attendance being nineteen.

The Installation Festival was held on January 9th. The Lodge was opened at 4.30 p.m. Bro. T. W. Goodfellow, S.W., was
1879. presented and took a solemn obligation to rule and govern the Lodge. He was afterwards duly installed by Bro. D. R. Lewis, to the "distinguished and honoured position of W.M."

BRO. THOMAS WILSON GOODFELLOW, W.M., P.P.G.Sa.B.

Bro. T. W. Goodfellow was born in 1823, at Goole, Yorkshire, but when only six weeks old his parents removed to London. In early manhood he came to Merthyr, and opened a grocery business in premises which stood on the site now occupied by the London and Provincial Bank in High Street, subsequently removing to Victoria Street. He took at one time an active interest in public affairs, and was High Constable of Miskin and Caerphilly Higher in 1856. He was succeeded in the appointment by the late Mr. Walter Smyth. At a meeting convened by Mr. Smyth, at the Temperance Hall on April 23rd, 1857, to consider the advisability of applying for a Charter of Incorporation, Bro. Goodfellow proposed a resolution in favour of a petition being



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presented. This was seconded by Mr. Thomas Stephens, the author of *The Literature of the Kymry*, but on account of the opposition encountered the matter was not proceeded with. Bro. Goodfellow, in the early seventies, gave up business, and was appointed Rate Collector under the old Local Board of Health, a position he retained until his death. He was married to a niece of Mr. Watkins, Canton Tea Warehouse, a shop which stood on the site of the present Town Hall, by whom he had one son and five daughters. The son died some years ago. Three of the daughters are still resident in the town. Bro. Goodfellow was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge by Bro. Seddon, W.M., on March 19th, 1874, and was a faithful member until a few years before his death, when the infirmities of old age prevented him attending the Lodge. He was for many years Treasurer of the Lodge, and in recognition of his long and valuable services he was presented with an enlarged carbon portrait of himself, a duplicate being at the same time hung up in the Lodge room on October 4th, 1906, the cost of which was defrayed by the voluntary contributions of the Brethren. Two years before his death he was elected an honorary member. He was an ardent Wesleyan, and in connection with that body he became a noted lay preacher, his services being in demand all over the neighbouring Circuits. He died on April 22nd, 1912, at the age of 89, and was buried in Cefn Cemetery. The funeral, although private to the general public, was open to the Brethren, and a large number of them attended.

At the Lodge meeting on February 20th, it was resolved for the first time to print a statement of accounts for distribution among the members.

During his year of office, Bro. Goodfellow initiated eight candidates, the first being Bro. W. T. Flocks, who was accepted for the purposes of a Tyler of the Lodge. Bro. Flocks acted as Tyler until December, 1890, when he resigned and became a subscribing member. In local annals he is noted as the first Merthyr cyclist, and for having performed, what was considered at the time, the wonderful feat of cycling to Cardiff in the space of three hours—his mount being a wooden bone-shaker of the safety type, made to his own design by a local wheelwright. The *Merthyr Telegraph* gave a glowing account of the journey speculating freely on the possibilities of the new form of locomotion. With the modern bicycle the journey to Cardiff and back in three hours presents no difficulties.

The Installation Festival was again held on January 15th. The Lodge was opened at 5 p.m. Bro. John Jones, J.W., was
1880. presented for Installation by Bro. D. R. Lewis, P.M., and he was duly installed W.M. by Bro. T. W. Goodfellow, assisted by Bro. D. R. Lewis,

BRO. JOHN JONES, W.M., P.P.G.R.

Bro. Jones was a native of Merthyr, and a well-known contractor and builder, having a residence and extensive workshops at Glanynant, Glebeland Place. He was a prominent personage in local affairs, and at one time was a member of the old Local Board of Health. He married a daughter of D. Miles, clothier, by whom he had a son and two daughters. He died on May 12th, 1901, at the age of 68. His widow survived him for several years.

The question of paying for the suppers out of the Funds of the Lodge, which had been partly arranged in 1874, was again considered, and on April 3rd Bro. D. R. Lewis proposed "that the custom of partaking supper at each meeting of the Lodge be discontinued, and that instead, a light repast, something in the nature of bread and cheese and pickles, be laid on the table in the ante-room, at a charge not exceeding 6d. each, and that such repast be paid for by the Brethren who partake of it." An amendment, "That the arrangement as to supper, an ancient custom of the Lodge, be continued as at present," was lost by ten votes to eight. At the June meeting, notice was given to rescind this resolution, but when it came up for consideration in July, it was deferred to the September, and then to the October meeting. On the latter date, a further notice of motion was given, to move that the resolution of April 3rd should come into force in the following January. This was agreed to at the December meeting. The supper question, which had agitated the Lodge for a number of years, was in this way satisfactorily settled, and a considerable saving was effected in the Lodge Funds.

It was suggested by Bro. D. R. Lewis, at the March meeting, that a coat of arms should be procured for the use of the Lodge, and Bros. J. Jones, W.M., Chas. Wilkins, P.M., and Peter Williams were appointed to "look up the seal of the Lodge, with a view of having a crest provided." On Lodge night, May 6th, the W.M., submitted a sketch for the approval of the Brethren, but the matter was referred back to the Committee in order to alter one of the quarterings. No further reference is made to the sketch, and the question of providing a seal was not

again considered until November 1st, 1900. On that date, Bro. D. R. Lewis again proposed that a die, bearing the arms of the Lodge, should be procured. This was seconded by Bro. Angus Mackintosh, P.M., and agreed to. There was an impression at that time that a seal had been used by the Lodge sometime in its past history, but a careful search in the books and papers of the Lodge, and a further search among the papers of the late Bro. Dr. Dyke, failed to produce any evidence of the former existence of a seal. The design of the present seal was suggested by Bro. D. R. Lewis. The centre figure depicts the Martyrdom of St. Tydfil, and is a copy taken from an old shoulder plate belonging to the first Volunteer Corps raised in Merthyr, now the property of Bro. W. H. Jones, P.P.G., Tyler. The motto "Yma mae Goleuni" ("Here there is light"), was chosen by Bro. D. R. Lewis, and was translated from English into Welsh by Mr. Llywarch Reynolds, Solicitor. The die was obtained in December, 1900, and was used for the first time on the circulars convening the annual meeting on January 3rd, 1901. The writer's part in connection with the matter is explained by the resolution passed on February 7th of that year, when, on the motion of Bro. John Morgan, I.P.M., it was resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Bro. James Fraser, and recorded on the Minutes, for the excellent services rendered by him in designing the coat of arms of the Lodge.

The Annual Festival was, on this occasion, postponed from the first Thursday, the regular date, to the third Thursday, in 1881. consequence of Bro. E. H. James, the W.M. elect, not completing his qualifying term of 12 months until that date. Wor. Bro. Tennant, the D.P.G.M., was present, and presented Bro. James for the benefit of installation. He was duly installed by Bro. John Jones, the retiring W.M. Bro. T. W. Goodfellow afterwards presented Bro. Jones with a Past Master's Jewel. Thirty-one Brethren and eight visitors were present.

BRO. E. H. JAMES, W.M., P.P.G.D.

Bro. James was a native of Pembroke, and was born at Trepriste Farm, Nevilfroze. He came to the Dowlais Offices as a boy, and by dint of perseverance he gradually rose to the position of Chief Clerk. When the Dowlais-Cardiff Works were built a few years ago, he was appointed Cashier, and removed to Cardiff. He was subsequently promoted Secretary, a position he held until two years ago, when he

resigned. He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on May 7th, 1874, and continued a subscribing member for 37 years, resigning in 1911. During the earlier years of his membership he was an ardent and enthusiastic Mason, and as Wor. Master he discharged his duties with commendable tact and ability.

The desire of the D.P.G.M. to establish charities in connection with the Lodges of the Province was brought to the notice of the Brethren at this time, and at the Lodge meeting on April 7th, the W.M. gave notice that at the next Lodge meeting the circular of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, suggesting the formation of a fund to be called the Loyal Cambrian Lodge Fund, would be fully discussed. This resulted in a resolution being passed at the meeting on July 7th, on the proposition of Bro. W. H. Priest, seconded by Bro. Peter Williams, and supported by Bro. D. R. Lewis, that a fund to be called the Loyal Cambrian Lodge Charity Fund be formed in connection with the Lodge, as recommended in the circular of the D.P.G.M. Beyond the passing of the resolution, no further steps appear to have been taken, and the solution of the Provincial charities was not found until 1887, when Bro. Tennant founded the Home Charities.

The laying of the foundation stone of the Masonic Buildings in Lower High Street took place on Tuesday, September 6th, a full account of which will be found in the next Chapter. The distressed condition of the widow of the late Bro. Teilo Davies was considered by the Brethren at the October meeting, and it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. D. J. Hirst, seconded by Bro. D. R. Lewis, that a sum sufficient to make up the individual subscriptions of the members to £50 be given to Mrs. Davies for her temporary relief.

The Annual Festival was held on January 19th. The Lodge was opened at 4.50 p.m. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, presented 1882. Bro. Edward Clay, S.W., for installation, and he was duly installed by Bro. E. H. James, the retiring Master. Bro. John Jones, P.M., at the close of the proceedings, presented Bro. James with a Past Master's Jewel. Thirty-three Brethren and eight visitors were present.

BRO. EDWARD CLAY, W.M., P.P.G.S.D.

Bro. Edward Clay is a native of Shropshire, and was born at Ellesmere on March 26th, 1839. After leaving school in 1855 he entered the service of the Birkenhead, Lancashire and Cheshire Junction Railway

Company as junior clerk. In 1862 he transferred his services to the L. & N.W.R. Co., serving first as District Manager's Clerk at Liverpool, and afterwards as Chief Clerk and Accountant at Shrewsbury Goods Station. In February, 1864, he came to South Wales on his appointment as Goods and Passenger Agent to the Taff Vale Railway Company for the districts comprising Merthyr and Abercynon. He held this appointment until 1901, when he retired on a pension granted him for long service by the directors of the T.V.R. Co. He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge in October, 1875, by Bro. Charles Taylor, and in the succeeding years filled several offices in the Lodge until his election as W.M. On the formation of the Masonic Hall and Club Company, in 1880, Bro. Clay was appointed Secretary, the duties of which he discharged until a few years ago.

The attempted assassination of the late Queen Victoria, on March 2nd, by a youth named McLean, who fired on her Majesty as she was about to enter her carriage, evoked the warmest sympathy towards her throughout the world. The Craft, ever loyal to the Throne, were foremost in their expression of goodwill. At the Lodge meeting on March 16th, it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. T. W. Goodfellow, that "the congratulations of the Lodge be tendered to her Most Gracious Majesty on her miraculous and merciful escape, under the protection of God Almighty, from the attempt on her valuable and honourable life." In accordance with this resolution, the following letter was forwarded to Her Majesty:—

Loyal Cambrian Lodge,
Merthyr Tydfil,

March, 1882.

TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

"May it please your Majesty,

"We, the undersigned, your most humble and loyal subjects, as officers of and representing the Loyal Cambrian Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 110, held at the *Bush Hotel*, Merthyr Tydfil, in the County of Glamorgan, have the pleasing duty on behalf of our Brother Freemasons in this town to acquaint your Majesty that at a Lodge meeting on Thursday, the 16th of March inst., it was unanimously and enthusiastically resolved that the hearty and heartfelt congratulations of the Lodge be tendered to your Majesty on your Majesty's recent miraculous and merciful escape from the attempt on your Majesty's

valuable and honourable and serviceable life. It gives us infinite pleasure as representatives of our Lodge—a unit in that great body or Craft whose esteemed Ruler is your Majesty's eldest son, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales—to convey those our congratulations to your Majesty. That your Majesty's useful honourable and well spent life in the care of the State and your loving subjects may, under the merciful Providence of the Great Architect of the Universe, long be spared is the sincere hope and wish of those who have the honour to subscribe themselves your Majesty's

“Most humble, obedient and loyal subjects,

“E. CLAY, W.M.

“D. J. HIRST, S.W.

“TIM EVANS, J.W.

“CHARLES RUSSELL JAMES, Secretary.”

A deputation from the United Grand Lodge, escorted by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Grand Master, in full Masonic Regalia, waited on the Queen at Buckingham Palace on May 10th, and presented her with an address of congratulation on behalf of the English Craft on her happy escape.





CHAPTER X.

HISTORY OF THE "LOYAL CAMBRIAN" LODGE, No. 110, 1882 TO 1914.



IN the Spring of 1882, preparations were made to celebrate the opening of the New Lodge Premises in Lower High Street, by promoting a Masonic Ball at the Drill Hall on April 12th. In anticipation of the event, a Dispensation was applied for to enable the Brethren to appear in Masonic clothing. This necessary permit was duly received from the D.P.G.M. on March 20th, and Mr. W. T. Hulley, Professor of Music, Swansea, and his Band were engaged to provide music, but in the midst of the preparations the death of Bro. Thomas Carlyle, P.M., took place at Swansea, and out of respect to his memory the Ball was abandoned. To compensate Mr. Hulley for the loss of contract a sum of two guineas was sent to him.

The last Lodge meeting held at the *Bush Hotel* was on April 6th, and on May 4th the Brethren met for the first time in the New Buildings, but beyond the heading of the minutes, which runs—

“Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110.

“New Masonic Hall, Merthyr Tydfil,

Thursday, May 4th, 1882,”

there is no reference whatever to the interesting event in the Minutes. No ceremony of any kind appears to have been performed, although this was the most important step up to that time in the history of the Lodge. The business done at the first meeting was of the

usual routine character. Balloting took place for a joining member, and proved favourable, but the ballot for a candidate proved unfavourable. Bro. Chas. Russell James gave notice to move at the following Lodge meeting that, to exclude a candidate three negative balls should be necessary. This motion was adopted at the meeting held on June 8th, and incorporated in the Bye-laws. A vote of condolence was feelingly passed with Bro. D. R. Lewis on the death of his father, and a report by the interior arrangement committee, with reference to the taking over of the New Hall, together with the proposal of four candidates, completed the evening's proceedings. The Brethren present on that historic occasion were :—

Bro. Edward Clay, W.M.	Bro. R. R. Davis, S.D.
Bro. E. H. James, I.P.M.	Bro. John J. Jones, J.D.
Bro D J Hirst, S.W.	Bro. George Harris, I.G.
Bro. Tim Evans, J.W.	Bro. M. L. Evans, Steward.
Bro. Nestor Williams, Chaplain.	Bro. Wm. H. Priest, Steward.
Bro. Chas. R. James, Secretary.	Bro. J. S. Jones, Steward.
Bros. Edward Lawrance, P.M., and Charles, Wilkins, P.M.	
Bro. C. Harris.	Bro. Henry Joliffe.
Bro. S. Sandbrook.	Bro. John Jenkins.
Bro. Peter Williams	Bro. J. L. Ward (Surgeon).
Bro. J. W. Gunn	Bro. D. John
Bro. Alexander Gunn.	Bro. John Williams.
Bro. Wm. James.	

Visitors : Bro. Julius Prag, Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, and Bro. Philip L. James, Harlow Lodge, No. 2734 ; a total of twenty-eight Brethren and two visitors.

The first initiate in the new Lodge was Bro. B. R. S. Frost, Printer, who was accepted and initiated on June 15th. The claim of the widow and the ever-ready response of the Brethren was once more demonstrated at the Lodge meeting held on July 6th, when, on the motion of Bro. John J. Jones, S.D. (Col. J. J. Jones, P.M.), it was resolved to vote £10 10s. from the Funds towards the relief of Mrs. Goodwin, the widow of the late Bro. Albert Goodwin, who was for many years the Head Master of St. David's Schools, Merthyr. Bro. Goodwin joined the Lodge in June, 1868, and died in 1882. The generosity of the Brethren was much appreciated by Mrs. Goodwin, and in a letter of acknowledgment to Bro. Edward Lawrance, dated July 18th, she wrote—

" My Dear Mr. Lawrance,

" Will you please convey to the Freemasons Lodge at your next meeting, my most sincere thanks for their cheque of ten guineas, which was forwarded to me from Box, in your registered letter. I feel most deeply the kindness of the Lodge all the more from its being so unexpected. I wish my dear husband could ever realize how truly his old friends have felt for him in his terrible affliction, and how very liberally they have shown their sympathy to me.

" Believe me, your very sincerely,

" ALICE GOODWIN."

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, the Grand Master, visited the Principality in September, and towards the expenses incurred by the Province in doing homage to the head of the Craft and Heir to the British Throne, the Loyal Cambrian Brethren voted £5 5s. out of the Lodge Funds at the meeting held on October 5th.

BRO. D. J. HIRST, W.M.

The Installation Festival was held on January 4th. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant presented Bro. D. J. Hirst for Installation, and
1883. he was duly installed W.M., nineteen Brethren and eleven visitors were present. Bro. D. J. Hirst was the son of Thomas Hirst, Mill Manager, Dowlais Works, and like his father he received his early training in Dowlais, gradually rising to the position of Furnace Manager. Some years ago he was appointed Manager at Blaenavon Works, and subsequently went to Barrow-in-Furness in a similar capacity, where he now resides. He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on February 18th, 1875, and continued a subscribing member until March 31d, 1887.

The Provincial Grand Master, Sir George Elliot, Bart., paid his first official visit to the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on February 1st. He was accompanied by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, and Bros. Parkinson and G. W. Elliott. Thirty-two Brethren and twenty-two Visitors were present on that occasion.

BRO. TIMOTHY EVANS, W.M.

The Installation Festival was held on January 3rd. The D.P.G.M. presented Bro. Timothy Evans for Installation, and he was
1884. duly installed W.M. Bro. Evans was a native of Cardiganshire, and came to Merthyr as an assistant to Bro. Robert Jones, the well-known draper of Market Square in 1847. Bro. Evans

subsequently opened business on his own account in a shop opposite the *Bush Hotel*, but on the retirement of Bro. Jones from the drapery trade, on his departure to London, Bro. Evans joined Mr. Phillips in the acquisition of the concern which henceforth was carried on under the style of Phillips and Evans. This partnership continued until a short time before Bro. Evans's death, which took place in January, 1887, at the age of 59. Like other prominent men of his time, Bro. Evans was an enthusiastic Volunteer of the old Royal 12th, and rose from a private to the rank of a Commissioned Officer.

The death of H.R.H. The Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.M. for Oxfordshire and P.G.W. of England, in March, evoked the sympathy of the Brethren, and it was resolved to tender the loyal and deep sympathy of the Lodge to her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. The Duchess of Albany in their bereavement. At the Lodge meeting in May the Brethren were notified of the death of Bro. T. J. Jones, P.M., and the sad intelligence was received with manifestations of sincere regret.

In the autumn of the previous year negotiations were entered into with the Directors of Merthyr Improvement Company, with a view to inducing them to sell to the Lodge the new Lodge room and premises. Unfortunately the Brethren misjudged their numerical and financial position. In less than twelve months afterwards it was found necessary to appoint a committee, consisting of Bros. Timothy Evans, W.M., D. J. Hirst, P.M., E. H. James, P.M., T. W. Goodfellow, P.M., and Peter Williams, to consider what could be done to revive the interest of the members in the Lodge, and devise some means to reduce the expenditure. The committee presented their report on October 16th, in which they submitted (1st) That in their opinion the best way to reduce the expenditure of the Lodge was to obtain a reduction of the rent of the Lodge room, and they recommended that a deputation should wait on the Directors of the Merthyr Improvement Company for that purpose, and failing a satisfactory settlement before the 1st day of November following, that notice should be given on or before that date to terminate the Lodge tenancy; (2nd) The Committee considered that one means of reviving the interest of the members would be to have supper at the close of each Lodge meeting, and that such supper should be laid in the ante-room. The Committee's recommendations were adopted, and Bros. T. W. Goodfellow, R. R. Davis, Peter Williams, J. E. Davies and J. J. Jones (Secretary) were appointed to interview the Directors of Merthyr Improvement Company for the purpose of obtaining a reduction in the

rent. In conformity therewith, Bros. T. W. Goodfellow, J. E. Davies and J. J. Jones waited on the Directors, with the happy result that they agreed to reduce the rent from £40 to £32 per annum, the reduction to take effect from the month of September. This arrangement was considered satisfactory by the Lodge, and it enabled the Brethren to tide over their difficulties. The rental remained at £32 per annum until 1896, when, on account of the increased prosperity of the Lodge, the Brethren agreed to a rental of £40.

The Annual Festival was held on January 1st. The Lodge was opened at 5 p.m. Bro. E. H. James, P.M., presented Bro. 1885. R. R. Davis for Installation, and he was duly installed W.M. Bro. John J. Jones and Bro. E. H. James were appointed Auditors. It is interesting to find that Bro. Jones still continues to discharge the duties of Auditor—voluntary services of 28 years.

BRO. RICHARD RHYS DAVIS, W.M., P.P.G.S.B.

Bro. Davis, one of the best known and oldest tradesmen in High Street, was the son of Bro. Rhys Davis, who was W.M. in 1837. The son thus succeeded the father in the chair of the Lodge after an interval of 47 years. Bro. Davis was born in 1846, in the premises which formerly stood on the site of the present handsome block known as Milbourne Buildings. These buildings were erected by Miss Mary Davis as a memorial to the family, and named after W. Milbourne Davis, a grand-uncle and the first Postmaster of Merthyr (see page 77). Bro. Davis, the subject of our sketch, received his education at Miss Sadler's School, which was held at one time in Castle Street, and afterwards at 4, Church Street—the house now known as Sunnyside. He subsequently entered Normal College, Swansea, where he studied for some years, finally proceeding for a short term to Magdalene College, Oxford, to complete his education. After leaving college he was apprenticed as a chemist with Mr. John Jones, Shop Ceffyl Gwyn, Aberdare. In 1869 he returned to Merthyr as an assistant to his brother-in-law, Mr. Thomas Stephens (author of *The Literature of the Kymry*). Mr. Stephens died on January 4th, 1875, and Bro. Davis then continued the business in partnership with his sister, Mrs. Stephens, until her death in 1909. He then became sole owner, but for family memorial reasons the business is still carried on under the name of Thomas Stephens.

Bro. Davis being of a retiring disposition, has not at any time sought public honours. Yet he has served the town for many years, first in

connection with the Merthyr Library—a notable institution in its day, and again as honorary secretary of the Merthyr Hospital. The clerical duties of the latter institution he has faithfully discharged for the long period of 39 years, beginning at the time when the Hospital accommodation of the town was contained within the limits of an ordinary dwelling-house in Bridge Street. Bro. Davis was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on October 6th, 1878, by the late Bro. D. R. Lewis, and in the course of the following years filled various offices until his advent as W.M. During his year of office he initiated eight candidates, one of whom, is the present Secretary, Bro. David Jones, Dowlais, who happens to be now the only subscribing member of the initiates of that year.

In the spring of this year a Masonic Ball was promoted by the Lodge which, unfortunately, resulted in a financial loss of over £20. The deficiency was paid by Bro. Charles Russell James, and at the December meeting a letter was read from him generously offering to allow the amount, as payment of subscriptions in advance, or to forego his claim if the Brethren would elect him an honorary or life member. The Brethren decided to send Bro. James a receipt for 15 years' subscription, accompanied by a letter thanking him for his generosity in accepting payment in this form. This proposal was accepted by Bro. James in a letter dated February 4th, 1886. The subscriptions were thus prepaid up to December, 1897.

At the Lodge meeting in November, the scheme proposed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, for the establishment of a Fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Masons in the Province was fully considered, with the result that it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. E. H. James, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. J. Jones, S.W., to support it by voting £10 10s. from the Funds of the Lodge. A cheque of £3 3s. was ordered to be sent to Bro. Mathews, with a promise of payment of the balance within three years. In the following year the Brethren subscribed £6 15s. In 1887 the Fund became firmly established, and became known as the Victoria Fund, in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. It is now known as the Masonic Educational and Widows' Fund of the Eastern Division of South Wales. The funds at the last audit in 1913 amounted to £12,661 12s. The donations to widows and orphans for the same year amounted to £521, and the total administrative expenses to only £17 19s. 9d. The honorary secretarial work has been performed in a self-sacrificing manner by Bro. J. Broad



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Excell, P.P.G.W. Since the fund was established the Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge have contributed £1,084 1s. 4d. up to 1914, and have received in grants for dependents £775, 2s. The fund will remain a lasting tribute to the foresight and charitable nature of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Marmaduke Tennant. A proposal has recently been made to extend the benefits of the fund to indigent Masons, as a memorial to the late Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Llangattock, which has every prospect of being carried to a successful issue.

BRO. COL. J. J. JONES, W.M.

The Annual Festival was celebrated on January 7th. The Lodge was opened at 5 p.m. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, presented **1886.** Bro. John James Jones for Installation, and he was duly installed by Bro. D. R. Lewis, P.M. A Past Master's Jewel was presented to Bro. R. R. Davis, I.P.M., for the efficient manner in which he discharged his duties during the past year. Twenty-three Brethren and nine Visitors were present.

At the July meeting, Bro. J. J. Jones, the W.M., suggested that a summer outing should be held in connection with the Lodge. This was agreed to, and since that year these annual gatherings have proved a pleasing feature of the year's work. (A biographical sketch of Bro. Jones appears in connection with the Centenary Celebration).

The Annual Festival took place on January 6th, when the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, presented Bro. G. F. Harris for Installation, **1887.** and he was duly installed by Bro. J. J. Jones, the retiring Master. Bro. T. W. Goodfellow presented Bro. J. J. Jones with a Past Master's Jewel for his services in the chair. Nineteen Brethren and five Visitors were present.

BRO. G. F. HARRIS, W.M., P.P.G.S.W.

Bro. Harris, the W.M. for this year, was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge by Bro. T. W. Goodfellow on September 4th, 1879, and for many years he took an active part in the Lodge. He is an artist of repute in South Wales, and an exhibitor at the Royal Academy. Several portraits of the Past Masters which adorn the Banquet Hall are from his brush. Some years ago he removed to Cardiff, and then his activities in connection with the Lodge ceased. When the Fforest Lodge was constituted in 1896, Bro. Harris was appointed the first Master, and he

proved himself worthy of the trust by his diligence in training the inexperienced officers of the new Lodge. He is a P.P.G.S.W. of the Province.

The year 1887 is memorable as the Jubilee year of Queen Victoria. The Craft, true in their loyalty to the Throne, assembled in large numbers at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on June 13th, to vote an address of congratulation to Her Majesty on attaining her Jubilee. H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, the G.M., presided. The fees for admission amounted to £6,321, and were divided equally between the three London Institutions. The address was presented to Her Majesty at Osborne on August 2nd, by a deputation from United Grand Lodge.

An interesting parchment came into the possession of the Lodge at this time, through the kindness of Bro. John Burton, M.D., Kelso, Scotland, Past D.P.G.M. of Staffordshire. Bro. Burton, in a letter to Bro. Harris, the W.M., enclosed an old certificate, dated 1811. This certificate was issued by the Ancient or Athole Grand Lodge to Bro. Jeremiah Cairns, and is dated August 14th, 1811. Bro. Cairns was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on September 28th, 1810, just six weeks after the opening of the Lodge. The certificate is therefore one of the first issued to the Lodge. It is now framed, and forms a very interesting relic. In 1844, Bro. Dr. F. Allday presented the Lodge with terrestrial globes, but by some means they were allowed to be removed from the Lodge premises, and in order to regain possession it was resolved on November 3rd, on the motion of Bro. J. J. Jones, to vote 42s. 6d. for their purchase. It was also decided to provide pedestals for the pillars, and the W.M. was entrusted with the work.

The Annual Festival was held on January 5th, when the Lodge was opened at 4.30 p.m. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, presented Bro. J. E. Davies for Installation as W.M. He was duly installed by Bro. G. F. Harris, the I.P.M. At this meeting the services of Bro. T. W. Goodfellow as Treasurer were recognised, by the presentation to him of a Treasurer's Jewel, and at the same time Bro. J. J. Jones presented Bro. G. F. Harris with a P.M.'s Jewel on behalf of the Lodge. Thirty-two Brethren and twenty-one Visitors were present.

BRO. JOHN EVAN DAVIES, W.M.

Bro. Davies was for many years a well-known and highly respected draper in the town. He commenced business about the year 1865, in partnership with the late Bro. J. S. Jones, in the outfitting trade, in

premises known subsequently as the Cobden Coffee Tavern, in Pontmorlais. This partnership continued for about 18 years, when it was dissolved, and Bro. Davies then leased premises opposite St. David's Schools, where he established a general drapery business, known as the Temple of Fashion. He died suddenly in the prime of life, on April 30th, 1891, at the age of 48. He was married to Margaret, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas, the *Vulcan Inn*, by whom he had a family of three sons and two daughters. Two of the sons—Alfred John and Thomas Watkin—joined the Lodge. Alfred John died 18 months after his father, and Thomas Watkin succumbed to enteric fever on active service in the South African War in 1901. Mrs. Davies survived her husband by 22 years. The first years of her widowhood were saddened by the removal of every member of her family—victims of consumption. The closing years of her life were brightened and made comfortable by annuities from the Benevolent Fund and the Masonic Education and Widows' Fund.

On March 1st it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. G. F. Harris, seconded by Bro. D. R. Lewis, that a Lodge of Instruction should be formed. The first Lodge was accordingly established, and a fee of 2s. 6d. was charged for membership. On October 3rd, 1899, it was resolved to rescind the Bye-law relating to the admission fee, and admit subscribing members of the Regular Lodge free of charge. The Lodge has proved a very useful institution. The meetings are held on the last Thursday in each month, and the election of officers takes place quarterly. Two Past Masters are elected annually in March, who act as President and Vice-President, respectively.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Merthyr in October, but no reference is made to the event in the Minutes until November 1st, when votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Merthyr for the loan of chairs, to Bro. D. R. Lewis for providing the Band, and to Bros. Sarvis and D. D. Morgan for the loan of plants. The collection at Provincial Grand Lodge in aid of local charity, amounting to £7, was given to the Merthyr General Hospital. At the Lodge meeting on December 6th, a letter was read from Mrs. Morgan, Pontypridd, the widow of the late Bro. W. Morgan, expressing her gratitude to the Brethren for their support in electing her son, Rhys Edgar Morgan, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Annual Festival was celebrated on Thursday, January 4th.

The Lodge was opened at 4.30 p.m. Bro. Simon Sandbrook,

1889. J.W., was presented for Installation by the D.P.G.M., and he was duly installed W.M. by Bro. D. R. Lewis. Bro. Lewis afterwards presented a Past Master's Jewel to Bro. J. E. Davies, the retiring W.M.

BRO. SIMON SANDBROOK, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.J.W.

Bro. Sandbrook is the fifth son of the late John Sandbrook, Dolpwl Farm, Penrith Parish, Pembrokeshire. Born in 1849, he was apprenticed in 1867, to Mr. Levi James, ironmonger, in the town of Cardigan. In 1872 he removed to Pontypool, where he remained four years as assistant to his brother William, who carried on business as an ironmonger in partnership with Mr. E. H. Davies. Bro. Sandbrook, in 1879, took up a commercial agency for a Wolverhampton firm. In August, 1879, he came to Merthyr Tydfil and acquired the ironmongery business of Bro. William James; this business his genial personality and business acumen enabled him greatly to extend. Soon after his settlement in the town Bro. Sandbrook married Rachel, second daughter of the late Mr. John Sibbering, Timber Merchant, by whom he had five children. His only son is Lieut. Rupert Sandbrook, of the 5th Battalion of the Welch Regiment (Territorials), who at the outbreak of the European War volunteered for active service. Bro. Sandbrook in 1896 acquired the business carried on by his father-in-law, and combining it with his own trade, he carried on both concerns until 1911. The National Provincial Bank having then purchased his premises in High Street, he retired from his ironmongery business in order to give his whole attention to his other branch. Bro. Sandbrook is on the Board of Directors of the Merthyr and Dowlais Building Society, and on that of the Merthyr and Dowlais Central Laundry. Since 1879 he has been a member of Zoar Congregational Church, of which he is a Deacon and Treasurer. When the Borough of Merthyr was granted a separate Commission of the Peace, Bro. Sandbrook was made one of the first Justices, an honour well deserved, and on which he received the hearty congratulations of the Brethren and Citizens generally.

He received the light of Masonry in the Kennard Lodge, No. 1258, Pontypool, in 1878, and on January 6th, 1881, he was accepted a member of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge; he has ever since been not only a regular attendant, but a most energetic and painstaking Brother. He has been twice Worshipful Master of the Lodge, first in 1889 and again in 1894, and in the Centenary Year he occupied the chair of the Senior Warden. When the late Bro. T. W. Goodfellow resigned the treasurer-



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ship of the Lodge in December, 1896, Bro. Sandbrook was unanimously elected to the office, the duties of which he has continued to discharge in a methodical and satisfactory manner ever since. His services to the Lodge and to Masonry generally were recognised by the P.G.M. in 1890, when he was made P.G. Pursuivant, in 1894, when he became P.G.D.C., and again in 1912 by the bestowal of the collar of Prov. Grand Junior Warden, an honour which was much appreciated by the Brethren of his Lodge.

At the April meeting the Brethren entertained Bro. Henry Joliffe, Schoolmaster, St. David's School, and presented him with a Jewel as a token of their esteem on the occasion of his departure to Tasmania. The presentation was made by Bro. R. R. Davis, P.M., in a very appropriate speech. Bro. Joliffe thanked the Brethren very warmly for this manifestation of goodwill, and although a quarter of a century has now passed since his departure, he still gives evidence of his appreciation by sending hearty greetings to the Brethren on all special occasions.

The unsatisfactory nature of the ballot boxes was again brought to the notice of the Brethren by Bro. D. R. Lewis, and it was at once decided to replace them. The new ballot boxes proved in course of time more defective than the old, and in March, 1902, a committee was appointed to devise a better method of balloting. Ballot boxes of a new design, constructed so as to secure an absolute secret ballot, were submitted in November, and adopted, in connection with which the following resolution was passed on December 4th:—"That the hearty thanks of the Lodge be tendered to Bro. James Fraser, S.D., for the valuable ballot boxes, veritable works of art, which he had executed and presented to the Lodge and the Royal Arch Chapter." Engraved silver plates, recording the presentation, were afterwards provided by Bro. H. Gittlesohn, W.M., and affixed to the ballot boxes.

A notable candidate, in the person of D. A. Thomas, Esq., M.P. for Merthyr Boroughs, was proposed at the July meeting by Bro. T. W. Goodfellow, P.M., and seconded by Bro. R. R. Davis, P.M. Bro. Thomas was unanimously accepted at the Lodge meeting in August, and initiated on September 4th.

The harmonium of the Lodge, which had been in use for many years, proving unsatisfactory, a new one was purchased in October, at a cost of £35. Of this amount £10 discount was given, and £5 allowed as the value of the old instrument, which left a balance of £20. This balance was subscribed by the Brethren, and the names of the contributors and

the individual sums were ordered to be entered in the Minutes. For the use of the Organist, Bro. S. Sandbrook presented a very handsome Music Stool, and Bro. Sarvis, *Castle Hotel*, presented Gould's *History of Masonry*, in three beautifully bound volumes. These useful gifts were much appreciated by the Brethren, and the donors were warmly thanked for their generosity.

The high esteem in which the D.P.G.M. is held in the Province was exemplified in a tangible manner as far back as 1888, when, on the occasion of his silver wedding, the Brethren united heartily in promoting him a testimonial. The Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge responded generously, and the W.M., Bro. S. Sandbrook, ordered the names of the subscribers to be entered in the Minutes. The presentation was made to Bro. Tennant at the Installation Festival of the Glamorgan Lodge in June, 1889.

The Annual Festival took place on January 2nd. Bro. D. R. Lewis, who was unanimously elected W.M. at the December meeting, 1890. in consequence of Bro. Joliffe, S.W., being obliged to relinquish his position in the Lodge owing to his departure for Tasmania, was presented for Installation by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant. He was duly installed W.M. by Bro. S. Sandbrook. This was Bro. Lewis's second period in the chair. Forty-four Brethren and 15 Visitors were present.

The Jubilee of the Market Square Congregational Church was celebrated in June, and to commemorate the event the Brethren, on Sunday, June 8th, attended the Church in full Masonic Regalia, by virtue of a Dispensation from the P.G.M. The Minutes record that the Lodge was opened at 10.15 a.m. by the W.M., Bro. D. R. Lewis, after which the Brethren formed in procession, marshalled by Bros. J. J. Jones, P.M., and G. F. Harris, P.M., and proceeded to Market Square Church for Divine Service on the occasion of commemorating the 50th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone by the Lodge in 1840 (see chapter V.). After service the Brethren returned to the Lodge room, where Bro. J. M. Berry, on behalf of the congregation of Market Square Church, thanked the W.M., Officers and Brethren for their attendance at the morning service. The W.M. ordered a record of the proceedings to be entered on the Minutes. The Lodge was closed at 12.50 p.m. Brethren present:—

Wor. Bro. D. R. Lewis, W.M.	John Plews, P.M.
R. R. Davis, P.M., as S.W.	John J. Jones, P.M.
E. B. Nash, J.W.	J. E. Davies, P.M.
T. W. Goodfellow, Treas.	D. J. Hirst, P.M.
Duncan Macdonald, Secretary.	G. F. Harris, P.M.
Jas. Howfield, S.D.	S. Sandbrook, I.P.M.
W. C. Williams, J.D.	H. Gittlesohn.
W. R. Harris, Organist.	W. R. Cohen.
H. M. Bradford, Steward.	T. Williams.
Lewis Fine, C.S.	T. Wake.
Hy. Bailey, I.G.	T. F. Elliot.
W. T. Flooks, Tyler.	W. Roberts, D.C.
A. Mackintosh.	T. S. Edwards
A. T. Vicceney.	D. W. Morgan.
H. Colman.	Joseph Owen
W. H. James	Thomas Flooks, P.J.W.
Wm. Williams.	J. W. Lewis.
J. M. Berry.	Robt. Hy. Owen.
J. S. Jones.	Joseph Harpur.
John Rogers.	Thomas Rich.
Charles R. James	Peter Williams.
D. W. Evans.	

Visitors—

Bro. J. Sprague, P.M., Merlin Lodge.	
Bro. Stephen Lewis, P.M.	„
Bro. Wm. Howells, P.M.	„
Bro. John Evans,	„ Secretary.
Bro. Thos. Edwards	„
Bro. C. G. Roberts	„
Bro. W. Sexton	„
Bro. W. Gray, Beaufort Lodge, No. 103 (Bristol).	
Bro. J. Craddock, St. John's Lodge, No. 1039 (Lichfield).	
Bro. Julius Prag, Israel Lodge, No. 1502.	
Bro. Fred. C. Williams, St. David's Lodge, No. 2226.	
Bro. W. Thomas, Loyal Welsh Lodge, No. 378.	

—a total of 55 Brethren.

At the July meeting, the W.M. informed the Brethren that he had been admitted a Royal Arch Mason in the "Naunton Davies" Chapter at Pontypridd, and he expressed a desire that a chapter should be formed

in Merthyr at an early date. On August 11th it was resolved to present Bro. Dr. Dyke with a Jubilee Medal and his portrait in oil, on the completion of his 50th year as a subscribing member of the Lodge. The presentation took place on October 2nd (see page 93).

BRO. D. E. JONES, J.P., W.M., P.P.G.A.S.

The Annual Festival was held on January 1st, when Bro. David Evan Jones was duly Installed W.M. by Bro. D. R. Lewis, P.M. 1891. Bro. D. E. Jones was born in Merthyr in 1841. He was associated with his father, Mr. Daniel Jones, in carrying on an extensive boot factory in High Street, Merthyr, from which he retired some years before his death. He was a Justice of the Peace for the County of Brecknock. He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on August 17th, 1882, by Bro. E. Clay, and filled several offices until December, 1891, when he was elected W.M. He died in November, 1907, at the age of 66 years, and was buried in Cefn Cemetery with Masonic Rites.

Bro. D. R. Lewis, I.P.M., at the March meeting presented to the Lodge a very handsome set of Tracing Boards and Pedestal Table, to commemorate his year of office, for which he was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. An important meeting of the Lodge was held on the night of December 4th, when the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, and Brethren from the Province were present to do honour to Bro. D. R. Lewis, who was on the occasion presented by the Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge with his portrait in oils and an address in album form, in appreciation of his valuable services to the Lodge. The arrangements in connection with the presentation were admirably carried out by the W.M., Senior and Junior Wardens, and Bro. W. R. Harris. At the same meeting the D.P.G.M. was balloted for and unanimously accepted as an honorary member of the Lodge. The Deputy thanked the Brethren very cordially for this signal mark of respect.

Bro. Jones's year in the chair proved in every way a success. Twelve candidates were initiated, and three joining members were accepted.

BRO. W. H. JONES, P.P.G., TYLER.

One of the first initiates was Bro W. H. Jones, the Tyler of the Lodge, and his long service merits notice. He was initiated at a special Lodge meeting on January 5th, 1891 ; he thus shows a continuous record of nearly 24 years. In 1907 he expressed a desire to become a subscribing member in addition to Tyler, and this being permitted by the regulations



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of the Craft, he was unanimously accepted. He is, herefore, in the unique position of being a fully qualified member and the Tyler of the Lodge. He is also Tyler of the Fforest Lodge since its formation in 1896, and acts in a similar capacity to the David Rees Lewis Chapter and to the St. Tydfil Lodge of M.M.M. His long Masonic services were recognised by Prov. Grand Lodge in 1910, when, on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the New Temple and of P.G.L. at Merthyr, he was invested with the collar of Prov. Grand Tyler.

Bro. Jones was born in London in 1853. His parents subsequently removed to Merthyr. After leaving school he was apprenticed to the tailoring trade, with his father, afterwards proceeding to London to learn cutting. In the course of a few years Bro. Jones opened business in these branches on his own account. In the Volunteer service he shows a record of 43 years, having joined the old 12th Glamorgan Rifle Corps in 1871, under the late Bro. Capt. Russell. He was Colour-Sergeant for 20 years, and Quarter-Master-Sergeant for 12 years. When the Territorial system came into force, Bro. Jones was one of the first to sign for service in that Force, and only resigned this year in consequence of the age limit. He holds Queen Victoria's Long Service Medal, and the Coronation Medal of King George and Queen Mary. In connection with ambulance work he was one of the first six in Wales to receive St. John Medallion No. 3656, and is still an officer in the Corps. In addition he holds the National Fire Brigade Medal for long service. For the last 17 years he has been gymnastic instructor at the Merthyr Intermediate School, and also at the Cyfarthfa Castle Advanced Elementary School. It is interesting to record that Bro. Jones's family have all taken an active interest in military matters. His father was a Sergeant of the first Volunteer Corps formed in the town. His only brother, Bro. Fred. D. Jones, an old member of the Lodge, was a Volunteer Sergeant, and at present Bro. Jones's two sons are in the King's service, Bro. Percy F. Jones, a member of the Lodge, is Warrant Engineer in the Navy, and David Henry, the youngest boy, is in Lord Kitchener's Army.

The Annual Festival was held on January 7th, when Bro. Eugene Boland Nash was presented by the D.P.G. Master, Bro. Tennant 1892. for Installation. He was duly installed by Bro. D. E. Jones, I.P.M. The Deputy, on this occasion, presented the retiring Master with a Jewel, on behalf of the Lodge, a duty which he now regularly performs whenever he is present at the annual gatherings. Forty-eight Brethren and twenty-five Visitors were present.

BRO. E. B. NASH, W.M., P.P.G.S.B.

Bro. E. B. Nash is a native of Anglesey. He was born at Beaumaris on July 26th, 1856. His parents subsequently removed to Hereford, and afterwards to Monmouth, finally settling down in Merthyr in 1869, where the subject of our sketch has since resided—representing for many years the firm of Messrs. Birds & Co., Manufacturers, in South Wales. Bro. Nash was initiated in the Lodge on March 19th, 1885, and for a time took an active interest in Masonry. During his year of office as W.M. he endeavoured to solve the difficulty of Lodge premises, bringing two schemes, one to purchase the portion of the Masonic Buildings used for Lodge and Club purposes, the other to lease a site in Penydarren Park, practically the site on which the Temple now stands. Both schemes were conceived before their time, with the inevitable result that further progress was impossible.

The Bye-law regulating the initiation fee was at this time revised, and the fee raised from five guineas (the figure at which it stood since 1827) to £7 10s. On January 4th the Wor. Master attended a meeting of the Brethren of the Province, convened by the D.P.G. Master, to consider the best method of commemorating the approaching marriage of Bro. Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., Provincial Grand Master for Berkshire, but the preparations were suddenly arrested by the untimely death of the Prince, after a very short illness, and the whole nation as well as the Masonic Brotherhood were plunged into mourning. Letters of condolence were sent from the Lodge to the Grand Master, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, and to Her Majesty the Queen, acknowledgments of which were duly received and recorded in the Minutes.

At the February meeting it was resolved, after full consideration, to reduce the subscription of members residing outside a radius of 20 miles from 30/- to 15/-. The radius has since been reduced to 12 miles. The inadequate accommodation of the Lodge premises engaged the attention of the Lodge at this time, and a committee was appointed to consider how an improvement could be effected, but on account of the apathy of the Brethren in the matter it was decided, on the motion of Bro. T. W. Goodfellow, to take no further responsibility.

The Annual Festival was held on January 4th. The Lodge was opened at 4 p.m. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, presented
1893. Bro. Duncan Macdonald for Installation, and he was duly installed by Bro. G. F. Harris, P.M. Forty-seven Brethren and thirty Visitors were present.



BRO. DUNCAN MACDONALD, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.

BRO. DUNCAN MACDONALD, W.M., P.P.G.J.W.

Bro. Duncan Macdonald is a native of Moy, Inverness-shire. He was born in 1850, and after leaving school he was apprenticed to the Grocery and Provision trade at Inverness. He came to Merthyr in 1871, to serve another apprenticeship to the Credit Drapery trade with his brother, the late Mr. D. K. Macdonald, subsequently starting business on his own account. In addition to the Drapery trade he is a Director of the Merthyr Steam Laundry Company. He joined the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on March 18th, 1886, and he has proved himself a very zealous Mason, holding the record for regular attendance at the Lodge meetings, having been absent on two or three occasions only during his 28 years' membership. He was secretary of the Lodge in 1890, and Charity Steward in 1894. In the latter capacity he succeeded in collecting £31 11s. 6d. for the home charity, and £15 15s. for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—a record amount at that time. For these services he was elected a Life Governor of the Masonic Educational and Widows' Fund, and in 1911 he became a Vice-Patron of the same fund. For the last 14 years he has been Director of Ceremonies in the Lodge, and for many years he was the President of the Lodge of Instruction. The duties pertaining to these offices he has discharged with unflinching firmness and close attention to details—the Brethren frequently finding it something of an ordeal to perform their work up to the standard of excellence required of them by their Instructor. On the occasion of the Provincial Grand Lodge on October 27th, 1913, Bro. Macdonald was appointed Prov. Grand Junior Warden by the newly-installed P.G.M., Bro. Col. Ven. Llewelyn, an honour which was well merited, and which was much appreciated by the Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge. In other walks of Masonry, Bro. Macdonald has distinguished himself equally well. He is a P.Z. of the Prince of Wales Chapter, Tredegar; and a Founder and P.Z. of the David Rees Lewis Chapter, Merthyr; a Founder of the Hendre Lodge No. 3250, Cardiff; Past Master of the Ashlar Lodge, No. 185, of M.M.M., Tredegar; Founder and W.M. of the St. Tydfil Lodge, No. 630, of M.M.M., Merthyr, and a member of the Caerdaf Chapter 18° (Rose Croix), Cardiff.

The increased prosperity of the Lodge in 1893 is evidenced by the Treasurer's statement on February 2nd, showing a balance on deposit of £125 19s. 3d., and on current account £84 19s. 3d. An additional £50 was transferred to deposit account. At the Lodge meeting on April 6th, a letter was read from Bro. Whittington, stating that the attention

of the P.G.M. had been called to the silver lace worn on the collars of the Officers of the Lodge, contrary to Rule 307, Book of Constitution, and that such lace must be at once removed. On May 5th, Bro. W. R. Harris moved that, inasmuch as the collars were very old, they should be preserved in a suitable case in the Lodge room, and that a sum not exceeding £5 be spent on the purchase of new collars, to conform to Grand Lodge Regulations. Bro. D. R. Lewis, in seconding the motion, offered to provide a suitable case. He shortly afterwards presented a handsome case, wherein the whole of the old collars and one or two of the old collar jewels are now preserved, the lot forming a unique and interesting collection.

On June 1st a communication was read from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, soliciting the support of the Brethren of the English Craft in endeavouring to secure for Irish Freemasons the same legislative protection as is enjoyed in other parts of the kingdom, in view of the Bill then before the House of Commons (Gladstone's Home Rule Bill, 1893). A similar communication was received from the Irish Brethren in 1912. It appears that the Irish Grand Lodge is seriously concerned as to the safety of the Irish Craft in the event of self-government being granted to Ireland. This arises from the known aversion of the Roman Church to secret societies, and as the Irish Catholic Party will be in a majority in an Irish Parliament, fears are entertained that Masonic Lodges may be severely handicapped. The legislative protection referred to as being enjoyed by the English Craft are the privileges and exemptions granted in the reign of George III. (see page 9).

After the death of the Duke of Clarence, the Duke of York became direct heir to the British Throne, and his marriage to Princess May evoked the greatest enthusiasm throughout the Empire. Princess May was betrothed to the late Duke of Clarence, but death prevented that union from being consummated, and when it became known that she was engaged to the Duke of York—now King George V.—the news was hailed with general rejoicings. The marriage took place on July 6th, and at the meeting of the Lodge on that date the hearty congratulations of the Brethren were sent to the G.M., H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, on the happy event. The Grand Master acknowledged the greetings of the Lodge personally while the meeting was in progress, and the telegram is now the cherished property of Bro. Duncan Macdonald.

PRESENTATION OF WOR. MASTER'S CHAIR.

Bro. D. A. Thomas, M.P., attended the Lodge meeting held on September 7th, and formally presented to the Lodge, in a graceful manner,

a handsome and massive oak chair, carved in the Ionic order, with fluted columns, and having a shield carved with Masonic and Welsh emblems, for the use of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Thomas, assisted by the Deacons, placed the chair in position, and afterwards completed the ceremony by seating therein the W.M., Bro. Duncan Macdonald. The W.M. moved a hearty vote of thanks to the donor for his valuable and much appreciated gift. This was seconded by Bro. D. R. Lewis, supported by Bro. T. W. Goodfellow, and cordially agreed to. The chair was designed by Bro. G. F. Harris, and carved by the late Mr. Williams, of Gillar Street. It serves a useful purpose, and will always be a reminder of the donor's happy connection with the Lodge. A similar chair was presented by Bro. Thomas to St. David's Lodge, No. 679, Aberdare.

The Annual Festival was held on January 4th. Bro. S. Sandbrook, who was unanimously elected W.M. for the second time, was **1894.** presented for Installation by Bro. Thomas Phillips, P.M., St. David's Lodge, No. 679, Aberdare, and he was duly installed W.M. by Bro. Duncan Macdonald, the retiring Master. Bro. D. R. Lewis, P.M., afterwards presented Bro. Macdonald with a Past Master's Jewel, on behalf of the Lodge, and Bro. Angus Mackintosh presented him, on behalf of the Scotch Brethren of the Lodge, with a Victorian Jubilee Jewel, in appreciation of his services in the chair. Forty-four Brethren and thirty-one Visitors were present.

DEATH OF THE P.G.M.

Sir George Elliot, Bart., who presided over the Province as P.G.M. since 1877, died in December, 1893, and at the Installation Festival Bro. D. R. Lewis referred to the loss the Province had sustained, and he moved that the sincere condolence of the Brethren be sent to the bereaved relatives. This was sympathetically agreed to, and the Secretary was instructed to communicate the same to the relatives.

Bro. Dyke, on February 1st, intimated his intention to resign his membership of the Lodge, but on the motion of Bro. D. R. Lewis it was decided to ask Bro. Dyke to reconsider his decision. It was also resolved to remit his Lodge fees, and elect him an honorary member. On a further resolution by Bro. D. R. Lewis, it was decided to present Bro. Dyke with his portrait in oils, as a slight acknowledgment of his valuable services to the Lodge. This presentation was made at the Lodge meeting on November 1st, on the 55th anniversary of his membership, and is referred to in Bro. Dyke's biography.

At the Lodge meeting on May 3rd, the Brethren were informed that Bro. Lord Llangattock had been appointed to succeed the late Sir George Elliot as P.G.M., and on the motion of Bro. W. W. Jones, M.D., the Secretary was instructed to send a letter of congratulation to his Lordship on his appointment, and "offer him as their Chief their fullest loyalty and support." An acknowledgment was received from his Lordship as follows:—

South Lodge,

Rutland Gate, S.W.,

June 7th, 1894.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you for your letter enclosing copy of resolution passed at the meeting of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, and beg you will express to the Brethren my warmest thanks for the great gratification I feel in receiving their good wishes and loyal support. It will be great pleasure to me to meet the Brethren of the Province.

Yours fraternally,

LLANGATTOCK.

RIGHT WOR. BRO. LORD LLANGATTOCK.

The Right Wor. Bro. Lord Llangattock was installed as P.G.M. of the Eastern Division of South Wales on September 27th, 1894, at the Masonic Temple, Wood Street, Cardiff, and he continued to preside over the Province until his death in the autumn of 1912, at the age of 75. He was the only son of John Etherington Welsh Rolls, of the Hendre, Monmouthshire, who was Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Monmouth from 1863 to 1870. His Lordship was born in 1837, and was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. On completing his education he devoted his time for some years to public affairs, and was made a Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant for Monmouthshire, and High Sheriff in 1875. From 1880 to 1885 he represented the County of Monmouth in Parliament. He was created Baron in 1892, and 1896 and 1897 he was Mayor of Monmouth. He was married to a daughter of Sir Charles Fitzroy McLean, ninth Bart. Morvaren, who survives him. His Masonic career began in 1860, when he was initiated in the Loyal Monmouth Lodge, No. 457. He was W.M. of that Lodge for two years, from 1864 to 1865, and in 1910, on the 50th anniversary of his initiation, he was installed a third time. On the formation of the Charles Lyne Lodge, No. 2964, Newport, in 1903, he became a founder, and was installed W.M. in 1906. He was also a



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founder and the first W.M. of the Hendre Lodge, No. 3250, Cardiff. On the occasion of the consecration of the Hendre Lodge and of his installation as W.M., on January 24th, 1908, he was presented by the Lodges and Brethren of the Province of the Eastern Division of South Wales with his bust, modelled in marble by the celebrated Welsh sculptor, Sir Goscombe John, in appreciation of his services to the Province. A plaster cast of the bust was afterwards presented to every Lodge in the Province.

BIRTH OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The birth of a son and heir to the Duke and Duchess of York gave rise to national rejoicings amongst the loyal subjects of the Queen, and on Lodge night, July 4th, it was resolved to send a letter of congratulation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master, on the happy event. The following reply was received from His Royal Highness :—

Marlborough House,
Pall Mall, S.W.,

July 11th, 1894.

Sir,

I am directed by the Prince and Princess of Wales to convey to you and the members of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, at Merthyr Tydfil, their Royal Highnesses' thanks for your kind congratulations upon the occasion of their Royal Highnesses' grandson.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

D. M. PROBYN,

General Comptroller and Treasurer of the Prince of Wales.

LODGE RENTAL.

A request from the Masonic Buildings Company, for an increase of rent for the Lodge premises, was at this time refused, the Brethren urging upon the Company the necessity of first increasing the Lodge accommodation.

On November 1st, complaints were received that private matters relating to Lodge work were made public through the indiscretion of some of the Brethren. The Brethren were reminded that, according to the Book of Constitution, the offence was a very serious one, and they were urged to take every precaution to prevent unwarrantable leakages.

The Annual Festival was held on January 3rd. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant presented Bro. D. A. Thomas, M.P., for Installation, and he was duly installed by Bro. S. Sandbrook, the retiring Master. Bro. Sandbrook was afterwards presented by the W.M. with a Past Master's Jewel, on behalf of the Lodge, for his efficient services in the chair. Fifty-five Brethren and fifty-seven Visitors were present—a number above the average.

BRO. D. A. THOMAS, W.M., P.P.G.D.C.

Bro. D. A. Thomas, the newly-installed W.M., may be said to be a native of the town, his father, the late Mr. Samuel Thomas, having been a successful Merthyr tradesman before removing to Ysguborwen, Aberdare, and becoming a colliery proprietor. Bro. Thomas was born at Ysguborwen House on March 26th, 1856. At the age of nine he was sent to Bristol, under the tuition of Dr. Hudson, where he remained for ten years. In 1876, when 19 years of age, he won an open mathematical scholarship at Jesus College, Cambridge, but his college course was, for a time, interrupted owing to ill-health. After a voyage abroad he returned fully restored, and entered Caius College, Cambridge, graduating with mathematical honours in 1880, and obtaining his M.A. degree in 1883. After completing his college course he devoted himself for some time to acquiring knowledge of colliery work at Clydach Vale, subsequently proceeding to London to study the markets. Having acquired a mastery in this particular branch, he returned to take up the position of managing partner of the firm of Thomas Riches and Co., and thus directly associating himself with the coal trade of South Wales, where, in course of a few years, he has become supreme.

On the retirement of the late Mr. C. Herbert James from the Parliamentary representation of the Borough of Merthyr, Bro. Thomas was unanimously adopted by the Merthyr and Aberdare Liberal Association, and in 1888 was returned unopposed to the House of Commons. He represented the Borough in Parliament for 22 years, heading the poll at every election by a large majority. In his first contest, in 1892, he secured a majority over his cousin Mr. B. Francis Williams, the Conservative candidate, of 9,488, the largest majority that had ever been obtained by any individual candidate up to that time at an election in the Kingdom. In 1909 he severed his connection with the Merthyr Electorate, and was returned the representative for the City of Cardiff, from which, however, he retired in the course of twelve months in order



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to devote his whole time to the development of the large colliery industries in which he is interested. He thus entered on an up grade in the industrial world which savours more of a romance than a reality. His master mind brought into existence for business purposes the Cambrian Combine, a colliery amalgamation producing and distributing twelve millions tons of coal per annum. In addition to colliery undertakings, he holds large interests in mercantile and industrial concerns, railways and other directorates, giving employment to over 50,000 persons. During the last two years he has looked afield for other industrial outlets, in pursuit of which he has made several journeys to the United States and Canada. In these countries he has laid the foundation for large mineral and railway enterprises, which, when fully developed, will absorb many millions. Notwithstanding his dominating position in the world of commerce, he is the most approachable of men, and whether in Lodge or in public thoroughfare he is accessible to the humblest individual. There is an interesting incident associated with his youth which is not generally known. In the winter of 1879, whilst adjusting his skates at the side of Hirwain Pond, his attention was called to a lad who had fallen through the ice some distance away. Without a moment's hesitation or preparation of any kind, Bro. Thomas plunged into the icy water, and being a strong swimmer he succeeded in bringing the drowning youth safely to land, receiving a great ovation from the crowd of people who had, in the meantime, gathered on the bank. For this heroic action the Royal Humane Society bestowed on him their Award of Merit.

During his Parliamentary representation of the Borough of Merthyr he did yeoman service, particularly in connection with the Charter of Incorporation. It was largely due to his influence in the House of Commons that the ultimate success of the Charter movement was accomplished, and one of his first gifts to the new borough was an artistic gold chain for the use of the Mayor. He also, in commemoration of his association with the town, presented a handsome fountain, which adorns the main entrance to Thomastown Park. In appreciation of his valuable services and gifts, he was presented with the Freedom of the Borough, and made the first Freeman.

His connection with Masonry began in 1899, when he was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on September 5th by Bro. S. Sandbrook, the W.M. In Masonry, as in other pursuits, his progress was rapid. In a little over four years time he received at the hands of the Brethren

the highest honour which they could confer on him, and his appreciation was shown during his year of office by inviting the Brethren and their lady friends to his seat at Llanwern Park, where, to the number of 110, which by a curious coincidence happened to be the number of the Lodge, they were hospitably entertained by his amiable partner, Mrs. Thomas, thus leaving a pleasant recollection which time will not efface. There are two pleasing and lasting mementoes of Bro. Thomas's connection with the Lodge, the one the Master's chair, the other his oil-painting from the brush of Bro. G. F. Harris, P.M., two gifts which are highly prized. Bro. Thomas has been in Masonry, as in every walk of life, a generous contributor to charity, and in this connection he is a Vice-Patron of the Masonic Educational and Widows' Fund of the Eastern Division of South Wales. He is also a Founder of the Hendre P.M. Lodge.

The Annual Festival was held on January 2nd. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, presented Bro. W. R. Harris, S.W., for the **1896.** benefits of installation, and he was duly installed by Bro. G. F. Harris, P.M., assisted by Bro. S. Sandbrook, P.M., fifty-five Brethren and twenty-three Visitors being present.

BRO. W. R. HARRIS, W.M., P.P.G.O.

Bro. W. R. Harris was initiated in the Lodge on April 5th, 1888, by Bro. D. R. Lewis, P.M., and at a very early period in his Masonic career he became a most useful member, discharging for some years in succession the secretarial duties of the Lodge, before qualifying for the higher office of W.M. During the centenary year it became his lot, according to seniority, to undertake the secretarial duties once more, a task which many Brethren would have avoided, well knowing the heavy clerical work involved. Bro. Harris, however, was equal to the occasion, and on relinquishing his office he was highly complimented on the satisfactory manner in which he had done his work, and the Wor. Master, Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, V.D., on his retirement from the chair, in acknowledgment of Bro. Harris's valuable services presented him with a Past Master's Secretary's Jewel. On the formation of the Hendre Lodge, No. 3250, Cardiff, Bro. Harris was one of the founders. He is also a member of the David Rees Lewis Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and of St. Tydfil Lodge No., 639, of M.M.M., Merthyr. In public life Bro. Harris is best known as the Borough Controller. He has been at the head of the accountancy department of the Borough for many years, first under the old Local Board of Health, afterwards the Urban District Council, and now the Borough Corporation.



BRO. W. R. HARRIS, P.M., P.P.G.O.

On July 11th, the Brethren were informed of an application for a Warrant to constitute a Lodge at Treharris, to be known as the Fforest Lodge. It was unanimously decided to support the petition. The Warrant was in due course granted by United Grand Lodge, and the Lodge was constituted on October 22nd, 1896. Bro. G. F. Harris, P.M., Loyal Cambrian Lodge, was installed first W.M., and during his year of office he performed his duties to the entire satisfaction of the Brethren. The founders—all members of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge—were :—Bros. G.F. Harris, W.M., D. E. Jones, S.W., D. R. Lewis, J.W., David Roberts, W. C. Thomas, M. P. Morris, Jacob Ray, D. E. Jones, T. Dowdeswell, R. Edwards, A. C. Botterill, John Jones, J. Aurelius, Thomas Williams, J. P. Gibbon and W. H. Jones. The Lodge thus formed under such happy auspices is the third offspring of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, and in the intervening years its progress, numerically and financially, has been very satisfactory. On June 9th, 1910, the foundation stone of a Temple and caretaker's residence was laid, and on May 11th, 1911, the buildings were completed and formally opened and consecrated by the late Right Wor. Bro. Lord Llangattock, P.G.M., assisted by the officers of Grand Lodge. The total cost of the buildings exceeded £1,200.

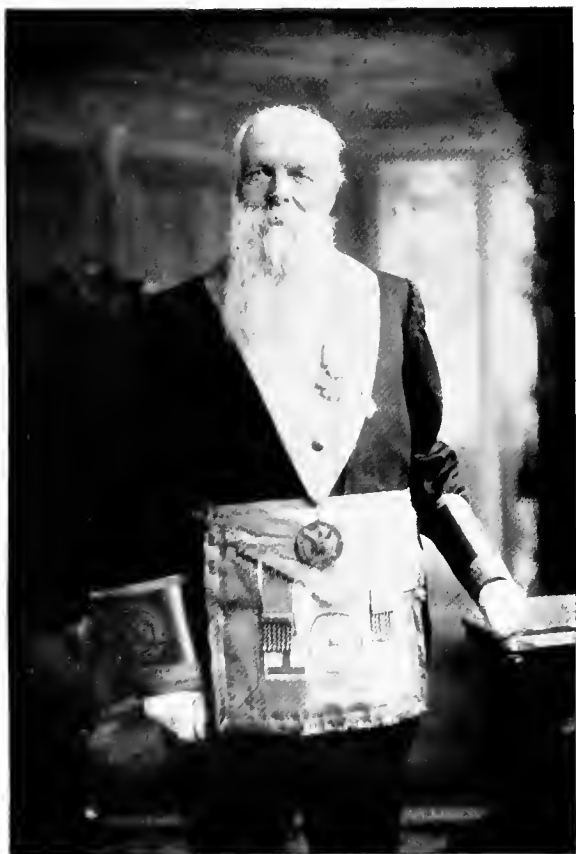
The question of establishing a local Charity Fund in connection with the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, for rendering immediate assistance to distressed Brethren and their dependents, was considered in this year, and on October 3rd, on the motion of Bro. D. R. Lewis, seconded by Bro. W. W. Jones, M.D., it was resolved that a Fund, to be known as the Loyal Cambrian Lodge Charity Fund, should be formed, and that not less than 10 per cent. and not more than 25 per cent. of the gross income of the Lodge, providing such income amounted to £200 or over, be allotted to this Fund. In the event of the income not exceeding £200, but above £150, the deductions were to be not less than 8 per cent. and not more than 20 per cent. It was also decided to supplement the Fund by subscriptions from the Brethren. A President, Vice-President and five governors were appointed, and bye-laws printed, but no further effort was made to carry the scheme into practical working order.

The Annual Festival was held on January 7th. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, presented Bro. Thomas Wake for Installation **1897.** as W.M., and he was duly installed by Bro. W. R. Harris, I.P.M. A Past Master's Jewel was afterwards presented to Bro. Harris, on behalf of the Lodge, by the D.P.G.M. Forty-six Brethren and 48 Visitors were present.

BRO. THOMAS WAKE, W.M., P.P.G.Sd.B.

Bro. Wake was a native of Somerset. He was born at Brynham Bruton, in 1839, and at the age of 14 he ran away from home and worked his passage to Australia at the time of the gold rush. He remained in that country for some years, but evidently finding that gold could not be accumulated in the new world except by patient industry labour entering into the concern just as in the old country, and perhaps suffering somewhat from remorse for the manner in which he had left home, he returned to England and settled down at Bath, where in 1864 he married. He subsequently took up commercial agencies, and removed to Cardiff, afterwards to Pontypridd, and in the early seventies to Merthyr, where he opened a tobacconist and fancy goods shop at 52, High Street. He eventually established branches at Aberdare, Swansea, and other districts, and combining wholesale and retail trading, he built up a very substantial and prosperous business, from which he was able, in 1898, to retire with a banker's balance, to spend the evening of his days in some measure of comfort. On his retirement he removed to Weston-super-Mare, subsequently to Bridgewater, and finally to Clevedon, where he died in April, 1912.

He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on June 6th, 1878, by Bro. D. R. Lewis, and during his residence in Merthyr he took a practical interest in Masonry and in the Lodge. He was associated with the Lodge at the time of its removal from the *Bush Hotel* in 1882, and his intimate knowledge of the inadequacy of the Lodge accommodation led him, during his year of office, to acquire the right to lease the site on which the Young Men's Christian Association buildings now stand, for Lodge purposes, but the Brethren did not view that particular spot with favour, and Bro. Wake then endeavoured to form a company to build shops and Lodge premises at Pontmorlais Circus. This scheme, however, had to be abandoned, through inability to arrange terms with the owners of the adjoining premises. Although Bro. Wake removed from the district, he continued a subscribing member. On the occasion of the Centenary Anniversary he was present, as it proved, for the last time, and as a reminder of his pleasant association with the Lodge he contributed a handsome amount to the building fund. His eldest son, Bro. Walter Wake, in order to perpetuate his father's memory, attended the Lodge meeting held on September 4th, 1913, and in a thoughtful manner, much



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appreciated by the Brethren, presented to the Lodge his father's presentation Jewels and oil-painting. This generous action was followed by his becoming a joining member, thus continuing the family association with the Lodge.

On February 4th, the Directors of the Masonic Buildings, taking into consideration the increased prosperity of the Lodge, gave notice to the Brethren of their intention to increase the rent of the Lodge premises to £40 per annum. The Secretary was instructed to reply that the Brethren would be pleased to consider the question of the increased rental when the Lodge premises were put in a satisfactory state of repair.

On the same date, an interesting letter was read from Bro. Thorpe, Leicester, author of the *History of the French Prisoners' Lodges*, and Secretary of the Lodge of Research, No. 2429, seeking information respecting members of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge who, in 1814, founded the Philanthropic Lodge, Abergavenny. The information was required in order to trace the history of the French Lodge at Abergavenny, of which two of the Merthyr Brethren were members. The following particulars were sent by the Secretary, Bro. John Morgan:—

Benoni Peach, Schoolmaster, Raised 1/2/1814 ; Resigned 4/7/1815.

James Jones, sen., Innkeeper, Raised 5/4/14 ; Resigned 25/9/15.

James Jones, jun., Maltster, Raised 23/12/13 ; Resigned 5/9/15.

Thomas Richards (Modern Mason), Raised 2/11/13 ; Resigned

John Lewis, Raised 23/12/13, Resigned 4/7/15.

Thomas Daniel Tudor (Modern Mason), Raised 4/5/14.

Rich. Jones.

Thomas Burnell, J.W. in 1814.

Thomas Harding, Secretary in 1814.

Thomas Burnell, S.W. in 1815, and afterwards W.M.

Thomas Harding, J.W. in 1815, S.W. in 1816.

The above names are among the signatures of the first members of the Lodge, an illustration of which is given in Chapter V.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

A notable gathering of Masons took place at the Royal Albert Hall on June 14th, presided over by the Prince of Wales, G.M. (the late King Edward VII.), to vote an address of congratulation to Her Majesty the Queen on attaining her Diamond Jubilee. Tickets of admission were issued at one guinea each, and six were allotted to the Loyal Cambrian

Lodge. These were drawn in favour of Bros. Thomas Wake, W.M., Angus Mackintosh, J.W., J. King Price, John Morgan, Thomas Nibloe, and James Fraser, who, in consequence, were privileged to attend the meeting. The admission fees amounted to £7,012 19s., and this sum was allotted without deduction in equal shares to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund, and the three London Masonic Institutions. A Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Medal was struck by Bros. Kennings & Sons, with the approval of the G.M., and the Brethren who attended the Albert Hall meeting were permitted to wear on the ribbon of the Medal the Albert Hall Bar recording the date of the meeting—June 14th, 1897. The Loyal Cambrian Lodge celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty by obtaining a Dispensation to attend Market Square Church, and on Sunday, June 20th, the Brethren assembled at the Lodge room at 10.55 a.m. They afterwards marched in procession to Church, clothed in full Regalia. The preacher was the Rev. J. G. James, B.A. At the conclusion of the service the Brethren returned to the Lodge room, and on the motion of Bro. J. M. Berry, S.W., seconded by Bro. Angus Mackintosh, J.W., a hearty vote of thanks was sent to the Pastor and officers for their kind invitation to attend the morning service. The following Brethren were present :—

Bro. Thomas Wake, W.M.	Bro. J. Prag, J.D.
Bro. J. M. Berry, S.W.	Bro. H. Gittelsohn, I.G.
Bro. Angus Mackintosh, J.W.	Bro. W. M. Macdonald, D.C.
Bro. John Morgan, Secretary.	Bro. W. H. Jones, Tyler.
Bro. J. King Price, S.D.	Bro. R. R. Davis, P.M.
Bro. S. Sandbrook, Treasurer.	Bro. Duncan Macdonald, P.M.
Bro. W. Francis.	Bro. W. G. Stone.
Bro. Henry Bailey.	Bro. C. W. Jones.
Bro. D. C. Evans.	Bro. T. D. Williams.
Bro. M. D. Goodman.	Bro. W. R. Cohen.
Bro. A. I. Freedman.	Bro. Edward Lumley.
Bro. T. S. Edwards.	Bro. J. L. Atkins.
Bro. A. C. Botterill.	Bro. J. S. Jones.
Bro. D. McLeod.	Bro. John Forrester.
Bro. W. Roberts.	Bro. Thomas Jenkins.
	Bro. F. S. Simons.



BRO. J. M. BERRY, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.S.B.

The Annual Festival was held on January 6th, when Bro. John Mathias Berry was presented for Installation by the D.P.G.M., 1898. Bro. Tennant, and he was duly installed by Bro. W. R. Harris, P.M. At the same meeting the D.P.G.M. presented Bro. Thos. Wake with a Past Master's Jewel on behalf of the Lodge. Thirty-seven Brethren and twenty-three Visitors were in attendance.

BRO. J. M. BERRY, J.P., W.M., P.P.G.Sd.B.

Bro. Berry is a native of Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, where he was born in 1874. As a young man he entered the employment of the Great Western Railway Co., and after gaining experience in various branches of railway work in different centres he transferred his services to the Taff Vale Railway Company, in consequence of which he removed in 1874 to Merthyr. Railway work of whatever kind did not allow sufficient scope for the superabundant energy of Bro. Berry, and in the course of a few years he left to take up a commercial agency, but it was not until 1894 that he found his vocation in life. In that year he opened out as an Estate Agent and Auctioneer—a sphere in which he quickly won public confidence and as quickly built up a large and lucrative business. Some years ago he took his son Seymour, into partnership, and under the style of Messrs. J. M. Berry & Son they have from time to time negotiated the sale of some of the largest landed and residential properties in South Wales. Few there are who can lay claim to having risen within the compass of a few years to a position of such affluence, and to this must be added influence. Two years ago Bro. Berry, in order to devote his whole time to public duties, retired from the firm, leaving the sole management to his son.

Since Bro. Berry's advent to the town he has entered wholeheartedly into every phase of public life, but it is in connection with the Municipal Government of the Borough that he has become generally known. He has represented the Town Ward for many years, first on the Urban District Council, and latterly on the Borough Council. He is also a Past President of the Merthyr Chamber of Trade and Commerce. His public services in connection with these bodies were deservedly recognised, first by his being placed on the Commission of the Peace for the County of Glamorgan, and afterwards by his fellow-Councillors by his election to the status of an Alderman, and again by the conferment of the highest honour which the town can bestow—that of Mayor and Chief Magistrate of the Borough. In the honourable position of Mayor he

did credit to himself and to the town of his adoption. In his Mayoral robes, accompanied by his amiable partner, Mrs. Berry, he had the distinguished honour to receive on the steps of the Town Hall His Majesty King George V. and Queen Mary, and present them with an address of loyalty and welcome on behalf of the Corporation and Burgesses. These honours were highly pleasing to the Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, and special votes of congratulation were sent to him. In the industrial affairs of the town he is identified by directorships in several undertakings, among which may be mentioned the Merthyr and Dowlais Central Laundry, *Tyst* Printing Company, Merthyr and Dowlais Building Society, and others.

His introduction to Masonry was on September 5th, 1889, when he was initiated, along with Bro. D. A. Thomas, M.P., by Bro. S. Sandbrook, a happy association then and in subsequent years. During Bro. D. A. Thomas's Parliamentary association with the Borough, Bro. Berry acted for many years as his confidential agent. Bro. Berry, at one time, took a close interest in Lodge work, discharging the duties of Secretary for three years, and during the Centenary year he acted as Assistant Secretary. He is also a founder of the Hendre P.M. Lodge.

ROYAL VISIT TO MERTHYR.

It will be appropriate at this stage to refer to the most memorable event in the history of the town—the visit of King George V. and Queen Mary, on Thursday, June 27th, 1912. The royal visit to South Wales, extending over three days, was principally to lay the foundation stone of the National Museum of Wales at Cardiff, which interesting event was performed on June 26th, but their Majesties being desirous of having a personal knowledge of the social conditions prevailing in the coal and iron districts, took advantage of their presence in the locality to tour the principal centres, in pursuance of which, on the morning of the 27th of June, the Lewis Merthyr Colliery, Hafod, and the Rescue Station in the immediate neighbourhood, were inspected. The Royal tour was afterwards continued by train from Pontypridd, through Aberdare Junction, Llancaiach, Bedlinog, Cwmbargoed, and Caeharris G.W.R. Station, to the Dowlais Iron Works—the cradle of the Welsh iron industry. Entering Dowlais Works underneath an archway made of beautifully chiselled coal blocks, luncheon was served at Dowlais House, the old home of the Guest family. The Royal Party were afterwards conducted over the steel works by Bro. William Evans, the General Manager, and the

Directors of the Company. Emerging at the lower entrance, under an archway of wrought iron, a fine specimen of handicraft work, their Majesties proceeded by their own motor car to Merthyr, arriving at the Town Hall steps at 4 p.m. There, Bro. Lord Merthyr, who was in charge of the Royal tour, introduced to their Majesties the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. J. M. Berry), the Deputy Mayor (Bro. Councillor H. M. Lloyd), Sir D. Brynmor Jones, K.C., M.P., Recorder of Merthyr and Mr. T. Aneuryn Rees, Town Clerk.

Following this, the Mayor begged his Majesty to accept an address of welcome and loyalty from the inhabitants of the County Borough of Merthyr. His Majesty graciously consented, but time being an important factor the reading of the document was dispensed with. The Address was a beautiful piece of work, completely hand-painted and richly embossed. At the top, in the centre, were the Royal Arms. Down the left hand side were a picture of the Town Hall, the Red Dragon, a picture of Trevethick's Engine, the Prince of Wales's plume, and a painting of the Ocean Colliery at Treharris. On the right hand side were pictures of Cyfarthfa Castle, a Welsh goat, a copy of an old drawing of Morlais Castle, a harp, and a blast furnace at Dowlais Works. The text of the Address was as follows:—

To Their Most Excellent Majesties The King and Queen.

May it please your Majesties,

We, The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil in Council assembled desire humbly to offer to your Majesties a cordial and heartfelt welcome to this ancient and loyal town.

This is the first occasion that this town, which has been the centre of the iron and coal industries for over 150 years, has been honoured by a visit by a King and Queen of the British Empire, and we deeply feel your kindly condescension in conferring such an honour upon us.

It may interest your Majesties to learn that the area of the Borough is 17,760 acres, with a population of 82,000, and that the yearly output of minerals exceeds 2,355,523 tons.

We acknowledge with gratitude your efforts to extend the commerce of our Empire and by softening international differences to promote peace, and consequently the well being of the whole world.

We desire on this auspicious occasion humbly to thank your Majesties for your gracious presence, and we earnestly pray to Almighty God to

vouchsafe to you, with your Royal Consort, our beloved Queen, long reign in undisturbed peace and happiness over a loyal, united and prosperous Empire.

“Duw Gadwo'r Brenin a'r Frenhines.”

Given under the Corporate Seal of the Borough of Merthyr Tydfil this 5th day of June, 1912.

(Signed) J. M. BERRY, Mayor.

T. ANEURYN REES, Town Clerk.

KING'S REPLY.

The King afterwards presented the Mayor with his reply, which was as follows:—

We are pleased to visit the ancient town of Merthyr Tydfil and to receive this loyal address from the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses. We have been deeply impressed on our passage through this populous district by the wide-spread manifestations of the intense and unceasing activity associated with coal and iron industries. A people whose energies are absorbed and whose lives are frequently endangered in occupations so intimately connected with the defence and well-being of the Empire and so vital to the maintenance of our commercial and maritime supremacy have special claims on our sympathies.

I cherish the hope that this visit will be accepted as a token of our deep interest in the welfare of every toiler, however humble and remote his place in this great arena of industry. I thank you for your reference to my efforts for the promotion of International peace, and for your prayer and good wishes on behalf of the Queen and myself.

Immediately following the presentation of the Address, the Mayor's grand-daughter, Miss Eileen Berry, who was dressed in Welsh costume, presented Queen Mary with a beautiful shower bouquet, which Her Majesty specially admired. On resuming their journey the Royal visitors passed through High Street, and Victoria Street, to Nantygwenith Street, Georgetown. There a halt was made to enable their Majesties to visit a typical workman's cottage, in the general arrangement of which they showed much interest. The journey was afterwards continued through Hirwain to Aberdare Park, where the High Constable and Members of the Urban District Council of Aberdare were in attendance to welcome their Majesties. This ceremony being over, the journey was resumed through Aberdare Valley to Cardiff.

The Royal route through the Borough of Merthyr presented a beautiful appearance, being gaily decorated with flags and streamers of every description, whilst the streets were thronged with many thousands of loyal citizens. The general public arrangements were admirably carried out by the Chief Constable, Bro. James Arthur Wilson, and his able lieutenant, Bro. Inspector Arthur Phillips, for which they received letters of appreciation from Lord Merthyr and the Borough Corporation.

The Merthyr Chamber of Trade and Commerce commemorated the Royal visit by providing a chain of office for the President. The chain, made of sterling silver, is built up of shields, on which are engraved the names of the past Presidents. It is balanced by large shoulder plates, having an enamelled design of Trevethick's Engine, date 1804, on the one, and on the other a view of the Glamorgan Canal, showing one of the earliest modes of transit, a tow barge and horse, date 1795. The jewel of office is embellished with an enamelled illustration of a blast furnace of the period of 1814. It is suspended from an oval shield, surmounted by the Prince of Wales's Plume, and engraved as follows:— "To commemorate the visit of King George V. to Merthyr Tydfil, June 27th, 1912. Henry Owen, Esq., President." The President, Bro. Henry Owen, was officially invested with the chain of office by the Mayor, Alderman J. M. Berry, in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall on the morning of the Royal visit, in the presence of a large number of the members of the Chamber.

The Chamber of Trade and Commerce further commemorated the event by having 100 silver medals struck for the use of the members. On the reverse side of the medal is the inscription to commemorate the visit of King George V. and Queen Mary to Merthyr Tydfil, June 27th, 1912. Underneath this is a Welsh motto, "Gwell un Haul na myrdd Ser," which was selected by the President. The chain and medals, made from designs suggested by the writer, were supplied by Bro. A. I. Freedman, Dowlais, the workmanship of which elicited the warmest approval.

BRO. HENRY OWEN, I.G.

Bro. Henry Owen, whose name is associated with the Royal visit in connection with the Chamber of Trade and Commerce, is one of the notable Cardigan men who have settled in the town from time to time, and typical of the county, he has won public confidence socially and commercially in the town of his adoption.

Bro. Owen was born at Aberporth, a village on the sea coast in South Cardigan. His father, a Master Mariner, Shipowner and Merchant (bearing the same name) died during his infancy, and in consequence his early life was entirely under the care of his mother, who, after the death of her husband, disposed of the business, taking to the quiet life of farming in the immediate neighbourhood. At that period the only school available in the district was a National one (of which he is now a Trustee) under the sole control of the Rector of the Parish, who saw not only to the administration of the secular side of education, but also the religious side, and it was in this atmosphere that the basis of Bro. Owen's life was laid. Leaving school at the prescribed age, he devoted the whole of his time to farming, but it was only intended pending the early retirement of his mother, which event took place in 1877. It was decided during the same year that he should prepare himself for registration as a medical student, and he entered the Grammar School, Newcastle Emlyn, taking a First Class College of Preceptors' Certificate with two specials, and matriculating in the course of two years. With a view of qualifying in Medicine and Arts, he, for a few years, studied at Glasgow, and afterwards at Newcastle-on-Tyne (the Medical Branch of the Durham University), but owing to continued health consideration he was advised to abandon the profession altogether, but not being disposed to deny himself of his purpose he, during intervening periods, took to business, and was attached to the staff of a large Liverpool firm of Importers and Ship-owners in different capacities for eight years.

In 1885, owing to the death of his eldest brother (also a Freemason) in Central America, he was compelled to resign a lucrative position with the firm, and notwithstanding their kind and considerate offer to keep his position open for seven months, coupled with a generous appreciation of his services in a substantial form, he decided, owing to his mother's special desire, to reside with her at Aberporth. It can be mentioned that during intervening periods of ill-health advantage was taken of extended tours on sea and land, visiting most of the European countries, with the object of studying the social life of the people—an experience which necessarily leaves the stamp of broad-mindedness on those that pursue it. While at Bordeaux and the South of France, he also made a study of the Wine and Brandy Trade, in anticipation of adopting that as his business in the future, an experience which afterwards resulted in the year 1893, in the establishing of the firm he is now interested in.



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In the same year, and previous to settling in Merthyr, he married Ellen, the youngest daughter of Daniel Jones, a respected farmer and landowner of his native county, but unfortunately she only survived seven years, leaving an issue of one daughter. Since Bro. Owen's advent to Glamorganshire he has taken a keen and active interest in everything appertaining to the welfare of the town. He joined the Merthyr Chamber of Trade and Commerce in 1895, proving himself one of its most active members, having occupied the Presidential chair for two years in succession, 1910-11 and 1911-12. He has also been President of the Merthyr May Day Show and the Dog Show. In 1897 he was elected People's Warden for the Parish of Merthyr, in succession to the late Bro. Col. D. R. Lewis, and in April, 1913, he was returned on the Board of Guardians as the representative of the Park Ward by a large majority. In connection with his own trade associations, he is at present (1914) Vice-President of the Southern Welsh Counties Mineral Water Manufacturers and Bottlers Trade Protection Association, an organisation which includes the most important firms in South Wales. On all these public bodies Bro. Owen's wide experience has enabled him to do much useful work, his presence being at all times a valuable asset.

He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on December 5th, 1907, and at present holds the office of Inner Guard. He is also a member of the David Rees Lewis Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Ashlar Lodge, No. 185, of M.M.M., Tredegar, and a founder of the St. Tydfil Lodge, No. 639, M.M.M., Merthyr.

Reverting to Bro. Berry's year of office as W.M., an important communication was received from the United Grand Lodge of England, informing the Brethren that the Grand Lodge of Peru had decreed the removal of the volume of the Sacred Law from the altar of the Lodges under its jurisdiction, substituting the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Peru, and replacing the word "Bible" in the Ritual with the words "of the Grand Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Peru." Five resolutions passed by the United Grand Lodge of England were also read, commanding that the Grand Lodge of Peru or any Lodge under her jurisdiction be not recognised until the volume of the Sacred Law had been restored to the altar. These important communications were ordered to be inserted in the Minutes. This decisive action on the part of the United Grand Lodge had the desired effect. The Grand Lodge of Peru restored the sacred volume to its regular place, in accordance with the recognised laws of the Masonic Constitution.

The Annual Festival was held on January 5th. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m., when the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, presented 1899. Bro. Angus Mackintosh for installation, and he was duly installed by Bro. W. R. Harris, P.M. Bro. J. M. Berry, I.P.M., was afterwards presented with a Past Master's Jewel by the D.P.G.M. on behalf of the Lodge. Forty-two Brethren and forty-eight Visitors were present.

BRO. ANGUS MACKINTOSH, J.P., W.M., P.P.G.S. of W.

Bro. Angus Mackintosh, the newly-installed Master, was a native of Moy, Inverness-shire. He was born in 1852, and came to Merthyr in 1873, where he carried on a successful drapery business until his retirement in June, 1905. During his long residence in Merthyr he interested himself in public matters, and for some years represented the Town Ward on the Urban District Council prior to the Incorporation of the Borough. In connection with his own trade, he was considered a sound and practical man of business, and on two occasions was President of the Merthyr Caledonian Society, a trade organisation dating back for 80 years. He was also President of the Federated Trade Societies of Bristol, West of England, and South Wales, on the occasion of the annual meeting at Merthyr in 1897. In 1903, Bro. Mackintosh purchased the estate of Holme, Inverness, for a sum close on £12,000, and two years later he retired from business and left Merthyr to take up his residence on his estate. Advantage was taken of his departure to acknowledge his public and Masonic services by the presentation of illuminated addresses from his trade societies and the Loyal Cambrian Lodge. The Merthyr Caledonian Society presented him with a massive silver salver, suitably inscribed, and Mrs. Mackintosh was the recipient of a gold pendant from the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, and a silver and china tea set from the Merthyr Caledonian Society.

Bro. Mackintosh, in his new sphere, took for some years a keen interest in agriculture, and for that purpose farmed the largest holding on his estate. He also identified himself with the public life of the district, being chairman of the Poor House Committee, member of the Inverness Parish Council, member of the Landward School Board, member of several Highland Philanthropic Societies, and a Commissioner of Supply and a Justice of the Peace for the County and Borough of Inverness, on all of which his sound judgment enabled him to do much useful public service.



BRO. ANGUS MACKINTOSH, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.



His connection with Masonry began on November 21st, 1889, when he was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge by Bro. S. Sandbrook. In Masonry, as in public life, he proved himself a sincere and ardent member. He was also a founder and Past First Principal of the David Rees Lewis Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and a member of the Ashlar Lodge, No. 185, of M.M.M., Tredegar. He died on July 13th, 1914, at the age of 62, at his residence, Holme, Inverness, and was buried at Tom-na-hurich Cemetery.

On April 6th, Bro. D. R. Lewis informed the Lodge that the petition for a Royal Arch Chapter had been signed by nine Companions, and that it had been sent to the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, who was the Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province, for his approval. It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. J. M. Berry, P.M., seconded by Bro. Angus Mackintosh, W.M., that the Lodge approve of the Petition. On June 1st it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. John Morgan, seconded by Bro. Duncan Macdonald, P.M., that a sum not exceeding £100, at an interest of 4 per cent., be advanced from the Funds of the Lodge to the new Chapter as a loan, for the purpose of furnishing, etc., and that the Lodge room be given free of rent for two years. It was further resolved that the names of the founders of the Chapter be inserted in the Minutes. The Chapter was consecrated on November 3rd, particulars of which are given in the chapter on Royal Arch Masonry.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Merthyr, on September 28th, presided over by the P.G.M, Rt. Wor. Bro. Lord Llangattock. At this meeting the P.G.M. presented to the Lodge the Provincial Regalia and Chain of Office of Bro. Sir Josiah John Guest, Bart, who was P.G.M. for South Wales from 1836 to 1847, particulars of which will be found in chapter VIII., page 85. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the P.G.M. for his valuable gift, and on October 9th the following reply was received :—

The Hendre,

Monmouth.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am obliged to you for your letter of the 7th, and am much gratified at the appreciation that is shown by the Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge of the gift of the Guest Regalia, and I feel sure it will be handed down with every precaution for its safety. I am going to write to Mr,

Montague Guest to tell him what pleasure it has given the Brethren of the Merthyr Lodge to possess the Masonic clothing of his much revered father.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

LLANGATTOCK.

The Installation Festival took place on January 7th, when Bro. D. R. Lewis presented Bro. John Morgan for Installation, and 1900. he was duly installed by Bro. Angus Mackintosh, the retiring Master. Bro. D. R. Lewis presented Bro. Mackintosh with a P.M. Jewel on behalf of the Lodge, and Bro. Duncan Macdonald presented him with an old reversible Scotch Jewel, on behalf of the Scotch Brethren. Thirty-nine Brethren and thirty-four Visitors were present.

BRO. JOHN MORGAN, W.M., P.P.G.J.W.

Bro. John Morgan was born at Talley, Carmarthenshire, on March 17th, 1863, and when only a few weeks old his parents removed to Merthyr Tydfil, where they finally made their home. Bro. Morgan, upon leaving school, was for some years employed on the clerical staff of the Taff Vale Railway Co., where he acquired a thorough knowledge of accountancy and book-keeping, which enabled him eventually to qualify as a Public Accountant and Auditor, and in 1885 he opened central offices in Merthyr Tydfil, specialising in these branches. In the capacity of Auditor he has been connected with the well known firm of Messrs. Thomas and Evans, Porth, one of the largest firms in South Wales, for 28 years, and on the occasion of the 100th Audit the firm recognised his services by the presentation of a gold watch, suitably inscribed, together with a gold albert, diamond scarf-pin and stud.

Bro. Morgan possesses characteristics peculiar to the few. His enthusiasm in whatever he takes in hand knows no bounds. There is no halting, the object in view must be accomplished—a trait of character which has been pronounced throughout his life. He may be said to have began his life-work at the age of 20, when he was appointed Superintendent of the Junior Sunday School of Tabernacle Baptist Church. From there he shifted his affections to the Abermorlais Unsectarian Ragged Sunday School, and for the long period of 30 years he has been the principal organiser, arranging annually a Christmas Breakfast, which has of late years reached an average of about 700 poor children. In appreciation of his services, on the 21st anniversary of his association with the School, the children, by the proceeds of a



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penny collection, presented him with an inscribed gold locket. This forms one of his most cherished possessions.

He has been a member of the Executive of the National Federation of Christian Workers among Poor Children since its formation, Sir John Kirk being the Secretary. In connection with the Merthyr and Dowlais Sunday School Union he acted as Secretary for many years, and has been four times President. Another charitable work which he has organised for the past nineteen years is the annual outing to the seaside and other places of the poor cripples of the Borough. He is also the local organiser of Pearson's Fresh Air Fund, and has been instrumental in obtaining grants which has enabled him to take, during the last four years, 3,500 poor children for a day's outing. He also sent, this summer, twenty-six boys to the seaside for a week in connection with the Aberystwyth Students' Holiday Camp. During the great Coal Strike of 1898, Bro. Morgan carried out, in conjunction with Bro. Alderman J. M. Berry, P.M., the secretarial duties of the Relief Committee, who, with a band of local helpers, were responsible for the feeding of 3,000 children daily for over five months. Mention must also be made of his organising work for several years in connection with the annual Waif Saturday Collection for Dr. Barnardo's Homes, and the collections for the National Lifeboat Institution.

In connection with High Street Baptist Church, where he worships, he has served as Deacon for 19 years, and Secretary for 16 years, and is one of the Trustees of the Church. He is also a Trustee of the Cardiff Baptist College. In the public life of the town he represented, from 1901 to 1907, the Cyfarthfa Ward on the Merthyr Board of Guardians, serving on several of the Committees. As a member of the Guardians he organised outings to Barry Island for about 150 of the aged and infirm inmates six years in succession, and for the last 14 years he has, at considerable labour, arranged concerts for the whole of the inmates on New Year's Day, enlisting for the purpose the services of local artistes. He has acted as the local representative of the Central Association for the aid of discharged convicts, and also for the Borstal Association for the last three years, during which time several interesting cases have passed through his hands.

Before the Incorporation of Merthyr, Bro. Morgan represented the Cyfarthfa Ward on the Glamorgan County Council, where he did much useful work, being Chairman of the Secondary Education Sub-Committee

for six years, and Chairman of the Mining Education Sub-Committee for eight years. He was also the representative Governor of the Glamorgan County Council, Merthyr County School, Cardiff University College and Council, Central Welsh Board, and the South Wales and Monmouth Joint Mining Board. His services on the Council were recognised by his fellow members by his election in 1907 to the status of an Alderman, a position he held until 1913, when, in consequence of Merthyr having in the meantime become a County Borough, representation on the Glamorgan County Council ceased. On his retirement the Education and Mining Sub-Committees recorded their appreciation of his services, and this was unanimously endorsed by the County Council on April 17th, 1913, as follows:—"The Sub-Committee desire to record their appreciation of the services to the County that have been rendered by their present Chairman, who has acted as such since the inception of the Sub-Committee, and their regret that he is ceasing to be a member of the Council."

In Masonry, as in public life, Bro. Morgan is one of the most ardent members, and although it is close on 24 years since he first saw the light of Masonry, his interest in the Craft may be said to increase as time moves along. In an article of this kind it is impossible to follow Bro. Morgan's progress in Masonry but in a summarised manner. He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on December 4th, 1890, and in the various offices which he occupied up to that of W.M. he performed his duties in a praiseworthy manner. Having passed the chair his ambition was to acquire a knowledge of the various Degrees open to Masons. In Royal Arch Masonry he was advanced in the Prince of Wales Chapter, Tredegar, and is a founder and P.Z. of the David Rees Lewis Chapter. For his services in connection with Royal Arch Masonry he was honoured in 1913 with the Collar of H. in Prov. Grand Chapter in the Eastern Division of South Wales. When the Hendre P.M. Lodge, No. 3250, was constituted at Cardiff in 1908, Bro. Morgan became one of the founders, and in 1911 he occupied the chair of J.W. He is also a P.M. of the Fforest Lodge, No. 2606, Treharris, having occupied the chair in 1913.

In connection with the Masonic Institutions, he is a P.P.G.C.S. and L.G. of the R.M. Benevolent Institution; P.P.G.C.S. and L.G. of the R.M. Institution for Boys; P.P.G.S.C., Vice-Patron, and Member of the Management Committee of the Home Charities of the Eastern Division of South Wales; P.P.G.C.S. and L.G. of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and in the Province he ranks as Past Junior Warden. In

Mark Masonry he is a P.M. of the Ashlar Lodge, No. 185, Tredegar ; founder and P.M. of the Arthur Lewis Lodge, No. 585, Pontypridd ; founder of Tylery Lodge, No. 604 ; founder and I.P.M. of St. Tydfil Lodge, No. 639, and P.G.Std. of the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. He holds office as Shem in the St. John's Lodge of Royal Ark Mariner, Cardiff. In the Ancient and Accepted Rites he is P.M.W.S. of the Ifor Hael Chapter, No. 34, Newport ; and assistant Recorder of the Caerdaf Chapter, No. 118, Cardiff, and has been a member of the 30° since 1908. Of the Knight Templar and Knight of Malta he is P.E.P., and P.E.P. of the Gwent Preceptory, No. 115, Newport ; a founder and 2nd General of the Morganwg Preceptory, Cardiff, and Past Vice-Chancellor of the Province of Somerset, Monmouth, and South Wales ; and of the Royal and Select Masters he is P.T.I.M. of the Constantine Council, No. 2, London. In connection with the Allied Degrees he is a member of the Stewart Council, No. 16, London. In the Red Cross of Constantine he is A.D.C. of the Plantagenet Council, No. 2, London ; and is a member of the Metropolitan College, London, the Robert Fludd College, Bath, of the Societas Rosicruciana ; a member of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London ; and as a climax became a member of the Royal Order of Scotland this year.

On February 1st, Bro. John Morgan, W.M., presented to the Lodge, on behalf of the Executor, Bro. W. Poole, the Regalia and Jubilee Medal of the late Bro. Dr. Dyke, who died on January 22nd. It was resolved to obtain a case for their proper preservation. This was subsequently done, and they now adorn the Lodge room, and form interesting mementoes of a distinguished Brother.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR VOLUNTEERS.

Bro. D. R. Lewis stated at the Lodge meeting on February 6th that it was his proud privilege to report to the Lodge that the Junior Warden, Bro. W. M. Macdonald, had that day been accepted for active service in Her Majesty's Army in South Africa, and would in all probability have to leave in a few weeks time. Several Brethren spoke in appreciation of Bro. Macdonald's faithful services since he was admitted to the light of Masonry, and of his willingness and ability at all times to fill offices, and thus prove himself of great assistance to the Lodge. The Wor. Master warmly wished him God-speed, and a safe return at no distant date to his Mother Lodge, and promised that his position in the Lodge would be kept open. Bro. Macdonald thanked the Brethren for their kind sentiments and good wishes.

Again on Lodge night, March 1st, Bro. W. Parvin Murphy wrote from Pembroke Dock, as follows :—

Worshipful Sir,

I beg to notify you that I am under orders to embark for active service next Saturday or Sunday. I will, therefore, be unable to attend the meetings until my return. Believe me, my thoughts will be often recurring to the pleasant times I have spent with the Brethren, and I hope, Worshipful Sir, that you will convey to them on the first opportunity, my very best wishes for their welfare and for the prosperity of the Lodge.

Very fraternally yours,

W. PARVIN MURPHY.

Unfortunately, Bro. Murphy died of dysentery three weeks after landing in South Africa.

Bro. Thomas Watkin Davies, son of the late Bro. J. E. Davies, P.M., Temple of Fashion, also joined the Merthyr Detachment, but he, like Bro. Murphy, fell a victim to the South African climate, and not to the enemies' bullets. He died at Harrismith a few weeks after his arrival at the Front. It subsequently became known that another Brother had joined the Somerset Yeomanry, Bro. Thomas P. Jenkins, son of the late Bro. John Jenkins, Brick Manufacturer, Merthyr. Bro. Jenkins had the proud distinction of serving on General Roberts's escort, and of being present at Pretoria at the general proclamation on the entry of the troops in June, 1900.

Bros. Macdonald and Jenkins returned home in the spring of 1901, and in recognition of their services to their country they were publicly presented with gold medals by the Merthyr Urban District Council, along with other local volunteers who had been to South Africa, in commemoration of their national services. The War Office awarded Bro. Macdonald with the Queen's Medal and Bars for two engagements. He also holds the long service Volunteer Medal. Bro. Jenkins was similarly decorated, receiving engagements and service bars.

The war ended in the spring of 1901, and on May 2nd of that year Bro. Macdonald attended the Lodge and received the hearty congratulations of the Brethren on his safe return, and as a record of the occasion Bro. D. R. Lewis, P.M., proposed, and Bro. John Morgan, W.M., seconded, that the hearty congratulations of the Lodge be accorded to

Bro. W. M. Macdonald upon his safe return from active service in South Africa, and that the " appreciation and thanks of the Lodge be entered on the Minutes for the excellent services rendered by him in assisting to uphold and maintain the dignity of our Great Empire."

While these pages are passing through the Press, war is again declared, and the volunteers of 1900 are once more to the front, placing their services unreservedly at the disposal of their country at a time when the very existence of the nation is in danger. Brethren of the Lodge who are on the Roll of Honour at the present time (1914) are:—

Bro. Major W. W. Jones, M.D., P.M., R.A.M.C.

Bro. Major C. Richardson White, R.A.M.C. (W.M. Fforest Lodge, No. 2606).

Bro. Captain E. H. Musgrove.

Bro. Captain H. H. Southey.

Bro. Captain W. J. Broome (P.M., Fforest Lodge, No. 2606).

Bro. Lieutenant J. C. Canton.

Bro. Fred. P. Jones, A.E., R.N.R.

Bro. Sergeant W. M. Macdonald.

Bro. T. P. Jenkins.

At the Lodge meeting on October 3rd, 1914, the W.M., Bro. A. Duncan, M.D., referred to the number of Brethren of the Lodge who were then serving their King and country, and on his proposal it was unanimously resolved that the congratulations of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge be conveyed to them, and that their names should be entered on the Minutes in appreciation of their patriotism. Further, that a similar letter be sent to Bro. Capt. David Jones, W.M., Brecknock Lodge, who was also serving.

ATTACK ON THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The attempt on the life of the Grand Master, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, whilst journeying on the Continent, evoked the warmest sympathy from the Brethren, and the Secretary was instructed to send him a letter of congratulation on his fortunate escape. The following reply was received and ordered to be entered in the Minutes:—

Freemasons' Hall,

Great Queen Street, London,

May 1st, 1900.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am desired by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, The Prince of Wales, to ask you to be so good as to convey to the members of the

Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, His Royal Highness's warmest thanks for their kind and fraternal congratulations on his Providential escape from the recent attempt on his life.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH,

Grand Secretary.

On Sunday, June 24th, the Brethren attended High Street Baptist Church, on the invitation of Bro. John Morgan, W.M., on the occasion of the re-opening of the Church after its restoration. The W.M. and Brethren assembled at the Lodge room at 10.30 a.m., and at 10.55 they marched in procession, clothed in Masonic Regalia, to the Church. The preacher was the Rev. T. W. Chance, M.A. After the service the Brethren returned to the Lodge room, and closed the Lodge at 12.50. The following Brethren were present:—

Bro. John Morgan, W.M.	Bro. S. Sandbrook, P.M., Treas.
Bro. R. P. Rees, Secretary.	Bro. Fred Jones, Organist.
Bro. W. W. Jones, M.D., S.D.	Bro. D. Macdonald, P.M., D.C.
Bro. D. C. Evans, J.D.	Bro. W. H. Jones, Tyler.
Bro. H. Gittelsohn, Assist. Sec.	Bro. J. M. Berry, P.M.
Bro. Angus Mackintosh, P.M.	Bro. T. W. Goodfellow, P.M.
Bro. D. R. Lewis, P.M.	Bro. A. I. Freedman.
Bro. J. C. Freedman.	Bro. D. D. Williams.
Bro. J. King Price.	Bro. W. M. Davies.
Bro. W. T. Flooks.	Bro. W. Evans.
Bro. W. Francis.	Bro. W. Owens.
Bro. A. C. Botterill.	Bro. Thomas Davies.

Bro. R. T. Jones.

The collection in aid of the Restoration of High Street Baptist Church at the above service amounted to £421, and for the whole Sunday to £481.

The Annual Festival was held on January 3rd. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, presented Bro. Julius Prag for Installation, and he

1901. was duly installed by Bro. John Morgan, the retiring Master.

The D.P.G.M. afterwards presented Bro. Morgan with a Past Master's Jewel for his efficient services in the chair. Forty-one Brethren and forty-five Visitors were present.



BRO. JULIUS PRAG, P.M., P.P.G.P.

BRO. JULIUS PRAG, W.M., P.P.G.P.

Bro. Julius Prag, son of the Rev. Jacob Prag, a notable and learned gentleman who was for many years Professor of Hebrew at the Liverpool Institute and Queen's College, and minister of the old Hebrew Congregation of the same city for over a quarter of a century, and whose death took place in January, 1882. Bro. Prag was born at Marienwerden, Prussia, on December 17th, 1855. His father having taken up his duties in Liverpool, Mrs. Prag and her infant son, then only a few months old, followed, and there the family finally made their home. Bro. Prag was educated at the Liverpool Institute and School of Arts, and at the age of seventeen he emigrated to Melbourne, Australia. He returned to England in 1878, and eventually took up his residence in Merthyr, where he established an outfitting and jewellery business in Lower High Street. In 1880 he married Esther Charlotte, eldest daughter of Bro. Moses Goodman, Lawn House, Merthyr.

His connection with Masonry began in 1888, when, from a natural desire to be associated with the Lodge of which his father was a Founder and Chaplain, he was initiated in the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, Liverpool, on November 21st, 1881, and on March 15th, 1891, he was accepted a joining member of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, where he has proved himself a faithful member, filling various offices with energy and tact. He is also a founder and Second Past Principal of the David Rees Lewis Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and a member of the Prince of Wales Chapter. Tredegar. He had the distinction of being the first Hebrew to occupy the chair of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge. In other walks of life he has been President of the Hebrew Congregation, President of the local Jewish Board of Guardians—a useful institution which provides for the Jewish poor in the district, saving them thereby from being pauperised by relief from the rates; also President of the Merthyr Chamber of Trade and Commerce, and Treasurer of the Merthyr Liberal Association.

DEATH OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

The reign of Queen Victoria—the longest of English sovereigns, lasting nearly 65 years—came to an end January 27th, 1901. The Queen died at Osborne, amidst manifestations of sorrow throughout the whole world. The Craft were foremost in their expressions of sympathy, and at the Lodge meeting in February, a communication was read from the United Grand Lodge of England on the procedure to be observed by Lodges in

expressing their sympathy and directing that all votes of condolence be recorded on the Minutes of the Lodge, and not forwarded to members of the Royal Family or the Grand Lodge, in so far as Grand Lodge, representing the English Craft, would take the necessary steps to send votes of condolence to the bereaved Royal relatives. In accordance with these instructions, Bro. Prag, W.M., proposed, and Bro. S. Sandbrook, P.M., seconded, that the profound and sincere regret of the whole of the Brethren at the irreparable loss sustained by the British Empire and the Masonic Brotherhood, by the death of the late beloved Queen Victoria, be recorded in the Minutes of the Lodge.

Following the death of Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales ascended the Throne as King Edward VII., and in consequence he resigned the office of Grand Master, which he had held since 1875, becoming instead Protector of the Order. His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., who was initiated into Masonry in 1874, was, on the assembly of Grand Lodge, elected Grand Master, and he was installed at the Royal Albert Hall on July 17th, 1901. Bros. Prag, W.M., Duncan Macdonald, P.M., John Morgan, P.M., and J. M. Berry, P.M., were privileged to attend that interesting ceremony.

The Loyal Cambrian Lodge, on March 21st, came into possession of an interesting Masonic engraving, dated 1834, illustrating the emblems of Masonry, and framed in an old mahogany frame, together with the Grand Lodge Warrant of Bro. C. Kemeys Tynte, noticed in Chapter VII., the property of the late Bro. Dyke, and presented by his executor, Bro. Poole. The Secretary was instructed to convey to Bro. Poole the thanks of the Brethren for his kindness and consideration in presenting these interesting gifts. On December 2nd a letter was read from Bro. H. Gittelsohn, S.W., offering the gift of freehold land in High Street, Pen-y-darren, as a site for a Masonic Temple. A committee was appointed to consider the offer and to visit the site, and at a subsequent meeting a report was submitted expressing the opinion that the site, on account of the distance from Merthyr, would not be a convenient one for Lodge purposes. The Brethren showed their appreciation of Bro. Gittelsohn's generosity by tendering him, on the motion of Bro. W. W. Jones, M.D., seconded by Bro. Charles Morgan Davies, Architect, the thanks of the Lodge, and recording on the Minutes his generous offer.

The Annual Festival was held on January 2nd. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m., when the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, presented



BRO. H. GITTELSONN, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.

1902. Bro. Hermann Gittelsohn for Installation. He was duly installed by Bro. John Morgan, P.M. Bro. Prag was afterwards presented with a Past Master's Jewel by the D.P.G.M., on behalf of the Lodge. Forty-seven Brethren and twenty-seven Visitors were present.

BRO. H. GITTELSON, W.M., P.P.G.Sd.B.

Bro. Gittelsohn is a native of Friedrichstadt, Vuirland, Russland, a Russian province, of which his father was at one time chief magistrate. He was born in 1852, and came to England in 1869, settling down eventually in Dowlais, where, by patience and active industry, he has become one of the largest property owners in the Borough of Merthyr. He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge in July, 1887, by Bro. G. F. Harris, and he has faithfully observed the trust reposed in him. He is also a Founder and First Past Principal of the David Rees Lewis Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, W.M. of the Ashlar Lodge, No. 185 of M.M.M., Tredegar, and Founder of St. Tydfil Lodge, No. 639, of M.M.M., Merthyr.

CORONATION OF KING EDWARD VII.

The coronation of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra, for which the Empire had made preparations, was to have taken place at Westminster Abbey on June 25th, but two days prior to that date the King developed serious symptoms, which necessitated an immediate operation. The celebrations had consequently to be abandoned. At the Lodge meeting held on July 3rd, sympathetic references were made to the occurrence, and the following resolution was passed:—"That the W.M., Officers and Brethren of this Lodge, humbly desire to tender to His Most Gracious Majesty the King, our Protector, their heartfelt and respectful sympathy with him in his serious illness, and express the earnest hope that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to restore him to complete health to his loyal and affectionate subjects." This resolution was forwarded to Whitehall, and was duly acknowledged by Akers Douglas, one of the Private Secretaries. The King made rapid progress towards recovery, and on August 9th he was crowned at Westminster Abbey, amidst the universal rejoicing of his loyal subjects.

The high esteem and affectionate regard in which the D.P.G.M. Bro. Tennant is held by the Province was evidenced during this year, when he was presented with a magnificent service of plate and an illuminated address, the cost of which was defrayed by the collective contributions of the Lodges and Brethren of the Province. In connection with the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, Bro. T. Nibloe collected the sum of £26 5s. 6d. towards it.

On September 4th, Bro. R. T. Jones, the Charity Steward, informed the Brethren that he had collected £106 8s. towards the Home Charities, for which he was highly complimented. Bro. John Morgan, the Charity Steward of the Province for that year, thanked the Brethren for their support towards him, stating that the total amount to his credit was £478 7s. 6d.

The Annual Festival was held on January 1st. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, presented Bro. William Watkin Jones, M.D., for **1903.** Installation, and he was duly installed by Bro. D. R. Lewis, P.M. Bro. H. Gittelsohn was then presented with a Past Master's Jewel, on behalf of the Lodge, by the D.P.G.M. Forty Brethren and twenty-one Visitors were present.

BRO. W. W. JONES, M.D., W.M., P.P.G.St.B.

Bro. Jones, son of the late Thomas Jones, Esq., J.P., Hafod, Dowlais was born in 1865, and educated at Monmouth Grammar School, afterwards proceeding to Edinburgh University, where he graduated M.D. Having qualified as a medical practitioner, Bro. Jones was appointed Surgeon to the British India and Clan Line of steamers, in the course of which he visited different parts of the Eastern World, gaining valuable knowledge and experience. In 1891 he resigned that appointment, and returning to South Wales he practised for a time at Rhymney. There he married Amy, the youngest daughter of the late Mr. Wm. Pritchard, J.P., of Rhymney, subsequently establishing himself in practice in Merthyr, where he has become well known and esteemed. Soon after his advent to the town he was appointed Deputy Medical Officer of Health for the Borough, in conjunction with the late Bro. Dr. Dyke. After Dr. Dyke's death in 1900, conditions of whole-time service were imposed by the Urban District Council, which rendered the appointment unremunerative to Bro. Jones, and in consequence he resigned, but was appointed M.O.H. to the Urban District of Gelligaer, which position he retained till 1914, when he resigned, and was made the recipient of an illuminated address from the Urban District Council, in appreciation of his services for 14 years. Further appreciation was shown by the presentation of a handsome silver rose bowl to Mrs. Jones. In the rapid development of that populous area, Bro. Jones has rendered valuable services, his annual reports being models of their kind, and bristling with recommendations for the public good.



BRO. MAJOR W. W. JONES. M.D., P.M., P.P.G.S.B.

Locally, Bro. Jones, in addition to his private practice holds a number of public appointments, amongst which may be mentioned—Government Medical Officer for the Merthyr Post Office and for the Civil Service Commissioners, Certifying Factory Surgeon to the Borough of Merthyr, Medical Officer for Quakers' Yard Truant School since its erection over 20 years ago, Medical Referee to the Prudential, Alliance, and other Insurance Companies, Medical Attendant to the Merthyr Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants and to the Employees of the Merthyr Electric Traction Company, and Poor Law Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator. Bro. Jones is also on the Surgical Staff of the Merthyr General Hospital, where his services are frequently in request.

For many years he was an ardent Volunteer, and on the disbandment of that force, and since the introduction of the Territorial system, he has associated himself with the new movement. In the crisis occasioned by the present European War, Bro. Jones is found loyally leaving home and practice to serve his King and country, being Major of the R.A.M.C., and attached to the 3rd Monmouth Battalion.

Bro. Jones, although one of the busiest men in his profession, has found time to associate himself with various movements having for their object the public benefit. In connection with the Merthyr Chamber of Trade and Commerce he has done excellent work, and in 1909 he occupied the Presidential chair. His services were further recognised by the Federated Chambers of Trade in South Wales by being elected President for 1913.

His Masonic life dates back to 1891, when he was initiated in St. David's Lodge, No. 2226, Rhymney. On his removal to Merthyr he joined the Loyal Cambrian Lodge in 1893. In 1900 he accepted the office of S.D., and in December, 1902, he was elected W.M. He is also a P.Z. of the David Rees Lewis Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, P.M. of the Ashlar Lodge, No. 185, M.M.M., Tredegar, a Founder of St. Tydfil Lodge, No. 639, M.M.M., Merthyr, a Founder of the Hendre P.M. Lodge, No. 3250, Cardiff, and a member of the Caerdaf Chapter, 18°, Cardiff.

The long services of the late Bro. G. Whittington, as Provincial Grand Secretary, were recognised by the Province in 1903. The Lodges of the Province voted sums from their Funds, the Brethren holding Provincial rank contributing one guinea each, and the ordinary Brethren

5s. each for the purchase of a service of plate. But to the grief of the Brethren, Bro. Whittington joined the great majority before he received this token of goodwill. The office of Prov. G. Secretary was afterwards offered to and accepted by the late P.G. Secretary's son, Bro. George Whittington, who has discharged the duties to the present time in a praiseworthy manner.

On July 3rd, the usual reminder from United Grand Lodge was read, drawing the attention of the Brethren to the growing practice of publishing the proceedings of Lodges without proper authority, and of publishing things which it is improper for Masons to publish.

The Annual Festival was held on January 3rd, when Bro. H. Gittelsohn, P.M., presented Bro. D. C. Evans for installation. **1904.** He was duly installed by Bro. D. R. Lewis, P.M. Bro. W. W. Jones, the retiring Master, was presented by Bro. Lewis with a Past Master's Jewel on behalf of the Lodge. Fifty Brethren and thirty Visitors were present.

BRO. D. C. EVANS, J.P., W.M., P.P.G.S.

Bro. Evans, a well-known and highly respected tradesman in Dowlais, was born in 1862, and educated in the celebrated Dowlais School, under the late Mr. Hirst. After leaving school he was apprenticed to the Grocery and Provision trade, with Mr. Thomas Morgan, Victoria Street, Dowlais. In 1885 he acquired the Provision and Grocery business carried on for some years by Messrs. Morris and Harris, in Union Street, where by strict attention to business he, in the course of a few years, built up a flourishing trade, which necessitated the absorption of the adjoining premises for extensions commensurate with the increased business. In 1892 Bro. Evans married Margaret Ann, the only daughter of Bro. Thomas Rich, Plymouth Street, Merthyr, one who has proved to him an invaluable helpmate, and by whom there is issue one daughter and a son. In the public life of his native town he has at all times taken an active interest, being a member and past Vice-President of the Dowlais Chamber of Trade, past President of the old Dowlais Eisteddfod, and past President of the Dowlais Grocers' Association. He was also one of the promoters and first directors of the Dowlais Laundry Company, and Managing Director of the Dowlais Restaurant Company. The latter Company was dissolved some years ago, Bro. Evans acquiring the premises for business purposes. His public services received merited recognition when the Borough was granted a separate Commission of



BRO. D. C. EVANS, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.S.



BRO. C. W. JONES, P.M., P.P.G.P.

the Peace. He was then honoured by being placed on the first list of Justices, the duties appertaining to which he discharges impartially and with unflinching regularity. In religion he is a faithful member of Libanus Calvinistic Methodist Church, and has been deacon and treasurer for some years. Bro. Evans was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on March 2nd, 1893, by Bro. Duncan Macdonald, and in the course of a few years he filled various offices which gave him an insight into the working of the Lodge, and qualified him for the higher position of W.M. He is also a Founder of the Hendre P.M. Lodge, No. 3250, Cardiff.

THE OFFICERS' JEWELS.

On September 1st a letter was read from Grand Lodge, requesting that in the event of the Officers' Jewels being enclosed in a circle such circle was to be at once removed in order that the Jewels might conform in every respect to the regulations laid down in the Book of Constitution, Rule 289. On an examination, several of the Officers' Jewels were found to be enclosed, and they were immediately replaced by Jewels in conformity with the regulations.

The Annual Festival took place on January 5th. The Lodge opened at 3.40, after which Bro. D. R. Lewis installed Bro. 1905. Chas. W. Jones as W.M. Bro. Lewis afterwards presented Bro. D. C. Evans with a Past Master's Jewel. Forty-seven Brethren and twenty-nine Visitors were present.

BRO. CHAS. W. JONES, W.M., P.P.G.P.

Bro. Jones, son of the late Rev. David Jones, B.A., Pastor for many years at Zoar Congregational Church, Merthyr, was born at Cardiff on August 25th, 1864, and in the following year his parents removed to Merthyr. He received his early education at Merthyr, afterwards at Brecon, and finally at the Normal College, Swansea, under the late Mr. William Williams, who some years ago emigrated to Australia to take up the appointment of Chief Government Inspector of Schools, Bro. Jones, after completing his education, was apprenticed to Mr. W. George, M.P.S., Oxford Street, Swansea. Having succeeded in passing the necessary qualifying examinations (later becoming a Member of the Pharmaceutical Society), he opened a pharmacy at 3a, Victoria Street, Merthyr, where, in the course of a few years he built up a large and lucrative connection. He retired in October, 1903, disposing of his business to Mr. Wills, of Georgetown. On August 23rd, 1887, he married Minnie, third daughter of the late Mr. T. Dowdeswell,

Blackbrook, Treharris. He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on August 23rd, 1893, by Bro. Duncan Macdonald, and as far as conditions of health have permitted, he has been a constant and faithful member. He is also a member of the David Rees Lewis Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and a Founder of the Hendre P.M. Lodge, Cardiff. In furtherance of charity he has been most ready to assist, and in August, 1907, he was specially thanked by the Lodge for his attendance before the Board of Benevolence, in London, to plead on behalf of the widow of the late Bro. J. E. Davies, P.M., for an annuity, which he succeeded in obtaining.

On February 2nd an important communication from the D.P.G.M., Bro. M. Tennant, was read, respecting a proposal to purchase two Presentations, one for each of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, at a total cost of £1,675 each, out of the Funds of the Home Charities, which at that time amounted to £7,451 5s. 10d. The proposal was made to enable the Province to send a boy and a girl to the Schools without being always dependent on the votes of other Provinces. The Brethren decided to support the Deputy's proposal, but the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee did not approve of the Funds being applied in this manner, and the matter was not further proceeded with.

On March 2nd, Bro. D. C. Evans presented to the Lodge a canteen of glasses, fitted in a specially made case, in commemoration of his year of office as W.M., and in acknowledgment of the support and kindness he had received. The W.M. very gratefully accepted the gift on behalf of the Lodge, and a special vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Evans for his generosity.

On June 1st, the presentation of an illuminated address was made to Bro. Angus Mackintosh, on his departure from the town, by Bro. D. R. Lewis (noticed elsewhere).

The Annual Festival was held on January 4th, when the D.P.G.M. presented Bro. Thomas Nibloe for Installation as W.M. 1906. He was duly installed by Bro. C. W. Jones, I.P.M. The D.P.G.M. afterwards presented Bro. Jones with a Past Master's Jewel on behalf of the Lodge, for his services in the chair during the previous year. Forty-eight Brethren and thirty-seven Visitors were present.

BRO. T. NIBLOE, W.M., P.P.G.S. of W.

Bro. T. Nibloe is a native of Stranraer, Wigtonshire, Scotland. He was born in 1863 and was educated at the Stranraer Academy, where



BRO. T NIBLOE, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.

he distinguished himself as a brilliant pupil, taking the first prize in the Senior Form at the age of 14. He came to Merthyr in 1878, to serve an apprenticeship to the Credit Drapery Trade, and in the course of a few years commenced business on his own account. By strict attention to business details he has established one of the largest business concerns in the district. He is a Past President of the Merthyr Caledonian Society, an organization which he joined over 30 years ago, and of which he has been Treasurer for sixteen years. For his long services he was presented, in January, 1912, with a magnificent silver spirit kettle and a set of cutlery. He is also a Past President of the Bristol and West of England and South Wales Trade Association, and of the Federal Board of Great Britain. In politics he is a Conservative, and for the last 14 years he has been President of the Merthyr Constitutional Club. In the industrial life of the district he is interested in a large number of undertakings, being amongst others Chairman Director of the Gellifaelog Building Company, the Penydarren Building Company, and the Merthyr Building and Improvement Company—concerns having a registered capital of £26,000. For some years he has interested himself in Cinema enterprises, and is Chairman of the Directors of the Pontmorlais (Merthyr), Aberdare, Pontypool, Llanelly, Aberaman, and Ebbw Vale Palaces. He is also a large shareholder and Chairman of the Directors of the Merthyr Central Laundry.

He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge in 1894, and for many years he interested himself in the inner workings of the Lodge. He is a Founder and P.Z. of the David Rees Lewis Chapter, a member of the Ashlar Lodge, No. 185, of M.M.M., Tredegar, Founder of the Hendre P.M. Lodge, No. 3250, Cardiff, and a member of the Caerdaf Chapter, 18°.

An interesting presentation was made at Bro. Nibloe's installation meeting, by Bro. D. R. Lewis, P.M., who, on behalf of his sisters, the Misses Lewis, presented to the Lodge a magnificent silk Banner, their own design and handiwork. The W.M., Bro. Nibloe, in accepting the Banner, moved that the best thanks of the Brethren be conveyed to the donors for their valuable gift to the Lodge, of which their highly esteemed brother was the oldest Past Master.

In October an invitation was accepted from the Brecknock Lodge to attend the special Lodge and Banquet held in honour of the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Vaughan Morgan, a native of Brecon. The W.M., Bro. Nibloe, in order to ensure the comfort of the Brethren of his Lodge, placed at their disposal closed carriages, an action which was much

appreciated. A number of the Officers and Brethren availed themselves of the opportunity, and were much gratified at the hospitality extended to them by the Brecknock Brethren.

The valuable services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Goodfellow during his long association with it were recognised in 1906, when two life-sized carbon portraits of him were procured by private subscriptions, one for presentation to Bro. Goodfellow, and the other for adorning the Lodge room. Through failing health and advanced years, Bro. Goodfellow was unable to attend the Lodge to receive at the hands of the Brethren this token of their appreciation of his services, and at the meeting on October 4th, the W.M. (Bro. Nibloe), Bro. R. R. Davis, P.M., and Bro. John Morgan, P.M., were deputed to wait on Bro. Goodfellow at his home, and present him with the portrait. The deputed Brethren shortly afterwards fulfilled their mission, and at the following Lodge meeting they conveyed to the Brethren the hearty thanks of Bro. Goodfellow and of his daughters for the honour accorded (see page 161).

At the Lodge meeting on December 3rd, the Brethren were informed of the election of Bro. F. Sydney Simons as Mayor of the County Borough of Merthyr, and the Secretary was instructed to send him the hearty congratulations of the Lodge on the honour conferred on him, and a similar vote was ordered to be sent to the Deputy Mayor, Bro. Alderman J. M. Berry. On the Mayor's Sunday, the first Sunday in November, a number of the Brethren accompanied the Mayor and Members of the Corporation to Cyfarthfa Church.

The Annual Festival was held on January 3rd, when Bro. James Fraser was presented for installation by Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, 1907. V.D., P.M. Bro. T. Nibloe performed the installing ceremony, at the conclusion of which Bro. Nibloe was presented, on behalf of the Lodge, with a Past Master's Jewel, by Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, and Bro. Duncan Macdonald, P.M., presented him with a Scotch Jewel, on behalf of the Scotch Brethren. Bro. T. Nibloe, in thanking the Brethren for the presentation made to him, referred to the need of suitable chairs for the Wardens of the Lodge, and in commemoration of his year of office as W.M. he asked the Brethren to accept from him two carved oak Warden Chairs. The W.M. moved, and Bro. R. R. Davis, P.M., seconded, that the best thanks of the Lodge be accorded to Bro. Nibloe for his valuable gift of Warden's Chairs. A similar resolution was passed to Bro. A. I. Freedman for the gift of engraved silver plates for the



BRO. JAMES FRASER, P.M., P.P.G.S.

chairs, recording the presentation. The two resolutions were carried with acclamation. The presentation chairs were specially designed and made of fumed oak by Messrs. Kenning & Sons, London. The Senior Warden's Chair is of the Doric order, with plain columns, and the Junior Warden's Chair has the capitals of the Corinthian order, with columns fluted and reeded, the chairs, including the W.M.'s, being thus architecturally correct.

On April 4th it was resolved to adjourn the Lodge during the months of July and August, on account of the irregular attendance during these months in the preceding years.

The petition for the formation of a Past Master's Lodge for the Province of the Eastern Division was submitted at the Lodge meeting held in May, and was received with approval. Sixteen of the Past Masters of the Lodge became founders, a number not exceeded by any Lodge in the Province. The new Lodge was christened the "Hendre," the name of the Prov. G. Master's seat in Monmouth. The Lodge was duly consecrated at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on January 24th, 1908, by the V.W. Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary of England, assisted by several of the Grand Lodge Officers. R.W. Bro. Lord Llangattock was installed the first Master, and Wor. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M., P.G.A.D.C. of England, Senior Warden, and Wor. Bro. Arthur G. P. Lewis, Junior Warden. The number of founders totalled 161, a number seldom exceeded at the opening of a Lodge. The Right Wor. Bro. Lord Llangattock was on this occasion presented with his bust in marble, replicas of which were afterwards presented to all the Lodges of the Province. The one presented to the Loyal Cambrian Lodge was unveiled at the Lodge meeting held on April 2nd, 1908, by the late Bro. D. R. Lewis, P.M.

A communication from the Board of Benevolence was read on September 5th, acquainting the Brethren of a grant of £40 to the widow of the late Bro. J. E. Davies, P.M., and of the appointment of Bro. C. W. Jones, P.M., as administrator of the amount.

The Annual Festival was held on January 2nd. Bro. A. I. Freedman was presented for installation by Bro. S. Sandbrook, P.M., and **1908.** he was installed by the retiring Master. Bro. Col. J. J. Jones afterwards presented the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's Jewel, and Bro. Duncan Macdonald presented him with one from the Scotch Brethren. Fifty-one Brethren and twenty-three Visitors were present.

BRO. A. I. FREEDMAN, W.M., P.G.S.B.

Bro. Freedman is a son of Mr. Gabriel Freedman, a highly respected citizen, who has been in business in Dowlais for over 50 years. He was born in Dowlais in 1866, and educated at the Dowlais Schools, under the late Mr. Hirst. In June, 1887, he commenced business at Victoria Buildings, High Street, Dowlais, in Gent's Outfitting and the Boot Trade, where in a short time he established a thriving business. In 1893 he married Sarah the second daughter of Mr. Tobias Fine, Rhymney, by whom he has issue one daughter and a son. He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on December 5th, 1895, and from the first he has been an active and willing member. He is a Founder and P.Z. of the David Rees Lewis Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, P.M. of the Ashlar Lodge, No. 185, M.M.M., Tredegar, a Founder of the Hendre Lodge, No. 3226, Cardiff, and a Founder of the St. Tydfil Lodge, No. 639 of M.M.M., Merthyr. In connection with the Jewish Synagogue he has been Honorary Secretary and Registrar of Marriages for the last 16 years, and Past President of the local Jewish Board of Guardians.

On April 4th, Bro. D. R. Lewis presented to the Lodge a very handsome pig-skin case, lined with white satin, for the better protection of the Lodge Charter. For this valuable gift he was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

The Bye-laws of the Lodge were revised in 1908, and brought up to date, and on December 3rd a resolution was passed according the best thanks of the Lodge to Bro. W. R. Harris, P.M., for his services in preparing the draft.

The Annual Festival was held on January 7th, when Bro. the Rev.

Peter Williams was presented by the D.P.G. Master, Bro. 1909. Tennant, for installation as W.M. He was installed by Bro.

A. I. Freedman, the retiring Master. Bro. Freedman was afterwards presented with a Past Master's Jewel on behalf of the Lodge by the D.P.G.M. Fifty-seven Brethren and twenty-seven Visitors were present.

BRO. REV. PETER WILLIAMS, W.M., P.P.G. Chaplain.

Bro. the Rev. Peter Williams, the popular Vicar of Pentrebach and Troedyrhiw, was born at the Furnace House, in the parish of Llan-gynderyn, Carmarthenshire. He received his early education at the Pontyates and Pontyberem Schools, and was further privately taught by the Rev. Lewis Williams, B.D. After a successful College course, he



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was ordained by Bishop Ollivant, of Llandaff, in 1873, to the Curacy of Llanfabon, where he remained over three years. Afterwards he obtained the Senior Curacy of Neath, under the Ven. Archdeacon Griffiths. He was promoted by the Bishop of Llandaff to the Rectory of Llanengan, near Pwllheli. He received his present preferment from the Church Patronage Society in 1891, and Bishop Lewis appointed him Chaplain of Pentrebach under Hill's Trustees. He is the Surrogate for the Diocese, Secretary of the National Society and of the Church Pastoral Aid Society for the Diocese of Llandaff. Bro. Williams was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on September 5th, 1901, and early in his Masonic career he was appointed Chaplain. In December, 1906, he was appointed J.W., and W.M. in December, 1908. He is also a P.Z. of the David Rees Lewis Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, W.M. of the St. Tydfil Lodge, No. 639, of M.M.M., Chaplain of the Arthur Lewis Lodge of M.M.M., and member of the Hendre P.M. Lodge and of the Caerdaf Chapter, 18^o, Cardiff.

During 1908 efforts were made to obtain a suitable site for a Temple. One site, off Castle Street, behind the Castle Hotel, was particularly desired, and Bro. Peter Williams, Bro. Charles Morgan Davies and the writer were deputed to interview Mr. Corbett, the Agent for the Glebeland. The site was obtainable, but the ground rent of £50 per annum proved prohibitive. In September an interview was obtained with Bro. Major Morgan, of the Bolgoed Estate, relative to the site on which the Temple now stands. His terms being reasonable, Bro. Charles Morgan Davies prepared a plan showing the class of building suitable for the requirements of the Lodge. A special meeting was held to consider the scheme, and on Lodge night, November 4th, the following resolution was passed:—"That the recommendation of the Building Committee be adopted, appointing Bro. Charles Morgan Davies as Architect, approving of the plans submitted by him, cost not to exceed £2,500, and agreeing to lease from Major Morgan, Bolgoed Estate, the plot of land overlooking Pontmorlais Circle, at a rental of 2½d. per square yard, and that Bro. James Fraser be requested to obtain an agreement for lease of this plot."

At this meeting Bro. T. W. Goodfellow was elected an honorary member in recognition of his services to Masonry, and his long and faithful connection with the Lodge. Old age and infirmity prevented Bro. Goodfellow from being present, but the Secretary was instructed to acquaint him of the wishes of the Brethren. Bro. D. R. Lewis was

present for (as it proved to be) the last time, and a special vote of thanks was passed to him for mounting the Loving Cup in silver for its better preservation (see page 92). Of Bro. Lewis's numerous gifts to the Lodge this last one will remain the most cherished. On Lodge night, December 4th, he was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Centenary year. At this time he was lying serious ill, and a sincere vote of sympathy was passed with him and the Misses Lewis. The daily news from the sick chamber was most encouraging, but the end came suddenly—he was called to the Grand Lodge above on the last day of December.

On January 6th, 1910, the date of the Annual Festival, the Brethren met with saddened hearts and not with joy and rejoicing as had hitherto been their wont. The W.M., Bro. the Rev. Peter Williams, before commencing the business of the Lodge, paid a touching tribute to the memory of the departed, in the course of which he stated he had the most difficult and painful duty that had ever fallen to his lot to perform, that of moving a vote of condolence with the family of the late revered and distinguished Brother, David Rees Lewis, Worshippful Master Elect of this Lodge. He said he wished he had the gift of eloquence to speak, as he wished to speak, of one whom all so much respected and esteemed in life, and whose mortal remains were laid to rest the previous day amidst almost unexampled manifestations of regret and sorrow by the whole town and district. The Lodge was sorely stricken by his sudden removal from amongst them. During the latter part of the past month we were led to hope from the medical reports that our dear Brother was convalescent, but with the suddenness of a flash of lightning we were stunned with the news that the Most High had called his faithful servant home. Instead of the joy and rejoicing of placing him in the chair of King Solomon that night, their eyes were dim and their hearts were heavy because he was not with them in the Lodge. He had been removed to the Grand Lodge above, where there was no more parting, no more farewell between Brother and Brother. The Brethren deeply felt his loss, but though lost to sight, to memory dear he would always be to every one of them. One of the noblest and best of men, one of the most worthy and esteemed of Merthyr's sons and citizens, and above all, one of the truest and most devoted of Masons in this Province had, to their great grief and sorrow, been taken away from their midst. The Brethren deeply mourn their almost irreparable loss—the loss of one who would have rendered such valuable service in this historic year of the Lodge's existence in the year of its Centenary celebration, and of the

erection of a New Temple, and he prayed that the mantle of his unselfish life, his high sense of duty, and his warm enthusiasm might fall upon every Brother of the Lodge, so that in future they might consecrate their lives more fully to the grand principles of Masonry in the manner which so eminently characterised their beloved Brother, David Rees Lewis. *Requiescat in Pace.*

A vote of condolence was then passed, and the Secretary was directed to send letters of sympathy to the Misses Lewis, Bro. Lord Merthyr, Bro. C. F. G. Lewis, and Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, P.M.

By the death of Bro. Lewis, the W.M. Elect, the Lodge was without a Master. To overcome that difficulty a deputation was appointed to wait upon Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, P.M., the late Bro. Lewis's partner, with a view to induce him to undertake the government of the Lodge during its Centenary year. Bro. Jones met the Committee in a courteous and fraternal manner, and realising the untoward situation, agreed to undertake the office of Master, saying that he felt it his duty to do so.

A Lodge of Emergency was called on January 20th, 1910. It was then announced that Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, P.M., had consented to allow himself to be elected Wor. Master. He was thereupon very cordially and unanimously elected, the Brethren expressing their appreciation of his kindness and self-sacrifice in undertaking the duties of Master of the Lodge at a time when he was grief-stricken by the death of his friend and partner, and overwhelmed with other work.

On February 3rd, Bro. Jones was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon by Bro. the Rev. Peter Williams, the retiring Master, and in accordance with a resolution of the Lodge, and with the consent of the Brethren who held office in 1909, the Worshipful Master appointed as his Officers for the Centenary year the Past Masters of the Lodge, according to seniority, as follows:—

- Wor. Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, P.M., P.G.J.W., W.M.
- Wor. Bro. R. R. Davis, P.M., P.P.G.St.B., I.P.M.
- Wor. Bro. S. Sandbrook, P.M., P.P.J.W., S.W. and Treasurer.
- Wor. Bro. Duncan Macdonald, P.M., P.P.J.W., J.W.
- Wor. Bro. Rev. Peter Williams, P.M., P.G.C., Chaplain.
- Wor. Bro. D. A. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., Registrar.
- Wor. Bro. W. R. Harris, P.M., P.P.G.O., Secretary.
- Wor. Bro. J. M. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.St.B., Asst. Secretary.
- Wor. Bro. H. Gittelsohn, P.M., P.P.G.St.B., S.D.

- Wor. Bro. W. W. Jones, M.D., P.M., P.P.G.St.B., J.D.
 Wor. Bro. John Morgan, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., D.C.
 Wor. Bro. J. Prag, P.M., P.P.G.P., A.D.C.
 Wor. Bro. D. C. Evans, P.M., P.P.G.S., I.G.
 Wor. Bro. C. W. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.P., Organist.
 Wor. Bro. T. Nibloe, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., S.S.
 Wor. Bro. James Fraser, P.M., P.P.G.S., J.S.
 Wor. Bro. A. I. Freedman, P.M., P.G.S.B., C.S.
 Wor. Bro. W. H. Jones, P.G.T., Tyler.

The W.M. referred to the great loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of Bro. D. R. Lewis, and to the circumstances which had influenced him in accepting the Mastership of the Lodge for the Centenary year, and appealed to the Brethren to give him the fullest support to make the year a memorable one. He explained that in consequence of Bro. Lewis's death the customary Installation Banquet would not be held. A Past Master's Jewel was then presented to Bro. Rev. Peter Williams, on behalf of the Lodge. Fifty-five Brethren and twelve Visitors were present.

The Worshipful Master lost no time in pushing forward the building scheme then on hand. He ordered a meeting to be convened on February 9th, for the purpose of opening the Tenders for the New Temple. A meeting was accordingly held on that date, but it was found advisable to postpone the matter until March 3rd. On that date three Tenders were opened, but as they exceeded the estimate of the Architect, Bro. Charles Morgan Davies, they were left over for further consideration. It was resolved that the cost of the new building should be met by the Funds of the Lodge, then amounting to £750, supplemented by subscriptions from the Brethren, and that the balance be raised by loan. It was further resolved that a special Building Committee be appointed, consisting of the Wor. Master, Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, Bros. S. Sandbrook, P.M., W. R. Harris, P.M., Dr. W. W. Jones, P.M., J. M. Berry, P.M., John Morgan, P.M., D. C. Evans, P.M., David Jones, Hy. Owen, D. D. Williams, T. G. Evans, J. W. Kenshole, F. S. Simons, Dr. A. Duncan, Rev. Peter Williams, R. T. Jones and W. Burr. Bro. James Fraser, P.M., was appointed Secretary of the Committee.

At the same meeting Bro. David Jones was appointed to solicit donations towards the Building Fund, and from the members then present he received promises of over £600, and in 1913 he had collected over £1,200.



BRO. DAVID JONES, J.P., J.W.

BRO. DAVID JONES, J.P.

Bro. Jones, one of the best known tradesmen in South Wales, is a native of Llangorse, Brecknockshire, where he was born in 1857. In 1879, when 22 years of age, he came to Dowlais to open business as a provision merchant, and by exceptional business acumen he established in a few years one of the largest and most successful business concerns in South Wales. Some years subsequent to opening as a provision merchant he erected a large Cake Factory at Dowlais, giving employment to a number of hands, and this was followed by establishing branches at Cardiff and Swansea. Thus the business expanded, and trade increased by leaps and bounds, so that in the short space of 16 years the concern was converted into a Limited Liability Company, under the style of Messrs. D. Jones, Dickinson & Co., with a registered capital of £120,000. Although the business was transferred to a Company, Bro. Jones continued as the ruling spirit, being Managing Director until 1910, when he retired. Some years ago he bought a large estate in Brecknockshire, principally consisting of arable and pasture land, part of which he cultivates on up-to-date scientific lines. In this he is assisted by his nephew, Bro. Capt. Dd. Jones, (W.M., Brecknock Lodge 1914).

Although throughout life a busy business man, Bro. Jones has found time to devote to public duties. Some years ago he was an active Volunteer, and a Lieutenant in the Mounted Infantry Corps in connection with the 3rd Battalion Welsh Regiment. In 1892 he was appointed High Constable of Caerphilly Higher, the duties appertaining to which he discharged with dignity and ability. He was nominated in March, 1913, by the Dowlais Chamber of Trade, as their representative on the Merthyr Board of Guardians, and in the contest which followed he secured election by a substantial majority at the poll, irrefutable testimony of his popularity in the town of his adoption. On his entrance as a member of the Merthyr Board of Guardians he was appointed by his colleagues Chairman of the Finance Committee. In his native county he has been honoured by being placed on the Commission of the Peace, and in the world of sport he is well known, being for many years Master of the Gelligaer Foxhounds.

He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on February 19th, 1885, and for several years filled various offices up to that of Senior Deacon, when, on account of his business ties, he was obliged to relinquish office. Since his retirement from business a more favourable opportunity presented itself, and at the January Installation he accepted the

Collar of Secretary of the Lodge, an acceptance which gave much pleasure to the Brethren.

On April 7th, it was resolved to accept the amended tender of Mr. John Jenkins, Canal Wharf, for the erection of the New Temple, and Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, W.M., Bros. S. Sandbrook, P.M., W. R. Harris, P.M., A. I. Freedman, P.M., and James Fraser, P.M., were requested to sign the Building Contract. It was further resolved that the New Temple be vested in Trustees, and not in a Company, in order to ensure that for all time the premises shall be the sole property of the Lodge, and that the maximum number of Trustees be twenty, and the minimum number to which such Trustees may be reduced before the appointment of new Trustees shall be seven, who shall hold the property of the Lodge in Trust. The following Brethren were subsequently appointed Trustees :—

Wor. Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, W.M.	Wor. Bro. S. Sandbrook.
Wor. Bro. W. R. Harris.	Wor. Bro. R. R. Davis.
Wor. Bro. James Fraser.	Bro. David Jones.
Wor. Bro. J. M. Berry	Wor. Bro. John Morgan.
Wor. Bro. H. Gittelsohn.	Wor. Bro. W. W. Jones, M.D.
Wor. Bro. D. C. Evans.	Wor. Bro. A. I. Freedman.
Wor. Bro. T. Nibloe.	Wor. Bro. Duncan Macdonald.
Wor. Bro. Peter Williams.	Bro. W. R. Cohen.
Bro. D. D. Williams.	Wor. Bro. R. T. Jones.
Wor. Bro. F. S. Simons.	Bro. R. P. Rees.

The following important communication from the Grand Secretary was read in reply to an inquiry relative to the Centenary Warrant :—
Freemasons Hall, London,

March 9th 1910.

Dear Sir and Brother.

Adverting to your letter of the 7th inst. it is not necessary that a new petition for a Centenary Warrant for the Loyal Cambrian Lodge shall be sent here. The claim of the Lodge has been investigated and found to be fully substantiated. The document will be prepared in good time before the completion of the Centenary in June, and when it is ready you will be further advised.

Yours fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.

Wor. Bro. W. R. Harris, Secretary,
Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110.

DEATH OF KING EDWARD VII.

On May 6th the British Empire was thrown into mourning by the death, after a brief illness, of King Edward VII., and on the day of the Royal Funeral the Brethren attended the memorial service at St. David's Church, Merthyr, the service being conducted by the Rev. Daniel Lewis, Rector of Merthyr. At the Lodge meeting on June 2nd, the Worshipful Master ordered the following resolution to be recorded in the Minutes:— "That the Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge express their profound sympathy with King George V., Queen Mary, and the Queen Mother, on the death of His most Gracious Majesty, King Edward VII., Past Grand Master and Protector of the Order."

The Centenary celebrations were intended to be held on August 11th, the date of the hundredth anniversary of the opening of the Lodge, and the Provincial Grand Lodge were invited to hold their annual meeting at Merthyr on the same day, but on the suggestion of the D.P.G.M. the date was postponed to Thursday, September 22nd, this being a more convenient time for the P.G.M. to attend. Preparations were accordingly made for this date, but to the grief of the Province the P.G. Master was suddenly bereaved by the death of his son, the Hon. C. S. Rolls, who was killed in an aeroplane accident at Bournemouth in July. At the Lodge meeting on August 4th, the Wor. Master referred in sympathetic terms to the sad calamity, and moved that the heartfelt sympathy of the Brethren be sent to the P.G.M. and his family in the heavy trial and bereavement into which they were plunged by the tragic death of their distinguished and brilliant son. This was acknowledged by the P.G.M. from South Lodge, Rutland Gate, S.W., on July 23rd, as follows:—

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am deeply grateful to you and the Brethren of your Lodge for the kind sympathy extended to us in our great sorrow and irreparable loss,

LLANGATTOCK,

P.G.M. of the E.D., South Wales.

In consequence of the bereavement sustained by the P.G.M., the Brethren were notified that it would not be possible for him to attend the Centenary meeting and perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the New Temple. A Committee was therefore appointed, on the suggestion of the W.M., to consider the unfortunate situation in which the Brethren found themselves for the second time in connection with

their Centenary arrangements, and on September 1st, at the Regular Lodge, the Committee reported that they had invited the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone, and that he had courteously consented. At the same meeting the Secretary, Bro. W. R. Harris, reported that he had received the Centenary Warrant, signed by the Grand Master H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, K.G.

MASONIC BUILDINGS.

At this stage it will be appropriate to leave off the present narrative, and revert back in order to trace the various attempts made to build Lodge premises, and to give a detailed account of the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the old Masonic Buildings in Lower High Street.

In the early history of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, the meetings were held, as already stated, at the *Castle Inn*, and from 1827 to 1882 the Brethren met at the *Bush Inn*. A nominal rent may have been paid at both places, but there are indications that the profit on the refreshments consumed at the meetings was considered an equivalent. Lodges were formerly held, almost without exception, in licensed houses, but this was more from necessity than choice. The accommodation required was not to be found except in the Inns and Taverns of the different towns where Lodges happened to be located. In London and other large cities Lodges are still held in the principal Hotels and Restaurants, but in nearly all the Provinces under the United Grand Lodge of England, Lodges are now held in buildings set apart for Masonic purposes. In the Eastern Division of South Wales there are at present twenty-six Lodges, and with one exception the meetings are held in Masonic premises.

The Loyal Cambrian Lodge appears to have first considered the necessity of providing Lodge buildings at the meeting held on March 3rd, 1870. The Wor. Master, Bro. T. J. Jones, was in the chair, when Bros. Dyke, Lawrance, Harris, and Taylor were appointed to enquire if the building for sale in Thomastown, known as Lloyd's Schoolroom, was suitable for Lodge purposes, and to ascertain the purchase price as well as the cost of the necessary alterations. The report of this Committee was submitted at a Lodge of Emergency on May 19th, recommending the purchase of the Schoolroom at a sum not exceeding £180. In consequence of this report another Committee was appointed to enquire into the financial state of the Lodge, and to draw up a scheme for building a Masonic Hall.

At the Lodge meeting on May 19th, an interesting and exhaustive report was presented, signed by the W.M. Bro. T. J. Jones, and the Secretary, Bro. J. M. Seddon, condemning the practice of meeting in a "house of entertainment," and urging the necessity of providing suitable premises for Masonic purposes, so as to remove the public impression that the Brethren were attending Lodge meetings more for their own creature comforts than for the purposes of Masonry. The report further stated that the membership of the Lodge averaged twenty-six for the previous three years, the average income £25, average fees £15, giving a total average of £40. The average expenditure for the same period was—Refreshments, £16 16s.; Subscriptions to Charities, £12; General Expenses, £9 14s.; a total average of £37 10s., leaving a credit balance of £2 10s.

The Committee recommended on this statement that a Company be formed, with a capital of £250 in 50 shares of £5 each, to purchase Lloyd's Schoolroom at £180, but on the amendment of Bro. Peter Williams, seconded by Bro. F. Stuckey, it was agreed that "it was inexpedient in the present state of the Lodge that the question of purchasing or removing to a Masonic Hall be further entertained, and that it is expedient that the resolution in reference to this matter proposed on May 19th be rescinded."

Bro. Taylor then gave notice that he would, at the next meeting, bring forward a motion "for the purpose of establishing a building fund, and that £5 of the Lodge Funds be placed to the credit of a fund to be called the Building Fund, to enable the Brethren at some future period to purchase or build premises suitable for a Masonic Hall." This motion was considered at a Lodge meeting held on August 4th, but after considerable discussion it was adjourned, and no further action was taken until March 18th, 1880, when the necessity of building a Masonic Hall was once more urged upon the Brethren, and Bros. D. R. Lewis and Chas. Russell James were appointed to assist the W.M., Bro. John Jones, to obtain the necessary information for building a hall. Bro. Chas. Russell James, on the following Lodge night, April 15th, informed the Brethren that two sites were available, and after mature consideration it was decided to lease the site in Lower High Street from the Trustees of the Court Estate, at a ground rent of £15 per annum.

Plans for a Masonic Hall and Club were submitted by the W.M. at the meeting held on July 15th, and on the proposition of Bro. D. R. Lewis, it was agreed that a Joint Stock Company be formed to carry

out the work, and that the Lodge pledge itself to rent the Masonic Hall from such Company at a rental not exceeding £40 per annum. The Articles of Association were drawn up by Bros. D. R. Lewis and Chas. Russell James, and the building contract was let to Mr. John Gabe. On Tuesday, September 6th, a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Merthyr for the purpose of laying the foundation stone. The Loyal Cambrian Lodge opened at 2 o'clock at the Temperance Hall (the Lodge room at the *Bush Inn* being reserved for the Banquet), where the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were received "with accustomed honours." The Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, stated "that it afforded him and the Provincial Grand Lodge much pleasure to attend that day to take part in laying the corner stone of a Masonic Hall for the Loyal Cambrian Lodge. He hoped the interesting event would give an increased impetus to the spread of Masonry in the district, and especially to the noble principles which were inculcated by the Craft." A procession was then formed, headed by a Band, which started at 3 o'clock for the site of the new hall, and on arrival there the Brethren opened out right and left, facing inwards, to allow the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, preceded by his Standard and Sword Bearers and the members of Provincial Grand Lodge past and present, and the other Brethren present to take part in the ceremonial. The Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Dr. Walters, Lansamlet, offered up a short prayer, and after the chanting of the Anthem, "Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty," Bro. E. H. James, the Wor. Master, addressed the Worshipful Deputy, and said he had pleasure, on behalf of the Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, in asking him that day to lay the foundation stone in the manner customary in Masonry.

The Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master addressed the Brethren, stating "that he had much pleasure in acceding to their request, and to take the opportunity of expressing to the Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge the pleasure which it gave him to lay the foundation stone in that district of a room to be devoted to the principles of Freemasonry (Applause). Since he had taken office in the government of that important Province, one of the principal things he had endeavoured to do was to see in every district a room specially devoted to Freemasonry, and he was pleased to say that in a very great measure his wishes had been fulfilled, inasmuch as when the present hall was completed there would be only five Lodges out of fifteen in the Province not having a hall

specially devoted to Masonry (Applause). In laying that stone their thoughts were naturally between the past condition of the Lodges and their future condition and welfare. This Lodge, like every other in the kingdom, had days of adversity and days of prosperity. This Lodge at one time did not take its proper place in the Masonic part of the Province. He remembered that at one time it was difficult to get a sufficient number together to conduct the ordinary business of the Lodge, and that twenty was considered a good average number at special meetings. He was glad to see that these days of adversity had passed away, and that under the guidance of several Past Masters of the Lodge they had succeeded in bringing about a different state of things. He was pleased that day to congratulate them on their present prospects, and he hoped the erection of the building would be completed in a manner creditable to the builder and worthy of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge."

The Provincial Grand Secretary read the inscription on the engraved plate:—"This Foundation Stone of the Masonic Hall, Merthyr Tydfil, was laid with Masonic honours on Tuesday, September 6th, 1881, by Bro. M. Tennant, the Worshipful the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of the Province of South Wales, Eastern Division. E. H. James, W.M., E. Clay, S.W., D. J. Hirst, J.W., E. A. Johnson, Architect, J. Gabe, Builder." Bro. D. R. Lewis, P.P.G.R., acting on behalf of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, and by command of the Wor. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, deposited in the cavity various coins of the present reign, copies of the local newspapers, bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge and the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, list of the Officers of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, and a copy of the Programme, all of which were sealed in a bottle. The inscribed plate was then placed over the cavity, face downwards, and the upper stone was lowered and adjusted by the Wor. Deputy, who "declared it to be duly laid according to ancient custom."

The Dedication Ceremony then took place. The Brethren bearing the corn and wine approached, and presented the vessels to the Worshipful D.P.G.M., the contents of which were thrown over the stone with the customary ceremonies, symbolical of the building being dedicated to Masonry, virtue, and universal benevolence, in the name of the "Great Architect of the Universe, to Whom be all honour and glory." After each dedication a short and suitable passage of Scripture was read by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, and verses were sung, all present joining in, accompanied by the harmonium.

The Architect, Mr. E. A. Johnson, next presented to the Wor. Deputy the plan of the building, and explained the details thereof. The Worshipful Deputy, in returning them to the Architect, said: "I have great pleasure in returning you the plans of this building, feeling assured that you will carry them out to the satisfaction, not only of yourself, but of the Lodge. I am sorry I cannot congratulate you as a Brother on this occasion." A series of three verses in praise of Masonry was then sung, to the tune of the National Anthem. "The impressive ceremony was concluded by the playing of 'God Save the Queen,' and the order of procession having been re-formed, the Brethren walked back headed by the Band, to the Temperance Hall, where the Lodge was duly closed."

Subsequently the Brethren dined together at the *Bush Hotel*, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. E. H. James. Ther Brethren taking part in the proceedings were:—

Officers and Members of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge: E. H. James, W.M.; John Jones, I.P.M.; E. Clay, S.W.; D. J. Hirst, J.W.; Nesto R. Williams, Chaplain; J. D. Williams, Treasurer; C. Russell James S.D.; R. R. Davis, J.D.; G. F. Harris, D.C.; J. J. Jones, I.G.; J. E. Davies and J. S. Jones, Stewards; T. J. Dyke, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Lawrance, P.P.G.O.; T. W. Goodfellow, P.G.S.B.; Charles Wilkins, P.P.G.T; D. R. Lewis, P.P.G.R.; C. Harris, T. Hansard, M. L. Evans, B. Jones, F. Wilkins, D. J. Williams, Peter Williams, T. Flocks, L. Richards, J. W. Gunn, J. F. McClure, W. H. Priest, T. Williams, J. Jenkins, W. Owens, H. Joliffe, Alexander Gunn, T. Harris, D. J. Williams, S. Sandbrook, W. James, H. W. Southey.

Visitors:—Bros. J. Mathews, P.M., P.G.S.D., G. H. Nash, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., C. A. Thompson, W.M., Bute Lodge, No. 960; S. M. Watson; P.M., P.G.J.W., A. P. Fabian, P.P.G.S.W., Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, John Guthrie, W.M., D. Hopkins, J.P., P.P.G.S.D., W. D. Jones, P.G.S., Windsor Lodge, No. 1754; J. A. Whittle, W.M., E. H. Teale, Secretary, T. Lewis, Organist, Brecknock Lodge, No. 651; W. J. Lewis, P.M., St. David's Lodge; S. W. Blackwell, G. W. Palmer, Thomas Phillips, Cambrian Lodge, No. 364, Neath; E. Fish, S.S., W. J. Morgan, W.M., Indefatigable Lodge, No. 237; R. P. Hunter, I.P.M., T. Dickson, W.M., W. R. Perrot, E. H. Howard, Organist, R. Thomas, Steward, J. Sprague, J.D., Merlin Lodge No. 1578; R. R. David, P.M., J. Jones, Chaplain, J. M. Smith, W.M., Isaac Jones, S.W., J. Jones, Secretary, J. O. Lewis, Robert Jones, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Afan Lodge, No. 833; Thomas Walter,

P.G. Chaplain, D. C. Jones, Caradog Lodge, No. 1573 ; T. D. Thomas, P.P.G.W., Talbot Lodge, No. 1323 ; W. Dobbs, P.G.S., J. C. Brigham, P.M., P.P.G.P., Conyges Lodge, Bristol ; B. Phillips, St. George's Lodge, No. 1098 ; W. A. James, St. Quintin's Lodge, No. 1822 ; W. Evans, and A. Arthur.

The elegant silver trowel presented to the Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master bore the following inscription :—" Presented to Bro. M. Tennant, D.P.G.M., South Wales Eastern Division, on his laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall for the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, Merthyr. September 6th, 1881."

The first meeting of the Lodge took place in the new premises on May 4th, 1882. The new premises were let to the Brethren at £40 per annum, but it was soon found that while the Lodge room provided ample accommodation, the ante-rooms were too small to meet the requirements of the increased membership. In 1892 Bro. E. B. Nash, W.M., urged on the Brethren the necessity of taking steps to provide suitable Lodge premises, with the result that two schemes were brought forward for consideration, one to lease a site in Penyarden Park, facing Pontmorlais, and the other to purchase the portion of the Masonic Buildings used as Lodge and Club premises. A Committee was appointed to report on these schemes, and on September 1st, on the motion of Bro. T. W. Goodfellow, it was resolved that, inasmuch as out of twenty circulars sent to the members appointed on the Committee, only five responded, it was inadvisable to proceed further in the matter. The Treasurer's statement for this year showed a balance on deposit of £125 19s. 3d., and on current account £80 19s. 3d.

The matter was revived in April, 1897, when, on the motion of the late Bro. T. Wake, it was decided to form a Company, to be called the Loyal Cambrian Masonic Hall Company, to build Lodge premises, and in the following meeting in May Bro. Wake was able to report that the applications for shares were most favourable. On April 7th, 1898, it was decided to lease the piece of ground next to Mr. Washington Morgan's sculpture yard at Pontmorlais. Messrs. Johnson and Williams were requested to prepare plans, and Messrs. Lewis and Jones were instructed to lease the ground from the Court Estate. Unfortunately the Committee appointed to deal with the matter failed to come to an agreement with the owner of the adjoining property, and consequently the scheme had to be abandoned. Attempts were again made in 1907

and 1908 to obtain a suitable building site, and various places were inspected, but it was not until the Autumn of 1909 that the present site was secured.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE NEW TEMPLE
AT PONTMORLAIS, SEPTEMBER 22ND, 1910.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held, as arranged, at Merthyr on Thursday, September 22nd, for transacting the business of P.G.L., and for the purposes of laying the foundation stone of the New Temple and taking part in the Centenary Celebrations of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge. The Drill Hall was hired for the occasion, the old Lodge premises being too small to accommodate the large assemblage of Brethren. The Lodge meetings were held in the Lesser Hall, the large hall being reserved for the Banquet. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 11 a.m. by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, P.G.A.D.C. of England. After the close of Provincial Grand Lodge the Brethren were entertained to luncheon by Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, V.D., J.P., the W.M., and at 1 p.m. they were marshalled outside the Hall by Wor. Bro. John Morgan, P.P.G.J.W., assisted by Wor. Bros. D. J. Hopkins and W. D. Rosser, Prov. Grand Directors of Ceremonies, afterwards proceeding in procession through High Street, Victoria Street, and Aberdare Road, to Christ Church, Cyfarthfa.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Two Tylers, with Drawn Swords.

Visiting Brethren from other Provinces.

The Lodges of the Province, according to their Numbers (except No. 110),
Juniors first.

P.Prov. Grand Tyler.

Past and Present Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, in order of Rank.

Brethren of "Loyal Cambrian" Lodge, No. 110.

Architect with Plans.

P.P.G. Steward { Bearers of Vessels with Corn, } P.P.G. Steward.
Wine and Oil.

Officers of "Loyal Cambrian" Lodge, No. 110.

Banner of "Loyal Cambrian" Lodge, No. 110.

W.M. and I.P.M. of "Loyal Cambrian" Lodge, No. 110.

Visitors of Distinction.

Prov. G. Junior Deacon.



M. WILLIAMS
T. S. EVANS

J. W. LEWIS

H. OWEN REV. J. DAVIES
H. M. LLOYD

CENTENARY PROCESSION PASSING CASTLE HOTEL WHERE THE LODGE WAS FORMED IN 1810.

Prov. G. Steward.	{ Banner of Prov. G. } { Lodge, born by P.G. } { Standard Bearers. }	Prov. G. Steward.
Prov. G. Steward.		{ Prov G. Chaplain, } { bearing Sacred Law. }	Prov. G. Steward.
Acting D.P.G.M.		
Prov. G. Sword Bearer.		
Wor. Bro. MARMADUKE TENNANT, Acting Prov. Grand Master.		
Prov. Grand Senior Deacon.		
P. Prov. Grand Stewards.		
Prov. Grand Tyler.		

SERVICE AT THE CHURCH.

Christ Church, Cyfarthfa, was placed at the disposal of the Brethren by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Kirkhouse, M.A., and the order of the service was arranged by Bro. the Rev. Peter Williams, Vicar of Troedyrhiw. The Very Reverend the Hon. J. W. Leigh, D.D., Dean of Hereford, delivered an interesting address dealing particularly with the charitable side of Masonry. At the conclusion of the service a collection was taken for the charities of the town, and resulted in £13 3s. 6d. being collected. This amount was afterwards apportioned as follows:—Brecon Road Soup Kitchen, £5 5s.; Dowlais Soup Kitchen, £5 5s.; Merthyr Rescue Home, £1 1s.; Ragged School, £1 1s., and St. David's Christmas Dinner, £1 1s. The Brethren then re-formed, and proceeded through Bethesda Street to Park Terrace, the site of the new buildings, where the Wor. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, for the second time in the history of the Lodge, performed the interesting ceremony of laying the foundation stone.

The Brethren were accommodated upon a raised platform, while the officers assembled in the east. The Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. F. T. James) were also present, and took much interest in the ceremony. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master having explained the object of the meeting, Wor. Bro. the Rev. Peter Williams offered the opening prayer, viz., "O Lord! our Heavenly Father, Architect and Ruler of the Universe." The Brethren then sang the hymn, "O Lord! of Hosts, Whose glory fills," after which Wor. Bro. Colonel J. J. Jones, the Worshipful Master of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, delivered a short but appropriate address, and called upon the Wor. Deputy Prov. Grand Master to lay the foundation stone of the Temple.

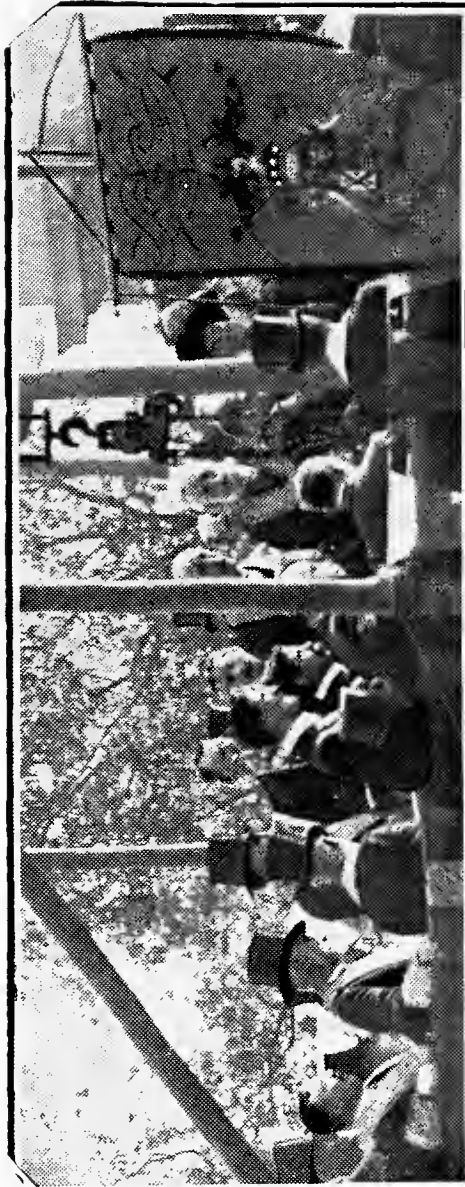
The Prov. Grand Secretary, Wor. Bro. George Whittington, read the inscription on the stone as follows:—"1810—1910. This stone was laid on the 22nd September, 1910, by Wor. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Eastern Division, South Wales, and Past Grand A.D.C. of England. To commemorate the Centenary of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge of Freemasons, No. 110."

The foundation stone was lowered into its position, and properly placed, when the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, with a plumb rule, presented to him by Prov. Grand Junior Warden, Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, a level delivered to him by the Prov. Grand Senior Warden, Bro. A. L. Hopkins, and the square, proved its just position, and the stone was duly laid according to ancient custom. The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. C.H. Dean, deposited in the cavity various coins of the realm, a copy of the *Merthyr Express*, the Bye-laws of the Prov. Grand Lodge and of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, also a list of the present Officers and members of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, a copy of the programme, photographs of the Officers, etc. The cavity was cemented over in the presence of the Brethren by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master with a trowel presented to him by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

At this juncture the Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master scattered corn on the stone, and the Prov. Grand Chaplain read Psalm lxxii., 16, and pronounced the Benediction, Verse: "There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth." Benediction:—"O Lord! grant unto us a supply of the Corn of nourishment, that our hearts may be thankful for all Thy bounties." The Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master then dedicated the building to Masonry, and the Brethren sang—

"Hail! Masonry! thou Craft Divine,
 Glory of Earth, from Heaven revealed;
 Which dost with Jewels precious shine,
 From all but Masons' eyes concealed."

The Provincial Grand Senior Warden then poured wine on the stone and the Provincial Grand Chaplain repeated Nehemiah x., 39, and the Benediction, Verse: "For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the Corn, of the new Wine, and the Oil unto the Chambers, where are the vessels of the Sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers; and we will not



H. GITTELSOHN, P.M. J. M. BERRY, J.P., P.M. T. WAKE, P.M. D. MACDONALD, P.M. Col. J. J. JONES, V.D., J.P., W.M.
W. W. JONES, M.D., P.M. S. SANDBROOK, J.P., P.M.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE, MASONIC TEMPLE, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 1910.
CENTENARY PROCESSION ENTERING CYFARTHFA CHURCH.



REV. PETER WILLIAMS, P.M. STANOARD BEARERS.
CHAPLAIN.

COL. J. J. JONES, V.D., J.P., W.M.
J. FRASER, P.M.

CENTENARY PROCESSION PASSING THROUGH PONTMORLAIS CIRCLE.

forsake the house of our God." Benediction: "O Lord! grant us all a supply of Wine of refreshment that our hearts may be gladdened with the overflowing of Thy goodness." The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master then dedicated the building to Virtue, and the Brethren sang the Ode:—

"Come, Holy Virtue, by whose aid,
In heavenward steps we long to tread;
Bring Love, bring Truth, bring Friendship here,
Bring Peace and Unity sincere."

The Provincial Grand Junior Warden then poured oil on the stone and the Provincial Grand Chaplain repeated Exodus xxx., 25, 26, and the Benediction, Verse 25: "And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compounded after the art of the Apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil"; Verse 26: "And thou shalt anoint the Tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the Ark of the Testimony"; Benediction: "O Lord! grant to us a supply of the Oil of Joy, that we may rejoice at the fulfilment of Thy promises, that there shall be plenty of Corn, Wine, and Oil in Israel." The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master then dedicated the Building to Universal Benevolence, while the Brethren sang the ode to Universal Benevolence:—

"Come, Charity, with goodness crowned,
Encircled in thy Heavenly robe;
Diffuse thy blessing all around,
To every corner of the Globe."

The Provincial Grand Senior Deacon here presented the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master with the vessel containing Salt, which he scattered upon the stone, and the Provincial Grand Chaplain repeated Lev. ii., 13, and the Benediction, Verse: "And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering; with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt"; Benediction: "O Lord! grant to us a supply of the Salt of Purity and Self-sacrifice, that the Savour of Thy Holiness and Loving-kindness may abide with us to all Eternity." The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master then, in the name of the Most High, dedicated the building to Masonry. The Provincial Grand Chaplain offered the prayer of dedication, and the Architect, Bro. C. M. Davies, was presented to the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who, having inspected the plan of the

intended building, delivered the same to the Architect, together with the tools used in proving the position of the stone, and desired him to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work in conformity with the plan. The Provincial Grand Chaplain concluded the ceremony with the final Benediction, and the concluding Anthems and the National Anthem were sung.

For the purpose of laying the foundation stone the Worshipful Deputy was presented with a massive Ivory Mallet and a Silver Trowel, both articles being suitably engraved, commemorative of the event on which they were used. After the ceremony the Brethren re-formed, and marched back to the Lesser Hall, where the Centenary Meeting was held.

BRETHREN PRESENT AT THE CENTENARY MEETING.

The Brethren who took part in the procession included the Dean of Hereford, Wor. Brother F. Phillips (Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire, P.G.D. England), Wor. Bro. P. Colville Smith (Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall), Wor. Bro. Colonel J. J. Jones, V.D., P.G.J.W. (W.M. of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge), and the following :—

Provincial Grand Officers :—Bros. T. R. Hunt, P.P.G.W. ; Cornelius A. Griffiths, P.M., P.P.G.St.B., Prince Llewellyn Lodge. M. Arthur, P.P.G.S.W. ; C. H. Dean, P.G.T. Elect, Bute Lodge, No. 960. T. G. Dew, P.P.G.St.B. ; D. Hopkins, P.G.D.C. ; E. Church, P.P.G. Tyler, W. R. Rosser, P.G.P. Steward, Windsor Lodge, No. 1754. Thos. Wake, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. ; Julius Prag, P.M., P.P.G.P. ; Hermann Gittelsohn, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. ; Peter Williams, I.P.M., P.G.C. ; D. C. Evans, P.M., P.P.G.S. ; Duncan Macdonald, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. ; J. M. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. ; S. Sandbrook, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. ; W. W. Jones, M.D., P.M., P.P.G.S.B. ; James Fraser, P.M., P.P.G.S. ; W. R. Harris, P.M., P.P.G.O. ; W. H. Jones, P.G. Tyler, Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110. Paul H. Watkins, P.G.St.B. ; W. Isaac, P.G.S., Llynfe Lodge, No. 2965. Septimus A. Tuck, P.P.G.A.P. ; Sidney F. Booling, P.P.G.Reg. ; F. Bagnall Roe, P.G.St.B., Tennant Lodge, No. 1992. W. B. Crawford, Treasurer, P.P.G., Prince Llewellyn Lodge, No. 2570. T. Baker, P.P.G. ; A. Culley, D.C., P.P.G.T. ; A. Hopkins, P.P.G.T., Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36. D. Hughes Morgan, A.D.C., Brecknock Lodge, No. 651. John Evans, P.P.G. Supt. of Works ; David C. Evans, P.P.G.A. ; W. Lewis, P.P.G.D.C. ; M. Morgan, W.M., Merline Lodge, No. 1578. J. B. Excell, P.P.G.St.B. ; H. Macdonnell, P.P.G.S.D., Indefatigable Lodge, No. 237.

D. Gladstone Davies, P.G.S.W. ; G. F. Packer, Chaplain ; Dr. J. G. Hall, Lodge No. 3161. C. J. Tasewell, P.G.A., Sec. ; E. R. Jones, P.P.G.S., Caradoc Lodge, No. 1573. W. R. Howell, P.G., Treasurer, Afan Lodge, No. 833. D. Hopkins, P.G.D.C. George Wareham, P.P.G.J.W., Barry Lodge, No. 2357. James Radley, P.P.G.J.W., Duke of York Lodge, No. 2453, also Bute Lodge, No. 960. Thomas Phillips, P.P.G.J.W. ; Rees Rees, P.M., P.P.G.A.P., St. David's Lodge, No. 679. John Hennessey, P.M., P.P.G.R., Lodge No. 1752. Henry J. Pillinger, Prov. G. Sec., Monmouthshire. T. Gill Williams, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. ; O. Whitley, P.G.J.W. Elect, Silurian Lodge, No. 471. J. Cook Rees, P.P.G. Supt. of Works ; M. Whittington, Cambrian Lodge No. 364.

The other Brethren present were :—Bros. J. Plews, P.M. ; A. I. Freedman, P.M. ; Henry Bailey, P.J.W. ; John Francis ; Thomas Flooks, P.S.W. ; J. C. Freedman, A.D.C. ; Richard T. Jones, P.J.W. ; John Davies, Henry Owen, H. H. Southey, W. M. Macdonald, P.J.W. ; F. A. Phillips, T. Stephen Evans, D. D. Williams, H. Lewis Hughes, James A. Wilson, A. L. Jones, Henry M. Lloyd, T. Edwards, D. Eiddel Jones, John Quant, Walter G. Stone, J. W. Lewis, Wm. Owen, Wm. Jones, T. Lewis, S. J. Davies, F. A. Coombs, W. J. Canton, (Senior), W. J. Canton (Junior), T. S. Edwards, M. D. Goodman, Moses Goodman, J. Holland, O. J. Thomas, J. T. Vaughan, Thos. Flooks, E. H. Musgrove, W. Burr, Hy. Parfitt, Ed. Humphreys, Thos. Lewis, W. M. Davies, R. P. Rees, P.S. ; A. Duncan, M.D., R. Gunson, J. Rogers, Wm. Jones, W. White, H. Isaacs, Gilbert Evans, T. Williams, W. T. Flooks, E. T. Davies, B. R. S. Frost, T. B. Greene, Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, Merthyr. W. Evans, A. Taylor, J.W. ; L. Molineux, E. Evans, Geo. J. Evans, Windsor Lodge, No. 1754. A E Evans, W.M. ; C. Mark, I.P.M., Ogmore Lodge, No. 1752. Rhys D. Morgan, W.M. ; W. Kirkby, I.P.M., J. Griffiths, J.W., Llynfi Lodge, No. 2965. F. M. Lestin, P.D.G.J.D., Bengal Lodge. D. M. Williams, W.M. ; G. Prid, C. Collins, T. V. Jenkins, W. J. Broome, S.W. ; C. Richardson White, R. J. Davies, J. A. Jenkins, P.S. ; G. Price, Isaac J. Williams, Fforest Lodge, Treharris, No. 206 ; T. Barlow, W.M., Prince Llewellyn Lodge, No. 2570. W. Glowe, W.M. ; W. L. Blight, I.P.M., Bute Lodge, No. 960. C. B. Roe, Wm. Lloyd, W.M. ; J. Roberts, I.P.M. ; D. B. Humphries, D. Hunt, A.S., Tennant Lodge, No. 1992. Geo. H. Clegg, Leopold Lodge, No. 1775. F. Milner, W.M. ; N. Welsh, J.W., I.P.M. ; E. Blackmore, P.M. ; F. Priestley, F. W. Prole, Barry Lodge, No. 2357. G. F. Packer,

Chaplain ; E. Thomas, I.P.M. ; T. E. John, S.W., Dr. Hall, Lodge No. 3161. O. G. Long, Idris Lodge, No. 43. R. Roberts, I.P.M. ; J. J. Harvey, P.M. ; Frank Hodges, D. W. Howell, F. D. E. George, E. J. Hughes, A. Cameron, T. E. Morgan, St David's Lodge, No. 679. H. G. Bendley, I.P.M. ; M. Smith, P.M. ; E. E. George, Llangattock Lodge, No. 2547. Oswald A. Korth, I.P.M. ; R. Rees, A. E. Thomas, Indefatigable Lodge, No. 237. Edwin C. Curtis, I.P.M. ; A. J. Jeffreys, W.M., Cambrian Lodge, No. 364. A. G. Evans, W.M., Ogmores Lodge, No. 1752. J. Cyrus Thomas, St. John Lodge, No. 818. W. M. Lewis, St. Peter's Lodge, Carmarthen ; H. S. Sayers, Kentish Lodge, No. 3121. H. Summers, Welshpool Lodge, No. 998. H. Butterworth, Sala Lodge, No. 2962. W. Lewis, P.M. ; St. Peter's Lodge, Carmarthen. D. McGregor, P.M. ; J. Prothero, I.P.M. ; W. Henry Jones, S.W. ; W. Horton, J.D. ; C. Rowley, Tyler ; W. A. Richards, Merlin Lodge, No. 1578. T. O. Williams, Yarborough Lodge, Jersey, No. 244. A. Jones, W.M., St. David's Lodge, No. 2226. W. L. Lewis, I.P.M. ; H. J. Wallitser, W.M. ; Sidney Atkinson, A.S., Loyal Commercial Lodge, No. 2720. O. Whitley, W.M. Elect, Silurian Lodge, No. 471. Reginald Owen, W.M., Loyal Wyet Lodge, No. 807. J. Humphreys, Prince Edward Lodge, No. 1209. M. P. Goodman, Lodge No. 40. Griffith Davies, Penang Lodge, No. 1555. Rees Thomas, P.M., Curwen Lodge, No. 1400, Worthington, Cumberland and Westmoreland. J. J. Erasmus, Pittsburgh, U.S.A., Lodge No. 484. C. Selwyn, J.W. ; P. B. Powell, and the W.M. of Ithon Lodge, No. 3320. John Morris, Lodge No. 1582. R. J. B. Lewis, Duke of York Lodge, No. 2453. G. B. Sims, F. Smith, D. Gobert, Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36. F. A. E. Coombs, I.G. ; J. B. Angus, St. George's Lodge, No. 1908. E. R. Jones, P.G.S.W., Caradoc Lodge, No. 1573.

CENTENARY MEETING.

The Centenary Meeting was held in the Lesser Hall, which had been prepared in Lodge form and decorated for the occasion. Immediately over the Banner of the Lodge was suspended a canvas streamer, on which was painted, in bold characters, the names of Bros. Edward Gregory, W.M., 1814-15 ; Thomas Burnell, W.M., 1815-1827, and David Rees Lewis, W.M., 1878, 1890, and W.M. Elect for 1910. This was placed as a tribute to the memory of Bros. Gregory and Burnell for having protected the Charter of the Lodge for a period of twelve years, thus enabling the Brethren to celebrate the Centenary on the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Lodge, and to the late Bro. D. R. Lewis for his faithful services and valuable gifts.

The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, who explained that the meeting was held by special Dispensation from the Prov. Grand Master, for the purpose of commemorating the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Lodge, and he called upon Bro. W. R. Harris, P.M., to read the Warrant issued by H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, Grand Master, proving the existence of the Lodge for 100 years, and authorising the Brethren to wear a Centenary Jewel for so long as they continued subscribing members. Bro. Harris afterwards gave a brief account of the work of the Lodge, narrating several interesting events which had occurred in its history.

PRESENTATION TO THE DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER.

The W.M. then referred in eulogistic terms to the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, and the sacrifices he had made for Masonry during his long connection with the Province. He was pleased to find that Bro. Tennant was an honorary member of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge since 1891, and as a small token of their regard he asked him to accept, on behalf of the Brethren, a Centenary Jewel.

The D.P.G.M. cordially thanked the W.M. and Brethren for the sentiments expressed towards him, and for the gift he had just received. He complimented the Lodge on the success which attended the important ceremonies of the day, and expressed a hope that the present prosperity of the Lodge would long continue.

The W.M. afterwards gave a hearty welcome to the Past and Present Officers of Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge, and the Brethren saluted them in due form. The greetings were acknowledged by the Right Wor. Bro. the Hon. J. W. Leigh, Dean of Hereford, P.G.M. of Hereford; Wor. Bro. Colville Smith, P.G.D. of England, D.P.G.M. of Cornwall, and Secretary of the Benevolent Institution; Wor. Bro. F. Phillips, P.G.D. of England and D.P.G.M. of Monmouth; Wor. Bro. Thomas Wallace, P.G.D. of England and P.M. of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, and Wor. Bro. Thomas Mathews, P.S.G.W. A collection in aid of the Building Fund was taken at the close of the meeting, and amounted to £9 0s. 5d.

The meeting closed at 5.30, and the Brethren then adjourned to the larger hall, where the banquet was served. The tables were beautifully decorated, and an excellent menu provided. One hundred and forty-four Brethren sat down to dine, an account of which is here given as it appeared in the *Merthyr Express*.

THE BANQUET.

At six o'clock a sumptuous banquet was served at the Drill Hall, the catering being entrusted to Messrs. George, of Cardiff. During the serving of the various courses Mr. Gwilym Lewis's orchestral band discoursed a programme of music, and the toast list was interspersed with singing and instrumental music, those taking part including Miss Sarah Thomas, Penyardren (a pupil of Bro. F. T. Davies), Bro. E. Stephen Evans, Bro. J. T. Vaughan, Bro. G. L. Harber, and Mr. Ralph Livsey, who was encored for a French horn solo. The W.M. of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge presided, and was supported at the cross table by the Provincial Grand Officers. The menu was first-class, while the wines, including the sparkling Champagne, Leon Chandon Regal, 1893, supplied by Bro. Owen (Messrs. Owen and George), gave universal satisfaction.

The W.M. proposed "The King," and said that Freemasons were amongst the most loyal of His Majesty's subjects.

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The W.M. next gave "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, K.G.," and "The M.W. the Pro. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Ampthill, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, present and past," which were honoured in Masonic fashion.

The R.W. P.G.M. of Hereford, the Dean, responded, and expressed the hope that the Grand Masters would live long to preside over the Grand Lodge gatherings. There were, said his reverence, several fine specimens of Grand Lodge Officers present that night (applause). He had occupied the position of Grand Chaplain, having been appointed by his late Majesty, King Edward, Protector of the Craft, whose loss they all deplored. Speaking of Freemasonry, the Very Rev. Dean said that some people thought Masons were not Christians. Anyone who was present at the ceremony that day—from the very beginning to the end—must have seen how deeply imbued Masons were with religious feeling. Nowhere in the British Isles or abroad would they find religious feeling so deeply impressed by human and spiritual signs as in the Welsh Lodges of Freemasons (applause). It was a treat to go to the lodges to listen to the singing of the hymns. He had been deeply impressed that day with the ceremonies, and especially with the singing, and he could not for the life of him understand how any Christian man, much more any Christian minister, could for one moment suspect that a grand body of men were not acting up to their profession. He (the Dean) felt deeply

honoured at being called upon to take part in the religious portions of the ceremony, and to have had the privilege of addressing such a body of devout Masons, and devout religious men—because all Masons must be religious men (applause).

The W.M. next proposed “The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Langattock.” He referred to the loss which his Lordship had recently sustained, and joined in the general regret that he could not be with them that day. All Masons, he said, appreciated Lord Llangattock’s noble and sterling qualities; he was always ready and willing to assist, encourage, and advise Freemasons. He referred to the presence of the Deputy, whom he thanked for his great assistance that day. Wor. Bro. Tennant laid the foundation stone of the present Lodge room many years ago, since when he had watched their progress (applause). It was gratifying to the members of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge that Wor. Bro. Tennant had that day so efficiently laid the foundation stone of the New Temple (applause).

Wor. Bro. A. D. Hopkins, Prov. Senior Warden, proposed. “The Wor. Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Marmaduke Tennant and the Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge, present and past.”

Wor. Bro. Tennant replied, and on rising received a great ovation. There were present, he said, many Brethren amongst them that night of great Masonic distinction. The Grand Officers of the Eastern Division of South Wales were not only ornamental, but they were very useful (laughter and applause). Had it not been for the assistance the Prov. G. Officers had rendered him during the last 35 years he would not have survived the difficulties with which he had had to contend. He proposed the health of the W.M. of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, Col. J. J. Jones. He had known Col. Jones for more than thirty years, and he had never been wanting in performing any duties which he had been called upon to perform in connection with the Loyal Cambrian Lodge (applause). He was glad to see him supported on this auspicious occasion by not only the members of his own Lodge, and the various Lodges in the Province, but by so many distinguished Officers of the Grand Lodge. It was the largest number he had ever seen present on any one occasion in the Province (applause).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Colonel Jones, in responding, referred to the great loss to Freemasonry in general, and the Cambrian Loyal Lodge in particular, by the death of Wor. Bro. Col. D. R. Lewis; he (Col. Jones) had also lost a life-long friend

and brother. With regard to the kind words said about himself for taking the late Colonel's place as W.M. of the Lodge, he considered it a duty incumbent upon him to do so, but he would not have been able to continue in office were it not for the support which the Officers and Brethren had given him. He thanked them for their kindness, brotherly feeling and assistance. It was, he assured the company, very gratifying to him as Master of the Lodge to find such a wonderful gathering of Brethren that day (applause).

W. Bro. S. Sandbrook proposed "The Visitors."

Wor. Bro. J. Plews, P.P.G.S.D., who was Master of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge in 1864-65, and who is also a member of the Prince Llewelyn Lodge, Cardiff, replied.

Wor. Bro. J. Morgan next proposed "The Masonic Charities." He said that £110,000 per annum had been contributed by the Brethren of this country to the London Charities. The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls had just brought out a scheme which enabled the Brethren in the Province to retain the girls in their own homes, giving an amount to clothe and maintain them. He referred to the good work done by the Boys' School, and the Benevolent Institution, and pointed to the presence that night of Wor. Pro. P. C. Smith, Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Cornwall, who had a great deal to do with the charities.

Wor. Bro. Smith replied, and said the Benevolent Fund to-day supported 930 aged Brothers and widows of deceased Brothers. They helped them in their own homes, postal orders were sent them, and no one knew from whence they came, and they were maintained at a cost of £32,000 a year (applause).

Other toasts followed, and at the close the company sang "God save the King."

WOR. BRO. MARMADUKE TENNANT, D.P.G.M.,
P.G.A.D.C. of England.

Wor. Bro. Tennant's association with the Loyal Cambrian Lodge is of an interesting and unique character. His first visit was to advocate claims of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in 1876. In the following year he was appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and during the intervening years, as already stated, he laid two foundation stones for the Lodge, one in connection with the Masonic Hall in Lower High Street on September 6th, 1881, and the other 29 years later, at Park Terrace. Until the last few years, when advanced age and its attendant

infirmities called for caution, he has rarely been absent from the annual meetings. He was born on November 22nd, 1837, and celebrated his golden wedding on March 21st, 1914. He hails from Staffordshire, and was admitted to practice as a Solicitor in 1862. In the same year he was appointed solicitor to the Aberavon Corporation, and shortly afterwards Town Clerk, appointments he still holds, being at the present time (1914) the oldest Town Clerk in England and Wales. Some years ago he was instrumental in obtaining a Commission of the Peace for the Borough of Aberavon, and was then appointed Clerk to the Justices. In connection with Brecknockshire he is a Justice of the Peace.

He was initiated into Freemasonry in the Afan Lodge, No. 833, Aberavon, in 1863, and he has been four times W.M. of that Lodge. In October, 1877, he was appointed D.P.G.M. by Sir George Elliot, at Aberdare. He was re-elected by the late Rt. Wor. Bro. Lord Llangattock in 1894, and again by the Right Wor. Col. C. L. Venables Llewellyn in October, 1913, thus showing a continuous service of 37 years. The Province during that long period has increased from ten Lodges in 1877 to 27 Lodges in 1914. One of the most beneficial schemes initiated by Bro. Tennant was the founding of the Victoria Education and Widows' Charity, now known as the Masonic Educational and Widows' Fund, a scheme which will remain a lasting monument to his charitable nature and his long association with the Province. In 1887 he was appointed G.A.D.C. of England by the G.M., H.R.H. The Prince of Wales (the late King Edward VII.), and the Brethren of his own Province have shown their appreciation of his services by handsome testimonials on two occasions, first in 1889, on the occasion of his silver wedding, and again in 1902. When the Hendre P.M. Lodge, No. 3250, was consecrated in January, 1908, Bro. Tennant was invested with the Collar of S.W., and in January, 1909, he was installed W.M. of that Lodge. He has been an honorary member of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge since December 4th, 1891.

Following the Centenary celebration, the first regular Lodge meeting was held on October 6th, exactly fourteen days after the interesting events recorded in the preceding pages, yet in this short time the Lodge had resumed its normal course. The progress made by the builder was considered so satisfactory that the Brethren decided to give notice to terminate the Lodge tenancy by May 1st, 1911. A letter was read from Bro. Thomas Flooks, P.J.W., expressing his pleasure at the great strides which the Lodge and the Province had made since he was

initiated in 1854, and thanking the Brethren for their kind invitation to attend the Centenary celebrations. A letter was also read from Bro. D. J. Hirst, an old P.M. of the Lodge, expressing regret at his inability to be present, and recalling pleasant incidents in his connection with the Lodge.

Bro. W. R. Harris, P.M., submitted a statement of the receipts and expenditure in connection with the banquet and the whole of the arrangements incidental to the Centenary Meeting. The Wor. Master considered the statement highly satisfactory, and very generously stated that he would have pleasure in defraying the expenses, so that no call would be made on the funds of the Lodge. Wor. Bro. W. W. Jones, M.D., moved a resolution which was unanimously agreed to "That the Lodge express its deep sense of gratitude to the Wor. Master for the dignified and masterly manner in which he conducted the whole of the proceedings in connection with the Centenary of the Lodge on September the 22nd last, and also that the best thanks of the Brethren be accorded him for his generosity in defraying the whole of the expenses."

On November 2nd, notice of motion was given to vote a sum of £7 10s. from the funds towards purchasing a Jewel for the Wor. Master, and on December 1st, before the motion was put, Bro. Col. Jones expressed his views upon what he considered to be extravagance on the part of the Lodge in voting such a large sum for the purchase of a Jewel when one of very much less value would be equally appreciated, as it was not its intrinsic value but the good feeling which prompted the gift which caused it to be so highly appreciated. The Lodge did not, however, agree with the Wor. Master's view, and Bro. S. Sandbrook, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Duncan Macdonald, P.M., seconded, a motion that the sum of £7 10s. be voted from the funds towards purchasing the Jewel. This was unanimously agreed to. It was further resolved that a sum of five guineas be voted towards the Welsh National Memorial to the late King Edward VII.

The Annual Festival was held on January 5th. The Lodge was open at 3.40, when Bro. R. R. Davis, P.M., presented Bro. 1911. R. T. Jones, S.W., for Installation. He was duly installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Col. J. J. Jones. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. R. R. Davis—the senior Past Master present—presented Bro. Colonel J. J. Jones with a Past Master's Jewel, on behalf of the Lodge, and in doing so he expressed the satisfaction felt by the Brethren at the excellent manner in which the



BRO. R. T. JONES, P.M.

duties of the chair had been discharged during the previous eleven months, the most important period in the history of the Lodge. Bro. Col. Jones thanked the Brethren very cordially for presenting him with such a valuable Jewel, and also for the support he had received during his term of office. He referred to the satisfactory manner in which the heavy secretarial work of the Centenary year had been discharged by Bro. W. R. Harris, P.M., and in recognition of those services he asked Bro. Harris's acceptance from him of a Past Master's Secretary's Jewel. Bro. Col. Jones also referred to the services of the writer as Secretary of the Building Committee, in acknowledgement of which he said he had pleasure in presenting a silver inkstand, suitably engraved. The recipients, taken by surprise, warmly thanked Bro. Jones for his valuable and much appreciated gifts. Sixty-three Brethren and twenty-one Visitors were present.

BRO. R. T. JONES, W.M.

Bro. R. T. Jones is the principal in the firm of Messrs. R. T. Jones and Co., of 125a and 126 High Street, and 1 and 3 Victoria Street, Market Square, Merthyr Tydfil, a business established over 74 years ago by the late Bro. Robert Jones, who, on his retirement to London in 1863, transferred his interests to Messrs. Phillips and Evans. By this firm it was carried on for over 20 years, after which it was continued by the late Mr. David Phillips. Bro. R. T. Jones has been connected with the business since 1895, joining Mr. Phillips in that year as a partner, and when that gentleman died in 1898 he became sole proprietor.

Bro. Jones was born at Llanilar, Cardiganshire, in 1862, and received his early education at the village school, and at Mr. E. Jones's Grammar School at Aberystwyth. He commenced his business career with Mr. J. Evans, of High-street, Dowlais, in 1877, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He then went to Cardiff for two years, and afterwards to London, returning eventually to Cardiff, where he remained for ten years as silk and dress buyer with the firm of Messrs. Morgan & Co. In the public life of the town he has taken an active part, being President of the Merthyr Chamber of Trade and Commerce in 1912-1913. He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on September 1st, 1898, and he has proved himself worthy of the confidence of the Brethren. In 1907 he undertook the Secretaryship of the Lodge, a very onerous task, in preference to the office of S.W., which had been offered to him, in order, as he said, to acquaint himself with every detail of the work so as to be the better able to discharge the higher duties of Master.

He is also a P.Z. of the David Rees Lewis Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, member of the Arthur Lewis Lodge of M.M.M., Pontypridd, Founder of the St. Tydfil Lodge, No. 639, M.M.M., Merthyr, and a member of the Hendre Lodge, No. 3236, Cardiff.

On February 2nd the Brethren had further proof of Bro. Colonel J. J. Jones's interest in the Lodge. Having been approached some time previously to allow his portrait to be taken for the Lodge, he, on this occasion, asked the Brethren to accept an oil-painting of himself, executed by Bro. G. F. Harris, P.M. The painting shows Bro. Jones holding the Centenary Warrant in his hand, and is a faithful likeness. The W.M., Bro. R. T. Jones, in accepting the portrait on behalf of the Lodge, proposed that the heartiest thanks of the Lodge be accorded to Wor. Bro. Col. Jones for his much appreciated gift. This was seconded by Bro. F. S. Simons, and carried unanimously.

The coronation of King George V. and Queen Mary took place at Westminster Abbey in June, and the Brethren were gratified that amongst the recipients of Royal favour in honour of the event was included an old member of the Lodge, Bro. Sir. W. T. Lewis, and on the motion of Bro. Rev. Peter Williams, it was resolved that the hearty congratulations of the Brethren be conveyed to him on the occasion of his elevation to the Peerage as Baron Merthyr of Senghenydd. This was acknowledged by his Lordship from his residence, The Mardy, Aberdare, on July 14th, as follows:—

Dear Sir and Brother,

I beg you will accept on your own behalf, and please convey to the Brethren of my mother Lodge of Loyal Cambrian, No. 110, my warmest thanks for the sincere congratulation and good wishes relating to the distinction which His Majesty the King has recently conferred upon me.

I remain, with best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

MERTHYR.

Bro. Alexander Duncan,
2, Park Terrace, Merthyr Tydfil.

Another interesting Royal event in the history of Wales took place in July, at Carnarvon, when the Investiture of H.R.H. Prince Edward, as Prince of Wales, took place, and on Lodge night, July 30th, it was resolved to send the hearty congratulations of the Brethren to H.R.H., in acknowledgment of which the following reply was received from Balmoral, dated August 18th:—

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Prince of Wales to thank the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, very much for the kind message that they sent to H.R. Highness.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

HENRY T. HANSEL.

PROVINCIAL COLLARS.

On September 5th, a meeting of the Past Masters of the Lodge was convened by the Wor. Master, to consider the following letter from the D.P.G.M. :—

Aberavon, Port Talbot,

August 29th, 1911.

My Dear Sir and Brother,

As you are probably aware, the selection of Lodges entitled to Provincial Honour has been entrusted to a Committee of old Past Masters, and I am happy to inform you that your Lodge has been selected to nominate a Brother to secure a Collar at the hands of the Provincial Grand Master on the occasion of Grand Lodge on the 25th of September next. Under these circumstances, and as the time is short, I shall be glad if you will convene a meeting of your Past Masters as soon as possible, and let me know the name with the address of the Past Master selected,

You will of course bear in mind that all Past Masters, including those who have held office as Provincial Stewards, are eligible.

I am,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

M. TENNANT.

W.M., Loyal Cambrian Lodge.

It was unanimously resolved "That the Past Masters adopt the principle of recommending the senior Past Master upon whom no office of any kind had been conferred, and that this shall be the procedure in making future nominations for appointment to office in Provincial Grand Lodge." The senior Past Master on whom no Provincial Grand rank had been conferred was Bro. T. Nibloe, and the W.M. was authorised to write to the D.P.G.M. that Bro. Nibloe had been nominated by the Lodge for Provincial honours.

The bestowal of Provincial Collars by Prov. Grand Lodge has been the subject of adverse criticism on several occasions by the Brethren, and resolutions have been passed from time to time in reference to the matter. The grievance, if any exists, is to be found among the Past Masters. It does not affect the general body of Brethren, who are not interested in these matters until they find themselves under the shadow of the chair. It arises from the want of consideration of the difficulties of the situation, as well as from the mistaken idea that Brethren have a right to Provincial rank simply because they have occupied the chair of their Lodge for twelve months. The difficulty in distributing Provincial Collars can be realised when it is remembered that there are twenty-six Lodges in the Province of the Eastern Division of South Wales, and only twenty-four Collars, including Six stewards, available for distribution. The selection of Lodges for Provincial honours by a Committee of Prov. Grand Lodge, and the right conferred on the selected Lodges of nominating one of their number, appears to be a fair and reasonable method, and one which ought to remove the difficulty hitherto experienced by the Provincial Grand Master.

At the regular meeting on December 7th, the Brethren were much gratified to learn that Bro. J. M. Berry, P.M., had been elected Mayor and Chief Magistrate of the Borough, and on the motion of the W.M., Bro. R. T. Jones, the Secretary was requested to convey the congratulations of the Brethren to Bro. Berry on the honour conferred on him by his fellow Councillors. Bro. Berry, who was present, thanked the Brethren for their hearty congratulations. On the Mayor's Sunday a large number of the Brethren accompanied the Mayor and members of the Corporation to Market Square Church.

OPENING AND DEDICATION OF THE NEW TEMPLE.

The New Temple was opened and dedicated to Masonry on Thursday, January 4th, and this interesting ceremony was again performed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. M. Tennant, the P.G.M., Bro. Lord Llangattock, being too unwell to attend. The Brethren assembled in the Dining Hall at 2.30 p.m., boisterous weather preventing any outdoor proceedings. The W.M., Bro. R. T. Jones, afterwards led the way to the main West entrance of the New Temple, and presenting the D.P.G. Master, Bro. Tennant, with a golden key, desired him, on behalf of the Lodge, to declare the building open.

The D.P.G.M., in acceding to the request, congratulated the W.M. and Brethren of the Lodge upon possessing such a beautiful edifice, and said that he had great pleasure in declaring the Temple open and dedicating it to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. The Brethren then ascended in procession to the main corridor, where another interesting ceremony took place. The W.M., addressing Bro. Col. J. J. Jones, I.P.M., requested him to open the Lodge room door, for which purpose he presented him with a golden key. Bro. Col. Jones, before unlocking the door, said he greatly appreciated the honour done him by being appointed to open the Lodge room door. He congratulated the Brethren of the Lodge upon their success in erecting a Temple of their own, the dedication of which that day he saw with great personal satisfaction, being the realisation of the wish, and the successful close of a movement which more than forty years previously had been initiated by his late brother (Bro. T. J. Jones, P.M.) and continually supported by him during and after his occupation of the chair of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge.

The Lodge room door was then unlocked, and the Lodge was opened in due form at 3 p.m. by the W.M. The Minutes having been read and confirmed, the D.P.G.M. and the Officers of Grand Lodge, and of P.G.,I., were admitted, and saluted in the customary manner. The Dispensation granted by the P.G.M. permitting the holding of the meeting at the New Temple having been read, the W.M. and his Officers vacated their chairs, and the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, acting as G.M., and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge took charge of the proceedings, the meeting resolving itself into a special P.G. Lodge.

The D.P.G.M. then addressed the Brethren on the object of their presence there that day, and after the opening hymn called upon the Architect for the plans of the buildings. The Architect, Bro. Chas. M. Davies, being unable to be present, the Secretary of the Building Committee advanced and delivered up the tools entrusted to the care of the Architect at the laying of the foundation stone, and the working-plans of the completed structure. The D.P.G.M. expressed his satisfaction at the manner in which the Temple had been completed, and at the beauty of its design. At the request of the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Whittington, the D.P.G.M. then dedicated the Temple to Freemasonry, virtue, and universal benevolence, after which the hymn, "Oh, praise our God," was sung. The Patriarchial Benediction was pronounced by Bro. the Rev. Peter Williams, P.P.G. Chaplain, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings of P.G. Lodge to a close.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TEMPLE.

The building has been erected at a cost of £2,800, to the designs and under the direction of Bro. Charles Morgan Davies, M.S.A., Merthyr. The accommodation on the ground floor consists of large supper room, lounge, hall, cloak-room, kitchen and lavatories; first floor, large Lodge room, ante-room, lounge, corridor, cloakrooms, and lavatories. The main entrance hall is from Park Terrace Road, from which wide staircases branch up to the Lodge room floor level and down to the supper-room floor level. An entrance stepway is arranged from the promenade to the lower floor of the building. The building is substantially erected with local stone, coursed rockwork up to the first-floor level, and best red Beaufort facing bricks above same, with blue York stone dressings to windows, doors, cornices, piers, columns and pediments. The elevation facing Pontmorlais is built up of piers, cornices, and pediment in the Doric order. The interior dados are in panelled teak wood, and the Lodge room walls spaced out with moulded piers, arches and cornices, and with coved, panelled and enriched ceiling in plaster. The building is heated with gas radiators.

BRO. CHARLES MORGAN DAVIES, M.S.A.

Bro. Charles Morgan Davies, the Architect of the Temple, was born in Priory Street, Carmarthen, on June 9th, 1850, and when he was four years of age his parents removed to Merthyr. His father, the late William Morgan Davies, a builder and contractor, was for some years landlord of the Morgan Arms Inn, Morgantown, an inn long since converted into dwelling-houses. Bro. Davies's earliest recollections of Merthyr, reminiscent of the Crimean War and Czar Nicholas, is that of joining a troupe of juveniles, dressed in fantastic paper caps, and parading the Brecon Road singing—

Mae Nick-olas wedi marw,
A'i Gorph e' yn y bedd;
Ei enaid yn y whilber,
Yn myn'd i Gastellnedd.

This early patriotism may have had something to do in kindling in later years the martial spirit of Bro. Davies, whose Celtic fire is seen at its best when singing "The Union Jack of Old England."

Another interesting incident in Bro. Davies's life was associated with the late Rev. J. C. Campbell, D.D., Rector of Merthyr (see page 99), who took a paternal and spiritual interest in the youth of his parish.



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Architect of Temple.

On an appointed day the rev. gentleman personally waited for Bro. Davies and another youth, and led them by hand to St. David's National Schools. There Bro. Davies remained under the tuition of Mr. Brooks, the headmaster, until 1863, subsequently attending a private school kept by the late Rev. J. Wyndham Lewis, at Aberdare. After leaving school he served his apprenticeship to the building trade with his father, who had at that time contracts in the Merthyr and Mountain Ash districts. He thus obtained a thorough and practical knowledge of building construction in all its phases. During the building of the Merthyr General Hospital, Bro. Davies was the Clerk of the Works. He was afterwards, for three years, in charge of Messrs. Giles and Harrap's building department during the rebuilding of their brewery and other properties. In 1891 he was appointed Building Inspector under the Merthyr Local Board of Health, and he continued in that capacity until the completion of the Town Hall in 1898, when he resigned. He then opened offices at 112, High Street as Architect and Surveyor, where his practical and varied experience secured him in a short time a large connection, his services being frequently in request in important land and building cases as sole arbitrator.

For some years Bro. Davies was a member of the Urban District Council, representing Cyfarthfa Ward, and for the last twenty-four years he has been one of the most faithful and useful members on the Executive Board of the Merthyr General Hospital. For long services to the Merthyr Tradesmen's Benevolent Association he was presented by the members in 1893 with a valuable case of mathematical instruments. He is also a Past President of the Merthyr Chamber of Trade and Commerce, and a member of the Cambrian Archæological Association. Early in life he joined the old Town Library, and was one of the Committee who controlled that useful institution until its absorption under the Free Libraries Act by the Borough Council. Profiting by his association with the Literati of the town, and guided by his knowledge of literature, he has been able to form a fine private library of valuable historical works, many of the volumes being rare first editions, and to students of history these are at all times accessible. In addition to literary works, Bro. Davies is an authority on ancient coinage and medals, and in his collection are to be found many fine specimens of coins, tokens, military and commemorative medals of campaigns and events of the past decades.

Bro. Davies married on February 15th, 1877, and the success which has attended him in life he attributes to the cheerful and amiable partner

of his choice. They reside in the house where Mrs. Davies was born, where they have brought up a family of seven sons and four daughters. Two of the sons are architects in their father's office.

In Masonry Bro. Davies was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on October 5th, 1899, by the late Bro. Angus Mackintosh. For some years he filled several offices, but on account of his time being fully occupied in his own work, he later resigned office. He is also a member of the David Rees Lewis Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Ashlar Lodge, No. 185, M.M.M., Tredegar, and a Founder of the St. Tydfil Lodge, No. 639, of M.M.M., Merthyr.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. F. S. SIMONS.

The W.M. and Officers of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge having resumed their labours, the D.P.G. Master presented Bro. F. Sydney Simons for Installation, and he having assented to the ancient charges, all the Brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired. A board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Simons was very impressively installed by the retiring Master, Bro. R. T. Jones. At the conclusion of the ceremony the D.P.G.M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro. Jones with a Past Master's Jewel, and complimented him very highly on the dignified manner in which he performed his duties.

At this stage a pleasant surprise awaited Bro. Jones. During his year of office he initiated seventeen candidates, and these Brethren arranged themselves in the form of an arch in the centre of the Lodge, Bro. Stephen Pettifor, the senior initiate, addressed Bro. Jones, paying tribute to his excellent qualities, and the high regard in which he was held, not only by his initiates, but by the whole of the Brethren of the Lodge, and he asked him to accept from his initiates a gold sovereign purse, suitably inscribed, and a gold pencil. Bro. Jones thanked his initiates very sincerely for this token of their goodwill.

Here it will be interesting to place on record the names of the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge who signed the Register on that historic occasion.

Wor. Bro. R. T. Jones, W.M.; Col. J. J. Jones, P.M.; J. Jones, I.P.M.; F. S. Simons, S.W.; W. Burr, J.W.; Peter Williams, Chaplain; S. Sandbrook, Treasurer; A. Duncan, Secretary; J. W. Lewis, A.S.; Edward Humphreys, S.D.; J. C. Freedman, J.D.; E. T. Davies, Organist; F. A. Phillips, I.G.; Duncan Macdonald, D.C.; J. Francis A.D.C.; Gilbert Evans, S.S.; J. E. Kenshole, J.S.; Hy. Owen, C.S.; W. H. Jones, Tyler.

Past Masters John Morgan, A. J. Freedman, J. Prag, J. Fraser, J. J. Harvey, W. R. Harris, C. W. Jones, T. Nibloe, J. M. Berry, H. Gittelsohn, D. A. Thomas, D. C. Evans, R. R. Davis, W. W. Jones, M.D.

Bros. Dd. Lewis, Captain H. Hartley Southey, D. D. Williams, John Rogers, T. S. Edwards, H. W. B. Cotterill, A. H. Brown, J. Abelson, S. Pettifor, B. Freedman, T. B. Greene, T. Lewis, G. T. Livsey, W. R. Lewis, D. E. Jones, T. E. Rees, H. Isaacs, W. Owen, R. H. Thomas,, J. E. Biddle, Daniel Evans, J. A. Daniel, G. H. Harber, R. E. Jones. J. A. Harris, J. T. Vaughan, John Quant, R. Edwards-James, W. M. Davies, Hugh Williams, Ralph Livsey, T. Stephen Evans, C. Richardson, White, John Holland, D. C. Williams, H. M. Lloyd, W. L. Evans, Gwilym Phillips, D. Cameron, T. B. Rees, W. J. Canton, Henry Bailey, E. H. Musgrove, W. G. Stone, H. G. Howitt, S. A. Putnam, R. P. Rees, Dd. Jones, John Francis (Fishgard), Washington Bowen, Robt. Gunson, W. M. Macdonald, A. Ll. Jones, M. D. Goodman, Mathias Williams, D. J. Parry, John Dynevor Lloyd, W. Francis, F. P. S. Cresswell, H. Parfitt, D. J. Thomas, Dd. R. Roberts, F. A. E. Coombs.

Visitors :—Prov. H. R. Jones, 3161 ; J. H. Tutten, 3320 ; R. Isaacs, 2720 ; T. E. Morgan, 679 ; D. C. Evans, 1578 ; W. Lewis, 671 ; S. Perkins, Wilfred Daniel, 2948 ; Daniel Evans (Eos Dar), 1578 ; J. B. Cooper, 818 ; E. J. Price, 818 ; James Cornes, 3111 ; R. J. Davies, 2606 ; C. E. Dovey, 960 ; D. W. Powell, 2226 ; J. V. Jenkins, 2606 ; J. C. Jenkins, 2606 ; J. Ball, 2606 ; W. M. Jones, W. H. Merlin, F. J. Smith, 36 ; Robert Scott, 2453 ; A. J. Murton, 1754 ; Thomas Jones, 2647 ; C. H. Priestley, 36 ; A. Bailey, G. Gray, Geo. Price, E. Church, S. Walker, 1992 ; W. Marshall, 2720 ; T. F. Harvey, 818 ; J. Sutherland, 2606 ; E. J. Attwood, 2606 ; Wm. Lloyd, 1992 ; W. Evans, 2357 ; C. D. Richards, 1573 ; J. D. Roberts, 1992 ; F. Hatherway, 1754 ; D. B. Humphries, 1992 ; W. T. Lewis, 2720 ; J. D. Williams, 2570 ; W. Lewis, 1578 ; G. F. Harris, D. M. Williams, T. Williams, 2606 ; F. C. Milner, 2357 ; H. H. Savory, S. T. Netherway, W. Griffiths, J. Lewis, D. J. Williams, J. Aurelius, Hy. Johns, 2606 ; W. H. Trump, Israel Fine, 2226 ; E. L. Thomas, 3161 ; H. P. Charles, 364 ; F. W. Page, 833 ; D. L. Daniel, 1098 ; W. North, 1098 ; R. H. Spencer, 1098 ; W. A. Orchard, 1098 ; J. D. Williams, 833 ; J. C. Jacobs, H. L. Rees, A. Jones, J. Thomas, R. L. Masters, 2226 ; W. J. Broome, 2606 ; W. Jenkins, 2606 ; E. A. Enoch, E. J. Morris, Tudor Evans, 1562 ; A. J. Yorwerth, Clark, James Ward, Jenkin Morgan, 2226 ; S. W. Culley, 36 ; T. E. John, 3161 ; E. Knight, 2226 ; J. Cranford, 1098 ; E. Saunders, 1098 ; J. F. White, 2226 ; W. Rees Williams, 679 ; D. R. Griffiths, 679 ; J. S. Mathe, 679 ; M. J. Harris, 679 ; H. Perkins, 2547.

On February 1st, at the regular Lodge meeting, Bro. R. T. Jones, I.P.M., informed the Brethren that he had received the following appreciative letter from the D.P.G.M. :—

Aberavon, Port Talbot,
January 5th, 1912.

My Dear Sir and Brother,

I cannot refrain from writing to congratulate you and the members of your Lodge upon the great success of your meeting yesterday, and the very satisfactory manner in which all the arrangements were carried through. I am writing to Lord Llangattock by this post, and I am sure he will be glad to hear a good report of your proceedings.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

M. TENNANT.

In the Year of Masonry 1809.

BRO. F. D. SYDNEY SIMONS, W.M.

Bro. Simons, although comparatively a young man, is one of the best known professional and public men in the county. He comes of families who have been closely identified with the industrial and legal life of South Wales for over 100 years. Industry and law have been represented on his father's side since the beginning of the 19th century, whilst his mother's family have been the leading actors in the development of iron manufacture in South Wales during the latter part of the 18th and the first half of the 19th centuries. His great-grandfather, John Evans, one of the most notable and skilled engineers of his time, figures in the history of the iron industry as far back as 1791, when, on his advent to South Wales, he was engaged in erecting and laying out the Ebbw Vale Ironworks. He acted in a similar capacity in connection with Caerphilly, Melingriffith, and Nantyglo Works. In 1808 he became manager of Dowlais Ironworks, under Mr. Thomas Guest (Sir J. J. Guest's father). Here Mr. Evans's ability had full scope in building furnaces and extending the works for the production of iron on a scale hitherto unknown, so that in a few years the Dowlais Works became the largest and most important in the kingdom, if not in the world. Mr. Evans was succeeded in the Dowlais management by his sons John and Thomas. John, who was Bro. Simons's grandfather, became Sir J. J. Guest's right-hand man in the direct management of the Works, and he continued in that capacity, enjoying the full confidence of his employer, until after Sir John's death, when he retired to Sully, where he died



BRO. F. S. SIMONS, P.M.

in 1862. His brother Thomas was engaged more as a commercial and confidential agent, frequently acting as Sir John's deputy, and eventually proceeding to Russia in the interests of the Dowlais Works. In Russia he became on intimate terms with the Emperor Czar Nicholas, of Crimean War note, and it is said that he secured orders for rails from that Monarch sufficient to keep the Dowlais Works active for three years.

Passing to a succeeding generation, Clara Maria, the daughter of John Evans, was married to the late Bro. William Simons (see page 113), and of the issue of that marriage the subject of our sketch is the youngest son. Bro. Simons was born at Gwaunfarren, Merthyr Tydfil, on September 8th, 1870. On attaining school age he attended the Merthyr Preparatory School, subsequently proceeding to Malvern College, and finally completing his education at the University College, Cardiff. He was articled to his father, and admitted to practice as a solicitor in 1893, and after his father's death, in October of that year, he succeeded to the practice carried on since 1860 under the style of Messrs. Simons and Plews.

In the public affairs of the town he has for many years taken a very prominent and active part. He represented the Town Ward on the Urban District Council and afterwards on the Borough Council. His most notable achievement on the District Council was his success in obtaining the Charter of Incorporation for the town. As Chairman of the Committee, and Solicitor for the Incorporation movement, he triumphed over formidable opposition, and on June 21st, 1905, he had the extreme satisfaction of acquainting the inhabitants of Merthyr Tydfil that the Charter had been delivered into his hands. His services ungrudgingly given, were recognised in November, 1906, by his election as the second Mayor of the Borough. Another movement with which his name has been closely associated is the opening of free libraries in the populous areas of the Borough, in connection with which he has been instrumental in obtaining grants amounting to £12,500 from the Carnegie Fund towards the erection of suitable buildings. Reference must also be made to his action in promoting the new Waterworks at Pontsticill, an undertaking estimated to cost £600,000, and which are being constructed by the Borough Council, not for the present or future needs of the Borough itself, but as a speculation in anticipation of the wants of waterless districts in the lower valleys of Glamorgan and Monmouthshire. In addition to the Borough Council, Bro. Simons has taken an active

interest in the Merthyr Chamber of Trade and Commerce, and in 1900 he occupied the Presidential Chair. He is also a Past President of the Federated Chambers of Trade of South Wales and Monmouthshire.

His connection with Freemasonry dates back to 1892, when he was initiated in the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36. He was accepted a joining member of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on November 6th, 1902, and he has proved himself a very active member. He discharged the onerous secretarial duties of the Lodge for two years in succession, and on December 5th, 1911, he was unanimously elected W.M. on the 51st anniversary of his late father's election to the same chair. Bro. Simons is also the First Principal of the David Rees Lewis Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, having been installed on October 15th, 1914, and during his year of office as W.M. he was accepted a member of the Hendre P.M. Lodge, No. 3250.

Here it will be interesting to mention that Bro. Simons's uncle, Bro. B. J. Evans, who was at one time in partnership with Bro. Simons's father, was initiated in the Lodge in 1858. Another member of the family, Bro. Thomas Evans, a first cousin of Bro. Simons's mother, was W.M. of the Lodge in 1860 (see page 112). When the chapter reviewing Bro. Evans's year of office was passing through the Press his identity was not clearly established; it is, therefore, appropriate to mention here that Bro. Evans was a son of Thomas Evans, who is referred to as Sir J. J. Guest's commercial and confidential agent. Bro. Evans, like other members of this notable family, was an official of the Dowlais Iron Company, being for some years colliery manager. He was afterwards appointed Mines Inspector under the first Mines Act, for the South Wales district, and about the year 1864 he was transferred to the Derby and Nottingham Mining districts in a similar capacity.

On the completion of the New Temple, the sanction of the Prov. Grand Master was necessary for the removal of the place of meeting from the old Masonic Hall, Lower High Street. This necessary permit not having been applied for in time for the opening and dedication ceremonies, a special dispensation was granted by the D.P.G.M., Bro. M. Tennant, to enable the Brethren to hold temporary meetings until regular permission would be given. The Dispensation reads as follows:—

“ The Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 110, Merthyr.

You having, by your memorial addressed to the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, representing that it would be to the convenience of the Brethren of your Lodge if they were permitted to remove their Lodge to the New Masonic Temple, Park Terrace, Merthyr, from the Masonic Hall previously used. The Wor. Dep. Prov. Grand Master having given your memorial due consideration has been pleased to accede to your request. You are to cause this dispensation to be entered in the Minute Book of your Lodge.

Given at Neath this 4th day of January, A.L. 5912, A.D. 1912, by command of Marmaduke Tennant, Wor. Dep. Prov. Grand Master of S. Wales (Eastern Division).

GEORGE WHITTINGTON,

Prov. G. Secretary."

In order to conform to Rules 167, 169 and 170, Book of Constitution, and regularise the proceedings of the Brethren, a Lodge of Emergency was convened at the New Temple on January 18th, to pass the following resolution :—" That the Loyal Cambrian Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being No. 110 on the Registry of United Grand Lodge of England, meeting at the hall or place known as the Masonic Hall, High Street, Merthyr Tydfil, be removed therefrom to the building recently erected on a portion of the Penydarren Park. which building is known as the Masonic Temple and is situated in Park Terrace, Merthyr Tydfil." The resolution was proposed by Bro. W. R. Harris, P.M., and seconded by Bro. R. T. Jones, I.P.M., and unanimously agreed to. The Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the resolution to the Grand Secretary and to the P.G.M., and to formally apply for the sanction of Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge for the removal of the place of meeting. The resolution being in conformity with the general regulations of the craft sanction was in due course obtained.

At the regular Lodge meeting in February, Bro. R. T. Jones, I.P.M., informed the Brethren that he had received the following appreciative letter from the D.P.G.M. :—

Aberavon, Port Talbot,

January 5th, 1912.

My Dear Sir and Brother,

I cannot refrain from writing to congratulate you and the members of your Lodge upon the great success of your meeting yesterday, and

the very satisfactory manner in which all the arrangements were carried through. I am writing to Lord Llangatock by this post, and I am sure he will be glad to hear a good report of your proceedings.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

M. TENNANT.

The Treasurer's statement of accounts for the year ending 1911 showed Receipts £579 9s. 11d. Of this sum, £250 was transferred to the Building Fund of the New Temple, £288 19s. 1d. was absorbed in general expenses, and a balance of £40 10s. 10d. remained in the Treasurer's hands. Six candidates were initiated at the March meeting. This number being in excess of that allowed by the regulations, a Dispensation was applied for and granted by the D.P.G.M., Bro. M. Tennant, under date February 24th.

DEATH OF THE P.G.M.

On October 3rd, the W.M., Bro. Simons, immediately on opening the Lodge, and before reading the Minutes, referred in sympathetic terms to the death of the Rt. Wor. Bro. Lord Llangatock, paying eloquent tribute to the great services rendered by his Lordship to Freemasonry, and moving that the sincerest sympathy of the Lodge be conveyed in suitable terms to Lady Llangatock and members of her family. This was unanimously agreed to, and at the meeting held on December 5th, a letter was read from Lady Llangatock, thanking the Brethren for their vote of condolence with her and her family, and intimating that she was despatching a framed photograph of her late husband for the Lodge's acceptance. The photograph was in due course received, and was placed in a prominent position in the Lodge room. The Secretary was directed to convey the thanks of the Lodge to her Ladyship for her thoughtful action.

The Annual Festival was held on January 2nd, when Bro. William Burr was presented for installation by the D.P.G.M., Bro. 1913. Tennant, and duly installed by Bro. F. S. Simons, the outgoing Master. Seventy Brethren and fourteen Visitors were present. The D.P.G.M., acting P.G.M., afterwards presented Bro. Simons with a Past Master's Jewel, and congratulated him on the success of the Lodge during his year of office.

BRO. W. BURR, W.M.

Bro. Burr was born at Chatham, Kent, in December, 1861. His parents afterwards removed to London, and at a young age he was apprenticed with Messrs. T. C. Lewis & Co., Church Organ Builders,



BRO. W. BURR, P.M.

London. He remained with that firm for seven years, acquiring a thorough and practical knowledge of organ construction. He subsequently entered the employment of Messrs. Ajelo & Co., Pianoforte Manufacturers, in order to acquire an insight into that branch of trade, and in 1882 he went to Grantham for three years to obtain a knowledge of wholesale and retail trading. He came to Merthyr in 1885, and for four years he acted as principal tuner and agent for Messrs. Thompson and Shackell, gaining further business experience. In 1889 he opened a music Emporium on his own account at Pontmorlais Circus, where from his technical and practical knowledge, and a close attention to details, he built up in a few years a most successful business.

He was initiated in the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on November 6th, 1902, and his labours in connection with the Lodge have been performed with the thoroughness characteristic of his business methods—all in time and order, soliciting no favours, nor countenancing unnecessary interference. He is also the third Principal of the David Rees Lewis Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and a member of the Hendre P.M. Lodge, No. 3226.

Bro. Simons, I.P.M., referred to his ruling from the chair of the Lodge at the December meeting, relative to the election of Treasurer, when only one candidate was put forward. Bro. Simons ruled on that occasion that no ballot was necessary. His action was called in question, and his attention drawn to the Bye-law of the Lodge on the subject, in consequence of which he wrote to Wor. Bro. Tennant, acting P.G.M., for guidance, and having received a reply he informed the Brethren that the acting Prov. Grand Master upheld the view that when there was no competing candidate a ballot was not necessary.

A letter was read from Sir Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, at the Lodge meeting on March 7th, soliciting a donation of £2 2s. towards the cost of purchasing 1,700 Grand Lodge Certificates and Warrants, which had been collected by Wor. Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, P.G.O., and which were offered to Grand Lodge for £2,000. On the motion of Bro. John Morgan, P.M., seconded by Bro. W. W. Jones, M.D., P.M., and supported by Bro. James Fraser, P.M., 21s. was voted from the funds of the Lodge towards the purchase.

At the Lodge meeting on June 5th, the W.M., Bro. Burr, informed the Brethren that a movement was in progress to promote a memorial

to the late Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Llangattock, in connection with which he had received a circular letter from Wor. Bro. Tennant, D.P.G.M., as follows:—

Aberavon, May 23rd, 1913.

Mr. Dear Sir and Wor. Brother,

Proposed Memorial to late Rt. Wor. Prov. G. Master,
Lord Llangattock.

Sometime ago I received a circular letter from Mr. Raglan Somerset, of Raglan, Mon., convening a meeting of the friends of the deceased, to consider the question of a suitable memorial, and on the 19th December it was decided to raise a fund for the purpose. It was further decided (1st) That a memorial tablet be placed in the Parish Church at Monmouth; (2nd) To endow a bed at the Monmouth Hospital; (3rd) That any surplus after providing for the above objects should be devoted to the Cripples' Home for Boys and Girls at Chailey, Sussex, in which the deceased had taken a great interest.

The appeal for support for the above objects having been made to me as representing the Masons in the Province of the Eastern Division of South Wales, I am anxious to know the wishes of the Brethren of the Province before taking any further steps in the matter, and it appears to me that the best way of ascertaining the views of the Brethren is to address the Wor. Master of each Lodge in the Province, and by asking him to bring the subject before the notice of the members of his Lodge. The questions to which I ask a reply are—(1st) Are you, as Masons, in favour of raising or subscribing to a memorial fund to the late Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master; (2nd) If so, are you in favour of subscribing to the fund as before described; or (3rd) Are you in favour of raising a separate fund? (4th) If you are in favour of raising a separate fund from the Province, what form of memorial would you suggest?

It has occurred to me that if a separate fund is to be raised by the Brethren of the Province it should be devoted to one or more of the Masonic Charities in all of which the late Prov. Grand Master took a deep interest. A right of presentation to the Boys and Girls' School might be purchased, but unless you could afford to purchase a presentation to each of those Schools a difficulty in the selection would at once arise.

An alternative scheme might be considered, viz., that of increasing the usefulness of our Home Charities. It has lately been suggested that the funds of this Charity, which at present are only available for the

benefit of widows and children of deceased Masons, should be extended and made available for the benefit of old and infirm Masons in the Province, and I have reason to believe that this suggestion has the support of the general body of Freemasons in the Province. Under these circumstances the Brethren of your Lodge might consider the desirability of devoting the Memorial Fund to extend the usefulness of the Home Charities in the way indicated.

I am particularly anxious not to influence the minds of any of the Brethren, and that the before-mentioned suggestions are simply made for the purpose of assisting the Brethren in considering the questions set before them. An early reply will oblige, so that some decision may be arrived at by the Prov. Grand Lodge Committee at their next meeting.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

M. TENNANT, D.P.G.M.

The Brethren having considered the various suggestions put forward by the D.P.G.M., favoured the extension of the benefits of the Home Charities, and on the motion of Bro. W. R. Harris, P.M., seconded by Bro. John Morgan, P.M., and supported by the W.M., it was agreed "That in the opinion of this Lodge it is desirable that if sufficient funds can be collected for the purpose, the usefulness of the Home Charities should be extended, and that the funds should be made available for the relief of aged and infirm Masons as well as widows and children of deceased Masons."

On September 4th, Bro. Walter Wake, King Alfred Lodge, No. 3169, Weston-super-Mare, attended the Lodge, and presented the portrait in oil and Masonic Jewels of his late father, Bro. Thomas Wake, a Past Master of the Lodge (see page 192). At the same meeting Bro. John Morgan gave an interesting account of the work done at the Management Committee of the Home Charities, and stated that £315 had been voted for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Masons in the Province for the ensuing twelve months.

APPOINTMENT OF PROV. GRAND MASTER.

After the death of the Rt. Wor. Bro. Lord Llangattock in the previous September, the Province of the Eastern Division was without a Grand Master to direct its Masonic affairs until the appointment of Bro. Col. C. L. Venables Llewelyn, notification of which was conveyed to the Lodge by a communication from the Grand Secretary as follows :—

United Grand Lodge,
Freemasons Hall, London,
August 23rd, 1913.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have pleasure in informing you that the Grand Master has been pleased to appoint Brother Lieut.-Col. C. L. Venables Llewelyn, of Lysdinain, J.P., Provincial Grand Master for the Province of South Wales, Eastern Division, in succession to the late Rt. Wor. Brother Rt. Hon. Lord Llangattock.

Yours fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. C. L. Venables Llewelyn was installed at Swansea on October 27th, several of the Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge being present.

A very important circular letter from Grand Lodge was read at the meeting on December 4th, stating that the Board of General Purposes unanimously agreed at a meeting on February 18th, "That a special Committee be appointed to consider whether it is advisable and necessary for the better government of the Craft to alter the present constitution of Grand Lodge, and if so, to prepare a scheme of reform." A Committee was accordingly appointed, and reported that without hesitation they were of opinion that, while no alteration in the Constitution of Grand Lodge is at present necessary, it is of urgent importance to improve the methods for the administrative ruling and governing of the Craft. The Grand Lodge of England, comprising about 40,000 members, being too large and variable in its composition to be used as a representative and effective body for the discharge of the administrative, legislative and judicial functions which, by its Constitutions, are entrusted to it. The remedy suggested is the election of a Grand Council, consisting of about 400 members, to be elected by the Craft and to hold office for a term of three years, the methods of election to be on the basis of one representative for every ten Lodges in a Province or district. And regarding London, comprising 725 Lodges, which have no connection with one another, being directly under the authority of the Grand Master, it is suggested that they should be placed on the same footing as those in the Provinces and Districts, for which purpose it is recommended that the London area be divided into ten Metropolitan Provinces of and controlled by an equal number of Prov. Grand Lodges, in the same manner as the existing Provinces and Districts, and with like officers.

The adoption of this scheme would necessitate the re-adjustment of the system of contribution to Grand Lodge Funds, and in order to do this it is suggested that a uniform registration fee of one guinea for initiation be made in order that there would be no loss to the funds of Grand Lodge. Further recommendations are that on the establishment of Metropolitan Grand Lodges no further appointments are to be made to London Rank, and that the regular meetings of Grand Lodge shall take place twice a year, and that meetings of the Grand Council are to be held on such days and at such intervals as may be necessary; that Lodges abroad not under any district be grouped under the name of Oversea Divisions, and have representatives allotted to them according to the circumstances of each case.

Such briefly is a summary of the most important reforms suggested since the Union in 1813, and the Committee's summing-up is worth quoting in full: "No time could be more fitting than the present for entertaining the idea of the great changes which are proposed. It is the year of the Centenary of the Union, and we submit that there could be no more appropriate manner of celebrating the close of the important epoch which has passed than that of endeavouring to 'set our house in order,' and to fortify it afresh against the ravages of time and the dangers that may possibly arise during that further epoch of even greater expansion and activity to which all true Freemasons look forward with joy and hope."

Every Lodge under the English Constitution was directed to consider the proposals, and make a return to Grand Lodge within a month. The proposals were explained to the Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge by Bro. John Morgan, P.M., after which a vote was taken as follows:—

Number of Brethren present and entitled to vote on					
December 4th, 1913	...	...	...	...	51
For the Proposed Scheme	...	...	...	...	50
Against	...	...	...	...	1

The adverse vote was given by Bro. Putnam, as a protest against supporting proposals which the Brethren had not had an opportunity of considering or discussing, and the attitude he had taken up was singularly justified by a further communication from Grand Lodge, under date January 24th, 1914, stating that it had been reported to the Board of General Purposes that some doubt existed in the minds of various Brethren as to the precise questions upon which Grand Lodge had desired their vote. It also stated: "In order to ensure the possession

of information regarding the views of the Craft as a whole on the essential principles embodied in the proposals (presented as a complete scheme, affecting the Provincial, London, and Oversea Lodges alike, the parts of which, therefore, are interdependent), Grand Lodge determined that a vote should be taken in every Lodge upon the question whether those principles were, or were not, to furnish the basis of re-organization. These essential principles are :—

- (1) The establishment of a Grand Council ; and
- (2) The division of London into Metropolitan Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge reserve the right to decide if the Craft approve the principles of the proposals, and the manner of preparing the necessary alterations in the Book of Constitution."

Beyond this stage further progress cannot be reported. The scheme appears reasonable and just, and if adopted will place all Lodges under the English Constitution on a level of equality.

The Annual Festival was held on January 1st. Bro. Alexander Duncan, M.B., was presented for installation, and duly installed 1914. by Bro. Burr, the retiring Master. Bro. Duncan Macdonald, P.M., D.C., afterwards presented Bro. Burr with a Past Master's Jewel on behalf of the Lodge, in appreciation of his work during his year of office.

BRO. ALEXANDER DUNCAN, M.B., W.M.

Bro. Duncan was born at Glasgow in 1866. He received his early education at Allan Glen School in that city, and after matriculating he entered Glasgow University, graduating in 1887. Two years later he proceeded to India, to take up a practice in the District of Assam, where he remained for nine years. In 1908 he returned to England, and in the same year he obtained his D.P.H. Diploma, University of Cambridge. He subsequently held several London Hospital appointments, specialising in diseases of the throat and ear, and for some time he was House Surgeon to the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital. He came to Merthyr in 1902, to succeed the late Dr. Simons, whose practice and residence, "The Hollies," he acquired. He was appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Borough, in succession to Dr. Thomas, in 1905, shortly before the Incorporation of the Borough, and being a man of few words but decided actions, he has been responsible for great improvements in the sanitation of congested areas. His work in this direction is still going on, and when completed Merthyr will rank as one of the



BRO. ALEXANDER DUNCAN, M.B., D.P.H.,
Wor. Master, 1914.

healthiest of towns. In local sporting circles he is Chairman of the Directors of the Merthyr Town Football Company, Limited, in connection with which he takes a keen and active part in the management of the Association Team.

His connection with Masonry began in 1900, when he was initiated in the Cavendish Lodge, No. 2620, London. On coming to Merthyr he joined the Loyal Cambrian Lodge on December 4th, 1902. In 1911 he discharged very efficiently the secretarial duties of the Lodge, and having occupied the Wardens' chairs he was elected W.M. in December. He is also a Companion of the David Rees Lewis Chapter, a member of the Ashlar Lodge, No. 185, of M.M.M., Tiedegar, Founder and J.W. of the St. Tydfil Lodge, No. 639, M.M.M., and member of the Hendre P.M. Lodge, Cardiff.

On February 5th the Secretary read a communication from Grand Lodge relating to Rule 150 of the Book of Constitutions, which was amended by Grand Lodge on September 13th, 1913, as follows:—Rule 150. “No Brother subject to the English jurisdiction shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he be personally known to, and vouched for, by one of the Brethren present, or unless he shall be well vouched for, after due examination, and no Brother who is not subject to the English jurisdiction shall be admitted unless his Certificate shows that he has been initiated according to the ancient rites and ceremonies in a Lodge professing belief in T.G.A.O.T.U., and not unless he himself shall acknowledge that his belief is an essential land-mark of the Order. In all cases satisfactory proof of identity must be produced if required, and every visitor during his presence in the Lodge is subject to its bye-laws.”

The great European War broke out on July 28th, by the declaration of war by Austria against Servia, followed three days later by the declaration of war by Germany against Russia and France. The invasion of Belgium by Germany, and the violation thereby of the neutrality of that country caused Great Britain to declare war against Germany and Austria. This was followed by the despatch of a large Expeditionary Force to France, under Sir John French, and the call of Lord Kitchener for 1,000,000 recruits. In order to alleviate distress likely to arise, and support the families of those serving their country, the Prince of Wales opened a National Relief Fund, which at the present time (October 31st) exceeds £3,546,000. At the Lodge meeting on September 3rd, the Secretary, Bro. David Jones, informed the Brethren that he had received the following telegram from Buckingham Palace:—

“ You will have seen in the newspapers that the Prince of Wales is raising a National Relief Fund, to alleviate the acute distress which must inevitably arise on account of the War. Your Masonic Lodge has been suggested by the Committee to His Royal Highness as a body from whom a subscription may be expected. I am directed by His Royal Highness's Committee to express a hope that the Fund will receive a subscription from your body during the next few days.

FREDERICK PONSONBY.”

The W.M., Bro. A. Duncan, in view of the subscriptions given by individual members to the Prince's Relief Fund, proposed that a sum of only five guineas be voted from the Funds of the Lodge. This was unanimously agreed to. A communication bearing on the same subject was read from Prov. Grand Lodge, stating that at the Prov. Grand Lodge Committee the following resolution was passed :—“ That this meeting of P.G.L. Committee of the Eastern Division of South Wales, holden at Swansea on August 27th, 1914, wishes to express its appreciation of the several Lodges of the Province for the very generous help already given or promised to the Prince of Wales and other Funds established to relieve distress and suffering during the War, and further, that whilst not wishing to interfere in the domestic arrangements of any Lodge, it expresses the hope and belief that every Lodge will economise as much as possible in their expenditure, and that the Annual Banquets will be dispensed with and a light supper or refreshments substituted therefor, this course being more in keeping with the tone and spirit of Freemasonry, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to every Lodge in the Province.”

It was unanimously resolved to agree to the recommendations of the P.G.L. Committee during the continuance of the War.

Bro. John Morgan, P.M., referred to the excellent services rendered by Bro. Stephen Pettifor, Charity Steward, in collecting for the Masonic Educational and Widows' Fund the record sum of £110 4s. 6d., and he moved that the appreciation of the Lodge be recorded on the Minutes. This was seconded by the W.M., and cordially agreed to.

The total contributions towards the Home Charities by the Prov. Grand Lodge, Brethren and Lodges of the Province for the year ending August 31st, 1914, amounted to £1,467 6s. 0d. The Grants voted for the ensuing year amount to £501 15s. 0d., being £116 more than for last year. The Dependents number 51, and the Grants to each vary from £10 to £40. The value of investments, £12,480 8s. 0d. ; cash on deposit, £1,638 0s. 1d. ; a total of £14,118 8s. 1d.

Our task is now completed—we have overtaken the race of time, and bid adieu with the knowledge that for some years to come the government of the Lodge will be in the hands of zealous and expert Brethren. The year is far advanced, and the Senior Warden, Bro. J. W. Lewis, a legal gentleman of standing, is preparing himself for the duties of the chair, whilst the Junior Warden, Bro. J. C. Freedman, a Brother of long Masonic experience and proved ability, will move a stage nearer to the goal, enabling the worthy Secretary, Bro. David Jones, to climb another rung and thus receive the “qualifying mark of approval” for higher office. Along the ladder we find

Bro. Peter Williams, P.P.G., Chaplain. Bro. T. Stephen Evans, Reg.
 Bro. S. Sandbrook, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Bro. Henry Parfitt, S.S.
 Treasurer.

Bro. Duncan. Macdonald, P.M., Bro. W. G. Stone, J.S.
 P.P.G.J.W., D.C.

Bro. F. A. Phillips, A.S.

Bro. A. H. Brown, A.S.

Bro. John Francis, S.D.

Bro. W. G. David, A.S.

Bro. T. Gilbert Evans, J.D.

Bro. Stephen Pettifor, C.S.

Bro. Henry Owen, I.G.

Bro. J. A. Wilson, Almoner

Bro. I. B. Rees, A.D.C.

Bro. E. T. Davies, Organist.

Bro. W. H. Jones, P.P.G.T., Tyler

—all Brethren of the highest integrity, and of years of Masonic experience. As the century progresses may the Lodge prosper, and may each representative of K.S. deliver to his successor the Charter or Warrant of the Lodge “pure and unsullied.”





CHAPTER X.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

THE Royal Arch Degree is supposed to have been evolved from the traditions relating to the Master's Part—the loss and recovery of the sacred word, at a date subsequent to the revival of 1717. Bro. Dr. Chetwode Crawley says “that it was a systematic and lawful development of Ancient doctrine involved in the growth of the three Degrees themselves.” Further, he says, “Just as the Third Degree had become developed between A.D. 1717 and A.D. 1723, owing to the requirements of more space and time for the adequate communication of its weighty moral teachings than had been available under the system of the two Degrees, so its concluding portion had become consolidated into a further Degree under the style and title of the Royal Arch.” The earliest reference to the Degree is in the Minutes of Lodge No. 21, Youghal, Ireland, where it is stated that the “Royal Arch was carried by two excellent Masons” before the Master. There is another reference in Dr. Dassigny's *Serious and Impartial Enquiry*, published in Dublin in 1744, to an assembly of Royal Arch Masons at York. The third record is to be found in the proceedings of the Grand Committee of the Ancients on March 14th, 1752, when a charge was brought against Thos. Phealow and John Macky, known as “Leg of Mutton Masons,” for “making clandestinely Arch Masons for the mean consideration of a leg of mutton for dinner or supper.” Bro. Laurence Dermot, the Grand Secretary of the Ancients, examined Macky, and found that he had not the “least idea or knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry.” It is clear from this that Bro. Laurence Dermot was acquainted with the Degree prior to his appointment as Grand Secretary, probably before coming to London, and that to him must be given the credit of reviving, if not of actually introducing it, in the English Craft.

The Degree was adopted by the Ancients early in their history, and is described by Laurence Dermot as the "root, heart, and marrow of Freemasonry, the foundation of our whole Masonic structure." Ancient Masonry is defined in *Ahiman Rezon* as consisting of four Degrees, the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and the Holy Royal Arch, or Fourth Degree. The Ancients worked the Degree in their Craft Lodges, every Lodge possessing the right to form itself into a Chapter whenever necessary. Consequently, Royal Arch Warrants for the formation of separate Chapters were not required by the Ancients until after the union of the two Grand Chapters in 1817.

The Degree was conferred on Masters of Lodges and Past Masters who had received the unanimous vote of their Lodge for that purpose, but, as this qualification prevented many worthy Brethren from being admitted, a qualifying custom was introduced of passing Brethren through the chair without serving the office of Master. Laurence Dermot, who desired to restrict the Degree to Masters and Past Masters, referred to the custom in Grand Lodge in 1771, and denounced the practice as "scandalous." The custom was, nevertheless, continued in some Lodges and Chapters down to 1850 (see page 85), although the necessity of such proceedings appears to have been removed by Article II. in the Act of Union of 1813, where it is declared that "Pure Ancient 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." If any doubt existed as to the necessity of the ceremony of passing the chair, after the pronouncement of the Act of Union, it was removed in 1826, when the United Grand Chapter issued regulations declaring such practice illegal.

Under the Scotch, Irish, and American Constitutions, which were not affected by the changes which took place in the English Craft by the Union of 1813, it is still necessary for candidates for the Royal Arch to be in possession of the secrets of a Past Master, but this does not confer upon them the rights of a Past Master. The qualifying grades are:—1st, E.A. ; 2nd, F.C. ; 3rd, M.M. ; 4th, Mark Master ; 5th, Past Master ; 6th, Most Excellent Master ; 7th, Royal Arch. In Scotland the qualifying grades are similar, but in Ireland there is a slight difference, the 4th Degree being Past Master ; 5th, Excellent Master ; 6th, Super Excellent, and the 7th, Royal Arch. The Ancient Grand Chapter was formed in 1771, six years after that of the Moderns, and continued to

control Ancient Arch Masonry until the Union of the Grand Chapters in 1817. The Moderns adopted the Royal Arch Degree soon after its introduction by the Ancients, but the Modern Grand Lodge in 1759 prohibited the working of the Degree in their Craft Lodges, and no particulars of the Arch transactions were allowed to appear on the Lodge Minutes.

This prohibition necessitated the formation of Chapters, separate from the Craft Lodges, and over which the Modern Grand Lodge had no authority. The earliest separate Chapter Minutes of the Moderns commences in 1765, and in 1767 the first Grand Chapter was formed for the better government of the Order. Warrants of Constitution were first issued in 1769, and the fee for Exaltation was fixed at five guineas. The qualification required under the Ancients' system of candidates passing through the chair was not necessary in many of the Modern Chapters, whilst in a few it was regularly observed. The Regulations of 1782 stipulated that candidates must have passed through the probationary Degrees of Craft Masonry. This left the Moderns discretionary powers in their mode of procedure. The Royal Arch is the only Degree recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England, outside the Craft Degrees. In the Articles of Union of 1813, the Degree is acknowledged as forming only part of Craft Masonry, consequently Chapters are required to attach themselves to Craft Lodges. The Union of the two Grand Chapters did not take place until 1817. The Grand Chapters then united under the title of United Grand Chapter. This title was changed in 1822 to that of Supreme Grand Chapter.

The ceremony of Installing the Principals of a Chapter came into vogue in 1818. Previous to this the Principals were inducted into the chair without any ceremony being performed. A regulation was also issued in 1826, that no companion was eligible for election into either of the Principal's Chairs unless he was a Master or a Past Master of a Lodge. In 1835, the Companions were excluded from the opening of a Chapter, and this rule continued in force until 1902, when they regained their former privilege. Another regulation was issued in 1843, reducing the period of time between Raising and Exalting to four weeks. Previous to this it was necessary in some Chapters for candidates to be at least twelve months Master Masons before being accepted as candidates for the Arch Degree.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS IN THE EASTERN DIVISION
OF SOUTH WALES IN 1914.

St. John's Chapter, No. 36, Cardiff. Constituted, 1855.

Talbot Chapter, No. 1323, Swansea. Constituted 1872.

Tennant Chapter, No. 1754, Swansea. Constituted 1887.

Naunton Davies Chapter, No. 1578, Pontypridd. Constituted 1887.

Sir George Elliot Chapter, No. 900, Cardiff. Constituted 1887.

David Rees Lewis Chapter, No. 110, Merthyr. Constituted 1889.

Marmaduke Tennant Chapter, No. 1992, Cardiff. Constituted 1894.

Barry Chapter, No. 2357, Barry. Constituted 1911.

THE "DAVID REES LEWIS" CHAPTER.

The Brethren of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge made several attempts to establish a Royal Arch Chapter under the Banner of the Lodge. Bro. Samuel Richardson, a Companion of Chapter No. 528, Bath, summoned a Lodge of Emergency in 1832, to consider the "propriety of opening a Chapter," and in 1834 a committee was appointed to enquire into the state of the Funds of the Lodge, to "ascertain if they would admit of purchasing furniture for a Chapter." Again in 1842, Bro. Dr. Dyke moved "that a Royal Arch Chapter be established, and that £30 be set apart out of the Funds of the Lodge to defray the expenses, and that Bros. Russell, Powell, Creswick, Wolridge, Thomas Davies and himself be answerable for the repayment of the money." These several attempts failed for want of enthusiasm, and no further steps were taken until May 6th, 1897, when, on the motion of Bro. J. Prag, seconded by Bro. Angus Mackintosh, it was resolved that all the Royal Arch Masons in the Lodge form a committee for the purpose of establishing a Chapter.

The movement was this time successful, and this was due largely to the efforts of Companion Duncan Macdonald. Comp. Macdonald was exalted in the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 1098, in 1895, and in 1898 he was installed First Principal. From the first he exerted himself to induce Brethren from the Loyal Cambrian Lodge to become Royal Arch Masons, with the object of founding a Royal Arch Chapter in Merthyr. On Lodge night August 4th, 1898, he was able to inform the Brethren that a memorial had been prepared by Wor. Bro. D. R. Lewis, and signed by the Companions resident in Merthyr, for the formation of a Chapter, and that it was then under the consideration of Wor. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, the Grand Superintendent of the Province, and on October 6th following, it was announced that the Charter had been

received, and awaited the signatures of the founders. The founders were—

Comp. David Rees Lewis, "Naunton Davies" Chapter, Pontypridd.			
„ Duncan Macdonald, Prince of Wales Chapter, Tredegar.			
„ Angus Mackintosh	„	„	„
„ T. Nibloe	„	„	„
„ Julius Prag	„	„	„
„ J. C. Freedman	„	„	„
„ A. I. Freedman	„	„	„
„ H. Gittelsohn	„	„	„
„ W. G. Stone	„	„	„
„ Robt. Owen	„	„	„
„ John Morgan	„	„	„

It was unanimously decided to name the Chapter the "Rees Lewis" Chapter, but in the following August the name was changed by permission regularly obtained from Sir Edward Letchworth, the Grand Superintendent, to that of the "David Rees Lewis" Chapter. The Loyal Cambrian Lodge generously advanced £50 free of interest to the Companions, and granted them the use of the Lodge room free of rent for two years. The Chapter was duly consecrated on November 23rd, 1899. The Grand Superintendent of the Province, M. Ex-Companion Marmaduke Tennant, performed the ceremony, assisted by the officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter. The first Principals were installed by M. Ex-Comp. S. Cooper, P.G.H., as follows:—

Ex-Comp. David Rees Lewis,	Z.
Ex-Comp. Duncan Macdonald, P.Z.	H.
Ex-Comp. Angus Mackintosh	J.

The other officers were:—

Comp. H. Gittelsohn, Treasurer.	Comp. John Morgan, 1st A.S.
Comp. T. Nibloe, S.N.	Comp. A. I. Freedman, 2nd A.S.
Comp. Julius Prag, S.E.	Comp. J. C. Freedman, S.
Comp. W. M. Macdonald, P.S.	Comp. W. G. Stone, S.
Comp. David Hughes, Organist.	

The first year of the Chapter opened out very promising. Twelve candidates were Exalted, and in four months' time the Treasurer was able to repay £25 of the loan, and the balance was paid in less than eighteen months. At the Annual Installation on October 11th, 1900, the Companions, to mark their appreciation of the valued services of M. Ex-Comp. D. R. Lewis, first Z., presented him with a beautifully illuminated address and a P.Z.'s Jewel. The *Merthyr Express* for that

period describes the framed address as follows:—"The Address was encased in a handsome real English gold frame, bearing emblems of Masonry at each corner, and surmounted by the Prince of Wales' Plume. At the head of the address is an excellent photograph of the honoured recipient, and his monogram at the bottom. At the corners are—first, a fac-simile of the Jewel of office; second, seal of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge depicting the martyrdom of St. Tydfil; fourth, the Bible and Masonic tools. The address and frame were designed by Comp. James Fraser."

CHAPTER'S SEAL.

In December, 1905, the Companions adopted a Seal, with M. Ex-Comp. Lewis's photograph engraved in the centre, designed by the writer, as a further mark of their esteem, and in February, 1912, a beautifully carved oak canopy was placed over the chair of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge by one of the Companions, as a memorial and lasting tribute to the M. Ex-Comp. D. R. Lewis.

The Chapter has continued in a strong financial position, the funds at present (1913) on deposit exceeding £100, but during recent years the membership has remained stationary. The number on the Register at the end of December, 1913, was 64.

PAST FIRST PRINCIPALS.

M. E. Comp.	David Rees Lewis, P.P.G.D.C.	...	1899—00
"	Duncan Macdonald, P.P.G.S.D.	...	1900—1
"	Angus Mackintosh, P.P.1st.A.S.	...	1901—2
"	John Morgan, P.G.H.	...	1902—3
"	John J. Jones, P.P.G.R.	...	1903—4
"	John Williams, P.P.G.S.N.	...	1904—5
"	Hermann Gittelsohn, P.P.G.P.S.	...	1905—6
"	W. W. Jones, M.D., P.P.G.S.B.	...	1906—7
"	Thomas Nibloe, P.P.G.S.B.	...	1907—8
"	David Hughes, P.P.1st.A.S.	...	1908—9
"	James Fraser, P.P.G. Treasurer	...	1909—10
"	James Fraser " "	...	1910—11
"	A. I. Freedman, P.P.G.S.B.	...	1911—12
"	Rev. Peter Williams, P.P.G.P.S.	...	1912—13
"	Rich. Theo. Jones, P.P.G.S.B.	...	1913—14

PRINCIPALS INSTALLED FOR 1914—15.

M. E. Comp.	F. D. Sydney Simons	...	Z
"	J. Mosley Jones	...	H.
"	W. Burr	...	J.



MARK MASONRY.



SHORT account of the Mark Degree may be interesting in view of the recent formation of a Mark Lodge in Merthyr. Mark Masonry derived its name from the ancient custom of operative Masons choosing a mark by which their work was known to their overseers. This custom is one of the oldest in connection with operative Masons, and at the present day skilled operative Masons regularly use a distinctive mark. On most of the old buildings and cathedrals of Europe Masons' marks are to be found, and it is said that clear and distinct marks can be discerned on the inner walls of the Egyptian Pyramids. The best examples in this country are to be found in Roslyn Chapel, near Edinburgh.

In connection with Scotch Masonry, the choosing of a mark can be traced back to the early part of the 16th century. The Schaw Statutes of 1598 set forth that no Master of Fellow Craft should be received or admitted except in the presence of six Masters and two Entered Apprentices, and his name and mark entered in a book. William Schaw was the principal Architect in Scotland in the latter part of the 16th century, and superintended the building of several of the Royal Palaces. He died in 1608. In the German Steinmetzen regulations of 1563 it is enacted, "That no one shall alter, of his own will and power, his mark which has been granted and lent him by a Craft; but if he ever desire to alter it he shall only do it with the knowledge, will and approval of the whole Craft." In another clause it is decreed that no Master shall withhold his work from an Apprentice for a further space than fourteen days, unless he has wasted his master's time.—Gould's *History of Masonry*.

The earliest Minutes relating to the Mark are to be found in records of Kilwining Lodge, No. 0, for December, 1642, where it is stated that

the majority of the Brethren present signed the Book, and "appended their mark." This appears to have been a regular custom, and numerous examples of it are to be found in the records of the old Scotch Lodges. A most interesting record relating to the Mark is to be found in the Minutes of the Banff Lodge for 1778. It is supposed that at one time the Degree was divided into two parts, the Mark "Man" being conferred on the Fellow Craft, and the Mark "Master" on the Master or Architect. In the Banff Minutes this arrangement is clearly recorded. In connection with English Masonry the earliest known Minutes relating to the Mark Degree in its speculative form is found in the records of the Phoenix Chapter of Portsmouth for September 1st, 1769. There it is related that the "Grand Master, Thomas Dunckerley, brought the Warrant of the Chapter, and having lately received the Mark he made the Brethren Mark Masons and Mark Masters, and each choose their Mark."

The Degree appears to have been regularly worked under the Craft and Royal Arch Warrants of both the Ancients and Moderns, but at the Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813 pure Ancient Masonry was defined as consisting of the three Degrees, including the Royal Arch, and no more, consequently the working of the Mark Degree in the Lodges and Chapters had to be discontinued, and in many cases the Lodges were allowed to lapse. A few Lodges in different parts of the country, however, continued an isolated and independent existence down to 1851. In that year several Mark Masons in London applied to the "Bon Accord" Chapter of Aberdeen for a Warrant to constitute a Mark Lodge. The Warrant was granted, and a Lodge was formed bearing the name of the Mother Chapter, the "Bon Accord." This was the turning point in the history of English Mark Masonry.

In 1855 the Board of General Purposes appointed a Committee, in conjunction with a Committee from the Grand Chapter, to consider whether the Mark Degree could be deemed part of Ancient Masonry. The Committee reported that they were of opinion that the Mark Masons Degree did not form any part of the Royal Arch Degree, and that it was not essential to Craft Masonry, but as it did not militate against the universality of Masonry they considered that it would form a graceful addition to the Fellow Crafts' Degree. This report was considered by Grand Lodge on March 5th, 1856, when it was resolved "That the Degree of Mark Mason, or Mark Master, is not at variance with the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, and that the Degree be an addition to and form

part of Craft Masonry, and consequently may be conferred by all regular warranted Lodges under such regulations as shall be prepared by the Board of General Purposes."

This resolution was approved and sanctioned by the Grand Master, and regulations were drawn up for the working of the Degree, but when the matter came up for consideration at the quarterly communication it was urged that it was a violation of the Articles of Union, and that no man or body of men could make innovations in the body of Masonry, and the non-confirmation of this part of the Minutes dealing with the Mark Degree was moved and carried. The Mark Masons having failed in their attempt to obtain recognition from the English Craft, applied to the Grand Chapter of Scotland for Warrants for the formation of Mark Lodges, and several Lodges were in this way constituted in different parts of England.

In the meantime, the "Bon Accord" formed itself into a Grand Mark Lodge, and although not received very cordially at first by the "Time Immemorial" Lodges, they eventually threw in their lot, with the result that in the course of a few years Mark Masonry became consolidated under the title of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, and independent of either Craft or Royal Arch Chapters. In this respect it differs from both the Scotch and Irish usages. In Scotland the Mark Degree is conferred in both Craft Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters, but in Ireland it is controlled by the Grand Chapter only. At the present time there are 605 Lodges under the English Mark Constitution, with a total membership of about 63,000, increasing at the rate of about 2,000 per annum. In connection with the Order there is a Charity Fund, which is divided into Benevolent, Educational, and Annuity Branches. The Fund was established in 1869. Since that year £10,393 12s. has been distributed in relief and grants, and £7,639 8s. for Educational purposes. The Benevolent Festival was presided over in 1913 by the R.W. Bro. Robert Lock, Prov. Grand Master for South Wales, and the amount subscribed by all the Lodges totalled £3,081 12s. 4d.

ST. TYDFIL LODGE, NO. 639, OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The St. Tydfil Lodge is as yet in its infancy. The first meeting in connection with its formation was held on February 24th, 1912. It was then decided to form a Lodge in Merthyr, and to approach Wor. Bro. Col. J. J. Jones with the object of inducing him to become a Mark Master Mason, and to accept the office of the first Wor. Master. Bro. Col. Jones,

- Bro. Rich. Theo. Jones, Treasurer, Arthur Lewis Lodge, No. 585.
 Bro. H. Gittelsohn, Registrar of Marks, Ashlar Lodge, No. 185.
 Wor. Bro. A. I. Freedman (P.G.J.W.), Secretary " "
 Bro. Dr. C. Richardson White, S.D. " "
 Bro. F. A. Phillips, J.D., Arthur Lewis Lodge, No. 585.
 Wor. Bro. W. W. Jones (M.D.), P.P.G.S.O., D.C., Ashlar Lodge,
 No. 185.
 Bro. Henry Owen, P.G.S.B., I.G., Ashlar Lodge, No. 185.
 Bro. W. G. David, Organist, Ashlar Lodge, No. 185.
 Bro. Arthur Llewellyn Jones, S.S., Ashlar Lodge, No. 185.
 Bro. William M. Macdonald, J.S., Ashlar Lodge, No. 185.
 Bro. Stephen Pettifor, Charity Steward, Ashlar Lodge, No. 185.
 Bro. H. W. Jones, Tyler.
 Wor. Bro. James Fraser, P.G.J.O., 18°, Ashlar Lodge, No. 185.
 Wor. Bro. J. C. Freedman, P.G.S.D. " "
 Bro. F. A. E. Coombs, P.P.G.M.O. " "
 Bro. C. J. Black, P.P.G.I.G. " "
 Bro. Horace G. Brown, M.D. " "
 Bro. Harry Hartley Southey " "
 Bro. Charles Morgan Davies " "
 Bro. Mathias Williams " "
 Bro. Thomas Varna Jenkins " "
 Bro. Moses D. Goodman " "
 Bro. Wm. J. Canton " "
 Bro. Alphonso H. Brown " "
 Bro. Edward Hugh Musgrove " "
 Bro. William Reuben Cohen " "
 Wor. Bro. J. J. Harvey, P.M., Keystone Lodge, No. 81.
 Bro. J. Quant, Zetland Lodge, No. 515, Leinster Prov.

It is interesting to place on record that £66 18s. 6d. was contributed by the St. Tydfil Lodge towards the Mark Benevolent Fund during the first six months of its existence, £10 10s. being voted from the Funds and the remainder subscribed by the Brethren through Bro. Stephen Pettifor, Charity Steward.

At the first Annual Installation, on September 25th, 1913, the Brethren showed their appreciation of the excellent services rendered by Wor. Bro. Col. Jones by presenting him with a beautiful album, containing an illuminated address and the photographs and signatures of the whole of the members; also a handsome gold P.M.'s Jewel, the cost being defrayed by private subscription.

Wor. Bro. Duncan Macdonald, P.P.G.J.W., 18°, was installed the second W.M., and he was succeeded in September, 1914, by Bro. Rev. Peter Williams, P.P.G. Chaplain, 18°.

MERTHYR TYDFIL—1801 TO 1914.

Having traced the history of the Lodge from its inception on August 7th, 1810, when the membership was 14, to October, 1914, when the membership stands at 138, it is but fitting to refer to the progress of the town of Merthyr Tydfil during the same period. At the beginning of the 19th Century iron manufacture and not coal was the staple industry. Coal possessed value only in so far as it had supplanted charcoal in the smelting of iron ore. Dowlais, Cyfarthfa, Plymouth, and Penydarren were the hives of industry. The Glamorgan Canal, commenced in 1791 and completed four years later, at a cost of £103,660, provided the only means of transit, and in 1853 the revenue from tonnage totalled £150 000. In April, 1841, the Taff Vale Railway was extended to Merthyr, followed in later years by the Great Western, the Brecon and Merthyr, and the London and North Western and Rhymney Railways, all carrying passengers and goods. The daily arrivals and departures of passenger trains to and from Merthyr now total 106. With the advent of railways the Canal gradually fell into disuse, and for some years the upper branches running from Abercynon to Merthyr and Aberdare have been closed.

The population of Merthyr in 1801 was 7,705; inhabited houses, 1,404. In 1851 the population had increased to 46,378, and the houses to 9,295, yet with this large population the town possessed neither drainage nor water system. Water for domestic and other purposes was obtained from wells, springs, and the river Taff. The sanitary condition of the town was in a deplorable state, the death-rate being 31.72 per 1,000. The local Board of Health came into being in 1850, and in the course of a few years afterwards the Board devised a thorough system of water supply and drainage. The Pentwyn Reservoir was commenced in December, 1859, and finished in 1863 at a total cost of £82,000. The first full supply to the town was installed in November, 1861. In 1900 the Upper Neuadd Waterworks was completed at a cost of nearly £400,000, and at the present time (1914) the Taf Fechan Reservoir is under construction as a commercial venture. With the abundance of pure water, and a thorough system of drainage, together with the vast improvements in the housing and in the insanitary areas of the Borough

brought about by the Health Department, the death rate had fallen to 13.3 per 1,000 in 1913, which is the lowest on record.

In the early sixties the expansion of the iron industry reached its zenith. The Bessemer process of steel manufacture revolutionized the methods of production, resulting in the course of a few years in the closing down of the local ironworks, with the exception of Dowlais, where the works had been modernized to meet the new conditions. Subsequently Cyfarthfa Works were reconstructed and adapted to steel manufacture, and continued working until their amalgamation with Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, Ltd. Now, Dowlais Works are the only iron or steel works in operation in the district.

With the closing down of the local ironworks in the seventies, the town experienced a series of years of trade depression. The population, which was estimated at 54,000 in 1865, decreased to 51,891 in 1871, and to 48,851 in 1881. On the decline of the iron industry coal mining, which had been of secondary importance during the first half of the century, began to receive attention, and in the course of a few years the increase in the population heralded the coming prosperity of the district, if not of South Wales. The population of the Borough at the present time (1914) is estimated at 85,082. This shows an annual increase of considerably over 1,000 for the last 33 years. The town has now attained to the dignity of a County Borough, possessing a Town Hall, which was erected in 1896 at a cost approximating £25,000. Cyfarthfa Castle, once the home of the Crawshay family, is the property of the Borough; one portion has been transformed into a Municipal Secondary School, at a cost of £25,000, and the other part into a Museum and Art Gallery, while the grounds are laid out as a public Park. The Borough is lighted by Gas and Electricity, both systems being owned by private companies, and a service of electric trams, completed in 1901, connects the centre of the town with Dowlais and Cefn Coed.

The Rateable Value of the Borough for the year ending	£	s.	d.
March, 1914, was	277,602	0	0
The Assessable Value for year ending March, 1914, was	274,872	0	0
Loan Debt " " " 1914 ...	662,698	2	6
Debt per head of population " " 1913 ...	7	2	9
Total Rates levied for 1914	0	10	4½

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING
MARCH, 1914.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Exchequer Contribution Account	9856	13	0	2415	0	7
Borough Fund	20772	1	4	19704	11	8
Elementary Education	63341	16	2	62949	16	2
Intermediate and Higher Education	15397	9	7	14843	10	7
Police Pension Fund	771	10	7	723	16	1
General District Fund, including Waterworks, Housing, Libraries, Museum, etc.	82047	16	9½	82427	3	8
Accounts of the Corporation (Burial Acts)	2410	2	5	2309	1	9
Loans, Elementary Education	4407	0	0	16153	14	10
Higher Education	0	0	0	2928	13	9
Accounts other than Borough Fund and Education	86148	0	0	48954	5	2
Totals	£285152	9	10½	£253409	14	3

BRO. HENRY M. LLOYD, J.P.

The Mayor of the Borough of Merthyr Tydfil for the present year 1914) is Bro. Henry M. Lloyd, and it is appropriate to close the last Chapter of the history of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge with the biography of one of Merthyr's most zealous public officials.

Bro. Lloyd, son of the late Mr. Henry Lloyd, Veterinary Surgeon, Dowlais, was born in 1870. He received his early education at the Dowlais Schools, under the late Mr. Matthew Hirst, afterwards completing his preliminary education at Merthyr College, under the tutelage of the late Mr. Thomas Fawcett, a brother of the late Henry Fawcett, M.P., one time Postmaster-General. After leaving College, Bro. Lloyd was apprenticed to Bro. R. P. Rees, Chemist, Dowlais, subsequently proceeding to Westminster College of Chemistry, where he distinguished himself as a medallist and prizeman in Pharmaceutical Science. Having completed his College course, he was appointed Chief Chemist at the Guildford Dispensary, and after a time he became senior assistant at Munday's English and French Pharmacy, Cardiff.

He became a qualified Chemist in 1894, and having settled at Merthyr he opened a pharmacy in Victoria Street, where he has established a large practice. He subsequently became a member of the Pharmaceutical Society, and a qualified assistant of the Society of Apothecaries, London. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society, a qualified Ophthalmic Optician, and a member of the British Optical Association, and in the exercise of his professional duties he is well skilled in the use of the test tube and microscope. On the formation of the County Borough Chemical Association in 1912, Bro. Lloyd was elected first President, and in 1913-14 he was President of the South Wales Rexall Club of Qualified Chemists.

He married in 1892 the eldest daughter of Mr. Robottom, Victoria Street, Merthyr, by whom he has a family of two sons and two daughters. The eldest son, Mr. J. H. Lloyd, is a B.Sc. of Birmingham University, while the eldest daughter graduated B.A. at Aberystwyth College. Bro. Lloyd entered the Borough Council in 1906 as one of the representatives of the Park Ward. Three years later he secured election by a large majority, and on the last occasion he was returned unopposed. In November, 1911, he was appointed Deputy Mayor by the Mayor, Alderman J. M. Berry, J.P., and in that capacity he had the honour of being presented to their Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary, on the occasion of their visit to Merthyr in June, 1912. For some years he has been Chairman of the Health Committee, where his practical knowledge has enabled him to do much useful work. He was appointed Mayor in November, 1913, and during the present crisis, occasioned by the European War, he has been most assiduous in his efforts to alleviate distress, being styled in consequence the War Mayor. As the Chief representative of the Borough he has organised the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund, the Fund for the Welsh Field Hospital, and also the Red Cross Society, besides arranging accommodation and relief for Belgian Refugees to the number of 79, in all of which he has been ably assisted by the Mayoress, Mrs. Lloyd, and his daughters, as well as by committees of local burgesses.

He was initiated into Masonry in the Fforest Lodge, No. 2606, Treharris, in 1907, and joined the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, on March 3rd, 1910. His public duties have prevented him taking an active part in Masonry, but with the prospects of less arduous public duties in the future, the Brethren may have the benefit of his assistance.



BRO. H. M. LLOYD,
Mayor of Merthyr Tydfil, 1914.

COPY OF THE CHARTER OF THE LOYAL
CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 110.

ATHOLE, GRAND MASTER.

M. GILLIES, S.G.W. THOMAS HARPUR, D.G.M. THOMAS MAHON, J.G.W.

To All whom it may Concern.

WE THE GRAND LODGE of the Most Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons according to the old constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin at 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 Worshipful the Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Athole, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Vicount of Ballyguider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray Belveney and Gask Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley in Gloucester, etc.

Grand Master of Masons The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., Deputy Grand Master The Right Worshipful Malcolm Gillies, Esq., Senior Grand Warden and the Right Worshipful Thomas Mahon, Esq., Junior Grand Warden, with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and suburbs of London and Westminster, Do herein authorise and empower our Trusty and well beloved Brethren viz. The Worshipful William Williams one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful William Edwards his Senior Warden and the Worshipful William Williams his Junior Warden, to Form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid at the Castle Inn the Parish of Merthyr Tydfil or elsewhere in the county of Glamorgan on the first and Third

Tuesdays in every month, on all reasonable times and lawful occasions and in the said Lodge when duly congregated to admit and make Freemasons according to the Most Antient and Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known World, and we do hereby further authorise and impower our said trusty and well beloved Brethren William Williams, William Edwards and William Williams, 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 Free Masons etc. and such successors shall in the Manner nominate chuse and Install their successors, etc., etc. Such Installations to be upon or near St. John's Day during the continuance of the Lodge for ever Providing the above named Brethren and their successors always pay due Respect to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or virtue. Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London Twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten and the year of Masonry Five thousand eight hundred and ten.

NOTE. This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge vol. 6, Letter F. June 1768.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

Edw. Harpur, D.G.Sec.

ENDORSEMENT ON THE BACK OF THE CHARTER.

GLAMORGAN.

MICHAELMAS QUARTER SESSIONS, 1810.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the within Constitution of Lodge 144 under the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to the old Constitutions was this day Registered in my office pursuant to the directions of the several Acts of Parliament.

WOOD,

Clerk of the Peace.

IN obedience to the commands of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England the Earl of Zetland etc. etc. etc., as signified by a letter received from the Grand Secretary W. Gray Clark which has now been read in open Lodge in the Lodge Room held at the Bush Hotel, Merthyr Tydfil, in the first Thursday in August, being the sixth day of the said month, Anno Domini 1863 B.C. 5803 the Number of this Lodge henceforth instead of being one hundred and twenty seven (127) is to be one hundred and ten (110).

EDWARD LAWRENCE, W. Master.

THOMAS JONES DYKE, Secretary.

COPY OF THE CENTENARY WARRANT.

ARTHUR, G.M.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, other Brethren and Members of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge No. 110 Merthyr Tydfil, and all others whom it may concern.

GREETINGS, Whereas it appears by the Records of the Grand Lodge that on the 20th day of June 1810 a Warrant of Constitution was presented to certain Brethren therein named authorizing and empowering them and their regular successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Castle Inn, High Street, Merthyr Tydfil, and which Lodge was then numbered 144 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, AND WHEREAS in consequence of the Union of the two Grand Lodges on the 27th December 1813 the said Lodge became No. 175 on the said Register And WHEREAS in consequence of the general alterations in the numbers of Lodges in the years 1832 and 1863 the said Lodge became and now stands on the Register as No. 110, meeting at the Masonic Hall Merthyr Tydfil under the Title or denomination of the LOYAL CAMBRIAN LODGE, and whereas the Brethren composing the said Lodge are desirous when it shall have 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 subscribing members of the said Lodge being Master Masons, permission to wear in all our 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 those Brethren who are bona fide subscribing Members of the said Lodge and for so long as they shall pay their regular stipulated subscription to the funds thereof and be duly returned as such to the Grand Lodge of England.

Given at London this 6th day of June A.D. 1910.

By Command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn K.G. etc., etc., etc.

E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.

MODEL BYE-LAWS.

Issued by the Ancient or Athol Grand Lodge for the use of the Lodges under its Authority. These Bye-laws were adopted by the Loyal Cambrian Lodge in 1810, and continued in force until 1828.

RULES AND ORDERS.

WHICH are to be punctually observed and kept by the most Antient and Honourable Fraternity of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS, according to the old Constitutions granted by his Royal Highness Prince EDWIN at YORK in the Year of our Lord Nine Hundred Twenty and Six and the year of Masonry Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and Six.

In order to prevent all Feuds, Controversies, illegal Arguments, or Debates which might in any Sort disturb or make void the true Intent and Meaning of this our unanimous Conjunction, WE the MASTER, WARDENS, DEACONS and SECRETARY, together with the rest of the Members of our Lodge, No. 144 (by and with the Approbation and Consent of the GRAND LODGE) have thought proper to subscribe and establish the following Rules:—

I.

That a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, aforesaid, shall be held at the Castle Inn, Merthyr Tydvil, in the County of Glamorgan, on the first Tuesday of each Calendar Month—to be called the Loyal Cambrian Lodge. That the said Lodge shall consist of One Master, Two Wardens, Two Deacons, One Secretary, One Treasurer, and as many members as the Master and Majority shall think proper; and that every Brother shall appear in decent apparel, with proper Clothing and observe a due Decorum while the Lodge is engaged in what is Serious and Solemn: and for the better Preservation of Secrecy and good Harmony, a Brother well skilled in the Master's Part, shall be appointed and paid for tying the Lodge Door during the Time of Communication. The Tyler to be paid Three Shillings every time the Lodge is Tyled, and pay for his own refreshments.

II.

That the Lodge shall meet at the Hours hereafter mentioned, viz., from the Vernal Equinox to the Autumnal Equinox, at Seven O'clock in the Evening, and sit till Ten; and from the Autumnal Equinox aforesaid to the Vernal Equinox following, from Six to Nine O'clock: and if any member be absent one Hour after the appointed Time of Meeting he shall be fined One Shilling, and if absent the whole night or Time of Business One Shilling and 6d. except such Absence be Sick, Lame, in Confinement, or upwards of Three Miles from the Place of Meeting; and that all such Fines be deposited in the Fund for the Relief of indigent Brethren.

(The Vernal Equinox upon or near the Twenty-first of March; Autumnal Equinox upon or near the Twenty-second of September.)

III.

That the Master shall be chose by Ballot, viz.: The Wardens shall stand Candidates for the Chair on the stated Lodge Night next before each St. John's Day; and the Candidates shall withdraw, while every free (a) Member gives his vote in favour of him which he deems most worthy; each free Member having One Vote, and the Master two (b) Votes.

When done, the Master shall order the Candidates before him; and having carefully examined the Poll, shall then audibly declare him (that hath the Majority) duly elected.

Then the Master Elect shall nominate one for the Senior Warden's Chair; at which Time the present Master and Brethren shall nominate one in Opposition, to be balloted for in like manner; and so on in the Choice of all the inferior Officers: and that no person shall be put in such Election, but such as are deemed to be able and worthy of Performance.

(a) Vide Rule XIII.

(b) That is, when the Number of Votes happen to be equal. In such Case the Master has two Votes; otherwise he has a single Vote.

IV.

That the Master and Wardens of this Lodge shall attend the Grand Lodge and the Stewards Lodge, and when summoned by the Grand Secretary (if within Twenty Miles of London); and when in the Grand or Stewards' Lodge, he, they, or either of them, shall have full Power and authority to transact all Matters relative to this Lodge, as well, full, and truly, as if we the whole Body were then present.

V.

That if any member (past Officers excepted (a)) refuse to serve any of the aforesaid Offices, he shall be fined as follows: viz. for the Master Five Shillings, each Warden and Secretary Two Shillings and Sixpence, each Deacon One Shilling (the Treasurer at the Discretion of the Majority), and to be fined the like Sum if they don't serve their full Time, except for the reasons mentioned in the second Rule.

(a) It is not lawful to fine a member for not serving an Office which he hath formerly served with Honour; nor for non-servitude in any Office beneath the Dignity thereof, while there are other Master Masons in the Lodge.

VI.

That all Members of this Lodge shall dine together upon (or near) every St. John's Day; that each Member shall pay Five Shillings on the Lodge Night (next) before such Feast Day, towards defraying the Charges of the Festival. That the Wardens shall be appointed Stewards to transact all matters relating to the Feast. That the new Master and other Officers shall be immediately installed after Dinner, at which Time all and every of the Accompts belonging to the Feast, and Lodge Affairs in general, shall be properly settled, and delivered to the new Officers; and that all Visitors who dine at such Feast shall pay Two Shillings over and above the constant Members; Sojourners always at the Discretion of the Majority.

VII.

That on every stated Lodge Night each Member shall pay (a) Two Shillings, of which One Shilling shall be spent, and the remainder put into the Fund, for the Relief of Indigent Brethren. That the junior Warden shall keep an exact Account of the Reckoning, and acquaint the Lodge when the stated Complement is in. And upon his Negligence or Omission, he shall be accountable for the Deficiency. And whereas the junior Warden is accountable for such Deficiency, it is hereby ordered and declared, That if any Member shall order any Liquor on the Lodge Account, without the consent of the said Warden, the Transgressor shall pay for the Quantity so ordered out of his private Pocket, exclusive of the stated Expense of the Night.

(a) Many Lodges pay Seven Shillings per Quarter, Grand Dues included.)

VIII.

That no Visitor (a) shall be admitted after Lodge Hours, viz.: Nine in Winter and Ten in Summer; nor at any Time without the Consent of the presiding Officer: and if admitted to the Lodge Room, he shall perform a certain Ceremony in the Master's Presence before he sits down: nor shall any Brother (that is not a Member of a Lodge) visit a second Time, Sojourners excepted.

((a) Visitors' Contributions to the Reckoning left at the discretion of the Majority.

IX.

1810—August 7th. Resolved—

That when the Members assembled amount to twelve persons and upwards: and a ballot shall take place—if three dissenting Voices be found against the person so Balloted, he shall be considered inadmissible; and when the number assembled shall be under twelve if a ballot takes place, two dissenting Voices shall be sufficient to reject the person balloted.

1810—December 4th—

Resolved unanimously that in future the admission or rejection of Candidates shall be carried by a Majority, and in case the numbers should prove equal, the Master for the time being to possess the casting vote.

N. 13. The above Resolutions were rescinded 12th August, 1811. (Vide Minute Book.)

Any person desirous of being a Freemason in this Lodge, shall be proposed by a Member hereof; that is to say, his Name, Age, Description of Person, Title or Trade, and Place of Residence. That such Proposal shall be made in Lodge Hours, at least One Lodge Night before the Initiation, in order that the Brethren may have sufficient Time and Opportunity to make a strict Inquiry into the Morals, Character, and Circumstances of the Candidate. And the Brother that proposes him shall at the same Time, deposit such a Sum (of the Candidate's Money) as the Majority shall think sufficient (not less than One Guinea) to insure the Lodge that the Candidate will attend according to the Proposal. And if the Lodge approve his Person, Age, Character, and Circumstances, and therefore initiate him into the Mystery, &c., he shall pay whatsoever Sum the Brethren shall think proper (not less than three guineas) and cloath the Lodge if required. But if the Lodge think the Candidate unworthy, and refuse to make him, his money shall be faithfully refunded to him. But in case the Lodge approve his Person and Character,

&c., and he refuse to be made, then shall he forfeit his Money for the benefit of distressed Free Masons. And it is hereby ordered and Declared, That no Person is capable of becoming a Member of this Lodge, but such as are of mature Age, upright in body and limbs, free from Bondage, has the Senses of a Man, and is endowed with an Estate, Office, Trade, Occupation, or some Visible Way of acquiring an honest and reputable livelihood, as becomes Members of the Most Antient and Honourable Fraternity.

1810--August 21st. Resolved—

That any Candidate after being balloted for who does not come forward for the purpose of being initiated within two regulation Lodge Nights after the time he shall have had Notice, shall be judged to have forfeited his deposit Money—unless sufficient Reason shall be adduced to the contrary, to the satisfaction of the Members.

X.

Any old Mason, desirous of becoming a Member of this Lodge, shall produce a Certificate of his good behaviour in his former Lodge; upon which he shall be proposed and balloted for as before; and if admitted a Member, he shall pay whatsoever sum the Brethren shall think proper, not less than One Guinea.

XI.

If any Member in this Lodge curse, swear, lay, or offer to lay Wagers, or use any reproachful Language in Derogation of GOD's Name, or Corruption of Good Manners, or interrupt any Officer while speaking, he shall be fined at the Discretion of the Master and Majority.

XII.

If any Member of this Lodge come disguised in Liquor, he shall be admonished (by the presiding Officer) for the first offence; for the second of the same nature, he shall be fined One Shilling, and for the third he shall be excluded, and reported to the Grand Lodge.

XIII.

All Fines, Dues, &c. shall be paid on the third (stated) Lodge Night next after they become due; otherwise the person so indebted shall not have a vote in the Lodge. And if not cleared on St. John's Day, he shall be excluded, except some cause appear which may excite Lenity.

XIV.

That on a Lodge Night, in the Master's absence, the past Master may take his Place (a); and in his absence the senior Warden, and in his absence the junior Warden; and in the Absence of all the Officers the Members according to Seniority and merit shall fill the absent Officers' places. And it is hereby Ordered and Declared, That every Officer absent on a Lodge Night, whether stated or on an Emergency, shall be fined a Discretionary Fine (sixpence) ever and above the common fine of private Members; except for the reasons mentioned in the second and thirteenth Rules.

(a) It is the undoubted right of the Wardens to fill the Chair, even though a former Master be present; but the Wardens generally waive this privilege upon a supposition that the Past Masters are best acquainted with the business of the Lodge.

XV.

That the Master shall have full Power and Authority to call a Lodge on an Emergency, where all the Members are to attend, or be liable to fines as on stated Lodge

Nights; but such fines shall not be levied until Proof is made of the Absentee being actually summoned (in writing) to such Emergency.

XVI.

That the Chest, Warrant, Cash, and Furniture of this Lodge shall be in care of some responsible Brother, such as the Master and Majority shall think proper and sufficient; and the Money shall be disposed of for the advancement of the Lodge, and Benefit of the Brethren.

XVII.

That the Secretary shall keep a regular Register of the Members, according to the Form annexed; and proper Minutes of all the transactions (that are fit to be committed to writing) in order that the said Transactions may be laid before the Grand Lodge once a quarter, if required.

XVIII.

That no disagreeable dispute be suffered to arise in the Lodge: but if a dispute (concerning Masonry, or otherwise) should happen between the Brethren out of the Lodge, which they cannot decide between themselves, such Dispute, Complaint or Controversy, shall be laid before the Lodge, and here decided, if possible. But if the Disputants will not then agree, in order to prevent vexatious Lawsuits, &c., the Masters shall order the Secretary to take proper Minutes of such Complaint, Dispute or Controversy, and lay the same before the next Grand Lodge, where such Disputants are to attend (if within Twenty miles of London) and agree as the Grand Lodge shall order. But in case of non-compliance with such Decision of the Grand Lodge, such Person or Persons as refuse to be conformable, shall be for ever excluded, and deemed unworthy of this Society; and the Grand Secretary (according to the nature of his Office) shall give notice of such Exclusion to the warranted Lodges (under the Antient Constitution of England) throughout Europe, Asia, Africa, and America.

XIX.

That the Master, Wardens, and the rest of the Members of this Lodge, when duly congregated, shall have full power and Authority to make, amend, correct or explain these, or such other rules and orders as may seem most necessary and convenient for the Welfare of the Lodge, providing such Additions or Alterations do not remove our antient Land-Marks. And if such Addition or Amendment be made, the Master shall order the Secretary to send a fair Copy of such Regulation to the Grand Secretary, for the Benefit of the Society in general.

XX.

That the Tyler shall receive one Shilling for every Mason that shall be made in this Lodge, and Sixpence for every old Mason that shall become a Member of this Lodge. And the said Tyler shall take particular care not to admit any person (not even a Member) without the Knowledge and Consent of the Presiding Officer; neither shall he admit any Visitor (that is not a Member of a warranted Lodge) a second Time, Sojourners producing Certificates excepted.

XXI.

That these Rules and Orders shall be read (by the Secretary, or some other Brother of the Master's Appointment) to every new Member, or Candidate, if required, or otherwise, as occasion shall require, in the Lodge.

XXII.

That the Members of this Lodge shall contribute annually to the Grand Lodge Fund, or general Charity, for the relief of distressed Free Masons, according to the general mode of Contributions *pro tempore*; and that the Master shall send a true list of all the Members to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, at the Time of such Contributions or as often as occasion shall require.

XXIII.

If a Complaint be made against a Brother by another Brother, and he be found guilty, he shall to the determination of this, or the Grand Lodge, according to the XVIIIth. Rule; but if a Complaint be made against a Brother, wherein the Accuser cannot support his complaint to Conviction, such Accuser shall forfeit such Penalty as the Person so accused might have forfeited, had he been really convicted on such complaint.

XXIV.

That in order to preserve good Harmony, and encourage (working) Master Masons, it is hereby ordered and declared, That no Brother under the Decree of a Master Mason, shall be admitted to visit this Lodge, upon any pretence whatever.

XXV.

That upon (or near) every St. John's Day, during the Continuance of this Lodge, the new installed Officers shall send a proper List of all the Members, signed by the said Officers, and counter-signed by the past Officers, to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, whereby the Secretary (said) may be enabled to know the Handwriting of such Officers, and pay due respect to such Persons as may from time to time be certified by the Officers of this Lodge *pro tempore*.

XXVI.

And if a Member be found guilty of any Misdemeanour, not directly specified in the aforesaid Rules and Orders, he shall be dealt with according to the Discretion of the Master and Majority. Such decision nevertheless shall be subject to an Appeal to the Grand Lodge.



COMPLETE
LIST OF MEMBERS
OF THE
LOYAL CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 110,
From August 7th, 1810,
To December 3rd, 1914.

FOUNDERS OF THE

June 20th, 1810.

Bro. W. Edwards	...	...	...	...	Solicitor	...	...	...
Bro. Fred Walters	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	...
Bro. Wm. Williams	...	...	...	...	(Merchant)	...	...	...
Bro. Thos. Llewellyn	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	...
Bro. Thos. Lewis	...	...	...	...	Accompt.	...	...	...
					(March 1st, 1809)	...	...	...
Bro. John Morgan	...	...	...	...	Pudler	...	...	...
Bro. John Bryan	...	...	...	...	Brewer	...	...	...
Bro. John Treharne	...	...	...	...	Innkeeper	...	...	...
Bro. Wm. Lewis	...	...	...	...	Accompt.	...	...	...
Bro. James Edwards	...	...	...	...	Plumber	...	...	...

COMPLETE LIST OF MEMBERS of the Loyal Cambrian

Bro. Thomas Richardson	...	Gent.	...	Penydarren Iron	...	—	...	—
				Works				
Bro. W. Edwards	...	Gent.	...	Merthyr	...	—	...	—
Bro. William Williams	...	Organist	...	Merthyr	...	—	...	—
Bro. Robert Ward	...	Gent.	...	Penydarren Iron	...	—	...	...
				Works	...			
Bro. Richard Jones	...	Accompt	...	Plymouth I. Works	—	...	—	—
Bro. William Williams	...	Merchant	...	Dowlais	...	—	...	—
Bro. Rees Williams	...	Watchmaker	...	Merthyr	...	—	...	—
Bro. William Lewis	...	Accompt.	...	Cwmgareloch	...	—	...	—
Bro. John Treharne	...	Innkeeper	...	Merthyr	...	—	...	—
Bro. John Bryan	...	Brewer	...	Merthyr	...	—	...	—
Bro. James Edwards	...	Plumber & Glazier	...	Merthyr	...	—	...	—
Bro. Thos. Llewellyn	...	Sergt. 1st Foot	...	—	...	—	...	...
		Guards						
Bro. Thomas Davies	...	Innkeeper	...	Dowlais Inn	...	—	...	—
Bro. John Morgan	...	—	...	—	...	—	...	—

MERTHYR LODGE, No. 144.

Copied from the Register of the Athole Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall,
London, July 21st, 1910.—By J. F.

March 1st, 1809.

Lodge, from August 7th, 1810 to December, 1914.

Registered in Grand Lodge.		LODGE.	RESIGNED.
—	... July 26, 1810 ...	... Caerphilly, 126	... June 24, 1813 ...
—	... — —	... — ...
—	... Jan. 4, 1809 ...	... Caerphilly, 126	... Nov. 26, 1813 ...
—	... June 6, 1810 —	... — ...
—	... June 6, 1810 ...	... Caerphilly, 126	... July 4, 1815 ...
—	... Apr. 11, 1810 —	... — ...
—	... Oct. 24, 1809 ...	... —	... Excluded ...
—	... — ...	... —	Dec. 27, 1815 ...
—	... Apr. 11, 1810 ...	Aug. 7, 1810 ... Caerphilly, 126	... Oct. 5, 1813 ...
—	... Jan. 4, 1810 ...	... Caerphilly, 126	... Excluded ...
—	... May 2, 1810 ...	... Caerphilly, 126	Dec. 27, 1815 ...
—	... — Caerphilly, 126	... Excluded ...
...	... — ...	Aug. 7, 1810 ... Glamorgan, 33	Sept. 7, 1813
—	... — Caerphilly, 126	... Apr. 6, 1813 ...
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NAME.	TRADE OR PROFESSION.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	INITIATED.
Bro. Thomas Richardson, Installed W.M. August 7th, 1810.				
Bro. Thomas Gardner	...	... Abernant	... 34	... Sept. 4, 1810
Bro. Thomas Ward	...	... Dowlais Co.	... 42	... Sept. 4, 1810
Bro. Edward Gregory	... Accompt	... Plymouth Works	... 28	... Sept. 4, 1810
Bro. Jeremiah Cairns	... Agent	... Hirwain	... 26	... Sept. 28, 1810
Bro. Thomas Burnell	... Chandler	... Merthyr	... 30	... Sept. 28, 1810
Bro. William Aubery	... Millwright	... Tredegar Works	...	... Nov. 6, 1810
Bro. Charles Branton	... Modern Mason	...	...	... Dec. 4, 1810
Bro. Leyshon Jones	... Clerk	... Clyngarron	...	...
Bro. David W. Williams	... Attorney	... Merthyr	...	... March 5, 1811
Bro. Thomas Harding	... Soap Boiler	... Merthyr	...	... May 7, 1811
Bro. Richard Williams	... Farmer	... Aberdare	...	... June 4, 1811
Bro. W. Edwards, Installed W.M. June 25th, 1811.				
Bro. Humphrey Westlake	... Traveller	... Bristol	...	... July 2, 1811
Bro. William Bird	... 1st Hon. Member	... Guernsey	...	...
Bro. Rice Lewis	... Linen Draper	... Merthyr	...	... Aug. 6, 1811
Bro. Hugh Barker	... Tailor & Draper	... Bristol	...	... Aug. 12, 1811
Bro. Herbert Reid Williams	... Surgeon	... Merthyr	...	... Aug. 12, 1811
Bro. William Jones	... Agent	... Tredegar	...	... Nov. 5, 1811
Bro. James Seandrett	... Excise Officer	... Merthyr	...	... April 7, 1812
Bro. Edward Morgan Williams	... Surgeon	... Aberdare	...	... June 2, 1812
William Williams, Installed W.M. June 24th, 1812.				
Bro. David Hughes	... Druggist	... Merthyr	...	...
Bro. Roger Rosser Jones	... Traveller	... Birmingham	...	... July 7, 1812
Bro. David Morgan	... Merchant	... Neath	...	... Nov. 3, 1812
Bro. Morgan Morgan	... Woollen Draper	... Newport	...	... March 15, 1813
Bro. John Martin	... Spirit Dealer	... Abergavenny June 1, 1813
Bro. Watkin Rhys	... Surgeon	... Aberdare June 17, 1813

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Dec. 4, 1810	... July 2, 1811	...	—	...	Oct. 26, 1815
Dec. 4, 1810	... Feb. 27, 1811	...	—	...	—
Dec. 4, 1810	... Feb. 27, 1811	...	—	...	—
Feb. 5, 1811	... May 7, 1811	...	—	... Excluded	—
				Dec. 27, 1815	
Feb. 5, 1811	... Aug. 12, 1811	...	—	... Dec. 3, 1829	—
Feb. 5, 1811	... Aug. 6, 1811	...	—	... Oct. 1, 1816	—
—	...	... Feb. 27, 1811	... Caerphilly, 126	...	—
June 4, 1811	... Feb. 4, 1812	...	—	...	1815
June 17, 1813	... June 17, 1813	...	—	... Excluded	—
				Dec. 27, 1815	
Nov. 5, 1811	...	...	—	...	—
Oct. 15, 1811	...	...	—	... Excluded	—
				Dec. 27, 1815	
—	...	... Aug. 6, 1811	... No. 135	...	—
Nov. 5, 1811	... Dec. 20, 1813	...	—	... Excluded	—
				Dec. 27, 1815	
Nov. 5, 1811	... Feb. 4, 1812	...	—	... Apr. 6, 1813	—
Nov. 5, 1811	... May 5, 1812	...	—	...	—
May 5, 1812	...	...	—	... Excluded	—
				Dec. 27, 1815	
Aug. 4, 1812	... Aug. 4, 1812	...	—	... Oct. 3, 1813	—
Jan. 5, 1813	... Jan. 5, 1813	...	—	...	—
—	...	... July 7, 1812	... St. Michael's, London, 290	...	—
May 4, 1814	... May 4, 1814	...	—	...	—
—	...	...	—	... Excluded	—
				Dec. 27, 1815	
—	...	...	—	... Excluded	—
				Dec. 27, 1815	
June 24, 1813	... July 6, 1813	...	—	... Jan. 4, 1814	—
Sept. 7, 1813	...	...	—	... Excluded	—
				Dec. 27, 1815	

NAME.	PROFESSION.	RESIDENCE	AGE.	INITIATED.
Edward Gregory, Installed W.M. Thursday, June 24th, 1813.				
Bro. James Jones	... Innkeeper	... Abergavenny	... —	... Aug. 3, 1813
Bro. William Harris	... Sergt. 55th Foot Guards	... Merthyr	... —	... Aug. 3, 1813
Bro. Thomas Richards	... (Modern Mason)	... Abergavenny	... —	... Aug. 3, 1813
Bro. Thomas Thomas	... Timber Merchant	... Neath	... —	... Sept. 7, 1813
Bro. Thomas Edwards	... Surveyor	... Cardiganshire	... —	... Oct. 5, 1813
Bro. John Lewis	... Cabinet Maker	... Abergavenny	... —	... Nov. 2, 1813
Bro. James Jones	... Malster	... Abergavenny	... —	... Nov. 2, 1813
Bro. William Snelling	... Smith	... Merthyr	... —	... —
Bro. Benoni Peach	... Schoolmaster	... Abergavenny	... —	... Jan. 4, 1814
Bro. Josiah Lewis	... Shopkeeper	... Cwmgareloch	... —	... —
Bro. Samuel Richardson	... } Modern	... Bath	... —	... May 3, 1814
Bro. Robert Evans	... } Masons	... —	... —	... May, 3, 1814
Bro. Thos. Daniel Tudor	... (Modern Mason)	... Abergavenny	... —	... May 4, 1814
Bro. Edward Jacobs	... Seaman	... Llantissant	... —	... June 7, 1814
Bo. Roland Llewellyn	... Draper	... Tredegar	... —	... Sept. 6, 1814
Bro. Edward Gregory, Installed W.M., Dec. 28th, 1814.				
Bro. George Robertson	... Merchant	... Brecon	... —	... June 6, 1815
Bro. Thomas Burnell, Installed W.M., Dec. 28th, 1815.				
Bro. William Wild	... Moulder	... Penydarren Works	... —	... Aug. 6, 1816
Bro. Thomas Burnell, Re-elected W.M., Dec. 28th, 1816.				
Bro. Robert Lilly	... 38th Foot	... —	... —	... July 1817
Bro. John Petherick, Installed W.M. Dec. 14th, 1827.				
Bro. Samuel Richardson	... —	... —	... —	... —
Bro. Thomas Kirkhouse	... Grocer	... —	... 34	... Dec. 2, 1823
Bro. George Peirce	... Banker	... Dowlais	... —	... —
Bro. Rhys Morgan	... —	... Varteg	... —	... —

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Oct. 5, 1813	... Apr. 5, 1814	— July 25, 1815	—
Oct. 13, 1813	... Oct. 13, 1813	— —	—
Sept. 7, 1813	... Nov. 2, 1813	— Excluded	—
					Dec. 27, 1815	
Jan. 4, 1814	... —	... ..	—	...	... Excluded	—
					Dec. 27, 1815	
Nov. 2, 1813	... Nov. 9, 1813	... ..	—	...	... Excluded	—
					Dec. 27, 1815	
Dec. 7, 1813	... Dec. 23, 1813	... ..	—	...	... July 4, 1815	—
Dec. 7, 1813	... Dec. 23, 1813	... ..	—	...	... Sep. 5, 1815	—
—	... —	... Jan. 4, 1813	... Caerphilly, 126	...	... —	—
Feb. 1, 1814	... Feb. 1, 1814	... ..	—	...	... July 4, 1815	—
—	... —	... Feb. 1, 1814	... Caerphilly, 126	...	... Excluded	—
					Dec. 27, 1815	—
—	... —	— —	—
—	... —	— —	—
—	... —	... ..	—	...	... Dec. 22, 1815	—
June 4, 1814	... Aug. 6, 1816	... ..	—	...	... Dec. 16, 1816	—
—	... —	... ..	—	...	... Excluded	—
					Dec. 27, 1815	—
July 4, 1815	... —	... ..	—	...	... —	—
June 3, 1817	... —	... ..	—	...	... —	—
Aug. 5, 1817	... Nov. 4, 1817	... ..	—	...	... —	—
—	... —	... Dec. 14, 1827	... Philanthropic, 658	...	Jan. 30, 1831	—
—	... —	... Dec. 14, 1827	... Lodge 246	...	... —	—
—	... —	... Dec. 14, 1827	... Cambrian, 726	...	... —	—
—	... Feb. 14, 1828	... Dec. 14, 1827	... Cambrian, Brecon 510	...	... —	—
—	... —	... Dec. 14, 1827	... Globe, 25	...	... —	—

NAME.	TRADE OR PROFESSION.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	INITIATED.
Bro. Thomas Davies	...	...	...	—
Bro. David W. Meyrick	... Attorney	... Merthyr	...	Dec. 14, 1827
Bro. John Watkins	...	...	...	Dec. 4, 1827
Bro. Daniel Thomas	... Brewer	...	...	Jan. 3, 1828
Bro. William Aubery	...	...	...	Jan. 3, 1828
Bro. Berj. Lewis	...	... Aberdare	...	Feb. 14, 1828
Bro. John Griffith	...	...	...	Feb. 14, 1828
Bro. Thomas Chinn	...	...	...	Apr. 3, 1828
Bro. William Davies	...	...	...	May 1, 1828
Bro. Thomas Davey	... Traveller	... Bristol	...	July 31, 1828
Bro. Samuel Richardson, Installed W.M. Sunday, Dec. 28th, 1828.				
Bro. Edward Jenkins	... Cabinet Maker	... Cardiff	...	—
Bro. David Gipson Curry	... Draper, &c.	... Merthyr	...	—
Bro. Wm. Watkin Williams	... Gentleman	... Crickhowell	...	July 2, 1829
Bro. Thomas Kibby	... Serving Brother as Waiter	... Merthyr	...	Dec. 17, 1829
Bro. Thomas Kirkhouse, Installed W.M. Sunday, Dec. 27th, 1829.				
Bro. Rhys Davis	... Draper & Postmstr.	Merthyr	... 33	Jan. 21, 1830
Bro. Edward Purchase	...	... Cardiff	...	—
Bro. Daniel Kayes	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	...	Dec. 16, 1830
Bro. Samuel Richardson, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1830.				
Bro. William Black	... Tea Dealer	... Abergavenny	...	Jan. 6, 1831
Bro. John Pridding	... Tea Dealer	... Merthyr	...	Jan. 6, 1831
Bro. Edward John Hutchins	... M.P.	... Dowlais	...	Feb. 3, 1831
Bro. John Peirce Hall	...	... Merthyr	...	Feb. 17, 1831
Bro. Christopher Reilly	... Surgeon	... Newport	...	April 7, 1831
Bro. Robert Johnstone Leeds	...	... London	...	—
Bro. Richard Powell Davies	...	... Dowlais	...	Oct. 6, 1831
Bro. Maynard Colchester Harrison...	... Agent	... Dowlais	...	Nov. 17, 1831
Bro. Rowland Hopkins	... Porter Merchant	... Merthyr	...	Dec. 1, 1831
Bro. Samuel Richardson, Re-Elected W.M. Dec. 27th, 1831.				
Bro. William Purnell	... Shopkeeper (Grocer)	Dowlais	...	Feb. 2, 1832
Bro. William Wallace	... 98th Regiment	—
Bro. Thomas Darker	... Shopkeeper, Grocer... &c.	Dowlais	...	Feb. 16, 1832

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—	—	Dec. 14, 1827	Indifatigable, 427...	—	—
Jan. 3, 1828	Feb. 14, 1828	—	—	—	—
Jan. 3, 1828	Feb. 14, 1828	—	—	—	—
March 13	June 5, 1828	—	—	—	—
March 6	May 1, 1828	—	—	—	—
March 6	May 1, 1828	—	—	—	—
May 1, 1828	—	—	—	—	—
May 15, 1828	June 19, 1828	—	—	—	—
June 19, 1828	July 31, 1828	—	—	—	—
Oct. 29, 1828	Jan. 29, 1829	—	—	—	—
—	—	Dec. 28, 1828	Glamorgan 50	—	—
—	—	Jan. 1, 1829	—	—	—
—	Jan. 7, 1830	—	—	—	—
Jan. 25, 1831	Oct. 18, 1832	—	—	—	1836
Feb. 4, 1830	Mar. 18, 1830	—	—	—	May, 1847
—	—	Feb. 4, 1830	Glamorgan, 50	—	—
Jan. 20, 1831	Feb. 17, 1831	—	—	—	1838
Feb. 3, 1831	Mar. 3, 1831	—	—	—	—
Feb. 3, 1831	Mar. 3, 1831	—	—	—	—
Mar. 3, 1831	Apr. 7, 1831	—	—	—	Feb., 1876
Mar. 17, 1831	May 5, 1831	—	—	—	—
May 5, 1831	Sep. 1, 1831	—	—	—	—
—	May 5, 1831	—	—	—	—
Nov. 3, 1831	Dec. 1, 1831	—	—	—	—
Dec. 15, 1831	Jan. 19, 1832	—	—	Feb. 7, 1867	—
Jan. 5, 1832	Feb. 2, 1832	—	—	—	March 1842
Mar. 15, 1832	—	Apr. 4, 1833	—	—	—
Feb. 16, 1832	—	Feb. 16, 1832	—	—	—
Mar. 15, 1832	May 3, 1832	—	—	—	—

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Bro. Robert Roberts	... Com. Traveller	... London & Anglesea	—	... March 8, 1832
Bro. David Davies	... Grocer, &c.	... Georgetown, Merthyr	—	... April 5, 1832
Bro. Richard Wood	... Agent	... Dowlais after Abersychan	...	... May 3, 1832
Bro. William Teague	... Innkeeper	... Dowlais	...	... July 5, 1832
Bro. James Evans	... Surgeon	... Leicester Pl., London	...	... Nov. 15, 1832
Bro. Ed. J. Hutchins, Installed W.M. Dec. 20th, 1832.				
Bro. Thomas Davies	... Agent	... Penydarren	...	... Jan. 3, 1833
Bro. Edward Lewis Richards	... Barrister	... Merthyr	...	...
Bro. Alfred Myles Hughes	... Grocer, &c.	... Merthyr	...	... April 1, 1833
Bro. William Perkins	... Solicitor	... Kerthyr	...	... May 2, 1833
Bro. Charles Hebb	... Tea Dealer	... London	...	... June 6, 1833
Bro. John Howells	... Stationer	... Merthyr	...	... Oct. 17, 1833
Bro. William David Jonkins	... Druggist	... Merthyr	...	... Nov. 27, 1833
Bro. E. J. Hutchins, W.M., Re-Elected Dec. 27th, 1833.				
Bro. Robert Bell	...	...	...	...
Bro. William Richards	... Flour Merchant	... Cardiff	...	... May 1, 1834
Bro. David Williams	... Innkeeper	... Merthyr	...	... July 3, 1834
Bro. Stephen Sandford	... Spirit Merchant	... Chepstow	...	... Oct. 10, 1834
Bro. Rowland Hopkins, Installed W.M. Dec. 18th, 1834.				
Bro. Charles Hill	... Com. Traveller	... London	...	...
Bro. Hy. Wm. White	... Stationer	... Merthyr	...	... Feb. 19, 1835
Bro. John Camplin Wolridge	... Cashier	... Dowlais	...	... Mar. 19, 1835
Bro. James McKinnell	... Currier, afterwards... Innkeeper	... Merthyr	...	... June 4, 1835
Bro. John Creswick	... Supervisor	... Merthyr	...	... Nov. 29, 1835
Bro. Rowland Hopkins W.M., Re-Elected Dec. 27th, 1835.				
Bro. Charles H. Morgan	... Com. Traveller	... Newport	...	... Jan. 21, 1836
Bro. John Griffith	... Currier	... Tredegar	...	... Mar. 17, 1836
Bro. William Walker Ridgway	... Com. Traveller	... London	... 35	... June 14, 1836
Bro. Philip Oliver	... Com. Traveller	... London	... 24	... June 14, 1836
Bro. Oliver Williams	...	... Bussley of Branfort...	...	...
Bro. John Evans	... Furnace Manager	... Dowlais	...	...
Bro. Alfred Rich. Williams	... Innkeeper	... Newport Aug. 4, 1836
Bro. Thomas Wayne	... Agent, Gadlys	... Aberdare Nov. 3, 1836

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June 7, 1832	... Sep. 10, 1832	...	—	...	—
June 7, 1832	... Aug. 2, 1832	...	—	...	—
June 7, 1832	... July 5, 1832	...	—	...	—
Sept. 6, 1832	... Oct. 4, 1832	...	—	...	—
Nov. 16, 1832	... Nov. 16, 1832	...	—	...	—
Mar. 7, 1833	... Jan. 21, 1836	...	—	...	—
—	... Hon. Member	Apr. 4, 1833	...	...	—
July 11, 1833	... Aug. 1, 1833	...	—	... Excluded July, 1857	...
Dec. 5, 1833	... Apr. 2, 1835	...	—	...	—
Sept. 5, 1833	... June 5, 1834	...	—	...	—
—	... —	...	—	...	—
Feb. 6, 1834	... —	...	—	...	—
—	... —	Mar. 20, 1834	Hupton, 144	...	—
—	... —	...	—	...	—
Nov. 6, 1834	... Apr. 2, 1835	...	—	...	—
Oct. 20, 1835	... Oct. 20, 1835	...	—	...	—
Mar. 16, 1837	... —	Jan. 15, 1834	—	...	—
May 7, 1835	... July 2, 1835	...	—	...	March, 1857
May 7, 1835	... Aug. 6, 1835	...	—	...	—
Nov. 5, 1835	... Dec. 3, 1835	...	—	...	—
Dec. 17, 1835	... Jan. 7, 1836	...	—	...	—
June 2, 1836	... —	...	—	...	—
Nov. 3, 1836	... Dec. 7, 1837	...	—	...	—
Sept. 1, 1836	... Mar. 9, 1837	...	—	...	—
Mar. 16, 1837	... Sep. 8, 1837	...	—	... Apr., 1842	—
—	... —	June 14, 1836	Bristol, 167	...	—
Oct. 20, 1837	... Dec. 6, 1837	...	—	...	—
Oct. 27, 1837	... Dec. 28, 1837	...	—	...	—
Dec. 15, 1836	... Mar. 7, 1837	...	—	... Sep. 2, 1841	—

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Bro. Rhys Davis, Installed W.M. Dec. 17th, 1836.				
Bro. James Ward Russell	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	... 25	... Apr. 6, 1837
Bro. John Parry	... Com. Traveller	... —	... —	... —
Bro. William Wood	... Com. Traveller	... Chepstow	... —	... May 4, 1837
Bro. Edward Roach	... Shopkeeper	... Merthyr	... 35	... June 1, 1837
Bro. Beattie	... —	... Norfolk	... —	... —
Bro. William Williams	... Ironmonger	... Merthyr	... 32	... June 26, 1837
Bro. Lewis Roberts, Junior	... Brewer	... Aberdare	... —	... Oct. 5, 1837
Bro. Thomas Anthony	... Com. Traveller	... —	... —	... —
Bro. Walter Wm. Homan	... Police Supt.	... Tredegar	... —	... —
Bro. George King Morgan	... Com. Traveller	... Bristol	... —	... Dec. 7, 1837
Bro. George Bishop	... —	... Dowlais	... —	... Dec. 7, 1837
Bro. John Lloyd	... Innkeeper	... Beaufort	... —	... Oct. 21, 1837
Bro. William Teague, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1837.				
Bro. Edward Jones	... Ironworks	... Dowlais	... —	... —
Bro. Chas. Thomas Webb	... Com. Traveller	... Renfrew	... 39	... Nov. 1, 1838
Bro. Rev. David Williams	... Clergyman, E.C.	... Cwmdhu	... —	... Dec. 6, 1838
Bro. Joseph Standish Lamphier	... Cashier	... Dowlais	... —	... Dec. 27, 1838
Bro. George Martin	... Mine Agent	... Dowlais	... —	... Dec. 27, 1838
Bro. Roland Hopkins, P.M., Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1838.				
Bro. William Thomas	... Gent.	... The Court, Merthyr	44	... Jan. 31, 1839
Bro. William Williams	... Tramroad Agent	... Quakers' Yard	33	... Jan. 31, 1839
Bro. Richard Waters	... Solicitor	... Newport	29	... Feb. 7, 1839
Bro. John Watt	... Engineer	... Penydarren	... —	... Feb. 7, 1839
Bro. William Morgan	... Surgeon	... Newport	... —	... —
Bro. Joseph Johnstone	... Com. Traveller	... Liverpool	33	... May 2, 1839
Bro. Thomas Jones Dyke	... Surgeon	... Merthyr	... —	... June 6, 1839
Bro. James Cruso	... Com. Traveller	... Bristol	... —	... June 6, 1839
Bro. John Charles Thorn	... Com. Traveller	... Bristol	... —	... Nov. 17, 1839
Bro. Lewis Lewis	... Agent	... Dowlais	... —	... Nov. 21, 1839
Bro. David Richards	... Accompt.	... Merthyr	... —	... Dec. 1, 1839
Bro. John Camplin Wolridge, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1839.				
Bro. William Jones	... Merchant	... Cardiff	... —	... —
Bro. Charles James Powell	... Brewer	... Dowlais	... —	... March 19, 1840
Bro. Andrew Buchan	... Agent	... Rhymney	... —	... March 19th, 1840

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June 1, 1837 ...	Aug. 10, 1837 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	Aug. 6, 1880
— ...	— ...	Apr. 6, 1837 ...	Liverpool, 466 ...	— ...	—
July 6, 1837 ...	Sep. 8, 1837 ...	— ...	— ...	Sep. 2, 1841 ...	—
July 6, 1837 ...	Oct. 5, 1837 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
— ...	— ...	June 1, 1837 ...	Kings Lyne, 174... ..	— ...	—
Aug. 10, 1837 ...	Oct. 19, 1837 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Mar. 14, 1830 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
— ...	— ...	Nov. 2, 1837 ...	— ...	— ...	—
— ...	— ...	Nov. 16, 1837 ...	Clonmell, 570 ...	— ...	1842
July 5, 1838 ...	June 5, 1839 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Jan. 18, 1838 ...	Feb. 15, 1838 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
May 6, 1841 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
— ...	— ...	Mar. 15, 1837 ...	Panfret, 463 ...	— ...	—
Mar. 1, 1839 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Jan. 31, 1839 ...	Mar. 21, 1839 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Jan. 31, 1839 ...	Mar. 21, 1839 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	May, 1887
Mar. 14, 1839 ...	June 13, 1839 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Mar. 7, 1839 ...	Apr. 4, 1839 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Apr. 2, 1839 ...	June 6, 1839 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Mar. 14, 1839 ...	June 13, 1839 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
— ...	— ...	Feb. 7, 1839 ...	— ...	Sept. 2, 1841 ...	—
— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Juyl 4, 1839 ...	Aug. 1, 1839 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	Jan. 20, 1900
Dec. 19, 1839 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	Re-admitted ... Feb., 1845	—
Dec. 19, 1839 ...	Mar. 16, 1840 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Jan. 2, 1840 ...	Feb. 6, 1840 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Jan. 2, 1840 ...	Feb. 20, 1840 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
— ...	— ...	Feb. 6, 1840 ...	— ...	— ...	—
May 2, 1840 ...	June 19, 1840 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
May 2, 1840 ...	Aug. 3, 1840 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	Feb. 4, 1870

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Bro. James George Davies	... Spirit Merchant	... Chepstow	... —	... March 19, 1840
Bro. Sir Josiah John Guest	... M.P.	... Dowlais	... —	... —
Bro. William Beddington	... Coal Agent	... Rhymney	... —	... Aug. 3, 1840
Bro. George Roach	... Castle Inn	... Merthyr	... 42	... Aug. 3, 1840
Bro. Thomas Shepherd	... Cashier	... Cyfarthfa Iron Works	... —	... Aug. 13, 1840

Bro. Sir Josiah John Guest, Installed W.M. Aug. 13th, 1840.

Bro. Robert Hunt	... Com. Traveller	... Bristol	... —	... Oct. 7, 1840
Bro. William Vaughan	... Forge Manager	... Nantyglo	... —	... Dec. 28, 1840

Bro. John Creswick, Installed W.M. Dec. 28th, 1840.

Bro. John James Purchase	... Car. Guilder	... Bath	... —	... Jan. 7, 1841
Bro. James Brown	... —	... Blaina	... —	... Feb. 4, 1841
Bro. John Henry Nelson	... Artist	... Merthyr	... —	... —
Bro. Thomas Williamson	... —	... —	... —	... —
Bro. John Lewis	... Gent.	... Llanthetty Hall	... —	... —

Bro. James Ward Russell, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1841.

Bro. Henry Lewis	... Gent.	... Greenmeadow	... —	... Feb. 21, 1842
Bro. James Walkinshaw	... Accountant	... Dowlais	... —	... Sept. 1, 1842
Bro. David Davies	... Surgeon	... Builth	... —	... Dec. 27, 1842

Bro. Thomas Jones Dyke, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1842.

Bro. Pender Luke Stoke	... Com. Traveller	... London	... —	... July 20, 1843
Bro. John Williams	... Serving Brother	... Merthyr	... —	... Nov. 16, 1843
Bro. Thos. Davies, Junior (Lewes)...	... —	... Bush Hotel	... —	... Dec. 7, 1843

Bro. Thomas Shepherd, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1843.

Bro. James Ward Russell, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1844.

Bro. James Walkinshaw, Installed W.M. Jan. 8th, 1846.

Bro. Jno. Ludford White	... Surgeon	... Dowlais	... —	... —
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Bro. Thomas Jones Dyke, P.M., Installed W.M. Jan. 7th, 1847.

Bro. John Ludford White, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1847.

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Sept. 17, 1840 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...
— ...	— ...	July, 1840 ...	Glamorgan, 43 ...	— ...	— ...	Nov. 25, 1852 ...
Sept. 3, 1840 ...	Dec. 3, 1840 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...
Oct. 1, 1840 ...	Nov. 5, 1840 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	Feb. 17, 1870 ...	— ...
Oct. 1, 1840 ...	Dec. 17, 1840 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...
Jan. 7, 1841 ...	Oct. 7, 1841 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...
Feb. 18, 1841 ...	Apr. 1, 1841 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...
Feb. 11, 1845 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...
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— ...	— ...	Feb. 18, 1841 ...	810, Ireland ...	— ...	— ...	— ...
— ...	— ...	Dec. 16, 1841 ...	158, London ...	— ...	— ...	— ...
Mar. 17, 1842 ...	July 19, 1842 ...	Dec. 27, 1841 ...	43, Cardiff ...	— ...	— ...	— ...
June 2, 1842 ...	May 2, 1844 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...
Oct. 6, 1842 ...	Nov. 3, 1844 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...
July 25, 1844 ...	July 25, 1844 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...
Nov. 30, 1843 ...	Mar. 29, 1844 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...
Dec. 21, 1843 ...	Feb. 1, 1844 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...
Jan. 4, 1844 ...	Feb. 1, 1844 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	May 2, 1867 ...	— ...
— ...	— ...	Apr. 2, 1846 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...

NAME.	TRADE OR PROFESSION.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	INITIATED.
Bro. C. J. Powell, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1848.				
Bro. Frederiek Smith	... Com. Traveller	... —	... —	... Mar. 15, 1849
Bro. John Jenkins	... —	... —	... —	... —
Bro. Hy. Wm. White, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1849.				
Bro. John Daniel Thomas	... High Bailiff	... Merthyr	... —	... —
Bro. Edward Davies	... Surgeon	... —	... —	... Aug. 1, 1850
Bro. John Evans (Dowlais)	... Ensign 7th Reg. Bengal Native Infantry	... —	... —	... Dec. 5, 1850
Bro. J. W. Russell, P.M., Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1850.				
Bro. James Hopkins	... —	... —	... —	... Jan. 9, 1851
Bro. David Morgan	... Com. Traveller	... London	... —	... Jan. 16, 1851
Bro. Francis Allday	... Surgeon	... Merthyr	... 37	... July 17, 1851
Bro. Richard Danberry Hyde	... Lieut.	... Royal Navy	... —	... Dec. 29, 1851
Bro. James Walkinshaw, Installed W.M. Dec. 29th, 1851.				
Bro. James Snyth Benest	... Surveyor, Local Board of Health	... —	... —	... Aug. 19, 1852
Bro. Robert Jones	... Draper	... Merthyr	... —	... Sept. 16, 1851
Bro. John Daniel Thomas, Installed W.M. Jan. 6th, 1853.				
Bro. Rhys Hopkin Rhys	... —	... Aberdare	... —	... Feb. 3, 1853
Bro. William Simons	... —	... —	... —	... —
Bro. George Roach, Installed W.M. March 16th, 1854.				
Bro. George Russell	... —	... —	... —	... Mar. 16, 1854
Bro. Thomas Flooks	... Tyler	... Merthyr	... —	... Aug. 3, 1854
Bro. Thomas Jones Dyke, P.M., Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1854.				
Bro. Rev. Henry Harris	... Clergyman	... Pantyscallog	... —	... Oct. 4, 1855
Bro. Christopher James	... —	... Merthyr	... —	... Dec. 6, 1855
Bro. Robert Jones, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1855.				
Bro. Thomas Evans	... —	... Gellyfaelog	... —	... Aug. 7, 1856

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—	...	—	... Dec, 20, 1849	...	—	—
—	...	—	... Jan. 3, 1850	... Cambrian, 472	...	Feb., 1894
Jan. 2, 1851	... Mar. 20, 1851	...	—	—	...	—
Jan. 2, 1851	... July 17, 1851	...	—	—	...	—
Dec. 29, 1851	...	...	—	—	...	—
Jan. 15, 1852	... Aug. 28, 1854	...	—	—	...	—
Oct. 16, 1851	... Nov. 20, 1851	...	—	—	... Oct. 3, 1867	Dec. 28, 1868
Feb. 19, 1852	...	...	—	—	...	—
Sept. 16, 1852	... Oct. 21, 1852	...	—	—	...	—
Oct. 21, 1852	... Nov. 16, 1851	...	—	—	...	—
Mar. 3, 1853	... May 1, 1853	...	—	—	... Oct. 3, 1867	—
—	...	... Nov. 3, 1853	... Pater, 168	...	... June 6, 1867	Oct. 25, 1893
May 4, 1854	... July 6, 1854	...	—	—	...	—
Sept. 7, 1854	... Nov. 2, 1854	... As a Subscriber,	—	—	...	—
		Jan. 20, 1870	...	—	...	—
Nov. 1, 1854	... Dec. 6, 1855	...	—	—	...	—
Mar. 6, 1856	... May 1, 1856	...	—	—	... Mar. 4, 1869	Oct. 10, 1882
Sept. 4, 1856	... Dec. 4, 1856	...	—	—	...	—

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Bro. Robert Jones, Re-Elected W.M. Jan. 2nd, 1857.				
Bro. Francis Allday, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1857.				
Bro. John Benj. Evans	... Solicitor	...	—	... — ... Oct. 21, 1858
Bro. John Wilkes	... —	...	—	... — ... Oct. 21, 1858
Bro. Frank James	... Solicitor	...	—	... — ... Dec. 2, 1858
Bro. Christopher James, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1858.				
Bro. Thomas Evans, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1859.				
Bro. William Simons, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1860.				
Bro. Edward Lawrence	... Prof. of Music	... Merthyr	...	—
Bro. Thomas Rees	... Chemist	... Merthyr	...	April 4, 1861
Bro. John Plews	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	...	Dec. 27, 1861
Bro. D. C. Gunn	... Merchant	...	—	—
Bro. John Emrys Jones	... Sculptor	... Merthyr	...	—
Bro. David Mathias	... —	...	—	—
Bro. J. W. Russell, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1861.				
Bro. Richard Augustus Phillips	... —	...	—	—
Bro. Frederick Cook Stevens	... Engineer	... —	31	May 1, 1862
Bro. John Lees Cocker	... Gas Works	... —	...	Sept. 4, 1862
Bro. John Russell	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	23	Oct. 2, 1862
Bro. Pearson Robert Cresswell	... Surgeon	... Dowlais	29	Nov. 6, 1862
Bro. Peter Williams	... Printer	... Merthyr	...	Nov. 6, 1862
Bro. William Thomas Lewis	... Mining Engineer	... Aberdare	25	Nov. 6, 1862
Bro. Eliot Thomas Sheldrick	... —	...	—	Nov. 6, 1862
Bro. Edward Lawrence, Installed W.M. Dec. 30th, 1862.				
Bro. Rupert James	... —	... Merthyr	30	Feb. 5, 1863
Bro. William Jenkins	... Book-keeper	... Dowlais Iron Co.	36	Feb. 19, 1863
Bro. James David Williams	... Jeweller	... Merthyr	...	Feb. 19, 1863
Bro. William Edward Jones	... Artist	... Merthyr	37	April 2, 1863
Bro. Thomas Bradford Meredith	... —	... —	...	—
Bro. John Henry Thomas	... M.D.	... Cyfarthfa	...	Nov. 5, 1863
Bro. Thomas Rees, Installed W.M. Jan. 7th, 1864.				
Bro. Rees Miles	... Surgeon	... —	...	—

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Dec. 2, 1858	... Feb. 3, 1859	... —
Dec. 2, 1858	... Jan. 20, 1859	... — 1864	...
Jan. 6, 1859	... May 5, 1859	... — Dec. 20, 1866	...
—
June 6, 1861	... Nov. 7, 1861	... —	... Mar. 7, 1861 ... Perseverance, 190...	... Feb. 5, 1887	... June 10, 1900
Feb. 6, 1862	... Apr. 3, 1862	... —	...	...	...
—	...	...	... Dec. 27, 1861 ... Argyle, 335	... May 6, 1869	...
—	...	...	... Dec. 27, 1861 ... 333 St. Georges, ... Glasgow	... Nov. 7, 1872 ... as Serv. Bro.	... 1878
—	...	...	... Dec. 27, 1861 ... do.	...	... April, 1864
—
June 5, 1862	... July 3, 1862	... —	... Feb. 6, 1862	...	...
Oct. 2, 1862	... Nov. 6, 1862	... —	...	... Aug. 4, 1870	... March 7, 1911
Nov. 6, 1862	... Dec. 18, 1862	... —	...	...	... March 8, 1872
Dec. 18, 1862	... Jan. 15, 1863	... —	...	... Dec. 6, 1866	... Nov. 22, 1905
Dec. 18, 1862	... Jan. 15, 1863	... —	...	... Apr. 5, 1888	... Oct. 2, 1895
Jan. 15, 1863	... May 7, 1863	... —	...	... Jan. 19, 1871	... August, 1914
Dec. 18, 1862	... Feb. 5, 1863	... —	...	...	...
Apr. 2, 1863	... May 7, 1863	... —	...	... Dec. 6, 1866	...
Mar. 19, 1863	... —	... —	...	...	...
Mar. 19, 1863	... July 2, 1863	... —	...	... Mar. 4, 1886	... Feb. 1890
July 2, 1863	... Oct. 6, 1863	... —	...	...	... Oct., 1877
— May 7, 1863 ... Eastnor, 1053	... Dec. 27, 1876	...
Dec. 2, 1863	... May 5, 1864	... —
— June 2, 1864	... Feb. 3, 1870	...

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Bro. John Plews, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1864.				
Bro. William Rolands	... Cashier	... Plymouth, Merthyr...	—	... March 3, 1865
Bro. Lewis Thomas Lewis	... Engineer	... Aberdare	...	... St. David's Lodge, Aberdare
Bro. Thomas J. Jones	... —	... Courtland Terrace, Merthyr	—	... Oct. 5, 1865
Bro. William Harris	... Grocer	... Merthyr	...	... Oct. 19, 1865
Bro. J. H. Pollock	... —	... —	...	... —
Bro. Mathew Wayne Morgaa	... Colliery Proprietor	... Aberdare	.....	Nov. 16, 1865
Bro. Thomas Carlyle	... Solicitor Man. Clerk	Merthyr	... 29	... Dec. 7, 1865
Bro. John Russell, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1865.				
Bro. Alexander Chisholm	... Com. Traveller	... Merthyr	... —	... Feb. 1, 1866
Bro. J. M. Seddon	... Gent. Tailor	... Merthyr	... —	... March 15, 1866
Bro. Edward Lawrence, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1866.				
Bro. Robert Adams	... —	... Glasgow	... —	... Feb. 7, 1867
Bro. Albert Harris	... Bank Manager	... Merthyr	... —	... June 6, 1867
Bro. James David Williams, Installed W.M. Dec. 27th, 1867.				
Bro. Albert Goodwin	... Schoolmaster	... National Schools, Merthyr	... —	... June 5, 1868
Bro. Charles Taylor	... Architect	... Merthyr	... —	... Sept. 1, 1868
Bro. Thomas Jenkins	... Agent	... Dowlais	... —	... Dec. 3, 1868
Bro. Joseph Harpur	... Grocer	... Dowlais	... —	—
Bro. W. E. Jones, Installed W.M. Jan. 7th, 1869.				
Bro. George Sutton	... Agent, Brewers	... Merthyr	... —	... May 6, 1869
Bro. Frederiek Stuckey	... Wine Merchant	... Merthyr	... —	... Nov. 4, 1869
Bro. Frederiek Davies	... —	... Blaengwawr	... —	... Nov. 4, 1869
Bro. George Abraham	... West of England Bank	... Merthyr	... —	... Dec. 2, 1869
Bro. Benj. Jenkins (Serving Bro.)	Serving Brother	... —	... —	... Dec. 16, 1869
Bro. Thomas Jenkin Jones, Installed W.M. Dec. 30th, 1869				
Bro. T. J. Webster	... Surgeon	... Merthyr	... —	... Feb. 17, 1870
Bro. Harry Dyke Pearce	... Brewer	... Cefn	... —	... Feb. 17, 1870

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June 1, 1865 ...	Dec. 7, 1865 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Oct. 19, 1865 ...	Nov. 16, 1865 ...	Apr. 6, 1865 ...	St. Davids, 679 ...	Oct. 3, 1867 ...	—
Nov. 2, 1865 ...	Jan. 18, 1866 ...	— ...	— ...	May 1, 1873 ...	May, 1884
Jan. 18, 1866 ...	Sep. 6, 1866 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	1909
— ...	— ...	Nov. 16, 1865 ...	Welshpool Lodge	— ...	—
Feb. 1, 1866 ...	Apr. 5, 1866 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Jan. 18, 1866 ...	Apr. 5, 1866 ...	— ...	— ...	July 15, 1880 ...	Mar. 22, 1882
Mar. 1, 1866 ...	May 4, 1866 ...	— ...	— ...	Went to America	—
June 7, 1866 ...	Oct. 4, 1866 ...	— ...	— ...	July 3, 1879 ...	1907
Mar. 21, 1867 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Oct. 3, 1867 ...	Dec. 5, 1867 ...	— ...	— ...	Mar. 18, 1875 ...	—
Aug. 4, 1868 ...	Sep. 1, 1868 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	1882
Oct. 15, 1868 ...	Mar. 4, 1869 ...	— ...	— ...	June 5, 1879 ...	—
— ...	— ...	Dec. 17, 1867 ...	— ...	Mar. 21, 1873 ...	—
— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	Feb., 1873 ...	—
June 3, 1869 ...	Nov. 4, 1869 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Dec. 2, 1869 ...	Feb. 3, 1870 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Dec. 2, 1869 ...	Feb. 3, 1870 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	1876
Feb. 3, 1870 ...	Mar. 17, 1870 ...	— ...	— ...	Removed to ...	—
Feb. 17, 1870 ...	Mar. 17, 1780 ...	— ...	— ...	Taunton 1870	—
— ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	Nov. 7, 1872 ...	—
May 5, 1870 ...	Nov. 3, 1870 ...	— ...	— ...	Aug. 1, 1872 ...	—
May 5, 1870 ...	Nov. 17, 1870 ...	— ...	— ...	Dec. 27, 1876 ...	—

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Bro. T. F. Mathews	... Wine Merchant	... Cefn	— March 3, 1870
Bro. Henry Watkin Lewis	... Civil Engineer	... Plymouth Works	... — April 7, 1870
Bro. Sydney Ollard	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	... — ...	... Nov. 17, 1870
Bro. Thomas Carlyle, Installed W.M. Dec. 29th, 1870.				
Bro. Edward Crockett	... Surgeon	... Cyfarthfa	... — ...	... Jan. 4, 1871
Bro. Rev. David Davies Peirce	... —	... Aberdare	... — ...	... Jan. 4, 1871
Bro. Albert Harries, Installed W.M. Jan. 11th, 1872.				
Bro. Charles Wilkins	... Postmaster	... Merthyr	... — ...	... June 6, 1872
Bro. David Rees Lewis	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	... — ...	... June 6, 1872
Bro. Richard Wyndham Vaughan	... Civil Engineer	... —	... 28 ...	... Nov. 21, 1872
Bro. John Mills Seddon, Installed W.M. Jan. 8th, 1873.				
Bro. David Williams	... Taff Vale Brewery	... Merthyr	... — ...	... Mar. 6, 1873
Bro. William James	... Ironmonger	... Merthyr	... — ...	... Mar. 6, 1873
Bro. Wm. John While	... Chemist	... Merthyr	... — ...	... April 3, 1873
Bro. John French Williams	... Chandler	... Merthyr	... — ...	... Aug. 7, 1873
Bro. John Whitelaw Gunn	... Grocer	... Merthyr	... — ...	... Dec. 17, 1873
Bro. Thomas Montgomery	... Brewer	... Cardiff & Merthyr	... — ...	... Dec. 17, 1873
Bro. William Sharp	... Grocer & Postm'ter...	... Troedyrhiw	... — ...	...
Bro. John Mills Seddon, Installed W.M. Jan. 8th, 1874.				
Bro. Thomas Wilson Goodfellow	Rate Collector	... Merthyr	... 51 ...	... Mar. 17, 1874
Bro. John Jones	... Builder	... Glanynant, Merthyr	... — ...	... April 23, 1874
Bro. Edward Henry James	... Chief Clerk	... Dowlais Iron Co.	... — ...	... May 7, 1874
Bro. Evan Roberts	... —	... Merthyr	... — ...	... June 4, 1874
Bro. William Smith	... Colliery Manager	... Maesteg	... — ...	... June 4, 1874
Bro. Evan Nicholas	... —	... —	... — ...	... 1874
Bro. Christopher Edward Burgess	... Com. Traveller	... —	... — ...	... Dec. 17, 1874
Bro. Charles Taylor, Installed W.M. Jan. 7th, 1875.				
Bro. Hy. John Rees	... —	... —	... — ...	...
Bro. Daniel Jones Hirst	... Manager	... Dowlais	... — ...	... Feb. 18, 1875
Bro. Harry Wood Southey	... Newspaper Prop.	... Merthyr	... — ...	... Mar. 4, 1875
Bro. William J. Gabe	... Mining Engineer	... Cyfarthfa	... — ...	... Mar. 4, 1875
Bro. Thos. Fletcher Harvey	... Surveyor	... —	... —
Bro. Nathaniel Thomas	... Rail Inspector	... —	... — June 3, 1875

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Bro. John Owen Avis	Serving Bro.	...	—	... June 3, 1875
Bro. Edward Clay	... Stationmaster	... T.V.R., Merthyr Oct. 7, 1875
Bro. Timothy Evans	... Draper	... Merthyr	...	... Nov. 11, 1875
Bro. Edward Lawrence, Installed W.M. Jan. 7th, 1876.				
Bro. Herhert Rees	... Grocer	... Pentre	...	... Jan. 7, 1876
Bro. David James	... Chief Accountant	... Dowlais Iron Co.	...	... May 4, 1876
Bro. Benj. Jones	... Agent	... Dowlais Iron Co.	...	... May 4, 1876
Bro. William Evans	... Furnace Manager	... Dowlais Iron Co.	...	... May 4, 1876
Bro. William Lewis	... Accountant	... Dowlais Iron Co.	...	... Dec. 7, 1876
Bro. Charles Wilkins, Installed W.M. Jan. 3rd, 1877.				
Bro. Daniel George Lewis	... Sculptor	... Wellington Street, ... Merthyr	—	... Jan. 3, 1877
Bro. Alexander Gunn	... Confectioner	...	—	...
Bro. William Tylor Davies	... Rail Inspector	... Merthyr	... 29	... Feb. 1, 1877
Bro. James Rees	... Ironmonger	... Pentre	...	... Mar. 1, 1877
Bro. John Thomas	... Supt. of Police	... Merthyr	...	... Mar. 1, 1877
Bro. Rev. Nestor Williams	... Unitarian Minister	... Merthyr	...	... Mar. 1, 1877
Bro. David Rees Lewis, Installed W.M. Jan. 3, 1878.				
Bro. William Beddoe	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	...	... Feb. 7, 1878
Bro. Lewis Richards	... Moch. Engineer	... Dowlais	...	... April 4, 1878
Bro. Thomas Wake	... Tobacconist	... Merthyr	... 39	... June 6, 1878
Bro. William Owen	... Rail Inspector	... Troedyrhiw	...	... July 4, 1878
Bro. Charles Russell James	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	...	... July 4, 1878
Bro. David Owens	... Iron Merchant	... Troedyrhiw	...	... Sept. 5, 1878
Bro. Richard Rhys Davis	... Chemist	... Merthyr	... 32	... Oct. 3, 1878
Bro. William Griffiths	...	... T.V. Brewery, Merthyr	...	... Dec. 5, 1878
Bro. John James Jones	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	...	... Dec. 5, 1878
Bro. Thomas Wilson Goodfellow, Installed W.M. Jan. 9th, 1879.				
Bro. William Tom Flocks	... Tyler	... Merthyr	... 29	... Feb. 20, 1879
Bro. Charles Wm. Price	... Surgeon	... Merthyr Vale	...	... Mar. 6, 1879
Bro. George Frederick Harris	... Artist	... Merthyr	...	... Sept. 4, 1879
Bro. John Evan Davies	... Draper	... Merthyr	... 36	... Sept. 4, 1879
Bro. Jno. S. Jones	... Outfitter	... Merthyr	...	... Oct. 2, 1879
Bro. D. E. Jones	... Hotel Proprietor	... Treharris Oct. 2, 1879
Bro. Thomas Williams	... Caomarydwn Farm	Merthyr Dec. 18, 1879

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July 1, 1875 ...	Sept. 2, 1875 ...	— ...	—	...Went to Australia	—
Nov. 4, 1875 ...	Dec. 2, 1875 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	—
Dec. 16, 1875 ...	Feb. 3, 1876 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	Jan., 1887
Feb. 17, 1876 ...	Apr. 6, 1876 ...	— ...	—	...Went to America	—
June 1, 1876 ...	Aug. 3, 1876 ...	— ...	—	... Feb. 4, 1886 ...	—
July 6, 1876 ...	Aug. 3, 1876 ...	— ...	—	... Mar. 3, 1887 ...	—
July 6, 1876 ...	Aug. 3, 1876 ...	— ...	—	... Mar. 1, 1888 ...	—
Mar. 15, 1877 ...	— ...	— ...	—	... — ...	—
May 3, 1877 ...	June 7, 1877 ...	— ...	—	... Dec. 4, 1879 ...	—
— ...	— ...	Feb. 1, 1877 ...	1254, Exeter	... — ...	Feb., 1887
Mar. 15, 1877 ...	May 3, 1877 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	Feb., 1881
Apr. 3, 1877 ...	May 3, 1877 ...	— ...	—	... Dec., 1885 ...	—
Apr. 3, 1877 ...	May 24, 1877 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	—
Apr. 3, 1877 ...	May 24, 1877 ...	— ...	—	... Dec. 5, 1889 ...	—
Mar. 7, 1878 ...	Apr. 4, 1878 ...	— ...	—	... Feb. 7, 1884 ...	—
May 2, 1878 ...	July 4, 1878 ...	— ...	—	... Sept. 4, 1890 ...	—
Aug. 1, 1878 ...	Oct. 3, 1878 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	1912
Aug. 1, 1878 ...	Oct. 17, 1878 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	—
Aug. 1, 1878 ...	Oct. 17, 1878 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	—
Oct. 17, 1878 ...	Jan. 2, 1879 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	—
Nov. 7, 1878 ...	Dec. 5, 1878 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	—
Jan 2, 1879 ...	Feb. 20, 1879 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	—
Jan. 2, 1879 ...	Feb. 6, 1879 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	—
Apr. 3, 1879 ...	June 5, 1879 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	—
Apr. 3, 1879 ...	June 5, 1879 ...	— ...	—	...Rmvd.to Ca'rph'ly May 6, 1880	—
Oct. 2, 1879 ...	Nov. 6, 1879 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	—
Oct. 2, 1879 ...	Nov. 6, 1879 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	Apr. 30, 1891
Nov. 18, 1879 ...	Dec. 18, 1879 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	Oct., 1901
Nov. 18, 1879 ...	Dec. 18, 1879 ...	— ...	—	... — ...	March, 1912
Feb. 5, 1880 ...	Mar. 18, 1880	—	... Feb. 4, 1887 ...	—

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Bro. John Jones, Installed W.M. Jan. 15th, 1880.				
Bro. C. Harris	... Artist	... —	... —	...
Bro. David William Jones	... —	... Chill, S. America	... —	... June 3, 1880
Bro. David John	... Clerk	... Dowlais	... —	... June 3, 1880
Bro. Thomas Goodall	... —	... Treharris	... 26	... July 15, 1880
Bro. John Jones	... Manager	... Dowlais	... 48	... July 15, 1880
Bro. Martin Luther Evans	... Timber Merchant	... Merthyr	... —	... Sept. 2, 1880
Bro. John Jenkins	... Brickworks	... Merthyr	... —	... Sept. 2, 1880
Bro. Henry Jolliff	... Schoolmaster	... Merthyr	... —	... Sept. 2, 1880
Bro. Thomas Leyshon	... Com. Traveller	... —	... —	...
Bro. T. Havard	... Accountant	... Merthyr	... 46	... Nov. 18, 1880
Bro. W. H. Priest	... Supervisor	... Merthyr	... 42	... Nov. 18, 1880
Bro. F. Wilkins	... Post Office	... Merthyr	... 42	... Jan. 6, 1881
Bro. John Williams	... Grocer	... Merthyr	... 30	... Jan. 6, 1881
Bro. J. L. W. Ward	... Surgeon	... Merthyr	... 36	... Jan. 6, 1881
Bro. J. F. McClure	... Schoolmaster	... —	... 28	... Jan. 6, 1881
Bro. Simon Sandbrook	... Ironmonger	... Merthyr	... —	...
Bro. Ed. H. James, Installed W.M. Jan. 20th, 1881				
Bro. Christmas Evans	... Brewer	... Heolgerrig	... —	... Feb. 3, 1881
Bro. Thomas Harris	... Agent	... Merthyr	... —	...
Bro. Thomas William Lewis	... Engineer	... Tydfil House, Merthyr	... —	... July 7, 1881
Bro. Ed. Clay, Installed W.M. Jan. 19th, 1882.				
Bro. C. A. Thompson	... Pianoforte Manuf.	... Cardiff	... —	...
Bro. Benj. Richard Southey Frost	... Printer	... Merthyr	... —	... June 15, 1882
Bro. John Rosser	... Colliery Manager	... Treharris	... —	... June 15, 1882
Bro. Henry Evans	... Cashier	... Plymouth	... —	... June 15, 1882
Bro. David Evan Jones	... Boot Manufacturer...	... Merthyr	... 41	... Aug. 17, 1882
Bro. Mathew Bates	... Mineral Agent	... Cyfarthfa	... 52	... Nov. 2, 1882
Bro. David Jones Hirst, Installed W.M. Jan. 4th, 1883.				
Bro. John Morgan	... Asst. Overseer	... Pontypridd	... 25	... Mar. 1, 1883
Bro. Alfred Bowen	... Mill Manager	... Dowlais	... 35	... Mar. 1, 1883
Bro. David Abraham	... Colliery Manager	... Dowlais	... —	...
Bro. Sam Davies	... Com. Traveller	... Cardiff	... 37	... May 3, 1883
Bro. George Moore Gunson	... Grocer	... Merthyr	... 30	... Oct. 4, 1883
Bro. Benj. Summers	... Dealer	... Merthyr	... 36	... Oct. 4, 1883
Bro. Joseph Owen	... Oil Merchant	... Merthyr	... 52	... Nov. 1, 1883

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—	Feb. 5, 1880 ... Bath, 41	...	—
July 1, 1880	... July 29, 1880	—
July 1, 1880	... Aug. 5, 1880	—
Sept. 16, 1880	... Nov. 4, 1880 Feb. 4, 1884	—
Sept. 16, 1880	... Oct. 21, 1880	...	...	... Jan. 4, 1886	... Sept. 3, 1885
Oct. 7, 1880	... Nov. 18, 1880	...	...	... Jan 18, 1885	—
Oct. 7, 1880	... Nov. 4, 1880	...	...	... Nov. 3, 1887	—
Oct. 7, 1880	... Nov. 4, 1880	...	...	... Left for Tasma- nia, 1890	—
—	...	...	Nov. 18, 1880 ... Windsor, 1754	... Jan. 5, 1882	—
Dec. 16, 1880	... Jan. 13, 1881	...	...	... Apr. 3, 1884	—
Dec. 16, 1880	... Jan. 13, 1881	...	...	...	... Sept. 23, 1883
Feb. 17, 1881	... Apr. 7, 1881	...	...	... Nov. 16, 1893	—
Feb. 17, 1881	... Apr. 7, 1881	...	...	...	—
Feb. 17, 1881	... Apr. 7, 1881	...	...	... Feb. 2, 1888	—
Feb. 17, 1881	... Apr. 7, 1881	...	...	... July 2, 1885	—
—	...	...	Jan. 6, 1881 ... Kennard, 1258	...	—
Mar. 3, 1881	...	...	...	...	1909
—	...	...	Apr. 7, 1881 ... Exmouth, 106	...	—
Oct. 21, 1881	... Jan. 5, 1882	...	...	... Jan. 1, 1885	—
—	...	...	May 4, 1882 ...	...	—
Aug. 3, 1882	... Sept. 7, 1882	...	...	...	—
Aug. 3, 1882	... Oct. 19, 1882	...	...	...	—
Aug. 3, 1882	... Sept. 7, 1882	...	...	...	—
Sept. 21, 1882	... Oct. 19, 1882	...	...	...	Nov., 1907
Feb. 15, 1883	... July 15, 1883	...	...	...	Jan., 1887
Apr. 5, 1883	... July 5, 1883	...	...	...	April, 1887
—	—
—	...	...	Apr. 5, 1883 ... Fitchling, U.S.A....	Feb. 3, 1887	—
June 6, 1883	... Oct. 18, 1883	...	...	...	—
Nov. 1, 1883	... Dec. 6, 1883	...	...	... Mar. 1, 1888	July, 1892
Nov. 1, 1883	... Dec. 6, 1883	...	...	...	—
Feb. 21, 1884	... Apr. 3, 1884	...	...	...	Nov., 1901

NAME.	TRADE OR PROFESSION.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	INITIATED.
Bro. Timothy Evans, Installed W.M. Jan. 3rd, 1884.				
Bro. Joseph Harper	... Agent	... Dowlais	... —	... Apr. 3, 1884
Bro. David Roberts	... —	... —	... —	... Dec. 4, 1884
Bro. Richard Rhys Davis, Installed W.M. Jan. 1st, 1885.				
Bro. Thomas Clarkson Wakelin	... Architect	... Merthyr	... 27	... Feb. 5, 1885
Bro. James Tean Docton	... Painter	... Merthyr	... 40	... Feb. 5, 1885
Bro. Thomas Overton	... Com. Traveller	... Cardiff	... 36	... Feb. 19, 1885
Bro. David Jones	... Provision Merchant	... Dowlais	... 28	... Feb. 19, 1885
Bro. W. H. Willet	... —	... —	... —	... —
Bro. John Walter Thomas	... Ironmonger	... Merthyr & Cardiff	... 27	... Mar. 19, 1885
Bro. Eugene Boland Nash	Tea Merchant	... Merthyr	... 29	... Mar. 19, 1885
Bro. William Morgan	... Auctioneer	... Pontypridd	... —	... Mar. 19, 1885
Bro. John James Jones, Installed W.M. Jan. 7th, 1886.				
Bro. Duncan Macdonald	... Draper	... Merthyr	... 36	... Mar. 18, 1886
Bro. Alfred Edward Harris	... Artist	... Cefn Coed	... 22	... July 12, 1886
Bro. Isaac Sarvis	... Hotel Proprietor	... Castle Hotel, Merthyr Tydfil	... —	... —
Bro. George Frederick Harris, Installed W.M. Jan. 6th, 1887.				
Bro. William Howfield	... Confectioner	... Merthyr	... 27	... Feb. 3, 1887
Bro. Hugh Miller	... Com. Traveller	... Bradford	... —	... —
Bro. William Williams	... Tailor & Draper	... Merthyr	... 43	... June 2, 1887
Bro. Henry Bailey	... Corn Merchant	... Merthyr	... 43	... June 2, 1887
Bro. Lewis Fine	... —	... Rhymney	... 22	... June 2, 1887
Bro. William Roberts	... Merchant	... Merthyr Tydfil	... 31	... July 7, 1887
Bro. William Rubenstein Cohen	... Furniture Dealer	... Merthyr	... 43	... July 7, 1887
Bro. Hermann Gittelsohn	... Pawnbroker	... Dowlais	... 35	... July 7, 1887
Bro. Thomas Sharp Edwards	... Com. Traveller	... Merthyr Tydfil	... 45	... Nov. 3, 1887
Bro. David Walter Evans	... Provision Merchant	... Rhymney	... 24	... Nov. 3, 1887
Bro. Rhys Thomas Jones	... Schoolmaster	... Ystrad	... 31	... Nov. 3, 1887
Bro. John Evan Davies, Installed W.M. Jan. 5th, 1888.				
Bro. Isaac Lionel Jacobs	... Pawnbroker	... Birmingham	... 35	... Mar. 1, 1888
Bro. Thomas Williams	... Com. Traveller	... Grosvenor Hotel	... —	... —
Bro. David Williamson Morgan	... Master, Merthyr Union	... Merthyr	... 37	... Apr. 5, 1888

PASSED.	RAISED.	JOINED.	RAISED.	RESIGNED.	DIED.
May 1, 1884 ...	Nov. 6, 1884 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Mar. 5, 1885 ...	July 2, 1885 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
May 7, 1885 ...	Oct. 1, 1885 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	March, 1895
Mar. 5, 1885 ...	May 7, 1885 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
July 2, 1885 ...	Nov. 5, 1885 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	1891
May 7, 1885 ...	July 2, 1885 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
— ...	— ...	Mar. 5, 1885 ...	Hereford, 120 ...	— ...	—
May 7, 1885 ...	Nov. 5, 1885 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
July 2, 1889 ...	Sept. 3, 1889 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
May 7, 1889 ...	July 2, 1889 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
May 6, 1886 ...	June 3, 1886 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Aug. 5, 1886 ...	Sept. 2, 1886 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
— ...	— ...	Mar. 4, 1886 ...	Caradoc, 1573 ...	— ...	—
Mar. 3, 1887 ...	May 5, 1887 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	May, 1894
— ...	— ...	May 5, 1887 ...	Builth, 1807 ...	— ...	—
July 7, 1887 ...	Aug. 4, 1887 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Sept. 1, 1887 ...	Oct. 6, 1887 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	Sept. 5, 1913
July 7, 1887 ...	Aug. 4, 1887 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Sept. 1, 1887 ...	Oct. 6, 1887 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Sept. 1, 1887 ...	Oct. 6, 1887 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Sept. 1, 1887 ...	Oct. 6, 1887 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Dec. 1, 1887 ...	Feb. 2, 1888 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Dec. 1, 1887 ...	Feb. 2, 1888 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
Dec. 1, 1887 ...	Feb. 2, 1888 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
June 7, 1888 ...	July 5, 1888 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—
— ...	— ...	Feb. 2, 1888 ...	Bute, 960 ...	Dec. 6, 1900 ...	—
May 2, 1888 ...	July 5, 1888 ...	— ...	— ...	— ...	—

NAME.	TRADE OR PROFESSION.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	INITIATED.
Bro. William Roland Harris	... Accountant	... Merthyr	... 28	... Apr. 5, 1888
Bro. Thomas Frederick Elliott	... Schoolmaster	... Merthyr	... 31	... Dec. 6, 1888
Bro. Simon Sandbrook, Installed W.M. Jan. 4th, 1889.				
Bro. Albert Potter, B.A.	... Schoolmaster	... Merthyr	... 33	... May 2, 1889
Bro. William Howell Jones	... Cattle Dealer	... Merthyr	... 28	... May 2, 1889
Bro. Thomas Morris	... Brewer	... Cefn	... 44	... Aug. 1, 1889
John Mathias Berry	... Com. Traveller	... Merthyr	... 42	... Sept. 5, 1889
Bro. Allen Ferguson Kidney	... Com. Traveller	... Manchester	... 23	... Sept. 5, 1889
Bro. David Alfred Thomas	... M.P.	... Llanwern	... 33	... Sept. 5, 1889
Bro. Robert Henry Owen	... Analytical Chemist...	Cyfarthfa Iron Co...	22	... Sept. 5, 1889
Bro. Gilbert Wood Davies	... Bank Manager	... Merthyr	... 32	... Oct. 3, 1889
Bro. Thomas Rich	... Grocer	... Merthyr	... 46	... Oct. 3, 1889
Bro. Angus Mackintosh	... Draper	... Merthyr	... 37	... Nov. 21, 1889
Bro. John Rogers	... Cyfarthfa Iron Co...	Cefn Coed	... 40	... Dec. 5, 1889
Bro. David Rees Lewis, Installed Jan. 2nd, 1890.				
Bro. Hugh Colman	... Draper	... Merthyr	... 35	... Jan. 2, 1890
Bro. Arthur Robert Jones	... Hotel Keeper	... Treharris	... 22	... Jan. 2, 1890
Bro. William Williams	... Com. Traveller	... Merthyr	... 27	... Mar. 6, 1890
Bro. John William Lewis	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	... 27	... Mar. 6, 1890
Bro. H. H. Lewis	... —	... —	... —	... —
Bro. A. C. Botterill	... Hotel Keeper	... —	... —	... —
Bro. Richard Edwards	... Archt. & Surveyor	... —	... —	... —
Bro. Richard Miles Williams	... Mining Engineer	... Treharris	... 24	... June 5, 1890
Bro. Rev. A. Abolson	... Hebrew Minister	... Merthyr	... 50	... July 3, 1890
Bro. Rev. Harris Cohen	... Hebrew Minister	... Merthyr	... 23	... July 3, 1890
Bro. Moses Goodman	... —	... Merthyr	... 23	... Sept. 4, 1890
Bro. Lodovick Mackintosh	... Hotel Keeper	... Merthyr	... 36	... Sept. 4, 1890
Bro. Richard Edwards	... Com. Traveller	... Cefn Coed	... 34	... Oct. 2, 1890
Bro. Thomas Williams	... Mining Engineer	... Treharris	... 24	... Nov. 6, 1890
Bro. John Rosser	... Hotel Keeper	... Treharris	... 33	... Nov. 20, 1890
Bro. Thomas Dick	... Manager	... Merthyr	... 36	... Dec. 4, 1890
Bro. John Morgan	... Accountant	... Merthyr	... 27	... Dec. 4, 1890
Bro. William Jenkins	... Chemist	... Dowlais	... 42	... Dec. 18, 1890
Bro. John Jenkins	... Com. Traveller	... Penydarren	... 29	... Dec. 18, 1890
Bro. John Lloyd	... Managing Clerk	... Merthyr Tydfil	... 33	... Dec. 18, 1890
Bro. David Evan Jones, Installed W.M. Jan. 1st, 1891.				
Bro. Edwin Parson Biddle	... Jeweller	... Merthyr	... 50	... Jan. 15, 1891
Bro. William Henry Jones	... Tyler	... Merthyr	... 37	... Jan. 15, 1891

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May 3, 1888	... July 5, 1888	...	—	—
Feb. 6, 1889	... Mar. 7, 1889	...	—	—
June 8, 1889	... July 4, 1889	...	— Feb. 5, 1891	—
June 6, 1889	... July 4, 1889	...	—	—
Oct. 3, 1889	... Nov. 7, 1889	...	—	...	...	Sept. 15, 1903
Oct. 3, 1889	... Nov. 7, 1889	...	—	...	...	—
Oct. 3, 1889	... Nov. 7, 1889	...	—	...	... Nov. 3, 1892	—
Oct. 3, 1889	... Dec. 5, 1889	...	—	...	...	—
Oct. 3, 1889	... Nov. 7, 1889	...	—	...	...	—
Nov. 7, 1889	... Dec. 5, 1889	...	—	...	...	—
Nov. 7, 1889	... Dec. 5, 1889	...	—	...	...	—
Feb. 6, 1890	... Mar. 6, 1890	...	—	...	...	July 16, 1914
Apr. 3, 1890	... June 5, 1890	...	—	...	...	—
Feb. 6, 1890	... May 1, 1890	...	—	...	...	Dec. 25, 1893
Feb. 6, 1890	... Mar. 6, 1890	...	—	...	...	—
Apr. 3, 1890	... May 1, 1890	...	—	...	... Feb. 4, 1897	—
May 1, 1890	... June 5, 1890	...	—	...	...	—
—	...	... Apr. 3, 1890	...	Bute, 960	...	—
—	...	... Apr. 3, 1890	...	Bute, 960	...	August, 1914
—	...	... Apr. 3, 1890	...	Bute, 960	... Dec. 1, 1898	—
Aug. 7, 1890	... Sept. 4, 1890	...	—	...	...	—
Aug. 7, 1890	... Sept. 4, 1890	...	—	...	...	—
Aug. 7, 1890	... Sept. 4, 1890	...	—	...	... June 4, 1891	—
Nov. 6, 1890	... Dec. 18, 1890	...	—	...	...	—
Nov. 6, 1890	... Dec. 18, 1890	...	—	...	...	May 20, 1894
Nov. 20, 1890	... Dec. 18, 1890	...	—	...	...	—
Dec. 14, 1890	... Feb. 5, 1891	...	—	...	...	—
Dec. 20, 1890	... Feb. 5, 1891	...	—	...	...	June, 1902
Jan. 15, 1891	... Mar. 19, 1891	...	—	...	...	—
Jan. 15, 1891	... Mar. 19, 1891	...	—	...	...	—
Mar. 19, 1891	... Apr. 2, 1891	...	—	...	...	1892.
Jan. 15, 1891	... Apr. 2, 1891	...	—	...	...	—
Jan. 15, 1891	... Apr. 2, 1891	...	—	...	...	—
Mar. 5, 1891	... Apr. 2, 1891	...	—	...	...	Feb. 10, 1898
Mar. 5, 1891	... Apr. 2, 1891	...	—	...	...	—

NAME.	TRADE OR PROFESSION.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	INITIATED.
Bro. David Daniel Williams	Printer	Merthyr	29	Feb. 5, 1891
Bro. James King Price	Grocer	Dowlais	50	Feb. 5, 1891
Bro. Albert Price	Grocer	Merthyr	23	Mar. 5, 1891
Bro. Julius Prag	—	—	—	—
Bro. David Llewellyn	Stationmaster	Merthyr	45	July 2, 1891
Bro. Daniel Till	Lloyds Bank	Merthyr	—	—
Bro. Hy. Hastings Jaynes Wilkins...	—	Merthyr	42	—
Bro. Thomas Williams	Mining Engineer	Penrhiwceiber	40	Aug. 6, 1891
Bro. Stephen Thomas	Confectioner	Merthyr	28	Aug. 6, 1891
Bro. Alfred John Davies (Lewes)...	Draper	Merthyr	20	Sep. 3, 1891
Bro. William Vaughan Edwards	Clerk	Merthyr	24	Dec. 4, 1891
Bro. William Owen	Draper	Merthyr	44	Dec. 4, 1891
Wor. Bro. M. Tennant	D.G.P.M.	Hon. Member	—	—

Bro. Eugene Boland Nash, Installed W.M. Jan. 7th, 1892.

Bro. Richard Posthumous Rees	Chemist	Dowlais	46	Jan. 7, 1892
Bro. W. E. Miles	—	—	—	—
Bro. William Morgan	Sculptor	Dowlais	58	Feb. 4, 1892
Bro. Frederick James Harries	Journalist	Pontypridd	31	Feb. 4, 1891
Bro. Charles Martin	Butcher	Merthyr	35	Feb. 4, 1892
Bro. Harris Isaac	Outfitter	Dowlais	30	Apr. 7, 1892
Bro. P. N. Brannon	—	—	—	—
Bro. Wm. Macpherson Macdonald	Draper	Merthyr	29	May 5, 1892
Bro. Thomas Price Jenkins	Brick Manufacturer	Merthyr	25	Sept. 1, 1892
Bro. Edward Lumley	Builder	Merthyr	40	Nov. 3, 1892
Bro. Joseph Craddock	Cashier	Plymouth	—	—
Bro. Philip Thos. Rees	Solicitor	—	—	—

Bro. Duncan Macdonald, Installed W.M. Jan. 4, 1893.

Bro. William Watkin Jones	M.D.	—	27	—
Bro. David Charles Evans	Provision Merchant...	Dowlais	31	Mar. 2, 1893
Bro. John Lloyd Atkins	Auctioneer	Dowlais	36	Mar. 2, 1893
Bro. John Williams	M.D.	Dowlais	—	—
Bro. Harry Worton	Manager	Cyfarthfa	34	June 1, 1891
Bro. Hugh Lewis Hughes	Surgeon	Dowlais	34	June 1, 1891
Bro. William Harris	Merchant	Dowlais	34	June 1, 1893
Bro. Robert John Gunson	Provision Merchant...	Merthyr	35	Sept. 7, 1893
Bro. Charles William Jones	Chemist	Merthyr	28	Sept. 7, 1893
Bro. Edward Hugh Musgrove	Dentist	Merthyr	23	Sept. 7, 1893

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Mar. 5, 1891	... Apr. 2, 1891	... — Apr. 20, 1913
Mar. 5, 1891	... June 4, 1891	... —
May 7, 1891	... June 4, 1891	... —
— Mar. 5, 1891	... Liverpool, 1502
Aug. 6, 1891	... Sept. 3, 1891	... —	...	... Oct. 1, 1903	...
—	...	... June 4, 1891	...	... Jan. 1, 1914	...
Aug. 6, 1891	... Sept. 3, 1891	... —	...	... Jan. 4, 1894	...
Oct. 1, 1891	... Nov. 5, 1891	... —	...	...	...
Oct. 1, 1891	... Nov. 5, 1891	... —	...	...	...
Oct. 1, 1891	... Nov. 5, 1891	... —	...	...	... 1893
Jan. 21, 1892	... Mar. 3, 1892	... —	...	... Went to Australia	...
Jan. 21, 1892	... Mar. 3, 1892	... —	...	...	...
—	...	... Dec. 4, 1891	...	...	...
May 5, 1892	... Sept. 1, 1892	... —	...	...	...
—	...	... Jan. 21, 1892	... Tennant, 1992	...	...
July 7, 1892	... Aug. 4, 1892	... —	...	...	... 1914
Apr. 7, 1892	... Aug. 4, 1892	... —	...	...	...
Apr. 7, 1892	... Aug. 4, 1892	... —	...	...	...
May 5, 1892	... Aug. 4, 1892	... —	...	...	...
—	...	... May 5, 1892	... Albany, 151	... Jan. 4, 1894	...
June 2, 1892	... Aug. 4, 1892	... —	...	...	...
Oct. 6, 1892	... Nov. 3, 1892	... —	...	...	...
Dec. 1, 1892	... Feb. 2, 1893	... —	...	...	...
—	...	... Dec. 1, 1892	... Lichfield, 1039	... Feb. 7, 1895	...
—	... Dec. 1, 1892	... —	... Thames Valley	...	...
—	...	... Jan. 4, 1893	... Rhymney, 2226	...	...
Apr. 6, 1893	... May 4, 1893	... —	...	...	...
Apr. 6, 1893	... May 4, 1893	... —	...	...	... Aug. 27, 1910
—	...	... June 1, 1893	... St. Stephens, 145	... Oct. 4, 1900	... May, 1901
July 6, 1893	... Oct. 5, 1893	... —	...	... Aug. 6, 1896	...
July 6, 1893	... Oct. 5, 1893	... —	...	... Went to Australia in 1910	...
Aug. 3, 1893	... Oct. 5, 1893	... —	...	...	...
Oct. 5, 1893	... Nov. 2, 1893	... —	...	...	...
Oct. 5, 1893	... Nov. 2, 1893	... —	...	...	...
Oct. 5, 1893	... Nov. 16, 1893	... —	...	...	...

NAME.	TRADE OR PROFESSION.	RESIDENCE	AGE.	INITIATED.
Bro. S. Sandbrook, P.M., Installed W.M. Jan. 4th, 1894.				
Bro. John Craig	... Surveyor	... Dowlais	... 26	... Feb. 1, 1894
Bro. Thomas Nibloe	... Draper	... Merthyr	... 30	... May 3, 1894
Bro. Robert Colman	... Draper	... Merthyr	... 35	... May 3, 1894
Bro. Thomas Williams	... Engineer	... Cardiff	... 28	... May 3, 1894
Bro. William Purin Murphy	... Drill Instructor	... Merthyr Vale	... 35	... July 5, 1894
Bro. William Morgan	... Traffic Inspector	... Dunmore	... 43	... Dec. 6, 1894
Bro. Fred D. Jones	... Prof. of Music	... Merthyr	... 38	... Dec. 6, 1894
Bro. David Alfred Thomas, Installed W.M. Jan. 3rd, 1895.				
Bro. Jonah Philip Gibbon	... Mining Engineer	... Treharris	... 38	... Feb. 7, 1895
Bro. Jacob Ray	... —	... Treharris	... 51	... Mar. 7, 1895
Bro. B. Pope Viret	... Surgeon	... Merthyr	... 28	... Mar. 7, 1894
Bro. James Fraser	... Draper	... Merthyr	... 29	... June 6, 1895
Bro. Donald McLeod	... Draper	... Merthyr	... 29	... June 6, 1895
Bro. Walter Garton Stone	... Brewer	... Merthyr	... 23	... June 6, 1895
Bro. Daniel Morgan	... Spirit Merchant	... Merthyr	... 35	... Aug. 1, 1895
Bro. William Francis	... Provision Merchant...	... Merthyr	... 35	... Aug. 1, 1895
Bro. Herbert George Howitt	... Dentist	... Merthyr	... 25	... Nov. 7, 1895
Bro. Alfred Isaac Freedman	... Outfitter	... Dowlais	... 29	... Dec. 5, 1895
Bro. William Roland Harris, Installed W.M. Jan. 2nd, 1896.				
Bro. Thomas Watkin Davies	... Draper	... Merthyr	... 22	... March 6, 1896
Bro. William Rees Lewis	... Decorator	... Merthyr	... 40	... March 6, 1896
Bro. John Forrester	... Auctioneer	... Merthyr	... 45	... March 6, 1896
Bro. Charles R. Williams	... Architect	... Merthyr	... 23	... March 6, 1896
Bro. Thomas Wake, Installed W.M. Jan. 7th, 1897.				
Bro. Moses David Goodman	... Wholesale Agent	... Merthyr	... 26	... Feb. 4, 1897
Bro. Andrew Croll	... Surgeon	... Merthyr	... 26	... May 6, 1897
Bro. Cole Isaac Thomas	... Accountant	... Dowlais	... —	... Nov. 4, 1897
Bro. John Mathias Berry, Installed W.M. Jan. 6th, 1898.				
Bro. Richard Theophilus Jones	... Draper	... Merthyr	... 35	... Sept. 1, 1898
Bro. Thomas Davies	... Pandy Farm	... Merthyr	... 43	... Nov. 3, 1898

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Mar. 1, 1894	... Apr. 5, 1894	...	—	—
June 7, 1894	... Sep. 6, 1894	...	—	—
June 7, 1894	... Sep. 6, 1894	...	—	March, 1897
June 7, 1894	... Sep. 6, 1894	...	—
Aug. 2, 1894	... Sep. 6, 1894	...	—	...	...	Died in Africa March, 1900
Mar. 7, 1895	... May 2, 1895	...	—	...	...	Sept., 1907
Mar. 7, 1895	... May 2, 1895	...	—	...	... Dec., 1902	—
Apr. 4, 1895	... May 2, 1895	...	—	...	... 1904	—
Apr. 4, 1895	... May 2, 1895	...	—	...	... June 3, 1897	—
Apr. 4, 1895	... May 2, 1895	...	—	...	... Oct. 3, 1895	—
Sept. 5, 1895	... Nov. 7, 1895	...	—	...	...	—
Oct. 3, 1897	... Nov. 7, 1897	...	—	...	...	1899
Sept. 5, 1895	... Nov. 7, 1895	...	—	...	...	—
Sept. 5, 1895	... Nov. 7, 1895	...	—	...	...	—
Sept. 5, 1905	... Nov. 7, 1895	...	—	...	...	—
Feb. 6, 1896	... May 7, 1896	...	—	...	...	—
Feb. 6, 1896	... June 4, 1896	...	—	...	...	—
Apr. 2, 1896	... May 7, 1896	...	—	...	...	In the War, S. Africa, 1901
Apr. 2, 1896	... May 7, 1896	...	—	...	...	—
Apr. 2, 1896	... May 7, 1896	...	—	...	...	Feb., 1913
Apr. 2, 1896	... May 7, 1896	...	—	...	...	—
Mar. 18, 1897	... June 3, 1897	...	—	...	...	—
June 3, 1897	... Sept. 2, 1897	...	—	...	...Went to Canada	—
—	... —	...	—	...	...	Sept., 1898
Oct. 6, 1898	... Nov. 3, 1898	...	—	...	...	—
Feb. 16, 1898	... Apr. 6, 1899	...	—	...	...	Dec., 1909

NAME.	TRADE OR PROFESSION.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	INITIATED.
Bro. Angus Mackintosh, Installed W.M. Jan. 5th, 1899.				
Bro. Harold Vivian Jones	... Solicitor	... Cefn Coed	... 28	... Feb. 2, 1899
Bro. W. Morgan Davies	... Gutfitter	... Dowlais	... 34	... Feb. 2, 1899
Bro. Sergt. J. Quant	... Drill Instructor	... Dowlais	... —	... —
Bro. Rev. Llewellyn Morgan Williams	... Rector	... Dowlais	... —	... Mar. 2, 1899
Bro. William Evans (Lewes)	... Engineer	... Cyfarthfa	... 20	... Mar. 2, 1899
Bro. Charles Morgan Davies	... Merthyr	... Architect	... 49	... Oct. 3, 1899
Bro. John Morgan, Installed W.M. Jan. 7th, 1900.				
Bro. Joseph Coleman Freedman	...	... Dowlais	... —	... —
Bro. Richard Cound Jenkins	... Surveyor	... Cefn Coed	... 30	... June 7, 1900
Bro. William Jones Canton	... Police Inspector	... Merthyr	... 45	... Sept. 6, 1900
Bro. Charles Price	... Provision Merchant	... Troedyrhiw	... 50	... Sept. 6, 1900
Bro. Thomas Gilbert Evans	... Overseer	... Merthyr	... 35	... Oct. 4, 1900
Bro. John Francis	... Stationmaster	... Abercarnaid	... 46	... Oct. 4, 1900
Bro. John Evans	... Engineer	... Cyfarthfa	... 24	... Nov. 1, 1900
Bro. Julius Prag., Installed W.M. Jan. 3rd, 1901.				
Bro. Thomas Sidney Barrett Green	Journalist	... Merthyr	... 32	... March 7, 1901
Bro. David Eiddil Jones	... Com. Traveller	... Cefn Coed	... 44	... March 7, 1901
Bro. John Christopher Bedlington	Mechanical Engineer	Cardiff	... 45	... May 1, 1901
Bro. Edgar Beynon	... Outfitter	... Merthyr	... 38	... Aug. 1, 1901
Bro. Arthur Handsard	... Aerated Water Manf.	Merthyr	... 32	... Sept. 5, 1901
Bro. Rev. Peter Williams	... Vicar	... Troedyrhiw	... 49	... Sept. 5, 1901
Bro. Hermann Gittelsohn, Installed W.M. Jan. 2nd, 1902.				
Bro. Edward Jones	... Banker	... Lon. & Prov. Bank	... —	... —
Bro. Charles M. Jones	... Surgeon	... Troedyrhiw	... —	... —
Bro. William Hugh Fraser	... Draper	... Merthyr	... 26	... Nov. 6, 1902
Bro. F. Sydney Simons	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	... 32	... —
Bro. William Burr	... Pianoforte Dealer	... Merthyr	... 41	... Nov. 6, 1902
Bro. Alexander Duncan	... M.B. D.P.H.	... Merthyr	... 36	... —
Bro. William Watkin Jones, M.D., Installed W.M. Jan. 1st, 1903.				
Bro. Rev. William Evans, B.A.	... Curate-in-Charge	... Dowlais	... 30	... Feb. 5, 1903
Bro. Edward Humphreys	... Ironmonger	... Merthyr	... 46	... March 12, 1903

PASSED.	RAISED.	JOINED.	RAISED.	RESIGNED.	DIED.
Apr. 6, 1899	... June 1, 1899	...	—	...	—
Apr. 6, 1899	... June 1, 1899	...	—	...	—
—	...	... Mar. 2, 1899	... Zetland, 515	...	—
May 4, 1899	... July 1, 1899	...	—	...	—
Apr. 6, 1899	... June 1, 1899	...	—	...	—
Nov. 2, 1899	... Dec. 7, 1899	...	—	...	—
—	...	... Jan. 7, 1900	... Royal Alfred, South Africa	...	—
July 5, 1900	... Oct. 4, 1900	...	—	...	—
Nov. 1, 1900	... Dec. 6, 1900	...	—	...	—
Nov. 1, 1900	... Mar. 1, 1901	...	—	...	—
Nov. 1, 1900	... Dec. 6, 1900	...	—	...	—
Nov. 1, 1900	... Dec. 6, 1900	...	—	... Jan. 18, 1912	...
Feb. 7, 1901	... Apr. 11, 1901	...	—	...	Feb., 1914
Apr. 11, 1901	... June 1, 1901	...	—	...	—
Apr. 11, 1901	... June 1, 1901	...	—	...	—
July 4, 1901	... Dec. 5, 1901	...	—	...	—
Oct. 3, 1901	... Nov. 7, 1901	...	—	...	—
Oct. 3, 1901	... Nov. 7, 1901	...	—	...	—
Oct. 3, 1901	... Nov. 7, 1901	...	—	...	—
—	...	... Apr. 3, 1902	... St. George's, Tre'gr	...	—
—	...	... July 3, 1902	... St. Davids, Aber'r	...	1909
—	...	...	... —	... Went to Canada	—
—	...	... Nov. 6, 1902	... Glamorgan, Card'ff	...	—
Dec. 4, 1902	... May 7, 1903	...	—	...	—
—	...	... Dec. 4, 1902	... Cavindish, 2620	...	—
Apr. 2, 1903	... May 7, 1903	...	—	... Dec. 3, 1903	...
Apr. 2, 1903	... May 7, 1903	...	—	...	... Dec. 16, 1913

NAME.	TRADE OR PROFESSION.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	INITIATED.
Bro. Lewis Francis Gurslave Lewis	B.A., Student	... Plas, Ponydarron	... 21	... Aug. 13, 1903
Bro. Harry Hartley Southey	... Newspaper Propr.	... Merthyr	... 32	... Aug 13, 1903
Bro. Theophilus Jones	... Draper	... Merthyr	... 25	... Dec. 3, 1903
Bro. David Charles Evans, Installed W.M. Jan. 3, 1904.				
Wor. Bro. T. Edwards	... Manager	... Rhymney	... —	... —
Bro. William Thomas Davies	... Mech. Engineer	... Troedyrhiw	... —	... Nov. 3, 1904
Bro. W. J. Broome	... School Supter.	... Quakers' Yard	... —	... —
Bro. Charles William Jones, Installed W.M. Jan. 5th, 1905.				
Bro. Rev. John Davics	... Rector	... Cefn Coed	... —	... —
Bro. William Jones	... Colliery Manager	... Dowlais	... 47	... Feb. 5, 1905
Bro. Gwilym Phillips	... Draper	... Merthyr	... —	... May 4, 1905
Bro. William Picton Davies	... Provision Merchant...	... Merthyr	... 39	... Aug. 3, 1905
Bro. Frank Allen Phillips	... Accountant	... Merthyr	... 36	... Nov. 2, 1905
Bro. Thomas Nibloe, Installed W.M. Jan. 4th, 1906.				
Bro. John Francis	... Chemist	... Merthyr	... 35	... March 1, 1906
Bro. Henry Parfitt	... Engineer	... Merthyr	... 55	... Sept. 6, 1906
Bro. James Fraser, Installed W.M. Jan. 3rd, 1907.				
Bro. Rev. Hugh Williams, M.A.	... Clergyman	... Llandaff	... 29	... Apr. 4, 1907
Bro. Illyd Bevan Rees	... Journalist	... Merthyr	... 28	... Nov. 7, 1907
Bro. James Edmund Kenshole	... Manager	... Gas Works, Merthyr	... 42	... Dec. 5, 1907
Bro. Henry Owen	... Wine & Spirit Mer.	... Merthyr	... 49	... Dec. 5, 1907
Bro. Alfred Isaac Freedman, Installed W.M. Jan. 2nd, 1908.				
Bro. Samuel Joseph Davies	... Chief Clerk	... The Brewery, Merthyr	47	... May 7, 1908
Bro. Herbert Walter Davies	... Marine Engineer	... Merthyr	... 26	... May 7, 1908
Bro. A. L. Jones	... Chemist	... —	... —	... —
Bro. Thomas Stephen Evans	... Provision Merchant...	... Dowlais	... 35	... Oct. 1, 1908
Bro. Thomas Lewis	... Provision Merchant...	... Dowlais	... 42	... Oct. 1, 1908
Bro. Duncan Cameron	... Draper	... Merthyr	... 34	... Oct. 1, 1908
Bro. Frederick Percival Jones	... Marine Engineer	... Merthyr	... 29	... Nov. 5, 1908
Bro. Rev. Peter Williams, Installed W.M. Jan. 1st, 1909				
Wor. Bro. Thomas Phillips	... Solicitor	... Aberdare	... —	... —
Wor. Bro. David William Evans...	... Solicitor	... Cardiff	... —	... —
Wor. Bro. Cornelius Albert Griffith	M.D.	... Cardiff	... —	... —

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Oct. 1, 1903	... Dec. 22, 1903	...	—	Nov. 3, 1910	...	—
Nov. 5, 1903	... Dec. 22, 1903	...	—	—	...	—
Feb. 4, 1903	... Mar. 3, 1903	...	—	—	...	—
—	Feb. 4, 1904	... St. David's Rymn'y	...	Feb. 2, 1911	...	—
Dec. 1, 1904	... Apr. 6, 1905	...	—	...	...	—	...	—
—	...	...	Oct. 7, 1904	... Fforest, Treharris	...	—	...	—
—	...	...	Jan. 5, 1905	... Brecknock	...	—	...	—
Mar. 2, 1905	... Apr. 6, 1905	...	—	...	...	—	...	June, 1912
Apr. 2, 1905	... Oct. 5, 1905	...	—	...	...	—	...	—
Apr. 2, 1905	... Oct. 5, 1905	...	—	...	...	—	...	—
Dec. 7, 1907	... Feb. 1, 1906	...	—	...	...	—	...	—
May 3, 1906	... June 7, 1906	...	—	...	...	—	...	—
Oct. 4, 1906	... Nov. 1, 1906	...	—	...	...	—	...	—
May 2, 1907	... June 6, 1907	...	—	...	...	—	...	—
Feb. 6, 1907	... Mar. 5, 1908	...	—	...	...	—	...	—
Feb. 6, 1908	... Mar. 5, 1908	...	—	...	...	—	...	—
Feb. 6, 1908	... Mar. 5, 1908	...	—	...	...	—	...	—
June 4, 1908	... July 9, 1908	...	—	...	...	—	...	Sept., 1911
June 4, 1908	... July 9, 1908	...	—	...	...	—	...	—
—	...	...	May 7, 1908	...	...	—	...	—
Nov. 12, 1908	... Dec. 10, 1908	...	—	...	...	—	...	—
Nov. 12, 1908	... Dec. 10, 1908	...	—	...	...	—	...	—
Nov. 12, 1908	... Dec. 10, 1908	...	—	...	...	—	...	—
Dec. 3, 1908	... Jan 6, 1910	...	—	—	...	—
—	Jan. 1, 1909	... St. David's	...	—	...	May 15, 1914
—	—	... Prince Llewellyn...	...	—	...	—
—	—	... Prince Llewellyn...	...	—	...	—

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Bro. David Roberts	... Engineer	... Cardiff	... — ...	—
Bro. Dr. F. P. S. Cresswell	... —	... Cardiff	... — ...	—
Bro. Dr. Trevor S. Jones	... —	... Cardiff	... — ...	—
Bro. Rev. Daniel Evans	... Vicar	... Penydarren	... 61	... Apr. 7, 1909
Bro. Alphonso Henry Brown	... Accountant	... Plymouth	... 31	... June 10, 1909
Bro. John Holland	... Assurance Supt.	... Merthyr	... 45	... June 10, 1909
Wor. Bro. John James Jones, Installed W.M. Feb. 3rd, 1910.				
Bro. Arthur Llewellyn Jones	... Com. Traveller	... Merthyr	... 36	... Apr. 7, 1910
Bro. F. A. Coombs	... Hotel Proprietor	... Tredegar	... — ...	—
Bro. Henry M. Lloyd	... Chemist	... Merthyr	... — ...	—
Bro. W. George David	... Cashier	... Lloyds Bank	... — ...	—
Bro. James Arthur Wilson	... Chief Constable	... Borough of Merthyr	33	... June 2, 1910
Bro. Evan Thomas Davies	... Prof. of Music	... Merthyr	... 32	... June 2, 1910
Bro. George Luke Harber	... Vet. Surgeon	... Pentrebach	... 41	... June 2, 1910
Bro. J. J. Harvey	... Bandmaster	... Merthyr	... — ...	—
Bro. William White	... Manager	... Merthyr	... — ...	—
Bro. Wm. John Canton	... Solicitor	... Dowlais	... 26	... Sept. 1, 1910
Bro. John Thomas Vaughan	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	... 40	... Sept. 15, 1910
Bro. George Foster Martin	... Manager	... Blaenavon Ironworks	— ...	—
Bro. Oswald James	... —	... Do.	... — ...	—
Bro. Richard Theophilus Jones, Installed W.M. Jan. 5th, 1911.				
Bro. Boland Cotterill	... Engineer	... Llwynon Reservoir...	31	... —
Bro. Stephen Pettifor	... Com. Traveller	... Merthyr	... 46	... Mar. 2, 1911
Bro. Charles Richardson White	... Surgeon	... Merthyr Vale	... — ...	—
Bro. Thos. Edmund Rees	... Architect	... Merthyr	... 29	... Mar. 2, 1911
Bro. Arthur John Phillips	... Police Inspector	... Merthyr	... 41	... Mar. 2, 1911
Bro. Mathias Williams	... Com. Traveller	... Merthyr	... 38	... Mar. 2, 1911
Bro. Richard Edward James	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	... 41	... Apr. 6, 1911
Bro. Washington Bowen	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	... 43	... July 6, 1911
Bro. D. C. Williams	... Dr. of Music	... Merthyr	... — ...	—
Bro. David Lewis	... Engineer	... Merthyr	... 51	... July 6, 1911
Bro. David James Parry	... Chief Clerk	... County Court, Mert'r	38	... July 6, 1911
Bro. George Frederick Livsey	... Colliery Engineer	... Abercynon	... 51	... July 6, 1911
Bro. Ralph Livsey	... Musician	... Cefn Coed	... — ...	—
Bro. Richard Harry Thomas	... Bank Clerk	... Merthyr	... 29	... Oct. 5, 1911
Bro. John Dynver Lloyd	... Provision Merchant...	... Merthyr	... 52	... Oct. 5, 1911
Bro. Bernard Freedman	... Furnisher	... Dowlais	... 48	... Oct. 5, 1911
Bro. John Herbert Harris	... Merchant	... Dowlais	... 40	... Oct. 5, 1911

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—	...	—	... Jan. 1, 1909 ... Glamorgan, 36 ...	—	—
—	...	—	... „ ... Prince Llew'1'n, 2570	—	—
—	...	—	... „ ... „	—	—
June 3, 1910	... Oct. 14, 1909	—	—
Sept. 2, 1909	... Oct. 14, 1909	—	—
Sept. 2, 1909	... Oct. 14, 1909	...	...	—	—
May 5, 1910	... Sept. 15, 1910	...	...	—	—
—	...	...	... Mar. 3, 1910 ... St. George, Tredgr.	—	—
—	...	...	... Mar. 3, 1910 ... Fforest, Treharris	—	—
—	...	...	... May 5, 1910 ... St. David's, 366 ...	—	—
July 7, 1910	... Sep. 15, 1910	...	...	—	—
July 7, 1910	... Aug. 4, 1910	...	...	—	—
July 7, 1910	... Aug. 4, 1910	...	...	—	—
—	...	...	... Mayo, 1406 Madras	—	Jan., 1913
—	...	...	... Aug. 4, 1910 ... Lebenon 493, Glos.	—	—
Nov. 3, 1910	... Dec. 1, 1910	... Sep. 15, 1910	...	—	—
Nov. 3, 1910	... Dec. 1, 1910	...	...	—	—
—	...	...	... Kennard, 1258 ...	—	—
—	...	... Sep. 15, 1910	... Kennard, 1258 ...	—	—
—	...	...	... Jan. 5, 1911 ... Wentworth, 1239	—	—
May 4, 1911	... July 20, 1911	...	...	—	—
—	...	... Mar. 2, 1911	... Fforest, 2606 ...	—	—
May 4, 1911	... July 20, 1911	...	...	—	—
June 1, 1911	... Sep. 7, 1911	...	...	—	—
May 4, 1911	... July 20, 1911	...	...	—	—
May 4, 1911	... July 20, 1911	...	...	—	—
Sept. 7, 1911	... Oct. 12, 1911	...	...	—	—
—	...	... June 1, 1911	... Fforest, 2606 ...	—	—
Sept. 7, 1911	... Oct. 12, 1911	...	...	—	—
Sept. 7, 1911	... Oct. 12, 1911	...	...	—	—
Sept. 7, 1911	— Oct. 12, 1911	...	...	—	—
—	...	... July 6, 1911	... New Cross, 1559...	—	—
Nov. 2, 1911	... Feb. 1, 1912	—	—
Nov. 2, 1911	... Apr. 4, 1912	—	—
Nov. 2, 1911	... Feb. 1, 1912	—	—
Nov. 2, 1911	... Feb. 1, 1912	—	—

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Bro. Sydney Augustus Putnam	... Inland Revenue	... Merthyr	... —	... Oct. 5, 1911
Bro. Wm. Leaver Evans	... Draper	... Merthyr	... 34	... Dec. 7, 1911
Bro. Rich. Edgar Jones	... Gentleman	... Merthyr	... 40	... Dec. 7, 1911
Bro. John Ernest Biddle	... Dep. Town Clerk	... Merthyr	... 40	... Dec. 7, 1911
Bro. J. A. Daniel	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	... 29	... Dec. 7, 1911
Bro. Frederick Dyke Sydney Simons, Installed W.M. Jan. 3rd, 1912.				
Bro. Thomas Lloyd	... Electrical Engineer...	... Dowlais	... 44	... Jan. 18, 1912
Bro. John Plews	... Barrister	... Merthyr	... —	...
Bro. Thos. Fletcher Harvey	... Surveyor	... Merthyr	... —	...
Bro. Arthur Evans	... Provision Merchant...	... Dowlais	... 37	... Mar. 7, 1912
Bro. Douglas Sargenson Twigg	... Solicitor	... Merthyr	... 25	... Mar. 7, 1912
Bro. Cornelius Williams	... Com. Traveller	... Merthyr	... 33	... Apr. 4, 1912
Bro. Max Loewensohn	... Merchant	... Merthyr	... 39	... Apr. 4, 1912
Bro. Alfred Gregory	... Drill Instructor	... Merthyr	... 42	... June 6, 1912
Bro. John Jenkins	... Brick Manufacturer	... Merthyr	... 34	... June 6, 1912
Bro. Richard Makin	... M.D.	... Dowlais	... 32	... Oct. 3, 1912
Bro. Wm. Herbert Morgan	... Surveyor	... Fed. Malay States	... 29	... Oct. 5, 1912
Bro. Richard Stanley Bates	... Civil Engineer	... Pontsticill	... 29	... Nov. 28, 1912
Bro. John Morgan Edwards	... Outfitter	... Dowlais	... 50	... Dec. 5, 1912
Bro. Thomas Powell	... Registrar of Deaths...	... Merthyr	... 39	... Dec. 5, 1912
Bro. Allen Walford Hughes	... Bank Manager	... Merthyr	... —	...
Bro. William Burr, Installed W.M. Jan. 2nd. 1913.				
Bro. Frederick Hughes	... Engineer	... Merthyr	... 30	... Feb. 6, 1913
Bro. Thomas Powell	... Saddler	... Merthyr	... —	... May 1, 1913
Bro. Thomas James	... Clerk	... Troedyrhiw	... 28	... June 5, 1913
Bro. Walter Wake	... Solicitor	... Weston-super-Mare...	... —	...
Bro. Frederick Reed	... Chief Clerk	... Dowlais Iron Co.	... 48	... Dec. 4, 1913
Bro. Arnold Bailey	... Com. Traveller	... Merthyr	... 23	... Dec. 4, 1913
Bro. Alexander Duncan, M.B., D.P.H., Installed W.M. Jan. 1st, 1914.				
Bro. James Gilleland	... Com. Traveller	... Cefn Coed	... 30	... Apr. 2, 1914
Bro. Sydney Evans	... Accountant	... Dowlais Iron Co.	... 48	... Apr. 2, 1914
Bro. John Gilroy Williams	... Engineer	... Dowlais Iron Co.	... 41	... Apr. 2, 1914
Bro. Edwin Wm. Gruffydd Richards	... Architect	... Cefn Coed	... 34	... Oct. 1, 1914
Bro. Lieut. Ernest Jones	... Solicitor	... Cefn Coed	... —	... Nov. 5, 1914
Bro. J. W. Lewis, Installed W.M. Jan. 7th, 1915.				

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—	Oct. 5, 1911 ... Albany, 151	...	—
Mar. 7, 1912	... May 2, 1912	...	—	...	—
Mar. 7, 1912	... May 2, 1912	...	—	...	—
Mar. 7, 1912	... May 2, 1912	...	—	...	—
Apr. 4, 1912	... May 2, 1912	...	—	...	—
Apr. 4, 1912	... May 2, 1912	...	—	...	—
—	...	...	Rejoined Feb. 1, 1912	...	—
—	...	...	Do.	...	—
Apr. 4, 1912	... May 2, 1912	...	—	...	—
June 6, 1912	...	...	—	...	—
June 6, 1912	... Oct. 31, 1912	...	—	...	—
Sept. 5, 1912	... Oct. 31, 1912	...	—	...	—
Sept. 5, 1912	... Oct. 31, 1912	...	—	...	—
Nov. 7, 1912	... Dec. 5, 1912	...	—	...	—
Nov. 7, 1912	... Dec. 5, 1912	...	—	...	—
Mar. 6, 1913	... Apr. 3, 1913	...	—	...	—
Mar. 6, 1913	... Apr. 3, 1913	...	—	...	—
Mar. 6, 1913	... Apr. 3, 1913	...	—	...	—
Mar. 6, 1913	... Mar. 3, 1913	...	—	...	—
—	...	...	Apr. 4, 1913 ... Brecknock, 651	...	—
Mar. 6, 1913	... Apr. 3, 1913	...	—	...	—
Sept. 4, 1913	... Oct. 2, 1913	...	—	...	—
Sept. 4, 1913	... Nov. 6, 1913	...	—	...	—
—	...	...	Oct. 2, 1913 ... King Alfred 3169...	...	—
Feb. 4, 1914	... Mar. 5, 1914	...	Weston	...	—
Feb. 4, 1914	... Mar. 5, 1914	...	—	...	—
May 7, 1914	... June 4, 1914	...	—	...	—
May 7, 1914	... June 4, 1914	...	—	...	—
May 7, 1914	... June 4, 1914	...	—	...	—
Nov 5, 1914	... Dec. 3, 1914	...	—	...	—

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Alphabetical List of Members.

A.			YEAR			
Abelson, Abraham	1890	Burgess, Christopher E.	...	1874
Abraham, George	1869	Burnell, Thomas	...	1810
Abraham, David	1883	Burr, William	...	1902
Adam, Roberts	1867	C.		
Aitkins, John Lloyd	1893	Cairns, Jeremiah	...	1810
Allday, Francis	1851	Cameron, Duncan	...	1908
Anthony, Thomas	1837	Canton, William Jones	...	1900
Aubery, William	1810	Canton, William John	...	1910
Aubery, William	1828	Carlyle, Thomas	...	1865
Avis, John Owen	1875	Chinn, Thomas	...	1828
B.				Chisholm, Alexander	...	1866
Bates, Mathew	1882	Clay, Edward	...	1875
Bates, Rich. Stanley	1912	Coeker, John Lees	...	1862
Bailey, Arnold	1913	Cohen, W. R.	...	1887
Bailey, Henry	1887	Cohen, Harris	...	1890
Barker, Hugh	1811	Colman, Hugh	...	1890
Beattie, —	1837	Colman, Robert	...	1894
Beddoe, William	1878	Coombs, F. A. E.	...	1910
Bedlington, John Christopher	1901	Cotterill, H. W. B.	...	1911
Bedlington, William	1840	Craddock, Joseph	...	1892
Bell, Robert	1834	Craig, John	...	1894
Benest, James Smyth	1857	Creswick, John	...	1835
Berry, John Mathias	1889	Creswell, F. A. E.	...	1890
Beynon, Edgar	1901	Creswell, Robert Pearson	...	1861
Biddle, Edward Parson	1891	Crockett, Edward	...	1871
Biddle, John Ernest	1911	Croll, Andrew	...	1897
Bird, William	1811	Cruse, James	...	1839
Bishop, George	1837	Curry, David Gipson	...	1829
Blaek, William	1831	D.		
Botterill, A. C.	1890	Daniel, J. A.	...	1911
Bowen, Alfred	1883	Darker, Thomas	...	1832
Bowen, Washington	1911	Davey, Thomas	...	1828
Brannon, P. M.	1892	David, Bro. W. George	...	1910
Branton, Charles	1810	Davies, Alfred John	...	1891
Broome, W. J.	1904	Davies, Charles Morgan	...	1899
Brown, Alphonso Hy.	1909	Davies, David	...	1842
Brown, James	1841	Davies, Davies	...	1832
Bryan, John	1810			
Buchan, Andrew	1840			

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Davies, Edward ...	1850	Evans, David Charles ...	1893
Davies, Evan Thomas ...	1910	Evans, David Walter ...	1887
Davies, Frederick ...	1869	Evans, Bro. David William ...	1909
Davies, Gilbert Weed ...	1889	Evans, Henry ...	1882
Davies, Herbert Walter ...	1908	Evans, James ...	1832
Davies, James George ...	1840	Evans, John ...	1836
Davies, Bro. Rev. Jehn ...	1905	Evans, John ...	1850
Davies, John Evan ...	1879	Evans, Jehn ...	1900
Davies, Richard Powell ...	1831	Evans, John Benjamin ...	1858
Davies, Sam ...	1883	Evans, Martin Luther ...	1880
Davies, Samuel Joseph ...	1908	Evans, Roberts ...	1814
Davies, Thomas ...	1810	Evans, Sydney ...	1914
Davies, Thomas ...	1833	Evans, Timothy ...	1875
Davies, Thomas ...	1898	Evans, Thomas ...	1856
Davies, Bro. Thomas ...	1827	Evans, Thomas Gilbert ...	1900
Davies, Thomas, Junior ...	1842	Evans, Thomas, Stephen ...	1908
Davies, Thomas Watkin ...	1896	Evans, William ...	1876
Davies, William ...	1828	Evans, William ...	1899
Davies, William Mergan ...	1899	Evans, Rev. William ...	1903
Davies, William Picton ...	1905	Evans, Wm. Lever ...	1911
Davies, William Thomas ...	1904		
Davies, William Tylo ...	1877	F.	
Davis, Richard Rhys ...	1878	Fine, Lewis ...	1887
Davis, Rhys ...	1830	Flocks, Thomas ...	1854
Dick, Thomas ...	1890	Flocks, William Thomas ...	1879
Docton, James Tean ...	1835	Forrester, Jehn ...	1896
Duncan, Bro. Alexander ...	1902	Francis, John ...	1900
Dyke, Thomas Jones ...	1839	Francis, John ...	1906
		Francis, William ...	1895
E.		Fraser, James ...	1895
Edward, Thomas ...	1813	Fraser, William Hugh ...	1902
Edward, Thomas Sharp ...	1887	Freedman, Alfred Isaac ...	1895
Edwards, E. ...	1810	Freedman, Bernard ...	1911
Edwards, James ...	1810	Freedman, J. C. ...	1900
Edwards, John Morgan ...	1912	Frost, B. R. S. ...	1882
Edwards, Bro. Richard ...	1890		
Edwards, Richard ...	1890	G.	
Edwards, T. ...	1904	Gabe, William J. ...	1875
Edwards, W. ...	1810	Gardner, Thomas ...	1810
Edwards, William Vaughan ...	1891	Gibben, J. P. ...	1895
Eliot, Thomas Frederick ...	1888	Gilleland, James ...	1914
Evans, Arthur ...	1912	Gittelsohn, Hermann ...	1887
Evans, Christmas ...	1881	Goodall, Thomas ...	1880
Evans, Rev. Daniel ...	1909	Goodfellow, Thos. Wilson ...	1874

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Goodwin, Albert	1868
Goodman, Moses	1890
Goodman, M. D.	1897
Green, Thomas S. B.	1901
Gregory, Alfred	1912
Gregory, Edward	1810
Griffith, Cornelius Albert	1909
Griffith, John	1828
Griffith, John	1836
Griffith, William	1878
Guest, Sir J. J.	1840
Gunn, Alexander	1877
Gunn, D. C.	1861
Gunn, John Whitelew... ..	1873
Gunson, George Moore	1883
Gunson, Rebert John	1893

H.

Hall, Jehn Pierce	1831
Handsard, Arthur	1901
Harding, Thomas	1811
Harber, George Lake	1910
Harper, Joseph	1867
Harper, Joseph	1884
Harris, Albert	1867
Harris, Alfred Edward	1886
Harris, C.	1880
Harris, Fred James	1892
Harris, George Fred	1879
Harris, Rev. Henry	1854
Harris, John Herbert	1911
Harris, Thomas	1881
Harris, William	1865
Harris, William	1813
Harris, William	1893
Harris, William Roland	1888
Harrison, M. C.	1831
Harvey, J. J.	1910
Harvey, Thos. Fletcher	1875
Havard, T.	1880
Hebb, Charles	1832
Hill, Charles	1834
Hirst, Dan. J.	1875
Holland, John	1909

	YEAR
Homan, W. W.	1837
Hopkins, James	1850
Hopkins, Roland	1831
Hewitt, Herbert George	1895
Howells, John	1832
Howfield, William	1887
Hughes, Alfred Meyler	1832
Hughes, Allen Walford	1912
Hughes, David	1812
Hughes, Frederick	1913
Hughes, Dr. Hugh Lewis	1893
Humphreys, Edward	1903
Hunt, Robert	1840
Hutchins, Edward John	1831
Hyde, Richard Danberry	1850

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Isaac, Harris	1892
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J.

Jacobs, Edward	1814
Jacob, Isaac Lionel	1888
James, Christopher	1855
James, Charles Russell	1878
James, David	1876
James, Edward Henry	1874
James, Frank	1855
James, Oswald	1910
James, Richard Edwardes	1911
James, Rupert	1863
James, Thomas	1913
James, William	1873
Jenkins, Benj.	1869
Jenkins, Edward	1829
Jenkins, Jehn	1880
Jenkins, John	1890
Jenkins, John	1912
Jenkins, Richard Connd	1900
Jenkins, Thomas	1868
Jenkins, Bro. Thomas... ..	1849
Jenkins, Thomas Price	1892
Jenkins, William	1890
Jenkins, William	1863

	YEAR		YEAR
Jenkins, William David	... 1833		
John, David 1880		
Johnson, Joseph	... 1839		
Joliff, Henry 1880		
Jones, Bro. A. L.	... 1908		
Jones, Arthur Llewellyn	... 1910		
Jones, Arthur Robert 1890		
Jones, Benj. 1876		
Jones, Bro. Chas. M. 1902		
Jones, Chas. William 1893		
Jones, David	... 1885		
Jones, David Eiddil 1901		
Jones, David Evan 1882		
Jones, David E. 1879		
Jones, David William	... 1880		
Jones, Bro. Edward 1837		
Jones, Bro. Edward 1902		
Jones, Fred. D. 1894		
Jones, Frederiek Percival	... 1908		
Jones, Harold Vivian 1899		
Jones, James	... 1813		
Jones, James	... 1813		
Jones, John 1880		
Jones, John 1874		
Jones, Bro. John Emrys	... 1861		
Jones, John James	... 1878		
Jones, John S.	... 1879		
Jones, Leyshon	... 1810		
Jones, Lieut. Ernest	... 1914		
Jones, M.D., Bro. William Watkin	1893		
Jones, Richard	... 1810		
Jones, Richard Edgar	... 1911		
Jones, Richard Theophilus	... 1898		
Jones, Rhys Thomas 1887		
Jones, Robert	... 1852		
Jones, Roger Rosser	... 1812		
Jones, Theophilus	... 1903		
Jones, Thomas J.	... 1865		
Jones, Bro. Trevor S.	... 1909		
Jones, William	... 1905		
Jones, William	... 1811		
Jones, William	... 1840		
Jones, William Edward	... 1863		
Jones, William Henry	... 1891		
Jones, William Howell	... 1889		
		K.	
		Kayes, Daniel	... 1830
		Kibby, Thomas	... 1829
		Kidney, Allen Ferguson	... 1889
		Kirkhouse, Thomas	... 1827
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