

THE LODGE OF RESEARCH,

No. 2429, LEICESTER.

TRANSACTIONS

FOR THE

YEAR 1892-3.

W. BRO. J. T. THORP (P.M. 523), P.P.S.G.W., W.M.

HENRY S. BIGGS (J.D. 523), PROV. G. CHAP.,
SECRETARY.

Founders.

- W. Bro. SAMUEL S. PARTRIDGE, P.M. 523, 1560, P.A.G.D.C.
(Eng.), D.P.G.M.
W. Bro. J. T. THORP, P.M. 523, P.P.S.G.W.
W. Bro. W. M. WILLIAMS, P.M. 279, Prov. G. Reg.
W. Bro. E. HOLMES, W.M. 279.
Bro. W. H. STAYNES, S.W. 2081.
Bro. R. PRATT, M.D., I.G. 1560.
Bro. F. W. BILLSON, LL.B. 1391.
Bro. Rev. HENRY S. BIGGS, B.A., I.G. 523.

Joining Members.

- W. Bro. W. VIAL, P.M. 1007, P.P.S.G.W.
W. Bro. Rev. H. J. MASON, P.M. 1146, P.P.G. Chap. (Dorset).
Bro. J. J. W. KNOWLES, Sec. 1007.
W. Bro. H. HOWE, W.M. 1391.
Bro. W. D. GRANT, Sec. 279.
Bro. G. NEIGHBOUR, Sec. 523.

Honorary Members.

- R.W. Bro. W. KELLY, P.M. 279, &c., P.P.G.M.
W. Bro. W. H. BARROW, Mus. Doc., P.M. 523, P.P.G.O.
W. Bro. G. W. SPETH, P.M. and Sec. 2076.

Officers, 1892-3.

W. Bro. J. T. THORP (P.M. 523), P.P.S.G.W.,	W.M.
,, W. M. WILLIAMS (P.M. 279), P.P.G.R.,	S.W.
,, E. HOLMES (W.M. 279), Prov. G. Sec.,	J.W.
,, S. S. PARTRIDGE (P.M. 523, 1560), D.P.G.M.,	Treasurer.
Bro. Rev. HENRY S. BIGGS, B.A. (I.G. 523), Prov. G. Chap.,	Secretary.
,, W. H. STAYNES (S.W. 2081),	S.D.
,, R. PRATT, M.D. (I.G. 1560),	J.D.
,, F. W. BILLSON, LL.B. (Stwd. 1391),	I.G.
,, J. TANSER, Prov. G. Tyler,	Tyler.

Objects.

To provide a centre and bond of union for Masonic Students and Brethren of Literary tastes.

To provide and encourage an exemplary rendering of the Masonic Ritual and Ceremonies.

To attract and interest Brethren by means of papers upon the History, Antiquities, and Symbols of the Craft, in order to imbue them with a love for Masonic Research.

And generally—to cultivate Masonic good-fellowship, and promote the Grand Principles upon which our Order is founded.

By-Laws.

I.

Meetings of the Lodge.

The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the fourth Monday in the months of January, March, May, September, and November, at 7-30 o'clock in the evening, or at such hour as the Worshipful Master may appoint.

II.

Election of W.M., Treasurer and Tyler.

The Worshipful Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Regular Lodge Meeting in May. The Tyler shall be elected by show of hands at the same Meeting.

III.

Installation of W.M.

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge in September, after the confirmation of minutes, the Worshipful Master elect shall be installed, and shall afterwards appoint and invest the Officers.

IV.

Proposition of Candidates.

Every Candidate for initiation or joining must be duly proposed and seconded in open Lodge. Unless previously withdrawn he shall be balloted for at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge: two black balls to exclude.

V.

Fees.

	£	s.	d.
Initiation	10	10	0
Passing, if Initiated elsewhere	3	3	0
Raising " " " " "	3	3	0
Joining	2	2	0
Subscription, Annual, due at September Meeting	1	1	0

VI.

Permanent Committee.

A Permanent Committee, consisting of the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Officers of the Lodge, shall have the superintendence of the funds and property of the Lodge: shall consider all matters connected with its welfare: enquire into the qualification of Candidates: and annually audit the accounts of the Treasurer prior to the Meeting in September.

VII.

Funds.

No part of the Funds of the Lodge shall be spent in refreshment.

VIII.

Visitors.

Visitors will be admitted if vouched for by a Member of the Lodge, or upon giving satisfactory proofs of their being Masons.

IX.

Withdrawal of Members.

Any Member desirous of discontinuing his Membership of the Lodge must signify his intention in open Lodge, or by letter to the Secretary.

X.

Arrears of Subscriptions.

Any Member whose subscription is unpaid at the end of twelve months from the day of payment hereby appointed, shall be written to by the Secretary to remind him of his default, when, should no satisfactory answer be returned within two months, the name of such Member shall be reported to the Lodge, and he shall be liable to exclusion in accordance with the provisions of Rule 210 of the Book of Constitutions, and no Brother so excluded shall be again admitted a Member until the sum in which he stood indebted at the time of his exclusion, together with the regular fee on joining, be paid. A Member whose subscription is in arrear shall not be allowed to vote on any Question or Proposition, nor be qualified for election or appointment to any office.

XI.

Alteration of By-Laws.

If any Member be desirous of proposing any alteration in, or addition to, these By-Laws, he shall give notice of the same in open Lodge, and

in writing to the Secretary, in order that the same may be inserted in the summons for the next Regular Meeting; and if such alteration or addition be then agreed to, and afterwards confirmed, the Secretary shall enter the same in the Book of By-Laws, if approved by the Provincial Grand Master and Grand Lodge.

XII.

The Lodge shall at no time consist of more than thirty-three Members.

Passed in open Lodge, November 28th, 1892.

Confirmed in open Lodge, January 23rd, 1893.

HENRY S. BIGGS,
Secretary.

J. T. THORP, W.M.
W. M. WILLIAMS, S.W.
E. HOLMES, J. W.

Approved, FERRERS P.G.M., 15th February, 1893.

16th February, 1893.

F. HOLMES,
Prov. Grand Secretary.

Confirmed by the M. W. GRAND MASTER.

17th February, 1893.

E. LETCHWORTH,
G.S

“The Lodge of Research”

WAS consecrated by W. Bro. SAMUEL STEADS PARTRIDGE, P.M. 523, 1560, P.A.G.D.C. (Eng.), D.P.G.M., at the Annual General Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland, held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, October 26th, 1892, under the Presidency of R.W. Bro. The Right Honourable The EARL FERRERS, P.G.M.

In addition to the Founders, the following Brethren signed the Register of Attendance on that day :—

R. W. Bro. The Right Hon. The EARL FERRERS, P.G.M. : W. Bro. G. TOLLER, P.M. 523, P.G.Swd. B. (Eng.) P.D.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland.

From *S. John's Lodge*, No. 279, Leicester, W. Bros. C. E. STRETTON, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. ; R. MICHIE, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. ; J. H. MARSHALL, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. ; Bros. W. D. GRANT, Sec. ; W. H. NOBLE, I.G. ; and fourteen other members.

From *Knights of Malta Lodge*, No. 50, Hinckley, W. Bro. G. SPAWTON CATLOW, P.M., Prov. G.S. of W., and Bro. W. S. FULSHAW, I.G.

From *John of Gaunt Lodge*, No. 523, Leicester, W. Bros. W. BEAUMONT SMITH, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. ; F. J. BAINES, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. ; J. YOUNG, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. ; B. A. SMITH, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. ; T. G. CHARLESWORTH, P.M., Prov. G. Std. B ; J. B. WARING, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. ; W. H. BARROW, Mus. Doc., P.M., P.P.G.O. ; W. J. CURTIS, P.M. ; W. PERRY, P.M. 148 ; A. LAURENCE, W.M. ; Bros. T. B. NEALE, S.W. ; G. NEIGHBOUR, Sec. ; and four brethren.

From *Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge*, No. 779, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, W. Bros. The Rev. Canon DENTON, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. ; W. S. ALLEN, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. ; J. HASSALL, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. ; W. A. MUSSON, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. ; J. G. BODEN, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. ; THOS. JESSON, P.M. ; G. BULLEN, P.M. 432 ; and four brethren.

From *Hove and Charnwood Lodge*, No. 1007, Loughborough, W. Bros. W. VIAL, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. ; G. OLIVER, P.M., Prov. G. Treasurer ; CHAS. OLIVER, P.M., P.P.G. Std. B ; C. LOWENSTEIN, P.M., P.P.A.G.P. ; G. C. OLIVER, P.M., P.P.G.P. ; T. B. LAXTON, P.M., P.P.G.O. ; J. RAVEN, W.M. ; Bros. F. BIRCH, S.W. ; C. F. OLIVER, J.W. ; J. J. W. KNOWLES, Sec. ; J. W. BROMLEY, J.D. ; and one brother.

From *Rutland Lodge*, No. 1130, Melton Mowbray, W. Bros. W. J. NEW, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; W. J. FREER, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. B.; Bros. C. L. FERNELEY, J.W.; and E. F. KNIGHT, J.D.

From *Vale of Catmos Lodge*, No. 1265, Oakham, W. Bro. C. K. MORRIS, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Bro. W. BRAMLEY, J.W.; and two brethren.

From *S. Peter's Lodge*, No. 1330, Market Harborough, W. Bros. G. GREEN, P.M.; and H. R. MAYNARD, P.M. 25.

From *Commercial Lodge*, No. 1391, Leicester, W. Bros. C. J. WILKINSON, P.M., Prov. G.D.C.; J. HARRISON, P.M., P.P.G. Std. B.; S. KNIGHT, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; R. B. STARKEY, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; W. W. VINCENT, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. G. BOWER, P.M., Prov. A.G.P.; T. S. H. ASHWELL, P.M.; H. HOWE, W.M.; Bros. A. FERGUSON, S.W.; J. W. BEAZELEY, J.W.; and three brethren.

From *Albert Edward Lodge*, No. 1560, Leicester, W. Bros. T. CARTER, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. G. S. ROLLESTON, W.M.; and Bro. R. R. BLACKWELL, J.W.

From *Granite Lodge*, No. 2028, Narborough, W. Bros. W. H. KEY, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. B.; G. W. RAWSON, P.M.; the Rev. H. J. MASON, P.M. 1146, P.P.G. Chap., Dorset; and Bros. J. SMITH, Treas.; E. J. ALLEN, J.D.; and A. F. RAWSON, D.C.

From the *Lodge of the Golden Fleece*, No. 2081, Leicester, W. Bros. G. JESSOP, P.M., Prov. J.G.W.; W. H. SWINGLER, W.M.; Bros. E. R. FOX, Org.; F. S. WATERMAN, I.G.; and six brethren.

Also W. Bro. G. W. SPETH, P.M. and Sec., *Quatuor Coronati Lodge*, No. 2076, London; Bros. T. PAGET, S.W. 455, P.P.G. Swd. B., Northants. and Hunts.; C. KEMPSON, 424.

In the Ceremony of Consecration the Installing Officer was assisted by :—

W. Bro. The Hon. PAULYN F. C. RAWDON HASTINGS, P.M. 779, Prov. G.S.W., as S.W.

W. Bro. E. P. STEEDS, P.M. 2081, Prov. G.J.W., as J.W.

W. Bro. C. J. WILKINSON, P.M. 1391, Prov. G.D.C., as D.C.

Bros. the Rev. F. TIBBITS, M.A. 523, Prov. G. Chap.,
and the Rev. H. W. FITCH, M.A., Chap. 1265, } as
Prov. G. Chap., } Chaplains.

and W. Bro. W. H. BARROW, Mus. Doc., P.M. 523, P.P.G.O.,
as Organist.

The following was the Oration delivered by Bro. the Rev. F. TIBBITS, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., on the occasion.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN,—
 Being assembled as we are to-day for the purpose of consecrating this new Lodge—The Lodge of Research—as one of the Provincial Grand Chaplains of Leicestershire and Rutland, the responsible duty devolves upon me of delivering a short oration on this important occasion and for which I ask your indulgence, and may the G.A.O.T.U. bless this work begun, continued, and ended in His Name, to His honour and glory.

As Masons, our corner-stone is Religion. We meet together in Lodges which are intended to represent the structure of the world. From the earliest times that representation has been handed down, in all its beauty, to this very day. We well know how much labour has in the past been, and could, in the future, be bestowed in compiling works on the extent and form, the support and situation, the groundwork and covering of a Lodge of Masons, inasmuch as these points, when separately considered, serve to illustrate the great end of Masonry—namely, that of filling the mind with the loftiest conceptions and the purest moral precepts. As far as I am aware, as a young Mason who was initiated three years and a half ago, within the range of our studies, nothing can supply a better subject to think about than the vast extent of a Lodge. Its form is typical of solidity and firmness, and can only be defined by bringing it into comparison with the cardinal points of the compass. Its support is “based on *Wisdom*, which cannot err; *Strength*, which will never yield to any pressure that may be placed upon it; and *Beauty*, which glows with fervent and unsullied charity to all mankind.” Its *situation* is in strict conformity with the directions given by God to Moses, to erect a tabernacle in the Wilderness, due east and west, in commemoration of that wonderful event which happened in the waters of the Red Sea, when, by the miraculous employment of the east and west winds, the deliverance of the Israelites and the destruction of the Egyptians were providentially brought to pass.

It is impossible to think too highly of our Order, to attach too much importance to its antiquity, or too highly value its privileges, for the more valuable we consider it, the more anxious we shall be of its being held honourable in the estimation of the community at large. Freemasonry is intended to improve men morally, socially, and spiritually. It is entirely practical, and a good Mason is one who practices outside the Lodge what he learns in it. He should live in love and charity with all men, whether they belong to our Order or not. A Mason should best understand that *God* seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance, but *God* looketh to the heart. He must believe in the Glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality, and the errors of mankind should be viewed with compassion. The *fear of God* and *doing what is right* is the *aim* of our Ancient Craft. This has been felt and, we cannot doubt, practised by many earnest Brethren who have been called to the Grand Lodge above. We should highly value Christianity, because in it we find that which

is good for our souls. When we look through the calendars of the various Provinces and notice, as we do, the large number of clergymen who are Freemasons, it is, I think, a sure proof that our meetings are conducted in harmony with true religion. No Lodge is consecrated, except in the Name of God, and upon Him we call both at the beginning and at the end of our meetings, and the volume of the Sacred Law is open during the whole time we are engaged in our labours. It is indeed necessary that our meetings should be conducted with such order, harmony, and good feeling that an entered apprentice should, after his initiation, be favourably impressed with our beautiful ceremonies. We may, I am sure, safely congratulate ourselves on the fact that, by the Officers of the Lodges in this Province, the ritual is so well carried out, that no new Member can fail to leave the Lodge after the ceremony of initiation without having a favourable impression of all that has taken place. We must all be true to the obligations of our Order, both with regard to our duties to God, our neighbour, and ourselves, and this world will, through our influence, not only be better and more pure, but more happy.

This new Lodge—The Lodge of Research—is to be specially devoted to the Literary side of Freemasonry—to an exemplary rendering of the ritual and ceremonial of the Order; for the reading of papers upon the history, antiquities, and symbols of the Craft; for ascertaining the origin and signification of our signs and symbols; tracing the connection between Freemasonry and other kindred Societies; and generally to take up the work of enlightening and instructing the Brethren, where the ordinary Lodge leaves off. There is a great and useful work to be done along these lines, and the founders of the Lodge of Research hope to deserve success, even if they do not attain it.

May they attain Success!

The Installation of W. Bro. J. T. THORP, P.M. 523, P.P.S.G.W., as the First Worshipful Master of the Lodge was, at the desire of the Consecrating Officer, performed by W. Bro. G. W. SPETH, P.M. and Secretary of the *Quatuor Coronati Lodge*, No. 2076, London.

Upon the conclusion of this ceremony, W. Bro. S. S. PARTRIDGE, D.P.G.M., proposed; W. Bro. W. M. WILLIAMS, S.W. elect, seconded, and it was carried unanimously: "That R. W. Bro. W. KELLY, P.M. 279, 523, 1330, R.W.P.P.G.M.; W. Bros. G. W. SPETH, P.M. and Secretary 2076, London; and W. H. BARROW, Mus. Doc., P.M. 523, P.P.G.O., be elected Honorary Members of the Lodge."

W. Bro. G. W. SPETH thanked the brethren for the honour conferred on him, and expressed the hope that the Honorary Membership thus bestowed would not be in name only, but that he might be permitted to assist in promoting the objects of the Lodge.

W. Bro. S. S. PARTRIDGE, D.P.G.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Lodge upon the proposition of the Worshipful Master, seconded by W. Bro. E. HOLMES (W.M., 279), J.W. designate. W. Bro. S. S. PARTRIDGE, in thanking the brethren, said he should be very pleased to act as Treasurer for one year, but trusted that at the end of that time some other member of the Lodge might be selected to fill that office.

The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows :—

- W. Bro. W. M. WILLIAMS (P.M. 279), P.P.G.R., S.W.
- „ E. HOLMES (W.M. 279), Prov. G. Sec., J.W.
- „ S. S. PARTRIDGE (P.M. 523, 1560), D.P.G.M., Treasurer.
- Bro Rev. HENRY S. BIGGS, B.A. (I.G. 523), Prov. G. Chap., Sec.
- „ W. H. STAYNES (S.W. 2081), S.D.
- „ R. PRATT, M.D. (I.G. 1560), J.D.
- „ F. W. BILLSON, LL.B. (Stwd. 1391), I.G.

A Committee was formed to frame By-Laws.

Seven Propositions for Joining Members were announced.

After hearty good wishes had been given by Brethren representing all the Lodges present, the Lodge was closed.

The First Regular Meeting

of the Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, November 28th, 1893. All the officers were present, and in addition a large number of members and visitors.

The Minutes of the Consecration and Installation Meeting having been confirmed, a code of By-Laws was unanimously adopted.

Six Brethren were elected Joining Members of the Lodge, and the Prov. G. Tyler (Bro. J. TANSER), was elected and invested Tyler of the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master (W. Bro. J. T. THORP) next read a paper on
 "MEDIÆVAL MASONRY—A RETROSPECT."

This paper was specially intended to serve as an introduction to the work of the Lodge, by pointing out the lines along which investigation might be made and study carried on. Complaint was made of the ignorance of Masonic History, which was the rule rather than the exception among Masons, and the hope was expressed, that "The Lodge of Research" might be the means of enlightening the minds of many of the Brethren of the Province.

Reference was made to the undoubted antiquity of Lodges of Operative Masons—the connection between "Operative" and "Speculative" Masons was explained—extracts from the writings of Bros. HUGHAN, GOULD, and others were given, showing the gradual change from "Operative" to "Speculative," with the causes which led to the gradual supplanting of the former by the latter.

Fac-similes of several of the "Old Charges" were exhibited, compared, and explained.

The origin and antiquity of our present Ritual and Secrets; by whom introduced; early references to "Speculative" Freemasonry with extracts; the Schism of 1751; the Rival Grand Lodges; the Union of 1813; and many other subjects were also briefly discussed, the paper forming, as a whole, a short general history of the Craft from the earliest times.

A discussion followed on several points mentioned in the paper; amongst others taking part being W. Bros. W. M. WILLIAMS, S.W.; E. HOLMES, J.W.; and the Rev. H. J. MASON (P.M. 1146).

Letters were read from R. W. Bro. W. KELLY, P.P.G.M., and from W. Bro. W. H. BARROW, Mus. Doc., P.M. 523, P.P.G.O., thanking the Members of the Lodge for having elected them Honorary Members.

Hearty good wishes having been given from Visiting Brethren, the Lodge was closed.

The Second Regular Meeting

was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, January 23rd, 1893. All the Officers were present, with a large number of Members and Visitors.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed; and appointments made to the Committees of Freemasons' Hall, and Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Secretary (Bro. the Rev. H. S. BIGGS) distributed fac-simile copies, and read a paper upon

"AN OLD CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE,"

of which a copy is annexed. This Certificate was found by the Worshipful Master and the Secretary in an old tin box in the Library, when they were engaged in compiling the Catalogue. It is a paper document, 9¼ inches by 7¼ inches, dated Bandon, December 9th, 1809, and was given to Bro. WILLIAM BISSHOP (*sic*), who appears (from a Marriage Certificate also preserved in the box) to have been a driver in the Royal Artillery; but there is no evidence to shew how it came into the possession of the Masonic Hall Library. It is written in two inks, black and red, and is evidently the work of the Secretary of the Lodge, a certain Bro. JAMS (*sic*) KELLY, who has devoted some considerable time in depicting on the left side of the Certificate the various working tools, emblems, and jewels of the three degrees. These emblems, &c., were severally considered, and their uses in Operative and Speculative Masonry explained, some of them being unusual and requiring considerable ingenuity in ascertaining what they were meant to represent.

The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Treasurer (W. Bro. S. S. PARTRIDGE, D.P.G.M.) followed with further remarks and explanations; W. Bro. PARTRIDGE especially calling attention to the position of the squares in the tessellated pavement, which, it will be noticed, are placed square, and not diamond-wise as in the present day.

Appointments were made to the Charity Committee of Provincial Grand Lodge, and the Provincial Masonic Charity Association.

Hearty good wishes were tendered by the Brethren present, after which the Lodge was closed.

The Third Regular Meeting

of the Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, March 27th, 1893. The Officers were all present, except the J.W. and S.D., and a fairly large number of Members and Visitors.

The Minutes of the last Lodge were confirmed; and other routine business disposed of. The following paper was then read on

Extinct Leicestershire Lodges.

By THE W.M.

There is scarcely any doubt that Lodges of Operative Masons existed in Leicester from the Middle Ages down to the 17th century, although, unfortunately, this cannot be proved by existing documents. We know that JOHN OF GAUNT (1340-1399) encouraged the Craft, and adorned the town, which was his favourite residence, with extensive and costly buildings. Portions of these buildings (notably John of Gaunt's Gateway in the Newarke) still remain in a good state of preservation, and many Masons' Marks may still be traced upon the stones. Let us hope that these relics of a bygone time may long be spared to us, as mementoes of the past and examples of the skill and industry of our forefathers in the Craft.

It was in the year 1739—over fifty years prior to the warranting of the present "St. John's" Lodge, and twenty-two years subsequent to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England—that the first Lodge of Speculative Masons was established in Leicester. The Warrant was dated December 7th, 1739, and its number on the Register of Grand Lodge was 179. In common with most Lodges of that period, it had no distinctive name, and held its meetings at "The Wheat Sheaf" Inn in Humberstone Gate. No books, documents, or relics of any description belonging to this Lodge have been preserved. From 1739 to 1752 it was regularly included in the Grand Lodge Lists as an active Lodge, although it appears to have been erased in 1744*. In 1753 the number and date was assigned to a Lodge meeting at "The Red Bull," Long Lane, West Smithfield, London, which, after a somewhat chequered career, was erased in 1781. The probability is that the Lodge, like so many of the pioneer Lodges, failed, from some cause or other, to attract new members, and consequently became unable to continue its annual payments to Grand Lodge; the Warrant would therefore be withdrawn

* *Vide* Bro. Lane's "Handy Book to the Lists of Lodges," p. 46.

and reissued, with the same date and number, to the next petitioners. This was quite a general custom in both Grand Lodges prior to the Union in 1813.

The Warrant of Lodge 179 being thus irrecoverably lost to the Leicester brethren, they seem to have immediately petitioned Grand Lodge for another one. The petition was granted and a Lodge (Warrant No. 250, dated Aug. 21, 1754) was constituted to meet at "The Pelican" Inn, Gallowtree Gate, every first and third Thursday. No records of this Lodge remain; its number was altered in 1755 from No. 250 to No. 187, and it appeared regularly in the Grand Lodge Lists as an active Lodge until 1769. The following memorandum appears in the Grand Lodge records in 1768:—"Several years' letters returned. No Lodge."

The next Leicester Lodge was a Military Lodge, and was established by the "Ancient" or "Athol" Grand Lodge—so called because two of the Dukes of Athol were successively Grand Masters. It was attached to the Leicester Militia, from which body alone it received candidates. Its Number was 87, and its Warrant was dated May 29th, 1761. It is supposed to have lapsed about 1764.

The "Ancient" Grand Lodge at this particular period, was very active in forming new Lodges, for in the very same year in which the Military Lodge was established, another Lodge, No. 91 (Warrant dated September 26, 1761), was constituted in Leicester; ROBERT GRAY was the first Master, SAMPSON SKIDMORE first S.W., and THOMAS PHELPS first J.W. of the Lodge. It is very doubtful whether this Lodge worked very regularly, as for some years no place of meeting is given in the Grand Lodge Lists of Lodges. This Lodge and No. 187, previously mentioned as holding its meetings at "The Pelican," must have been active in the year 1763, for in *The Leicester and Nottingham Journal* of May 7th in that year, there is an account of the rejoicings at Leicester, on the 5th of May, in celebration of the day of thanksgiving for the peace with France. On that occasion the High Sheriff of the county, the Mayor and Aldermen, in their scarlet gowns, and the rest of the Corporation, also robed, went in procession from the Town Hall through the principal streets of the town. They were accompanied, among other bodies, by "two Lodges of the most ancient, honorable, friendly and agreeable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons."

"ORDER OF THE PROCESSION."

First, the Tyler, with his sword and jewel.

Two present Masters of Lodges, with their proper jewels, each bearing, in their left hands, the Bible, compass and square, belonging to each Lodge, and, in their right hands, each a common gavel.

Three late Masters, with their proper jewels, each bearing in their left hands, their authority from the Grand Lodge, with book of constitutions, rules and orders, &c., &c.

Two Senior and two Junior Wardens, with their jewels and columns of order in their right hands.

Two Secretaries, with their jewels, &c.

Two Senior Deacons, with their formalities, as above.

The other Tyler, with his sword and jewel, as above.

All elegantly dressed, according to the formality, and kept up with exactness and decorum peculiar to their Ancient Order.*

Of this Lodge, No. 91, we possess several relics. Four old brass seals belonging to the Lodge are in the possession of R.W. Bro. W. KELLY, P.P.G.M., who obtained them many years ago from a mason, who at one time was Tyler of No. 91. These seals are for the degrees of Royal Arch, Ark Mariner, Knight Templar and Red Cross of Babylon, all of which were worked in the old "Athol" Lodges. Our venerable brother also has the Grand Lodge Certificate of Bro. WILLIAM LICQUORICH, a member of the Lodge, dated September 10th, 1764. This document, which is written on parchment, $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 4, consists of thirteen lines, the first six of which are in Latin and the remainder in English. It is in the beautiful handwriting and bears the signature of the celebrated LAURENCE DERMOTT, Past D.G.M. and G.Sec., and has the seal of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons affixed; the device being the Square and Compass, surmounted by a dagger, within a circle, inscribed with the motto "Virtue and Silence, Grand Lodge, London."†

The following is a copy of this Certificate:—

"Universis quorum Interest Attestamur Fratrem Gullielmum Licquorich fuisse Societati dictæ Masoniæ Secundum regulas initiatum in Cætu Numero 91^o et in Regno Anglia et Sicut Decet unum ex nostris ut mihi ex Testimonio Cætus ad quem pertinebat probatum est cum omni morum honestate Se Gessit Datum Londini Sigillo Cætus Nostri Majoris et Subscriptione nostra munitum die Decimo Septembris Anno Domini 1764 et a primitiis Societatis 5764. LAURENTIO DERMOTT, Sec. M. Cætus."

"I do hereby Certify that Brother William Licquorich is a regular Registered freem Mason (*sic*) in the Lodge No. 91 in the Kingdom of England and has during his Stay amongst them behaved himself as became an honest and worthy Brother as appears by the lodge Certificate to me.



Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge in London the Tenth day of September 1764 And in the year of Masonry 5764.

LAU : DERMOTT, G.S."

After a time this Lodge (No. 91) became dormant, but was revived by a Warrant of Renewal, dated Nov. 2, 1775, granted to WILLIAM BURLEY, R.W.M., for the Lodge to hold its meetings at "The Crown and Thistle," Loseby Lane. Later in the same year the Lodge was removed to "The Leather Bottle," Church Gate, where it met continuously for eighteen years.

* Vide Bro. Kelly's "History of P.G. Lodge," p. 21.

† *Ibid*, p. 21.

The Leicester Journal of August 31st, 1776, supplies us with the following particulars of a Masonic Funeral, the deceased brother being a member of this Lodge :—

“ On Sunday morning, August 25th, died, at his house in this town, Mr. Thomas Brown, Worsted Maker. He was a Member of the Honourable and Ancient Society of Free and Accepted Masons. His Brethren, as a mark of their esteem, attended the Funeral, and preceded the corpse to All Saints’ Church. They were all dressed in deep mourning, adorned with their jewels, and in the uniform and regalia of their Order. The greatest concourse of people we ever remember to have seen on such an occasion attended the procession, which was very well conducted, and made in the following order :

- 1st. The Tyler of the Lodge, with his sword of office.
- 2nd. Two Wardens, with their columns and ensigns of office.
- 3rd. Two Senior Brethren, with a cushion supporting the bible, square and compass.
- 4th. The Master, with the ensigns of his office.
- 5th. The Past Masters.
- 6th. The Secretary, with his ensigns.

The rest of the Brethren walking two and two, according to seniority, and followed by the Deacons with their black wands. Six Master Masons supported the pall.” *

The Leicester Journal also gives the following :—

“ On Wednesday, June 23rd, 1789, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Lodge No. 91, had a Meeting to celebrate their most excellent Patron, St. John the Baptist. They walked in procession from ‘The Pelican,’ in Gallowtree Gate, to St. Martin’s Church, where a sermon was preached on the occasion from the 1st Epistle of Paul to Timothy, c. 1, v. 18. After Divine Service, they went in procession to Brother Joseph Smith’s, ‘The Crown and Thistle,’ Loseby Lane, where they dined, and the greatest harmony prevailed, enlivened by toasts of the Craft suitable to the occasion.” †

In the year 1790, the Brethren of No. 91 had an unfortunate contention with their Grand Lodge ; what the particular matters in dispute were, we do not know, as the Minute Books are missing, but it ended in the Master and Wardens, Bros. CHARLES HORTON, JOSEPH SMITH, and THOMAS BULL, together with other Members of the Lodge, casting off their allegiance to the “Ancients” Grand Lodge, and petitioning for a “Moderns” Warrant. The Petition was granted, and the W.M. and Wardens of the Old “Ancients” Lodge, No. 91, became the W.M. and Wardens of the New “Moderns” Lodge, No. 562 (now “St. John’s” Lodge, No. 279), and THOMAS PHIPPS, a P.M. of No. 91 becoming the Treasurer of No. 562, a circumstance probably unique in the history of the Craft.

This secession was fatal to the prosperity of No. 91, the Meetings were discontinued, the Warrant being withheld by Bro. CHARLES HORTON, and it was only after a strong remonstrance from the “Ancients” Grand

* *Vide* Bro. Kelly’s “History of P.G. Lodge,” p. 22.

† *Ibid*, p. 23.

Secretary, that the Warrant was returned to the Brethren who remained faithful to their old Lodge.

In 1793 the Lodge was removed to "The Recruiting Serjeant," and in 1801 to "The George" Inn. At the Union of the two rival Grand Lodges in 1813 its number was changed to 114, and it was finally erased in 1821, although it had probably ceased to work several years prior to that date.

In the year 1834 a Warrant was obtained (dated July 13th) for a Lodge to be held at "The King's Head" Inn, Loughborough, to be called the "Rancliffe" Lodge, No. 608—after GEORGE LORD RANCLIFFE, the Provincial Grand Master (1812-1851). The Lodge met for the first time by dispensation on December 9th, 1834; the W.M. designate Bro. JAMES ELVERSON, a joining Member of "St. John's" Lodge, Leicester, and Prov. S.G.W., presiding. Four subsequent Meetings were held before the Consecration of the Lodge, which took place March, 13th, 1835, at a Meeting of P.G. Lodge, presided over by LORD RANCLIFFE, Prov. G.M., who performed the ceremony of Consecration and Dedication, and afterwards installed the W.M.; Bro. S. C. BUROKHARDT, Past S.G.D. of the Grand Lodge of England, performing the duties of D.C. The newly installed W.M. appointed the following Officers:— Bro. TIMOTHY BARNEY (initiated in "St. John's" Lodge in 1813) S.W., Bro. THOMAS HARRISON (initiated in "St. John's" Lodge in 1817) J.W., Bro. WILLIAM SIMPKIN S.D., and Bro. WILLIAM PALMER J.D. Five Candidates, who had been previously elected, were then initiated, also a Serving Brother (by dispensation) in order that he might become "Outward Tyler" of the Lodge.

It is worthy of remark, that of the founders and first Officers of the Lodge, WILLIAM SIMPKIN was only a F.C., and WILLIAM PALMER only an E.A., both taking the other degrees subsequently in the "Rancliffe" Lodge. The career of the Lodge was unfortunately not a prosperous one, the result of a desire on the part of some of the Members to restrict admission to professional men only.*

It appears to have been a custom in the Lodge to decide by ballot whether a Candidate should be advanced to the Second and Third degrees, after having already been elected and initiated in the Lodge. The Brethren also paid a monthly instead of an annual subscription, the amount being fixed on April 2nd, 1839, at one shilling per month. During the year 1835 three more Candidates were initiated, after which there were no further additions to the Lodge during the fourteen years of its existence. The Meetings were held very irregularly, and from February 26th, 1839, to February 1st, 1848, when the Minutes end, there were never more than six Members present at any Meeting.

* Vide Bro. Kelly's "History of P.G. Lodge," p. 57.

The following is a complete list of the Members :—

JAMES ELVERSON, 1st W.M., Prov. S.G.W.
 TIMOTHY BARNEY, 1st S.W.
 THOMAS HARRISON, 1st J.W.
 WILLIAM SIMPKIN, 1st S.D. Raised June 2nd, 1835.
 WILLIAM PALMER, 1st J.D. Passed April 14th, 1835. Raised
 June 2nd, 1835.
 WILLIAM GRIMES PALMER, Surgeon, Loughborough.
 CHARLES MARCH WILLIAMS, Dentist, Leicester.
 DANIEL CARTWRIGHT, Printer, Loughborough.
 JOB ABBOTT (Serving Brother).
 FRANCIS HARLEY, Surgeon.
 THOMAS BROOKE MILLER, Solicitor.
 EDWARD HODGES, Surgeon, Syston.
 WILLIAM BOWKER THROSBY, Surgeon, Leicester.
 JOSEPH EWBANK.
 WILLIAM WOLF (Serving Brother).
 CHARLES ORTON, Surgeon.

It is interesting to note that two Aprons belonging to the first S.W. of this Lodge (Bro. TIMOTHY BARNEY) are still in existence, being in the possession of W. Bro. W. H. RYLANDS, P.M. of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, 2,076, London.

Early in the year 1836, the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, granted a Warrant of Constitution for a Lodge to be called the "Ivanhoe" Lodge, to meet at "The Royal" Hotel, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on the Tuesday "next before the full of the moon," from April to October inclusive. The following Brethren were the Petitioners, viz :— Bro. LEONARD PIDDOCKE, ROBERT CHAPLIN, NICHOLAS W. INGLE, ROWLAND ORDISH, PETER FEARNHEAD, THOMAS PIDDOCKE, JOHN CURTIS, THOMAS CARSON. The Warrant was dated April 16th, 1836, and the number was 631. The Lodge was Consecrated on May 30th of the same year, at a meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge; the P.G.M., LORD RANOLIFFE, did not attend, but deputed Bro. JAMES ELVERSON, the Senior Grand Warden of the Province, to act in his stead. Bro. W. M. THISTLETON, Treasurer to the "Prince of Wales" Lodge, and Bro. BURKE, P.M. of Lodge 37, attended as a deputation from London, besides whom there were about forty Brethren present. Bro. EDWARD MAMMATT was installed as the first Master, and appointed his officers as follows :—

Bro. GEORGE MUGLISTON, S.W.
 „ ROWLAND ORDISH, J.W.
 „ ROBERT CHAPLIN, Treasurer.
 „ CAPT. JOHN BULLER, Secretary.
 „ PETER FEARNHEAD, S.D.
 „ N. W. INGLE, J.D.
 „ RICHARD WARNER, I.G.

At the same Meeting four candidates were proposed, balloted for, and approved, and Bro. ELVERSON, having granted a dispensation for the purpose, they were introduced and regularly initiated into the first degree of Freemasonry.

This Lodge existed for little more than five years, the last entry in the Minute Book being dated October 7th, 1841. In all 39 Meetings were held, each of which was followed by a "champagne banquet," and this it was which caused the disastrous fate of the Lodge. The life and soul of the Lodge was the worthy, talented, and highly respected Bro. EDWARD MAMMATT, F.R.S.A., who, although totally blind from five years of age, was an excellent working Mason. He advanced £150 for the establishment of the Lodge, only £25 of which appears to have been re-paid, and the furniture remaining in his hands after the dissolution of the Lodge, it was purchased for the "John of Gaunt" Lodge, Leicester, on its establishment in 1846, and is still in use.*

The whole of the Lodge work appears to have been performed by Bro. MAMMATT, who was present at every Meeting except the last one, and CAPT. JOHN BULLER was an efficient Secretary during the whole period of the Lodge's existence. The Minutes present no special feature, except that, as in the case of the Loughborough Lodge, a ballot was necessary for each degree. The Bye-laws also include a list of fines to be paid by the Officers "who shall not be present at the time appointed in the Summons."

The following is a list of the Members:—

Bro. EDWARD MAMMATT.	
" GEORGE MUGLISTON.	
" ROWLAND ORDISH.	
" ROBERT CHAPLIN.	
" JOHN BULLER.	
" PETER FEARNHEAD.	
" NICHOLAS W. INGLE.	
" RICHARD WARNER.	
" FRANCIS R. TUNNICLIFFE, Overseal.	<i>Initiate.</i>
" THOMAS CAPE, Mercer, Ashby.	"
" W. HENRY WOODHOUSE, Ashby.	"
" HENRY PILKINGTON, Ashby.	"
" SAMUEL BEADSMORE, Printer, Ashby.	"
" BENJAMIN BROADHURST (Serving Brother).	"
" JOHN MAMMATT, Ashby.	<i>Joined.</i>
" HENRY C. DEWES, Ashby.	"
" E. B. KNIGHT, Coleorton.	"
" REV. JOHN HEYRICK MACAULAY, Repton.	"
" T. KIRKLAND, Surgeon, Ashby.	"

* Vide Bro. Kelly's "History of P.G. Lodge," p. 51.

Bro. JOHN BULLER, jun., Ashby.	<i>Initiate.</i>
„ ALFRED M. WHITE, Ashby.	„
„ T. BRADFORD, Ashby.	<i>Joined.</i>
„ GEORGE LAND (Serving Brother).	<i>Initiate.</i>
„ WILLIAM WRIGHT, Mercer, Ashby.	„
„ MARK SNELSON,	<i>Joined.</i>
„ G. FOWLER, Ashby.	<i>Initiate.</i>
„ THOMAS SHAW, Farmer, Charley Hall.	„
„ ANDRRW MURCOTT, Wine Merchant, Hinckley. „	„
„ CAPT. W. HEYRICK MACAULAY.	„
„ CHARLES NEVILLE, Farmer, Cauldwell.	„
„ PERRY DICKEN, Surgeon, Ashby.	„
„ JOSEPH BOYER, Snareston.	„

From 1810 to 1815 a Lodge of Freemasons was held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch among the French prisoners of war, under the name of "Vrais Amis de L'ordre." Similar Lodges were established in other towns, e.g., Northampton, Abergavenny and Wincanton, in England, and Melrose and Selkirk, in Scotland. Certificates granted to a Member of this Lodge on his initiation and upon his reception to the degree of Rose Croix are still in existence, and copies may be seen on the walls of Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. The Brother was a Sous Lieutenant of the 11th half brigade of Light Infantry named LOUIS JEAN, a native of Rouen. At the conclusion of peace in 1815, these prisoners of war were free to return home, the Lodge therefore was dissolved, and the furniture sold for the use of a Lodge in Derbyshire. Bro. JEAN however married, and settled in Ashby, and when sometime afterwards he visited his native town (Rouen) he found his relatives dead, and the family estates in the hands of strangers. He returned to Ashby, earning a living as teacher of languages, and both he and his wife died there. One daughter, Mrs. H still lives in Leicester; the Certificates referred to are in her possession, but the Brethren hope that they will some day find a permanent home in a Leicester Masonic Museum.

This completes the list of Extinct Leicestershire Lodges; they are not many in number, but their history is interesting, as showing the vicissitudes of Masonry during the 18th and early part of the 19th centuries. The Lodges now working in the Province are all vigorous, and we should hope that the day is far distant when we must add another to the list of "Extinct" Lodges.

Upon a paper dealing with facts, as this did, there was not much scope for discussion. W. Bro. W. M. WILLIAMS (P.M. 279), S.W., however, added some most interesting particulars of the early career of S. John's Lodge, No. 279, the Mother Lodge of the Province, which has recently celebrated its centenary, an account of which, together with the History of the Lodge, has been compiled and published by him.

The Secretary then read a short paper on

“THE POMPEII MOSAIC,”

prepared by W. Bro. W. H. STAYNES (W.M. 2081), S.D., who was unable to attend owing to severe illness. By the kindness of Bro. GEO. GIBBONS, lithographed fac-simile copies of this Mosaic were presented to the Brethren (reduced copy inserted), who were thus able to follow more easily the points brought out in the paper. W. Bro. STAYNES stated the circumstances attending the finding of the Mosaic, described its workmanship, explained the various emblems depicted, showed how the active Roman and dreamy Greek both contributed a share to the advancement of their age, and, whilst each lived a different life, yet found a convenient meeting-place in a Masonic Lodge.

Special reference was made to the ear, which, being on the side nearest to the pilgrim's staff, was interpreted as “listening to the wants of a Brother in distress.”

Attention was directed to the triangular plummet, which was described in a somewhat novel manner, whilst the emblem of the wheel was conjectured to have been borrowed from the old Eastern Mysteries.

The Secretary then read a letter announcing that the By-Laws had received the approval of the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G.S., remarking, “I wish all the By-Laws submitted to me were as well drawn up, and as short.”

A number of apologies having been read, and hearty good wishes given by the Brethren present, the Lodge was closed.

The Fourth Regular Meeting

of the Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, May 29th, 1893, by dispensation from the R.W. Bro. The Right Hon. The EARL FERRERS, Provincial Grand Master, in consequence of the regular night for holding the Lodge falling on Whit-Monday, May 22nd, 1893.

All the Officers and Members of the Lodge were present, together with a large number of Visitors.

Bro. F. W. BILLSON, I.G., read a paper on

A Freemasons' Lodge :

ITS FORM AND EXTENT.

In introducing the subject, the writer impressed upon the Brethren the necessity of ever remembering that Freemasonry was a system of morality, and that every character and emblem in Freemasonry was intended to inculcate principles of piety and virtue among the Brethren and none more so, perhaps, than the Lodge itself. Pausing for a moment to give a clear definition of a symbol, he next proceeded to ask the question "What is the form of a Freemason's Lodge; what is its extent?" Reminding his hearers that there was no authoritative ruling on the subject, that Grand Lodge had not dealt with the matter, he expressed the opinion that the answer to the question would depend in a great measure upon what the Lodge was considered really to represent. Unfortunately, the various Masonic writers were not unanimous, so it became necessary to examine the subject carefully. He then proceeded to deal with the various descriptions of a Lodge which had come under his notice.

First, turning to the ritual, he expressed his disapproval of the use of the word parallelepipedon, remarking that, our earth being a globe, it was impossible to obtain such a figure by following the directions given. At the same time he observed that that description might be a remnant of the past referring to the earth as known to the ancient Romans and Greeks, or it could be understood if the earth were to be considered as laid out flat, after the style of Mercator's maps. In either case his opinion was that the writer of the ritual wished the Lodge to be considered as a symbol of the earth.

Next, he reviewed the arguments of those who favour the square or cube as the most appropriate form for the Lodge, and contended that such of their arguments as were founded upon the form of early

buildings, fortifications, and the like, were not sufficient to support their proposition. Likewise were such as rested upon the use of the square and cube among Freemasons, but he admitted that their case would be a strong one if they stated it simply as follows:—"Freemasonry is a system of morality; the square and cube have in all countries and in all times been considered as symbols of moral perfection; therefore the profession cannot adopt a more fitting symbol or a more appropriate and instructive form for their Lodge."

Next to come under his notice was the case of those who contended that the double cube was the most appropriate form, and the writer remarked that it was a common statement among this class that the tabernacle erected by Moses in the Wilderness was the proper type of a Lodge, and as that tabernacle was considered among Christians as the symbol of Christ himself, it was clear that that class considered the lodge as symbolical of the Deity.

After dealing shortly with the case of those who contend that the length should be at least one-third longer than the breadth, and with various other minor differences, the writer proceeded to express his opinion that the most appropriate form for the Lodge was a rectangular room, the length of which was as much greater than its width, as convenience demanded, and its altitude as great as could conveniently be obtained, and that that form should be symbolical, not of morality, not of the Deity, not of the earth only, but of the whole universe. He was satisfied, he said, that in the early ages of Masonry little or no attention was paid to the form, decoration, or locale of the Lodge Room, and that in those days Masons probably did not trouble to consider the Lodge as symbolical of anything. If the universe were considered as symbolized it would at least have the merit of taking us back to the very earliest time, when our ancient brethren were supposed to meet on the highest hills and in the lowest dales.

In conclusion the writer, whilst allowing each to choose between the conflicting opinions, urged all ever to remember that our Lodges were no mere secular halls or theatres, but consecrated buildings, temples, dedicated to the honour and glory of T.G.A.O.T.U., wherein nothing unholy or profane should be allowed to enter, and in which no thought, word, or deed, inconsistent with reverence to God or at variance with brotherly love, truth, and charity, was permissible.

An interesting discussion followed, in which Bros. J. J. W. KNOWLES; W. M. WILLIAMS, S.W.; S. S. PARTRIDGE, Treas.; Rev. H. J. MASON; E. HOLMES, J.W.; H. HOWE; Dr. R. PRATT, J.D.; also W. Bro. J. B. WARING, P.M. 523, and Bro. H. G. MARRIOTT, Visitors, took part.

The W.M. briefly summed up the various points brought forward in the discussion, after which Bro. F. W. BILLSON replied to the criticisms of the Brethren.

The S.W., W. Bro. W. M. WILLIAMS (P.M. 279), P.P.G.R., was unanimously elected Worshipful Master, and Bro. W. D. Grant (J.W. 279), Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Tyler was also re-elected.

The following scheme for a "Correspondence Circle" of the Lodge was approved, and a copy ordered to be sent to each Member of the Lodges in the town :—

**LODGE OF RESEARCH, No. 2429,
LEICESTER.**

CORRESPONDENCE CIRCLE.

The Members of the Correspondence Circle shall be placed upon the following footing, that is to say :—

1. They shall be entitled—

- (a) To have posted to them, as issued, the Summonses convoking the Meetings of the Lodge.
- (b) To be supplied, at cost price, with any papers or transactions that may be published.
- (c) To attend the Meetings of the Lodge.
- (d) To take part in discussions relating to any papers which may be read, or subject of general Masonic interest which may be introduced.
- (e) To read papers and introduce discussions on Masonic subjects by arrangement.

(It is hoped that a copy of any paper read will be presented to the Lodge for preservation.)

They shall not, however, be entitled to vote, hold office, or take part in the management of the Lodge.

The Members of the Lodge will, *as a rule*, be elected from the Correspondence Circle.

- 2. A Candidate for Membership of the Correspondence Circle shall be subject to election by the Members of the Lodge (such election shall be by ballot, and two black balls shall exclude).
- 3. The names of Candidates must be submitted to the Permanent Committee through the Secretary, at least fourteen days prior to the Meeting at which it is intended they should be proposed.

4. No Entrance Fee shall be required, and the Annual Subscription shall be 5/-, payable in advance in the month of September.
5. The Lodge reserves to itself the full power of excluding any Member from the Correspondence Circle whom it may deem unworthy of continued Membership.

NOTE.—All Master Masons, whether Members of Lodges in this Province or elsewhere, are eligible for Membership of the Correspondence Circle.

Two Propositions for Joining Members having been made, and hearty good wishes given, the Lodge was closed.

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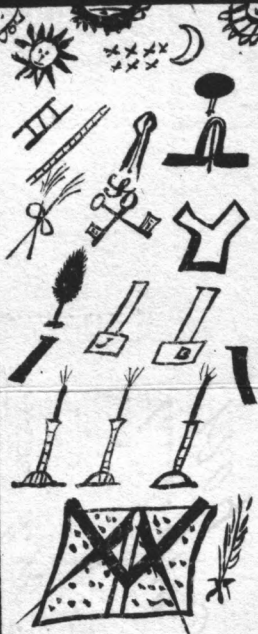
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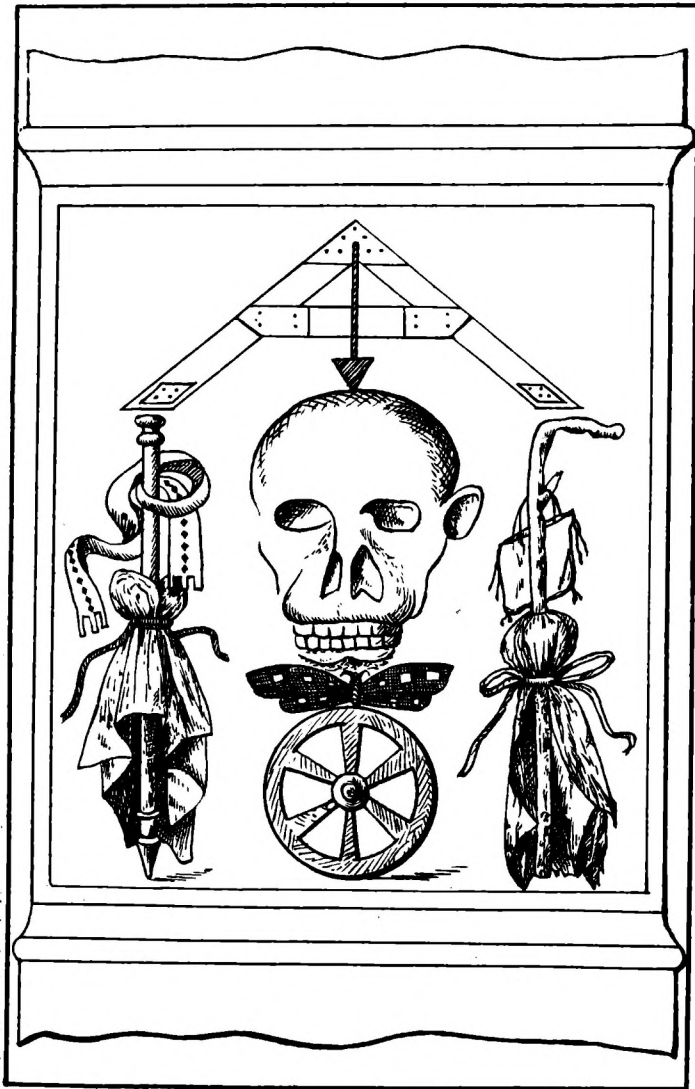
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