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TO
ALDERMAN SIR SAMUEL ALEXANDER SADLER
J.P., V.D., M.P. (P.M., P.P.S.G.W.)
OF MIDDLESBROUGH
A LOVER AND LIBERAL PATRON OF MASONIC
AND OTHER LOCAL CHARITIES
AND
A WARM-HEARTED ENGLISH GENTLEMAN
THIS LITTLE BOOK IS RESPECTFULLY
AND FRATERNALLY DEDICATED.

**TO THE PAST MASTERS, WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF
THE NORTH YORK LODGE.**

BRETHREN,

This little Book-the work of a long summer's spare hours is intended as a record of the progress made by the Lodge, and I am hopeful that it may prove interesting and be found to contain useful information.

If the Brethren who laid the foundation of the Lodge 53 years ago could to-day witness the result of their efforts, they would I feel sure regard it as "a superstructure honourable to the Builders."

With fraternal greetings and kind regards,

I am,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ALFRED SOCKETT,

Worshipful Master and Prov. J.G.D.

Middlesbrough,

8th December 1905.

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INTRODUCTORY.

The Motto of the County Borough of Middlesbrough, situate in the North Riding of the County of York, is " ERIMUS " (we shall be), and it illustrates very appropriately the Masonic life and good administration of the " North York " -the first Lodge established in the Town. There is, of course, no necessity to explain the derivation of the title of the Lodge, which is not shrouded in mystery after reading the foregoing, nor is it necessary to consult classical scholars or mythologists as to its origin. Suffice it to say that the Lodge enjoys the distinction of being the "Mother Lodge," and having contributed generously to the Benevolent and Educational Funds, to the Boys' and Girls' Schools and other Masonic Funds, it holds, as it deserves to hold, a good position in the front rank of Yorkshire Lodges.

In these pages it will be impossible to do more than touch, with a light hand, the history of the Lodge, because the material for a complete work is not available, and but for the fact that the first three Minute Books, have been carefully preserved by W. Bro. W. J. Watson, and are in complete and excellent condition, this record could not have been prepared.

The task is, however, a congenial one for the reason that it is to me a labour of love to do anything and everything I can for "602," and the Craft generally, and in reviewing the state of the Lodge at its various stages, it is pleasant to be able to say that the North York Lodge was never in a more flourishing and prosperous condition than is the case at the present time. Our ark is in smooth waters financially (thanks to the ability, care and attention of our" Chancellor of the Exchequer," W. Bro. W. Holloway, who is one of the best pilots and at all times sets noble examples for young Masons to follow), and it may honestly be recorded that the Mother Lodge has a full sheaf of zealous, earnest and energetic Members, who can well hold their own with any other Lodge in the Province of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.

It was in the early part of 1852 when our Masonic forefathers, who had the prosperity of the Craft at heart, and being anxious to put forth their best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the Art, met and agreed to Petition the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, praying for a Warrant of Constitution empowering them to meet as the" North York Lodge" at Middlesbrough on the last Friday of every month, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a manner according to the forms of the Order and the Laws of the Grand Lodge.

The Petition which was duly prepared and presented, nominated George Reade to be the first Master, John Richardson, M. D., to be Senior Warden, and William Redhead Garbutt to be Junior Warden, and according to ancient practice stated that if the prayer of the Petition was granted, the Petitioners promised strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of England.

The signatures to the Petition-or the draft thereof which is now attached to Minute Book No. 1 are as follows:

Henry Sutton,	Morton Lodge, Lerwick, No. 113*
John Richardson	Union Lodge, York No.287**
William R. Garbutt	" "
William Malthouse	Tees Lodge, Stockton" No. 749**
Thomas Aylan	" "
J. J. Smith	" "
Geo. Reade, P.M.	Zetland Lodge, Guisborough No.820**

On the 15th of June (A.L. 5852) A.D. 1852, the Warrant (signed by the Earl of Yarborough, Deputy Grand Master of England, and William White, the Grand Secretary), constituting the Lodge, was sealed at the Grand Lodge held in London, and on the news thereof reaching Middlesbrough, there was great joy and rejoicing among the Petitioners and Promoters. It was a memorable day.

From the date of the Warrant, which enjoined the making of Bye-laws for the good government of the Lodge, up to the 27th of October following, there is no record of any Meetings having been held, and none of the original Founders of the Lodge are now alive to assist in filling up the blank or to furnish information as to its history. I have, therefore, endeavoured in the pages which follow this Introduction, to acquaint you with all useful matter disclosed by the Minute Books arranged in chronological order.

In order to keep within the bounds of your patience, and the limit of time at our disposal, I have had to omit very much that I would have liked to say.

* Now No. 89 on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland

** I am greatly indebted to W.Bro. T Letchworth, the active and zealous Secretary of the United Grand Lodge, for having verified the names of these Lodges.

Greatly against my will I have had to forbear from noticing the great array of excellent men and true who have been, and still are of us and with us, also to abstain from the tempting theme of the numerous talented Masters who have occupied the Chair of K.S., managing the Lodge affairs and conducting the Masonic ceremonies with honour to themselves and added lustre to the Lodge.

Here I take the liberty of giving *in extenso* two resolutions which were passed by the Lodge on the dates named below, and not having been rescinded, still remain in force, and are consequently worthy of the attention of the members, viz. :

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| (1) 29th September, 1871. | Resolved unanimously, that it shall be obligatory upon the Proposer and Secunder of any Candidate to instruct him through his Degrees; And: |
| (2) 25th October 1872. | Resolved, that no Candidate be initiated the night he is balloted for except under special circumstances and with the W.M.'s sanction. |

Formerly it was the invariable rule before any Brother was initiated, passed or raised, that he should be proposed, seconded and accepted by the Lodge prior to being allowed to proceed to Degrees, and a careful perusal of the Minute Books shows that modern Freemasons have not departed from that rule.

In the primitive days, candidates were initiated from widely distant places, sometimes from towns where Masonic Lodges existed-a practice now viewed with disfavour by Rulers of the Craft-and the Minutes record

the names of prominent citizens of Middlesbrough who were" black-balled." It would not be proper to give their names, but it has been a surprise to find that the Lodge has refused to elect Gentlemen, Ironmasters, Merchants, Lawyers, Doctors, Architects, Engineers, Accountants, Captains, Tradesmen and persons of many other callings and professions.

As becomes the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons, the Minutes of regular Meetings of the Lodge close with the quaint formula:

**" THE LODGE WAS CLOSED IN LOVE AND
HARMONY AND WITH SOLEMN PRAYER,"**

yet, notwithstanding this, there has been some unpleasant feelings exhibited in and out of the Lodge, and many stormy debates-who knows how many and history depose that not - which have been quelled by the " rap" of the W.M.'s hammer.

Peace and harmony are now paramount within the walls of the Lodge, consequently the present W.M. has found it altogether unnecessary to give a "rap" with the hammer of his Office, and it is only right to state that the Members are ever anxious to uphold the honour of the Lodge and the Chair of K.S., and indeed would make any sacrifice so to do.

The partaking of refreshments in the early days, as now, seems not to have been ignored by the Brethren, and judging from the items appearing in the Treasurer's Accounts, visitors have always had a hearty welcome.

It was a custom in the early days of the Lodge to appoint representatives to attend the Grand Lodge, also the Provincial Lodge Meetings*, and expenses were paid, but now no such appointments are made, and attendance is left to the pleasure of individual Members.

* The Tyler attended Provincial Lodge Meetings with the Lodge Banner, and the Members present sat near the same.

The Lodge from its inception has been in the hands of highly respected and capable Masters, and its record right along has been one of unparalleled success - a result not attained without great effort.

To have served the Office of " Worshipful Master" is an indisputable testimonial as to public ,and private worth. He who has earned it must have that self-confidence, which, in the phrase of rare Ben Johnson, " *takes heed lest his sail be not bigger than his boat*",.. the comely modesty that holds the unconscious candle to a man's merits must be his, and " efficiency," the Roseberian desideratum, not the least of his personal virtues. It is an Office which the best of a town's citizens can fill with honour, which the highest in title can serve, which the most intellectual can adorn, and in which all may acquire increase of reputation.

Several Members of the Lodge have been closely associated with the civic life and progress of the town. All told, Middlesbrough has elected 53 Mayors, and of that number no less than seventeen have been Members of the North York Lodge. In the History of the Town only two Mayors (the late Dr. J. Richardson and Sir S. A. Sadler, M.P.,) have been presented with a Silver Cradle to commemorate the Birth' of a Son during their Mayoralty, and it is curious to remark that the names of both appear on the North York Lodge " Muster Roll of Honour."

On the same " Roll" will be found the names of two-(the late J. S. Peacock and A. Sockett) out of the four Town Clerks which Middlesbrough has had, whilst a third (the late J. T. Belk) was for many years an active Member of the Lodge.

The North York Lodge is now much the poorer by the absence of Brothers who have crossed that " bourn whence no traveller returns," and who, beyond Masonic consideration, also stood out prominently as public-spirited

and philanthropic citizens bound up in all the industrial concerns of the Town, and were incessant in watching, fostering and planning schemes for its good. Besides the Founders of the Lodge named on page 11, we have lost H. Thompson, F. Atkinson, J. P. Hornung, J. S. Peacock, R. Bradley, M. G. Collingwood, C. Willman, J. Dunning, W. H. Cowper, I. Fidler, H. Sherwood, A. Jones W. J. Hanson, and many others-whose places are difficult to fill.

" How fast has Brother followed Brother"

" From sunshine to the sunless land."

Of what may now be termed the old generation we are happy to have with us still W. Brothers Alderman Sir S. A. Sadler, J.P., V.D., M.P., J. A. Mannors and W. J. Watson, and it is only giving honour to whom honour is due, to state that they are able, shrewd and sound advisers on Masonic matters, and have for many years past rendered excellent services to the Craft. It may be said of them that they are as fond as ever of Freemasonry, and are sincerely desirous that the North York Lodge should continue to prosper. The hope and prayer of the Members is, I am sure, that they may be long spared to add to their honourable records.

Past Master W. Bro. T. G. Robinson and Bro. W. R. I. Hopkins-two Brethren of light and leading-are still alive, and formerly took a deep interest in the management of the Lodge, but having left the District many years ago they severed their connection with the Lodge. These two Brethren have been an honour to the Craft. They well and truly served their day and generation, and attained local distinction as Justices of the Peace, &c.

Since the North York Lodge was established, two additional Lodges (the Ferrum and the Orde-Powlett

have been consecrated at Middlesbrough, and the Members of each meet monthly in the Masonic Hall, Marton Road. The Petitions of these two Lodges (now called "The Sisters") for Warrants were supported by the North York Lodge, and their Masonic discipline and behaviour has been all that can be desired. Indeed, it may be said without hesitation that the untiring energy and zeal of the Members of both Lodges have added greatly to the success and prosperity of Freemasonry in Middlesbrough.

Each of the three Lodges possesses a Membership to whom all good things Masonically are possible, and which will cheerfully rise to every reasonable call made upon it.

I believe there is a great future before the Craft, also the "North York," and I seem to see that busy Middlesbrough is needing that which our organisation has the capacity to supply.

Of the Members of the North York Lodge, the following remarks may be truly made, viz. :

FIRST Our Loyalty to our Order is unimpeachable.

SECOND. Our satisfaction therewith is undiminished;

And:

THIRD. Our pride (in being recognised as Members of the Craft) is untarnished.

But we may not be altogether conscious of the opportunities and privileges which we enjoy, or ought to enjoy, or fully estimate, as they deserve to be estimated, as Members of our great and ancient body.

" The world is in pain, our secrets to gain,

" But still let them wonder and gaze on :

" For they ne'er can divine the word nor the sign,

" Of a Free and Accepted Mason."

I venture to recognise the hand of the Great Architect of the Universe

in the progress and prosperity which has attended the Craft, and especially the North York Lodge from its inception.

That such has been vouchsafed without a purpose I am unable to believe, therefore it is my earnest desire that each Member of the Lodge may recognise and appreciate, and do what in him lies to make the Craft and our Lodge a reality and a power for good not only to ourselves but to our Fatherland.

**" By Thy glorious "Majesty;
" By the trust we place in thee;
" By the Badge and Mystic sign;
" Hear us, Architect Divine! "**

In conclusion, I can only add that during the time I have been a Member of the Craft, I have never had cause to regret having joined it. Moreover, I consider that my connection with a Masonic Lodge is not a mere episode, but a real portion of my inner life-preparing for things to come. The more I think of the teachings of Freemasonry, the more I admire them, and I am convinced that anyone who acts according to the high principles thereof must be a better man for his association with the Craft.

**" God of Light, whose love unceasing,
" Doth to all Thy works extend,
" Crown our Order with Thy blessings
" Build-sustain us to the end."**



**A CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF EVENTS
THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE HISTORY
OF THE NORTH YORK LODGE, No. 602,
(Formerly No. 876).**

1852.

15 June. The Warrant constituting the " North York Lodge, No. 876," was signed and sealed at the; Grand Lodge, London.

5 Oct. Fees amounting to £6 16s. Od. were paid for the Lodge Warrant.

28 Oct. A preliminary Meeting was held at the Station Hotel (Corner of Station Street), under the presidency of Bro. G. Reade, when six new Members (H. Thompson, F. Atkinson, J. Bowron, C. Watson*, J. P. Holt, and O. Lindberg) were proposed as Members, and a fee of one guinea paid for each.

19 Nov. £1 4s. 5d. paid for Firing Glasses.

23 Nov. £9 4s. 6d. paid for Jewels, Collars, &c., and
£1 4s. 6d. for Books.

14 Dec. The Lodge was duly consecrated, the Consecrating and Installing Master being Bro. A. A. Le Vean. Briefly the ceremony and business transacted was as follows :

1. The Lodge was opened in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees.
2. The Petition to the Grand Master of England praying that the North York Lodge be duly constituted was read.

* Proprietor of the Station Hotel, and Father of W. Bro. W. J. Watson, P.M.

1852.

14 Dec.

3. The Warrant granting the prayer of the Petition was read, also the Minutes of the preliminary Meeting.

4. Bro. Geo. Reade* was then installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the Lodge was closed in the 3rd and 2nd Degrees.

5. The W.M. appointed the Wardens :-

SENIOR: J. Richardson.

JUNIOR: W. R. Garbutt

and both were presented with the Jewels of their Office.

6. A Ballot was taken for the six persons proposed at the preliminary meeting, and all were unanimously elected.

7. Five of the six new Members were initiated

(not a bad day's work in itself).

8. Two new Candidates were proposed (W. Rayner and J. P. Hornung).

9. Instructions were given for Bye-Laws to be taken into consideration; And:

10. The initiation fees were paid and the Lodge closed in love and harmony and with solemn prayer.

Bro. J. Bookes** of York acted as Tyler on this occasion.

Apprentice Aprons bought at a cost of 8/-.

* He was then the Owner of the Hutton Estate, and Hutton Gate Station is mainly built of the stone of the Old Hutton Hall, his residence.

** He was Pro. G.P. and died in March, 1867 at the age of 83 years.

1853.

25 Feb. The S.W. presided in the absence of the W.M. through illness.

1 April The R. W. Bro. George Marwood, the well-beloved Deputy Provincial Grand Master, whom to know was to respect and revere, presided at a Lodge of Emergency. He was a Member of the Fraternity given to all good works and rendered to the Lodge generous and effective service in many ways: In the early days of the Lodge he installed several of the Masters, and annually paid a visit to the Lodge for that purpose. He was often accompanied by Brother Handysides, the late veteran of the Cleveland Lodge, Stokesley. £18 was paid for Lodge Furniture and Tools.

27 May A Special Dispensation was read authorising the Lodge to make Richard Thornton, of Middlesbrough, Well Sinker (a somewhat uncommon occupation now), a Mason free of charge to act as Tyler or serving Brother. Cost of dispensation 5s. 3d.

25 July Brothers H. Thompson, J. Richardson, E. Gilkes and W. R. I. Hopkins were appointed Justices of the Peace.

30 " A Bible was purchased for £1 3s. Od. (This Bible is now being used by the Orde-Powlett Lodge).

29 Sept. J. Bowron (Secretary), was nominated to serve as Provincial Grand Steward.

17 Oct. W. Bro. Newton delivered a Lecture on Freemasonry and Lodge Furniture.

1853

25 Oct. Mr. John Henry Damlos, of Holstein, Ship Owner (unanimously elected 24 June) presented himself for initiation, but his knowledge of English being so imperfect, the Candidate withdrew and the guinea fee was returned.
£5 12s. Od. paid for Coach fares to Selby and back.

12 Dec. The First Banquet was held in the Station Hotel -a haven of rest for the Lodge from its inception to the opening of the Masonic Hall on the 17th of January, 1861.

1853 to 1868

Bro. J. S. Peacock was Town Clerk of Middlesbrough, and from 1841 to 1853 was Clerk to the Town Improvement Commissioners.

1854.

24 Feb. A dispensation was read for making Peter Unthank, Painter, a Mason free of charge to act as Tyler.

A relief fund for distressed, indigent, itinerant or travelling Masons opened. Each Member contributed 1/-, and Bro. H. Thompson was empowered to administer the Fund.

The Patronage of the Lodge was granted for the " Benefit" of Bro. Raymond, Theatre Royal, Middlesbrough.

Bro. J. Bowron, Secretary from the commencement of the Lodge. resigned Office on his leaving Middlesbrough, and was thanked for the highly efficient manner in which he discharged the duties.

27 July The Refreshments for Brethren from the Tees
Lodge cost £1 19s. 6d.

1854 Bro. C. Watson presented a Tobacco Jar and Plate. also a framed Masonic Chart for all Degrees. These were in use at the Station Hotel. where in the Fourth Degree the Members always, used long clay pipes.

1855

31 Aug. A Resolution was passed expressing to Bro. Holt (Solicitor Northallerton), the unqualified disapprobation of the Brethren at his great inattention to the duties of his Office (S.D.), and to the continued detention of the Jewel and Collar of his Office, and further asking him to assign reasons for non-attendance.

26 Oct. Bro. Holt returned the Jewel. &c., with a letter stating that he declined to assign reasons until he was convinced that the proper parties were requiring his reasons and that they had authority to do so.

£6 paid for Coach fares to Scarborough and back.

30 Nov. £5 paid for Rent. &c., of the Lodge Room, Station Hotel

The hearty congratulations of the Lodge were tendered to Bro. J. Richardson. M.D., on his marriage.

21 Dec. The opinion of the D.P.G.M. re Holt's case was read as follows :-

.. It is highly essential to the well ordering and prosperity of a Freemasons' Lodge that all Officers should be regular in their attendance at all Meetings of the Lodge assembled by the command of the W.M. All Brethren and especially the Officers of a Lodge should ever bear in mind the obligation which they took on being raised to the sublime degree of a M.M.

1855

- 21 Dec.** A Senior Deacon of a Lodge is answerable for due attendance to his duties to the W.M. who appointed him to his Office and to the Brethren collectively of the Lodge of which he is an Officer.
- If a Senior Deacon neglects his duties by repeatedly absenting himself from the regular Meetings of the Lodge, the W.M., assisted by his Wardens, is fully entitled to call upon the said S.D. for the reasons or cause of his absence from the Lodge Meetings, and should the S.D. refuse to state any reason or offer any excuse for his neglect of his duties. the proper course for the W.M. to pursue is to bring the matter before the Lodge at its next Meeting in order that such resolutions may be passed in due form as the case may require."
- A copy of the Opinion was sent to Bro. Holt.

- 21 Dec.** The Lodge agreed to establish a Local Charity Fund to which any Member or Brother could contribute 6d. monthly or other donations *at* their discretion. The W.M. managed the Fund and recipients had to be introduced by Members.

1856

- 25 July** A candidate having been elected by ballot and failed to present himself for Initiation *at* three successive monthly Meetings, forfeited the deposit of one guinea to the Lodge Funds.
- 5 Sept.** A Committee was appointed to consider the feasibility of building a Masonic Hall
- 10 Nov.** Bro. H. Thompson was elected Mayor.

1856.

28 Nov. A letter was read from Bro. Holt admitting the authority of the W.M. to call upon an Officer to account for his continued absence.

Relief Fund: Expenditure 16s.

Balance in hand, 4s.

26 Dec. The Minute as to Building a Hall was discharged.

1857.

30 Jan. Agreed that the Nights of Instruction be continued every Tuesday, at 8 p.m.

7 April J. A. Manners was initiated into Freemasonry. It is whispered that he and his Sponsor (W. Bro. Dr. J. Richardson) often took a walk on Sunday Afternoons along the Old Railway to Newport to get the Questions and Answers committed to memory.

25 Sept. W. Bro. J. Richardson was presented with a P.P.G.D.'s Locket Jewel as a mark of the esteem and regard in which he was held, and for his valuable services in getting over the early difficulties encountered in the formation of the Lodge.

The Inner Guard's Sword cost 7/6.

9 Nov. Bro. H. Thompson was re-elected Mayor. During this year there was much Distress owing to the Bread Riots. The Military were brought from York, and the Mayor read the " Riot Act" from the Balcony of the Old Town Hall.

27 " £6 6s. Od. paid for expenses of Members to Hull.

28 " £10 paid for two years' Rent of the Lodge Rooms, Station Hotel.

1857.

13 Dec. Bro. R_ Todd (an Alderman for many years) was paid 17s. 6d. for preparing the Cricket Ground, evidently for a Cricket Match among the Members.

29 " The Bye-Laws were altered to provide that two black balls be required instead of one for rejecting Candidates.

1858.

29 Jan. £10 voted to the Town Distress Fund.

26 Feb. A resolution that the discontinuance of Refreshments after Lodge hours would be attended with beneficial results was negatived by a majority of three votes.

26 Aug. £7 paid for the Lodge Banner.

8 Sept. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Whitby, where the Earl of Zetland laid the Foundation Stone of a New Masonic Hall. Twelve Members attended to represent the Lodge.

9 Nov. W. Bro. J. Richardson was elected Mayor.

1859.

25 Feb. Members in arrear with their Subscriptions were given three months for payment, and notified that on failing to pay within that time they would be struck off the list.

25 Mar. Bro. Atkinson presented a Cushion for the W.M.'s pedestal.

11 April The Lodge approved of the erection of a Masonic Hall and appointed a Committee to enquire for sites and the probable cost of a Building with and without a School underneath, and to report thereon.

1859

April

The .Members of the Town Council and others presented W. Bro. J. Richardson with a Silver Cradle on the birth of a Son during his Mayoralty.

The Cradle is now in the possession of the Son Lieut.-Colonel W. Richardson, Solicitor. Guisborough who is an enthusiastic and popular P.M. of the Zetland Lodge, and holds high Provincial rank.

26 May

The Committee reported that a simple Masonic Hall. containing a Lodge Room 40 feet by 20 feet, with a suitable Ante-room, would cost about £550. and with a School underneath (which they did not recommend) an extra £350- Total £900.

10 June

It was resolved to remove to a New Hall and Ante-room in Temperance Place, Wellington Street, provided the premises could be purchased by Members (who had to subscribe the purchase money), at a sum not exceeding £585. The Subscribers had to sell their interests at par at any time to the Lodge, and pending purchase, a Rent of £10 per annum had to be paid by the Lodge. Luckily the purchase was never completed.

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At a Special Grand Lodge it was resolved to aution W.M.'s against receiving persons claiming admission either as Visitors or joining Members, on the ground of their having been initiated at the irregular Lodges held at Symrna.

29 July

For the first time after the inception of the Lodge, a Candidate living in Middlesbrough was balloted for and" not elected."

A Subscription of 10/6 was voted towards the cost of the Kew Masonic Temple at Jersey.

1859

- 26 Aug.** A. Candidate from North Shields was balloted for but not elected.
- 28 Oct.** The voting for the election of W.M. resulted in Brothers J. S. Peacock and J. A. Manners receiving 7 Votes each, whereupon a fresh vote as between the two (who agreed not to vote) was taken, 'and the last-named was elected by 9 votes-the first-named receiving only 5 votes.
- 25 Nov.** The W.M. (J. S. Peacock) reported that according to the constitutions a second ballot ought not to have been taken, and to confirm the second ballot he gave his casting vote to Brother Manners and declared him duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year.
- 30 Dec.** A Committee was appointed to prepare a Schedule of the Lodge Property.

1860.

- 27 Jan.** It was resolved to remove to a Masonic Hall. to be used solely for the purposes of the Fraternity, and to be erected out of Shares to be subscribed by Members. The Lodge agreed to pay a Rent of £18, keep the Building in repair, also pay Rates, and the Subscribers agreed to sell the Hall to the Lodge at any time at par.
- 3 Feb.** £II 213. 6d. paid for Collars, Jewels and Aprons, &c.
- 13 Mar.** A site 26 feet by 70 feet, in Marton Road, next to St. John's Infants' School was approved for the erection of a Masonic Hall.

1860.

20 Mar. The Lodge agreed to take 5 shares in the 2nd Provident Building Society.

The names of those attending Meetings were first recorded on the Minutes.

29 April The Grand Lodge issued a dispensation for the laying of the Foundation, Stone of the Masonic Hall by W. Bro. Geo. Marwood, D.P.G.M., in Masonic Form.

17 May The Foundation Stone of the Masonic Hall in Marton Road was duly laid by Geo. Marwood, Esq., RW.D.P.G.M., of Busby Hall. About 130 Brethren assembled. After the reading of the dispensation for holding the Lodge, the proceedings were as follows '

1. An Emergency Lodge was opened in the Old Town Hall, Market Place.

2. A procession headed by the Police was formed and proceeded to Divine Service at St. Hilda's Church, after which a collection was made for the Cottage Hospital, and the Company returned to the Town Hall.

3. In Masonic Clothing the Procession then proceeded by way of South and Sussex Streets to the strains of Messrs. Bolckow & Vaughan's splendid Brass Band to the site where the Brethren divided to the right and left and the D.P.G.M. passed through.

4. A Hymn was then sung.

1860

17 May 5. The stone was laid (the Band playing the National Anthem), and when placed at the intended elevation, the Chaplain (Rev. R Bradley) offered a Prayer

6. The Inscription (stating the Masonic Hall was being erected principally for the North York Lodge) engraved on a glass plate was read, and the Treasurer presented the D.P.G.M. the Phial containing the current silver and copper coins, also the newspapers of the day.

The D.P.G.M. having placed the Plate (inverted) over the Cavity, the cement was then placed on the face of the Lower Stone, after which the D.P.G.M. adjusted the same with a Silver Trowel. The Upper Stone was lowered slowly, and with three distinct rests the Band played Rule Britannia.

After questioning the Officers as to the proper Jewel of their Office and as to its use on that occasion, the D.P.G.M. took the square from the W.M. and applied it to the stone, saying :

" I declare this stone correctly laid and that the Craftsmen have done their duty."

Three knocks were then given the stone with the Mallet.

7. The Cornucopia containing the Corn and the Ewers containing the Wine and the Oil were handed to the D.P.G.M., who strewed the Corn and poured the Wine and Oil over the Stone with the accustomed ceremonies.

1860

17 May 8. The D.P.G.M. inspected the Plans and delivered them to the Architect desiring him to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work. (ARCHITECT J. Dobson. Jr., Newcastle. BUILDER: W. Doughty, Middlesbrough).

9. The Band played an Air, and the Brethren formed a procession to the Old Town Hall, where the Lodge was closed.

10. A Banquet was held in the Oddfellows' Hall where the Brethren dined in Masonic Clothing, and the D.P.G.M. presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. After the Banquet the Silver Trowel was presented to the D.P.G.M. by the Lodge.

The following 'is a description of the Building given at the time, viz.:-"Height 100 feet; 26 feet wide, the public part 70 by 26 feet which allows 30 feet by 26 feet behind for a Cottage and Yard. The Large Room 45 feet by 26 feet, the other space being left for the Ante-room and Entrance. On the top of the building and fronting Marton Road there is an Iron Statue of " Tubal Cain" by way of embellishment, and perhaps as a symbolic figure of the Order."

The estimated cost of the Building was £700.

15 June £8 paid for the Silver Trowel.
£1 15s. Od. paid for a Flag.

1860

- 7 Aug.** A Special Grand Lodge of England was held in the Old Town Hall, at Middlesbrough-a high and unusual honour to a Lodge-and the Earl of Zetland (Grand Master) afterwards laid the Foundation Stone of the Infirmary* with high -Masonic honours and with great ceremony 'Sir Albert Wood, the D.C. of the Grand Lodge. Attended, and the Banquet was held in the Station Hotel.
- 31 "** £3 3s. Od. subscribed to the Testimonial to the RW. Bro. G. Marwood.
- 24 Sept.** The Grand Lodge issued a dispensation to initiate Ralph Chambers free of cost but to act as serving Brother and Tyler.
- 28"** A Salary of £5 was voted to the Tyler on condition that he collected the Subscriptions, copied the draft Minutes, filled in and delivered Lodge Circulars.
- 4 Oct.** The Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Middlesbrough, and the W.M. was appointed Prov. Grand Deacon-a unique honour to the Lodge and the recipient.
- 9 Nov.** Bro. G. Bottomley ,was elected Mayor.
- 30 "** The Lodge approved of the Royal Arch" Mar wood Chapter" being attached to it.
- 28 Dec.** £5 voted to the local Soup Kitchen.

* For the site of the Building, Mr. Hustler, of Acklam Hall, gave an acre of land adjoining the North end of the" Long Plantation" from Newport Road to Linthorpe Road, formerly known as the" Second Sailors' Trod."

1861.

17 Jan. The Masonic Hall (now the Banqueting Hall) in Marton Road was consecrated and opened in Masonic form by W. Bro. Marwood, D.P.G.M., and the change proved a happy and convenient one.

The chequered Pavement in the centre of the Hall was the gift of the Earl of Zetland. Grand Master of the Order.

After the ceremony, an Illuminated Address (now hung on the Walls of the Lodge) was presented to W. Bro. J. S. Peacock, P.M., P.G.R., together with a set of Provincial Clothing and a Jewel to express the sense of the Lodge of his eminent services thereto.

It was mainly due to his untiring energy that the Scheme for the erection of a Masonic Hall was carried out.

He was a genial and tactful Brother, and as Town Clerk devoted his great intellect to the service of the Town. Moreover, he was an enthusiastic and popular ruler of the Craft with great administrative abilities.

W. Bro. Manners having completed a brilliant year of office, vacated the Chair after the presentation, and the D.P.G.M. then installed his Successor, who was duly elected.

25 " Brother Major T. L. Elwon presented 3 Masonic Chairs.

The Tracing Boards were ordered to be framed and varnished.

1861

- 6 Feb.** The Warrant constituting the " Marwood Chapter" of Royal Arch Freemasons attached to the Lodge No. 876 is dated this day.
- 22"** Bro. Atkinson, P.M., presented the Wardens' Columns, Square, Level and Plumb Rule, used at the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Hall and Infirmary.
- Bro. H. Thompson. P.M., presented two kneeling stools.
- Bro. J. P. Hornung, P.M., presented the Rough Ashlar.
- 21 Mar.** The First Meeting of the Marwood Royal Arch Chapter was held.

1862.

- 26 Sept.** A Lecture on the Origin of Freemasonry delivered by Bro. R. Longfield at the Dublin Lodge of Instruction, was read by Bro. F. Atkinson.
- 31 Oct.** The Voting for the election of W.M. was as follows :
- Bro. Collingwood, 10 Votes-Elected.
- " Armstrong, S.W., 7 Votes.
- " Atkinson, 5 Votes.

1863.

- 27 Mar.** A Visitor from Shields was refused admission because he could not produce his Certificate.
- 24 April** A Middlesbrough Candidate was balloted for and rejected.
- 29 May** A Committee was appointed to arrange a Pic-nic.
- 6 July** The Grand Lodge altered the Number of the North York Lodge from "876" to "602."

1863.

30 Oct. The Voting for the election of W.M. was as follows :

F. Atkinson (not present) 14 Votes-Elected
Manners, Thompson 1 Vote each.
Doughty and Ingram 1 Vote each.

9 Nov. Bro. E. Gilkes was elected Mayor.

17 Dec. £18 paid for Rent of the Lodge Room, Station Hotel.

1864.

29 July The Committee recommended a Pic-nic to Wilton Castle, and Sir John Lowther granted permission.

26 Aug. The Lodge of Instruction Meetings were ordered to be continued on the second Tuesday of the month and every alternate Tuesday.

29 Oct. The Voting for the election of W.M. was as follows :

J. Ingram, Jr., 17 Votes -Elected.
R. Coates, 8"
H. Thompson,
J. A. Manners, and I. Booth, all received 1 vote each

9 Nov. Bro. F. Atkinson was elected Mayor.

25 " The number of Black Balls for rejecting a Candidate was increased from two to three.

30 Dec. The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Lodge were confirmed, except the one referring to " Black Balls."

1865.

Jan. Brother Henry Sutton (one of the Founders of the Lodge and the oldest Freemason amongst its Members) died.
He was initiated in the Morton Lodge, Lerwick, on the 29th of July, 1828, passed on the same date, and raised on the 31st of July, 1828, at which time he was designated as Master of the Brig "Lovely Ann," of London.

29 Sept. A French Certificate was signed by a Visitor, who afterwards joined the Lodge.

27 Oct. £68 Arrears of Members' Subscriptions reported.

The Voting for the election of W.M. was as follows :

Bro. R. Coates, 16 Votes-Elected.

" J. A. Manners, 2 Votes

" H. Thompson, 1 Vote

"J. Gibson, 1 Vote

9 Nov. Bro. G. Watson was elected Mayor.

24" The Lodge Rent was reduced from £18 to £17. 29 Dec. An Irish Certificate was signed by a Visitor.

1866.

25 May A Portrait of W. Bro. G. Marwood, D.P.G.M., was presented by Bro. S. Hoggard, Photographer.

28 Oct. The Voting for the election of W.M. was as follows :

Bro. H. Groves, S.W., 17.

Bro. T. G. Robinson, P.M., 6.

Bro. J. A. Manners, P.M., 2.

Brother Groves was announced duly elected. Bro. R. Coates presented a Chart of Freemasonry.

1866.

9 Nov. Bro. W. R. I. Hopkins was elected Mayor.

30" The Minutes of the Lodge Meeting held on the 28th of October, including the election of Bro. Groves as (W.M., were NOT confirmed.

28 Dec. The Voting for the election of W.M. was again taken and resulted as follows :

Bro. T. G. Robinson,	15 Votes.
" Groves, S.W.,	4 "
" Manners,	1 Vote
" Ingram,	1 Vote
" Gibson,	1 Vote

Brother Robinson was declared duly elected and was installed on the 8th February following.

1867.

4 April The Lodge granted their patronage to Bro. Geo. Lees' "Benefit" at the Theatre Royal.

25 Oct. The Ballot for the election of W.M. was as follows :

R. Atkinson,	15 Votes-Elected.
H. Groves,	1 Vote
J. A. Manners,	1 Vote
H. Thompson,	1 Vote

9 Nov. Bro. W. R. I. Hopkins was re-elected Mayor.

29 " A letter was read from the Grand Lodge Secretary stating that the Registration Fee of a Brother dying previous to Registration must be paid.

Brothers G. Bottomley, F. Atkinson, G. Watson, H. Cochrane, and J. B. Pease were appointed Justices of the Peace

1868.

31 Jan. Bro. W. Petchell presented a 24-inch Rule of Ivory.

27 Feb. W. Bro. J. S. Peacock, P.M., died. He worked with diligence for the success of the Lodge and his memory will long remain green.

29 May The Lodge decided not to hold Meetings in the months of June, July and August. A Meeting is now held in June.

25 Sept. The Lodge of Instruction was ordered to be held for a month every Tuesday, at 8 o'clock, in the Corporation Hotel.

30 Oct. The Ballot for the election of W.M. was as follows:

A. Farmer, S.W., 17 Votes-Elected.

H. Thompson, P.M., 1 Vote.

W. Bro. J. A. Manners, P.M., having on several occasions given an interesting explanation of the first tracing board, repeated the same this evening, and he was cordially thanked and asked to extend his researches to a superior Degree.

Resolved to give Lodges of Instruction on the Friday night preceding and after the regular Lodge night, in the Corporation Hotel.

15 Dec. The W.M.'s Banquet was held at the Corporation Hotel.

1868 to 1876

Bro. J. T. Belk was Town Clerk of Middlesbrough, and during his service many important changes took place in the town. He was a zealous Freemason, firm friend, excellent citizen, and a life Volunteer.

1869.

29 Jan. The Chaplain presented two Books (1) "How's Freemasons' Manual" (2) "Findler's History of Freemasonry. "

26 Feb. Bro. R. Chambers was appointed to collect Subscriptions at a commission of 5%. A Committee was appointed to solicit Subscriptions for the erection of a Monument on the grave of the late Bro. J. S. Peacock, P.M. (An Obelisk was erected and in 1894 the Lodge caused the same to be repaired).

26 Mar. Bro. J. Jones, J.W., presented a handsome set of Tracing Boards.

24 Sept. £1 Is. Od. was voted to the Palestine Exploration Fund.

29 Oct. The Voting for the election of W.M. was as follows ;

J. Jones, 24 Votes,-Elected.

J. Richardson, }

J. Ingram, and 1 Vote each.

S. Godfrey,

Bro. J. F. Stewart was appointed Organist.

1869.

20 Dec. W. Bro. Jones discharged the whole of the Officers except the S.W., and appointed new Officers at his Installation.

The W.M.'s Banquet was held at the Corporation Hotel.

31 " It was resolved to establish a Lodge of Instruction, also to write the W.M. of the Auckland Lodge asking him to explain his refusal to allow Dr. Veitch admission thereto. He failed to produce his Certificate.

1870.

28 Feb. Bye-Laws for the Lodge of Instruction were approved. Dr. Veitch appointed Secretary, and J. Dunning, Treasurer.

11 April Bro. F. Atkinson died. He was an active Member ever ready to aid the Lodge.

27 May The W.M. presented three Gavels.

A Board was ordered to be obtained for the names of the W.M.'s, to be annually recorded thereon.

29 July. The Ballot for a Candidate was postponed for his Christian name and age to be ascertained. Ultimately, the Candidate was withdrawn, but afterwards became a Member.

5 Sept. The Lodge was represented by the I.P.M. at the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Marwood Lodge, Redeal'.

Dec. The Lodge had a loan of £300 from the National Provincial Bank secured by Promissory Note.

1871.

28 April Bro. J. Dunning presented a Sword Bayonet from Metz, with Belt attached, and a suitable inscription was ordered to be engraved thereon.

7 July The Annual Excursion was held.

28" The Finance Committee were authorised to purchase the Masonic Hall.

19 Oct. The cost of the Masonic Hall was reported at a Meeting of the Finance Committee as follows :

Land. . . £150-12 -11

Builder. . £591- 13 -1

Painter.. £14 -14 -10

Architect. . £30 -12- 0

Solicitor. . £24 -0 -6

Gas Fittings. . £13- 9 -8

Printing. . £6 -16 -10

Sundries. . £6 -7 -7

-----£838 -7 -5

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Amount received

From Mortgage.. £350 -0 -0

From Shareholders.. £498- 10- 0

-----£848 -10 -0

Balance in hand £10 -2 -7

1871.

The Financial position of the Lodge was reported as follows :

At Bank say.. £190 0 0 Building Society,

1/2 share paid in £30, and 1/2

share by 30th Dec. £60-0-0

Subscriptions expected £44-0-0

Promised to be given by Shareholders.. £134 0 0

Balance due from

Hall Committee £10-2-7

New Mortgage £500-0-0

---£938 2 7

Less due to late Treasurer,

H.Thompson, say £84 -0- 0

Leaving a total

of.. .. £854 -2 -7

The Lodge resolved that the old Mortgage of £350 be paid off
and that a new Mortgage for £500 be arranged.

The Orpheus Club at this time hired the Hall.

27 Oct. The Voting for the election of W. M. was as
follows :

C. Willman,	24 Votes-Elected.
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J. Jones,	1 Vote.
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J. A. Manners,	"
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W. Petchell,	"
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1871

9 Nov. Bro. T. Vaughan was elected Mayor.

18" A Mortgage was arranged on the Masonic Hall with the Misses Lawson for £500.

24 " Arrangements were made for Refreshments to be served in the Ante-room.

1872.

26 Jan. The purchase of the Masonic Hall was reported complete.

10 May The Promissory Note held by the Bank for £300 was repaid.

31 " £1 Is. ad. subscribed to the Memorial of Bro. Greathead (of the Lennox Lodge, No. 123, Richmond), who died at the advanced age of 101 years.

£2 2s. ad. voted to the Testimonial to the D.P.G.M. on his appointment as S.G.D. of England.

2 Oct. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Cleveland Hall, Middlesbrough, under the Presidency of W. Bro. Bell, D.P.G.M.

25 " The Voting for the election of W.M. was as follows :

Bro. Petchell, 12 Votes-Elected.

" Manners, 3 "

" Hornsby, 2 "

29 Nov. A Heating Stove was fixed in the Masonic Hall. Bro. J. Dunning presented a Portrait of W. Bro. Marwood, D.P.G.M.; also a new set of Ballot Balls.

1873. The Provincial Grand Lodge was not held this year owing to the death of Thomas, Earl of Zetland.

1873.

30 May A Vote of Condolence was passed on the death of the Earl of Zetland, R.W., D.P.G.M. His reign made the Province prosperous, and it was a matter of deep regret that death robbed the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire of the presence of a most zealous and expert Ruler.

May A Conference was held at York on the subject of dividing the North and East Ridings into separate provinces-9 of the 13 Lodges in the North Riding voted for the separation, and a Memorial recommending the same was signed but the alteration did not take place.

July Annual Pic-nic to Keswick.

31 Oct. The Ballot for the Election of the W.M. was as follows :

G. G. Hornsby,	13 Votes-Elected.
R. Davison,	8"

1874.

6 Jan. The present Marquis of Zetland was elected Provo G.M. and still holds that Office. His Lordship has proved an excellent Ruler, enthusiastic, zealous and painstaking. He is a good judge of men, intensely practical, sympathetic and withal a genial and pleasant gentleman. During his tenure of Office he has performed its duties with conspicuous ability and success.

July Annual Excursion to Windermere.

15 Oct. W. Bro. Dr. J. Richardson died. He was in all the relations of life a man of strict honour and integrity, ever ready to promote the welfare of others.

1874.

30 Oct. The Voting for the Election of W.M. was as follows :

R. Davison,	14 Votes-Elected.
J. A. Manners,	2 votes
J. Dunning	2 votes
J.P. Hornung	1 vote
W. Petchell	1 vote

1874 The liability on a Promissory Note to Bro. J. Dunning was £80 at 5% Interest.

1875.

26 Mar. Bro. R. Davison presented New Officers' Collars to the Lodge.

28 May A Committee was appointed to consider the sale of the Masonic Hall and the building of a new one better adapted for Masonic purposes, but the Lodge are still in possession of the premises.

July The Annual Excursion was held.

30 July It was agreed to discontinue Suppers, except on special occasions.

24 Sept. £10 subscribed in the Lodge for the Widow of Bro. Blakie, Merchants' Lodge, Liverpool.

Resolved to hold a Lodge of Instruction the second Wednesday monthly, at 7-30 p.m.

29 Oct. The Voting for the Election of W.M. was as follows :

W. J. Watson,	23 Votes-Elected.
R. Davison,	1 Vote.
F. R. Bell,	1"

9 Nov. Bro. John Dunning was elected Mayor.

1875 W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel S. A. Sadler commanded the Local Rifle Volunteer Corps.

1876.

July The Annual Excursion was held.

27 Oct The Voting for the Election of W.M. was as follows :

F. R. Bell, 22 Votes-Elected.

W. J. Watson, 9 votes

J. Middleton, 1 vote.

Stands for the Deacons' Wands were presented by Bro. W. H. Gauntlett.

1877.

22 Jan. £8 received for two years' Rent of the Stone Yard at the rear of the original Lodge Room.

26 " Bros. F. R. Bell and R. Richardson presented a turned Wooden Bowl for Ballot Balls.

15 Feb. £29 6s. 8d. repaid to Bro. Dunning.

27 July It was decided that the Annual Pic-nic be NOT held.

31 Aug. A Letter of Condolence was ordered to be sent to the Widow and Family of the late Bro. Bottomley, who died on the 20th of August. He was a genial and true Brother.

26 Oct. The Voting for the Election of W.M. was as follows :

J. Dunning, 27 Votes-Elected.

W. H. Cowper, 12

G. G. Hornsby, 1 Vote.

9 Nov. Bro. S. A. Sadler was elected Mayor.

1878.

9 Mar. The Grand Lodge passed a Resolution expressing profound regret at the step taken by the Grand Orient of France in removing from its constitution the paragraphs which assert a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being.

1878.

13 Aug. W. Bro. S. A. Sadler was presented by the Members of the Town Council with a Silver Cradle on the birth of a Son during his year of Mayoralty.

25 Oct. The Ballot for the Election of W.M. was as follows :

W. H. Cowper,	25 Votes-Elected.
I. Fidler,	3 votes
W. J. Watson,	1 vote

1879.

30 May Bro. R. Chambers was presented with a Royal Arch Jewel on his resignation as Tyler.

29 Aug. The Lodge agreed to support the Petition for the formation of the "Ferrum Lodge," which was thought necessary on account of too many Tradesmen being admitted as Members of the North York Lodge.

10 Oct. The Warrant constituting the "Ferrum Lodge," No. 1848, is dated this day.

31 " Bro. I. Fidler was elected W.M. by 16 out of 17 Votes.

1879. Brothers T. Vaughan, Raylton Dixon and S. A. Sadler were appointed Justices of the Peace.

1880.

21..Jan. The "Ferrum Lodge" was duly consecrated. This Lodge forms rather a burning question amongst local Craftsmen, partially due, no doubt, to the fact that an idea is prevalent that it is somewhat of a "class" or "professional" Lodge, but with a view to avert any disturbance of peace amongst the Fraternity, and without at all criticising the action of individual Members, the writer (who has always been courteously

1880.

received and entertained at the Ferrum Lodge) strongly advises a Fraternal visit, and he thinks there will then be an end to such idle talk. They do not claim to be more experienced Masons and do not pretend to put the Brethren on " a more true Masonic line and rule" than the other Lodges.

29 Oct. The Voting for the Election of W.M. was as follows :

S. A. Sadler,	20 Votes-Elected.
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I. Fidler,	1 vote.
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9 Nov. Bro. C. .Willman was elected Mayor.

1881.

27 Jan. £25 was repaid to Bro. Dunning.

17 Feb. The Warrant of the Middlesbrough Mark Lodge,
No. 276, is dated this day.

25 Mar. The Lodge Room was let for a Mark Lodge.

Aug. Such had been the growth of Freemasonry that alterations to the Masonic Hall by the addition of the present Lodge Room became requisite, and were in progress at this time.

6 Oct. The Jubilee of Middlesbrough was celebrated.
(Bro. C. Willman, Mayor).

28 " The Voting for the Election of W.M. was as follows :

R. W. Gibbs	17 Votes-Elected. .
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S. A. Sadler,	2 votes
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M. G. Collingwood,	1 Vote.
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1881.

28 Oct. The Lodge refused to join the Friendly Societies' Demonstration held this year.

23 Dec. At a well-attended Meeting of local Masons, held at the Corporation Hotel, it was resolved to petition for a Warrant for a New Lodge to be named "Erimus." Bro. I. Fidler was nominated the first W.M., and R Richardson and E. W. Wood, Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. Bye-Laws were adopted also the Draft Petition.

Bro. T. G. Robinson was appointed a Justice of the Peace.

1882.

27 Jan. Bro. Collingwood presented 3 Apprentice and 3 Fellow Craft Aprons.

Jan. A Petition praying for the constitution of the proposed "Erimus" Lodge was forwarded to the Earl of Zetland, Provo Grand Master. It was signed irregularly by the W.M. and Wardens of the North York Lodge, Brothers R W. Gibbs, W.M., S. Walker, S.W., A. Hallam, J.W., and by W. Bulmer, I. Fidler, W. Thompson, R Richardson, J. W. Berry, E. W. Wood, J. McLauchlan, R Bamlet, R. Scupham, G. Crone, E. Walton and N. Allan. There was much opposition to the proposal, and ultimately the Provo G.M. replied that he thought the formation of another Lodge was at that time inopportune, the "Ferrum" being of so recent formation.

28 April Bro. Gibbs presented a Portrait of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

A Vote of Condolence was passed to the Family of the RW. Bro. Marwood, D.P.G.M., whose death (on the 7th April at the age of 73) was deeply lamented.

1882.

- 17 May** A Lodge of Emergency was held this day for the purpose of inaugurating the Opening of the New Lodge Room. W. Bro. Bell, the D.P.G.M., gave an interesting Lecture on the Temple of Jerusalem, illustrated by Drawings and Photographs, and he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Dinner was afterwards served in the present Banqueting Hall.
- 30 July** The Balance of £35 was paid to Bro. Dunning.
- Sept.** Bro. A. Sockett was Deputy Town Clerk.
- 9 Nov.** Bro. I. Fidler was elected Mayor.

1883.

- 26 Jan.** It was Resolved to patronise Bro. Sinclair's Entertainment.
- 18 Oct.** The Prov. Grand Lodge was held in the Temperance Hall, under the Presidency of the Earl of Zetland.
- 24 "** Bro. I. Fidler (Mayor) laid the Foundation Stone of the Municipal Buildings.
- 26 "** Bro. Gill presented a Portrait of the Provo G.M. and a Volume of Masonic Music.
- 30 Nov.** Enquiries made as to re-commencing a Lodge of Instruction.
- 7 Dec.** A Trust Deed for the Masonic Hall was signed by the Trustees (Brothers S. A. Sadler, J. T. Belk, W. H. Cowper, M. G. Collingwood and I. Fidler), and the old Mortgage of £500 was paid off.

The Lawyers' charges for the Trust Deed were as follows:

H. Watson..	..	..	£14-0-3
Brewster & Brewster	..	..	£22-6-4
J. T. Belk & Parrington	..	..	£26-12 -7

Total. . £62 19 2

A new Mortgage for £1,000 was then arranged.

1884.

27 Feb. A Portrait of the late F. Atkinson was presented by his Son.

28 Mar. A Black Letter Bible of the year 1613 was presented by Bro. Richard Welch Hollon, Chemist, of York. The following appears in the front of the Bible, viz. :

PRESENTED TO THE BRETHREN OF THE NORTH YORK
LODGE OF FREEMASONS, No. 602, BY THE FOUNDER*
RICHARD WELCH HOLLON, 236 P.M. ;
P.Z. ; P.M.M.; G.T., N. & E. YORK PROVINCE; G.T.,
CHAPTER, YORK PROVINCE.

P.G.S.B. ENGLAND. P.D.C., CHAPTER, ENGLAND.
A. L. 5884.

25 Apr A Vote of Condolence was passed on the death of the Duke of Albany.

July The Annual Excursion was held.

23 Oct. Bro. Alderman S. A. Sadler opened the Public Baths.

31 " Bro. W. Weatherill, Architect, Stockton, was elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge in recognition of the valuable services he gratuitously rendered in the Erection and Decoration of the Lodge.

* This Brother considered himself the Founder because he arranged for Brothers Richardson and Garbutt to be initiated in the Union Lodge at York, with a view to a Lodge at Middlesbrough being formed.
He did not sign the Petition for the Warrant but visited the Lodge.

1884.

14 Nov. A letter of sympathy was sent to the Family of the late Bro. J. Jordison, Postmaster. The Lodge had a high appreciation of his character, and he was at all times ready to spend his time and energies in assisting others.

26 Dec. A letter was read from Bro. Bell, D.P.G.M., expressing hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the North York Lodge.

Dec. £74 6s. 11d. reported to have been expended 'in decorating and ventilating the Lodge.

1885.

5 Mar. Bro. J. Dunning died. He was a generous and true Mason.

27 " The Lodge forwarded to Bro. Weatherill a Vote of Thanks and Two Bronze Candelabra in recognition of his services during the alteration and decoration of the buildings.

26 June Two guineas subscribed towards the Bust of the D.P.G.M (Bro. Bell).

July The Annual Excursion was held.

30 Oct. The Tyler's Salary was fixed at £7 10s. Od.

27 Nov. The .W.M. presented a New Tracing Cloth.

26 Dec. The Ferrum Lodge subscribed £5 5s. Od. towards the cost of decorating the Lodge, &c.
The W.M. prepared an Inventory of the Lodge Property, but the same cannot now be found.

1886.

29 Jan. New Bye-Laws were adopted.

Mar. An Overdraft was arranged with Messrs. Backhouse & Co., Bankers.

3 May Bro. G. H. Anderson was appointed Sanitary Inspector.

1886.

28 May Bro. W. J. Watson presented a Portrait of the late Provo Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland.

July The Annual Pic-nic was held.

15 Sept. W. Bro. J. P. Hornung died at Twickenham. He was a zealous and enthusiastic Ruler and a true friend.

26 Nov. The D.P.G.M. (Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett) was elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge.

10 Dec. A Dispensation was granted for the Installation of Bro. Wilkinson on the 17th of December.

1887.

27 May A Piano was hired at £6 per annum.

June The Jubilee of Queen Victoria was celebrated in Middlesbrough (A. Sockett, Hon. Sec., of the Celebrations).

15 Aug. A Mortgage to Sir William Gray on the Masonic Hall, was signed by the Trustees of the Lodge (S. A. Sadler, S. Walker, W. J. Watson, J. T. Belk, I. Fidler and W. H. Cowper), for £1,000 at 4t per cent. interest, payable half-yearly. The Trusts briefly were :-For the sale or mortgage as might be ordered and directed by a majority of the Members of the Lodge, and generally as to the premises and as to the proceeds of sale if sold upon trusts for the benefit of the Lodge.

The Legal Expenses for this Mortgage were as follows :

F. Brewster. . £7 3 4

T. H. Ward.. £31 7 8

Total.. £38 11 0

1888.

24 Feb. The Ferrum Lodge was charged a Rent of £25 per annum.

9 Nov. Bro. Raylton Dixon was elected Mayor.

1889

23 Jan. The Masonic Hall was decorated at a cost of about £15 on the occasion of the Visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales (now King and Queen) to open the Town Hall and Municipal Buildings.

The Lodges of the North and East Ridings presented a Loyal Address to the Prince. A record of the visit was afterwards prepared and published by A. Sockett.

29 Mar. The Ferrum Lodge hired the Piano at £2 10s. per annum.

31 May Bro. W. Holloway presented a Poignard.

July The Annual Pic-nic to Studley Royal was held.
A Photo of those present adorns the Walls of the Ante-room in the Masonic Hall.

31 Dec. Queen Victoria conferred the well-merited and distinguished honour of Knighthood upon Bro. Sir Raylton Dixon, J.P., D.L., who was a talented warm-hearted and true English gentleman.

1890.

14 Jan. The Honorary Freedom of the Borough was conferred upon Bro. Sir Raylton Dixon.

June The Annual Pic-nic was held.

22 Oct. A Resolution was passed in favour of the formation of the Orde-Powlett Lodge.

10 Nov. Bro. M. G. Collingwood was elected Mayor.

1890. Brothers W. Bulmer and S. Walker, M.D., were appointed Justices of the Peace.

1891.

25 Jan. The Warrant constituting the "Orde-Powlett Lodge, No. 2391," was signed and sealed this day.

15 April The Orde-Powlett Lodge was duly consecrated.

1892.

29 Jan. A Message of Sympathy was telegraphed to the Prince of Wales on the death of the Duke of Clarence.

25 Feb. W. Bro. M. G. Collingwood died at Coatham. He rendered eminent services to the Lodge, and was an expert and charitable Ruler of the Craft.

24 June Bro. Craven presented three Gavil Blocks.

27 July The Provo Grand Lodge was held at Middlesbrough, the D.P.G.M. presiding.

1893.

6 July Congratulations and Best Wishes were telegraphed to the Prince and Princess of Wales on the Marriage of the Duke of York.

Aug. W. Bro. Hy. Thompson, for many years Treasurer of the Lodge, died. He was one of the oldest Members, a genial and true Mason.

9 Nov. Bro. T. Baker was elected Mayor.

1893 Bro. W. H. Cowper was appointed a Justice of the Peace.

1894. .

29 Mar. A. Sockett was elected Overseer at the last Vestry Meeting, held under the old Acts of Parliament.

1894

9 April Bro. C. Willman died. He was a gentleman of high capacity, a good and true Mason.

27 " The Lodge agreed to provide Kitchen accommodation at a cost of £23 17s. Od.

30 Nov. The Lodge resolved to henceforth bear the cost of presenting the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s Jewel in recognition of services rendered, and as a mark of esteem.

Dec. The I.P.M. (W. J. Hanson) was presented with a P.M.'s Jewel in recognition of his services.

1895.

30 Jan. The Cope Stone of the Seamen's Institute, Queen's Square, was laid with Masonic Honours by The Marquis of Zetland, P.G.M., at a Provo Grand Lodge Meeting. The cost of entertaining the Members was paid in equal proportions by the three Middlesbrough Lodges.

31 May The W.M. (J. Graham) presented £5 5s. Od. to be devoted to the Masonic Charities.

27 Sept. Bro. W. J. Bruce was congratulated on becoming Provo G.D.

A life Vote to the Girls' School was ordered to be secured.

26 Oct. Bro Craven was thanked for inscribing the Marble Blocks he presented.

13 Dec. A rebate of £2 10s. Od. was allowed the Orde Powlett Lodge off their Rent.

The Caretaker's Salary was increased from £10 to £13 per annum.

The I.P.M. (J. Graham) was presented with a P.M.'s Jewel in recognition of his services.

1895 Bro. E. D. Latham, Borough Engineer from 1869, died. He possessed great ability as an Engineer and was a generous and zealous Brother.

1896.

25 Sept. The Congratulations of the Lodge were tendered to the Marquis of Zetland on the Marriage of his Daughter.

29 Oct. Sir Wm. Gray agreed to accept repayment of the Mortgage by instalments of £100 and to reduce the Interest: from 4 1/2 to 4 per cent. from the 4th February, 1897.

A Resolution was passed conveying to H.M. Queen Victoria, through the Prince of Wales, the congratulations of the Lodge on her having reigned longer than any British Monarch.

Oct. A Grand Trades and Arts Exhibition was open and in the Town Hall in aid of the Medical Charities Nov. of the Town, and a profit of £1,365 2s. 10d. Was made and divided between the Local Charities. (*A. Sockett, Hon. Secretary and Manager*).

9 Nov. W. Bro. S. A. Sadler for the second time was elected Mayor.

27" The Sanction of the Lodge was given to the formation of a Lodge of Instruction, and a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.
£5 was allowed off the Orde-Powlett Lodge Rent.

A Vote of Condolence to the Widow and Family of Bro. Todd, Provo Grand Treasurer, was passed.

2 Dec. A Dispensation was issued for the Installation to be held on the 16th instead of the 11th of December.

1896.

16 Dec. The 1.P.M. (W. R. Gensz) was presented with a P.M.'s Jewel in recognition of his services.

1897.

4 Jan. Bro. I. Fidler died. He was a diligent Mason and rendered excellent services to the Lodge.

30 April W. Bro. W. H. Cowper was congratulated on his election as Standard Bearer in the Grand Lodge of England.

22 June The Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria was celebrated at Middlesbrough. The Ladies of the Town presented a Chain for the Mayoress. (S. A. Sadler, Mayor; A. Sockett, Hon. Sec.)

25 " 40 New Chairs purchased.
The Lodge Resolved that a Set of Gauntlets should be purchased. The Officers offered to provide New Collars but failed to do so.

13 July The Honorary Freedom of the Borough was unanimously conferred on W. Bro. S. A. Sadler, J. P.

11 Aug. £100 was paid off the Mortgage for £1,000 held by Sir Wm. Gray.

24 Sept. £2 10s. Od. was allowed off the Orde-Powlett Lodge Rent.

8 Oct. W. Bro. W. H. Cowper was entertained to a Banquet to commemorate his appointment as Grand Standard Bearer of England. A Loving Cup, subscribed for by the Members of the three Middlesbrough Lodges, was presented to him by The Mayor (Bro. S. A. Sadler, P.P.G.S.W.)

1897.

26 Nov. The W.M. presented a Jubilee Picture of Queen Victoria.

Dec. The I.P.M. (J. Thomas) was presented with a P.M.'s Jewel as a mark of esteem.
This Brother is now the worthy Director of Ceremonies and at all times willingly and zealously supports the Worshipful Master for the time being. The Lodge owes much to his able and vigorous supervision.

1897 Bro. Geo. Watson died. He was a zealous Brother.

The W.M. prepared an Inventory of the Lodge Property but it cannot be found.

1898.

24 June A Vote of Condolence was passed to the Widow and Family of the late Bro. T. Hodgson.

30 Sept. Bro. W. H. Gauntlett's resignation was accepted with unfeigned regret. He was one of the oldest Members of the Lodge and earned the regard and respect of every Brother.
£3 paid by the Lodge of Instruction as Rent.

28 Oct. A Letter of Condolence was ordered to be sent to Miss Gauntlett on the death of the late Bro. Gauntlett.
W. Brother Gibbs, who was in America" seeking a fortune," wrote sending his fraternal greetings. He has had a safe return to the" old country" is still with us, and highly esteemed.

1898.

25 Nov. A Letter of Condolence was ordered to be forwarded to the Family of the late Earl of Lathom.

Dec. . The I.P.M. (J. Morgan) was presented with a P.M.'s Jewel in recognition of his services.

1899.

27 Jan. A Letter of Condolence was ordered to be sent to the Widow of Bro. Pawson, who was drowned at Sea.

Mar. The Officers and Members presented the W.M. with a Silver Mug on the birth of .his Daughter, (Magdalene Imeson.)

7 April The Building Committee adopted the Plan prepared by Bro. W. Duncan for improving the Lighting and Ventilation of the Lodge, at an estimated cost of £43 1s. 4d.

2 May The following tenders were accepted for the Ventilation and Alterations to the Lodge, viz. :

Messrs. McNaughton & Jones
(Joiners and Bricklayers) ., £21 13 0

Messrs. Baker Bros. (Plumbing, &c.).. ., .. £15-10 -0

J. H. Hill (Painting and Decorating).. £47-7-6

Total.. £84-10- 6

29 Sept. A Vote of Condolence was passed to the Widow and Family of the late W. Bro. W. J. Hanson, P.M. and D.C., who was greatly esteemed by a large circle of friends. By his death the Lodge was deprived of a painstaking Officer, an able Lecturer, and a sincere Mason.

1899.

29 Sept. Thanks were tendered to Bro. W. Duncan, M.M., Architect, for his gratuitous services in connection with the carrying out of the alterations to the Lodge.

27 Oct. A Vote of Condolence was passed to the Widow and Family of the late Bro. T. Imeson, who was highly esteemed.

9.Nov. Bro. W. J. Bruce was elected Mayor.

24 " A Vote of Condolence was passed to the Family of the late Bro. J. T. Hogg.

A Resolution of Congratulation was passed to W. Bro. W. J. Bruce on his election as Mayor.

Dec. The I.P.M. (J. C. Imeson) was presented with a P.M.'s Jewel in recognition of his services.

1900.

26 Jan. The Lodge forwarded a Subscription to the Local Reservist Fund for the South African War.
(W. J. Bruce, Mayor; A. Sockett, Hon. Sec.)

23 Feb. A Vote of Condolence was passed to the Widow and Family of the late Bro. Captain Hood (Harbour Master), who was a good Mason and much respected.

The cost of the Special Alterations to the Lodge was reported at £143 10s. 5d.

30 Mar. The Rent of the Mark Lodge was increased from £4 to £6 per annum.

1900.

25 May £3 was paid as Rent 1: >Y the Lodge of Instruction.

It was reported that the Subscriptions at the Masonic Festival, held at York, amounted to £1,050, and that the Lodge came second on the list with £82 7s. 6d., also that it sent the largest number of Stewards-thanks to the good offices of the W.M. (Bro. G. H. Anderson).

28 Sept. Bro. W. Holloway, P.M., presented 4 dozen Firing Glasses, and the best thanks of the Lodge were accorded to him.

2 Oct. Colonel Bro. S. A. Sadler was elected Member of Parliament for Middlesbrough. He is the first Conservative returned in the history of the Town, and during his tenure of Office has rendered excellent :services to the Borough.

14 Dec. The old Piano and Harmonium valued at £12, was taken by Mr. A. Ramsden, together with £30 in cash, for a new Grand Piano. The £30 was subscribed by the Members of the three Lodges in the town, on the distinct understanding that all the Lodges should have the free use thereof, and the North York agreed to keep it in tune and repair.

The I.P.M. (G. H. Anderson) was presented with a P.M.'s Jewel in recognition of his services and as a mark of esteem.

Brother W. J. Bruce was appointed a Justice of the Peace.

1901.

25 Jan. A Telegram was forwarded to the King tendering the deepest sorrow and sincere sympathy of the Lodge on the death of Good Queen Victoria.

1901.

29 Mar. A Vote of Condolence was passed to the Widow of the late Bro. H. Hawes, Master Mariner.

26 April The Lodge adopted New Bye-Laws which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge on the 11th of Sept. following. These Bye-Laws increased the Annual Subscription of Members from £1 to £1 10s. Od., and provided that, as previously agreed, three Black Balls should reject a Candidate. The Initiation Fee was fixed at £6 6s. but formerly it was only £4 4s. Od.

A Vote of Condolence was ordered to be forwarded to the Widow and Family of the late W. Bro. W. H. Cowper, who died on the 8th inst. He was a pillar of the Order for many years, a popular Mason and a true friend and counsellor. He held Office in the Grand Lodge, and few men were better known as workers in the cause of Charity and Masonry than him.

The Condolence of the Lodge was also tendered to the Family of the late W. Bro. A. Farmer, P.M., who was one of the Founders and the first Master of the Ferrum Lodge.
£3 received as Rent from the Lodge of Instruction.

9 May W. Bro. J. T. Belk (Magistrates' Clerk) died.

28 June A letter was read from W. Bro. Joseph Winterschladen, as Co-Trustee of the Will of the late W. Bro. W. H. Cowper, containing the following extract from his Will :
"To my Brother Freemasons I leave my best wishes and earnest desire that the high principles of the Craft will ever be upheld in "Middlesbrough."

1901.

27 Sept. A Vote of Sympathy was passed to the Widow of the late Bro. Anthony, also to Bro. Archer on the loss of his Wife.

W. Bro. Manners delivered a Lecture on. The Second Tracing Board.

25 Oct. Bro. Manners gave an explanation of the First Tracing Board.

9 Nov. Bro. Alderman J. McLauchlan was elected Mayor.

21" A Vote of Condolence was passed to the Parents and Family of the late Bro. J. T. Easton, who was highly respected.

Bro. T. Henderson was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

A Portrait of the Marquis of Zetland, Provo Grand Master, was presented by W. Bro. Peck, Provincial Secretary, who is a many-sided man and a zealous Freemason of high capacity.

Dec. The I.P.M. (W. Snaith) was presented with a P.M.'s Jewel in recognition of his services and as a mark of esteem.

1902.

31 Jan. W. Bro. W. J. Watson was presented with a Jewel on his appointment as Provo Grand Warden.

11 Feb. Bro. A. Sockett (Secretary, North York Lodge) was appointed Town Clerk of Middlesbrough. Many Brethren of the three local Lodges, who were at the Saltburn "Installation," wired sincere congratulations.

1902.

- 28 Feb.** The hearty congratulation of the Lodge were tendered to the Secretary on his appointment as Town Clerk.
- 27 Mar.** The Secretary read an exhaustive Report on the Deed of Trust for the Masonic Hall, its tenants, and also as to the Mortgage thereon, and the thanks of the Lodge were tendered to him for the same.
- 1 April** The Mark Lodge were asked to pay a rent of £6 per annum from this date and it was agreed to.
- 8 May** The Tyler (J. A. Manners) celebrated his Golden Wedding, and at the regular Lodge Meeting, held on the 30th of May, he was presented with an Address and a Purse of Gold containing £20, subscribed by the Members of the Lodge. (Hon. Sec. to the Presentation-A. Sockett).
- 15 June** This day was the 50th Anniversary of the grant of a Warrant to the Lodge, and much to the regret of many Members, there were no celebrations.
- 26"** The Middlesbrough Celebrations and Fetes on the Coronation of King Edward VII. (J. McLauchlan, Mayor; A. Sockett, Hon. Sec.)
- 28 "** The illness of the King was feelingly referred to and the Lodge passed a resolution expressing the hope that His Majesty would soon be restored to good health again.
- 28 July** The Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall, under the Presidency of The Marquis of Zetland, and the Members were entertained by the North York Lodge.
On the same day the Foundation Stone of the Church dedicated to St. Alban the Martyr was laid

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with Masonic Honours. The local arrangements were made by the Secretary, who afterwards received a letter expressing thanks on behalf of the Provo Lodge.

5 Sept. A Vote of Condolence was passed to the Tyler (W. Bro. Manners) on the death of his Wife.

The Congratulations of the Lodge were tendered to W. Bro. Sherwood on his appointment as Provo Treasurer, and to W. Bro. J. C. Imeson on being appointed Provo A.D.C., also to the W.M. elected Steward on the nomination of the Secretary.

28 Nov. Bro. G. H. Anderson presented his Photo to the Lodge.

14 Dec. The 50th Anniversary of the First Meeting of the Lodge and the First Installation of a W.M. This important event was allowed to pass unnoticed.

Dec. The I.P.M. was presented with a P.M.'s Jewel.

1903.

9 Jan. A Vote of Condolence was passed to the Widow of the late Bro. W. Ranson.

The I.P.M. presented his Photograph to the Lodge.

19 " At a Joint Meeting of Representatives of the North York, Ferrum, Orde-Powlett and Mark Lodges, the "North York Club" was formed for registration under the Licensing Act of 1902. Rules for the Club were also adopted.

26 Mar. A Safe was purchased at a cost of £7 Is. 6d.

1903.

24 Apr A Vote of Condolence was passed to the Family on the death of Bro. J. Reynolds.

A letter of sympathy was ordered to be forwarded to W. Bro. J. Morgan on the death of his Son.

29 May An Illuminated Address was presented to W. Bro. H. Sherwood, together with a Provo Jewel of the Office of Provo Grand Treasurer held by him.

25 June New Collars and Cuffs were purchased by the Lodge for the Officers at a cost of £18.

26 " Mr. John Peacock presented the Address given to his late Father (J. S. Peacock, P.M.), in 1860, and the same now adorns the walls of the Banqueting Hall. The Lodge ordered the tombstone on the late W. Bro. Peacock's grave to be repaired.

25 Sept. Bro. R. W. Williams was congratulated on his being appointed to the rank of Provo G.D.

27 Nov. A Vote of Condolence was passed to the Family of the late Bro. J. Ingram, P.M., who for many years was Treasurer and Tyler of the Lodge.

11 Dec. W. Bro. W. Thompson, I.P.M., was presented with a P.M.'s Jewel in recognition of his services and as a mark of esteem. He is a genial and true Mason.

1904.

25 Mar. Brothers Snaith and Thompson, P.M.'s, presented their Photographs to the Lodge.

27 May The W.M. (W. F. Smithers) presented a Music Stand for use in the 4th Degree.

1904.

- 31 May** At a Meeting of Representatives from the three Lodges at Middlesbrough, W. Bro. R. W. Gibbs was appointed Almoner at a salary of £1 lls. 6d. It was agreed that the amount to be given to each applicant should not exceed 2s. 6d., also that the cost be annually divided between the three Lodges.
- 12 Nov.** W. Bro. Fox Thomas gave a Lecture on Freemasonry to the Members of the)hree Middlesbrough Lodges.
- 25 "** A Vote of Condolence was passed to the Widow of the late Bro. R. J. Browne.
Bro. Ellington presented a Case of Corkscrews.
The W.M. presented his Photograph to every Member present, and generously entertained them to Supper.
- 9 Dec.** The LP.M. (W. Bro. W. F. Smithers) was presented with a P.M.'s Jewel in recognition of his services and as a mark of esteem. He laboured diligently, had a pleasant year of Office, and the Lodge was very prosperous.
In the course of the afternoon of this day, the Writer was installed as Worshipful Master, when a large number of distinguished P.M.'s and Brethren were generous enough to attend. It was a day of days to him in many ways. He had the pleasure of investing as Officers some Brethren who were close personal friends -so that his year of Office opened full of signs of good omen-a loyal Lodge, zealous, earnest and painstaking Officers, and warm-hearted Brethren-the Lodge seemed likely to go on prospering and to prosper. The Banquet was afterwards held at the Grand Hotel, and a copy of the Novel Menu of the same appears on pages 87 to 92 of this Book.

1904.

20 Dec. At the request of the Lodge the W.M. wrote tendering congratulations and good wishes to Bro. H. Willman (Son of Charles Willman) on his election as W.M. of a South African Lodge. also to Bro. J. Hornsby (Son of G.G. Hornsby) on his appointment as Secretary. Bros. T. Baker and J. McLauchlan were appointed Justices of the Peace.

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24 Feb. The Lodge decided that in their opinion the appointment of Grand Treasurer should be vested in the Grand Master, but the Grand Lodge ultimately decided that the election should be by Voting Papers issued to Worshipful Masters and Past Masters.

28 April A Vote of Condolence was passed on the death of Bro. Professor J. F. Stewart, Organist for many years to the local Lodges. He was an able musician and at all times devoted his best energies for the good of local charities.

7 June Bro. H. Sherwood, P.M., died. He was an astute financier, possessed a genial nature, an upright character, and did much valuable work as Treasurer.

30 " The W.M. telegraphed sincere congratulations on behalf of the Lodge to W. Bro. Sir Samuel A. Sadler, J.P., V.D., M.P., on the well-deserved and distinguished honour of the Knighthood being conferred upon him by the King. Sir Samuel is a sagacious adviser in matters of public interest, and on two occasions with extreme geniality, dignity and courtesy, he, with the assistance of *his* graceful and beloved wife-

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Lady Sadler-discharged the manifold and onerous duties of the Civic Chair at Middlesbrough. He is regarded as the champion of every good and noble cause, and by his serene character and large hearted charity has earned the admiration and lasting gratitude of his fellow townspeople. The Lodge is indeed rich in having such a worthy, loyal and distinguished Mason amongst its Members.

21 Mar W. Bro. W. J. Bruce was elected an Overseer.

July The W.M. obtained, on behalf of the Lodge, possession of the first three Minute Books, and after preparing this little Book deposited the same in the Lodge safe.

The Trustees of the Masonic Hall were served with three months' notice to payoff the £900 }Mortgage

25 July The Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Northallerton, under the presidency of the Provo G.M. (The Marquis of Zetland), who invested the W.M. with the Regalia of Provo J. Grand Deacon-a unique honour to the Lodge and the recipient.

19 Sept. The Finance Committee appointed the W.M. and Treasurer with plenary powers to make arrangements for paying off the Mortgage of £900 on the Masonic Hall, and for a new Mortgage of £800 thereon.

The Lodge at this date was insured in the name of the Mortgagee for £900 at a rate of 1s. 6d. per cent., and for £800 in the name of the Lodge at the same rate.

1905.

29 Sept. The Minutes of the Finance Committee were confirmed, and Worshipful Brothers Sir S. A. Sadler, M.P., Dr. S. Walker,* W. J. Watson, W. Hollo-way, A. Sackett (W.M.), J. Thomas, W. J. Bruce, W. Thompson, and W. F. Smithers were elected Trustees of the Masonic Hall, also for the pur-poses of the new Mortgage for £800.

28" The hearty congratulations of the Lodge were tendered to the W.M. on his being advanced to the degree of Provo Grand Deacon.

11 Oct. The W.M., accompanied by Worshipful Brothers W. J. Bruce, R. Anderson, F. Baker, G. H. Anderson, and Brothers Councillor Allison and C. H. Newhouse, also other Members of the North York Lodge, paid a fraternal visit to the Walker Lodge, No. 1342, held at Newcastle this day, and were cordially received and welcomed by W. Bro. Geo. Ayling (W.M.), the Mayor of Wallsend, the Sheriff of Newcastle, Worshipful Brothers Colonel Richardson, Bowes, Koch, Sykes, and other distinguished Brothers, whose geniality and kindness was highly appreciated. The greatest harmony prevailed, and the pro-ceedings afforded unalloyed enjoyment to all who had the good fortune to be present.

14" The W.M. and Treasurer completed negotiations. for a Loan of £800 from the Yorkshire Penny Bank at Middlesbrough, on the Masonic Hall, at the low rate of 4 per cent. Interest, the right being reserved for the Lodge to repay the amount a_ any time by installments of not less than £5.

This arrangement will undoubtedly prove of

* He has rendered eminent services to the Lodge, and is a worthy Brother who aims at. nothing but doing good for others.

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14 Oct. great advantage. It was effected without payment of a procuration fee. The Mortgage on the Hall at this time was £900, but it will be observed that the new arrangement provided for paying off £100. There is no boast in mentioning this; it is simply intended as a reminder to young Masons of an example which it is their PRIVILEGE and DUTY to follow. It must not be forgotten that our Forefathers contributed generously to the erection of the " Temple," and the least that can be done is in some measure to follow in their footsteps by further decreasing the Mortgage annually.

May the Brethren in the future excel the example of their Forefathers and the present generation herein, so that the time will arrive when the Hall will stand clear of all liabilities.

27 Oct. A record Meeting-opened and closed within thirteen minutes.

A Candidate had to be raised but failed to attend, and there was no other business but that in the 4th Degree, which proved another record.

30" The W.M. visited the Lodge and prepared an Inventory of the Lodge property. W. Bro. J .A. Manners-the " Grand Old Man" of the Lodge was present.

3 Nov. The Finance Committee approved of the Inventory of the property of the Lodge.

15 " The Ferrum Lodge celebrated the 25th Anniversary of their inauguration by holding a Lodge of Emergency and afterwards a Banquet.
The W.M., Wardens, and Charity Representative of the North York Lodge attended by Invitation to represent the Lodge. It was a happy event, and the Ferrum Lodge was cordially congratulated on the great success and efficiency attained.

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24 Nov In the afternoon of this day several distinguished Brothers from Newcastle were welcomed to Middlesbrough, and entertained by His Worship the Mayor (Councilor T. Roddam Dent), who is a worthy Past Master of the Marwood Lodge and has rendered eminent services as Treasurer of the Orde-Powlett Lodge from its formation. His hearty reception of the Brethren, and his thoughtful and kindly speech were admirable.

The Deputy Mayor (W. Bro. Alderman J. Forbes) and W. Bro. Alderman W. J. Bruce, both of whom have done much good masonic work, were. present, also the W.M. of the Lodge.

In the evening the W.M. of the Walker Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne (W. Bro. Ayling), accompanied by Worshipful Brothers Colonel Richardson, Bowes, Anderson, Sykes and other distinguished Brothers paid a fraternal visit to the North York Lodge and they were heartily received and entertained.

The W.M. presented to the Lodge an Oak Case containing a handsome set of the Working Tools for the three Degrees in Freemasonry.

5 Dec. Bro. Thomas Brown, S.W., an energetic, true and kind-hearted Mason, was duly installed in the Chair of KS.

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8 Dec. W. Bro. Sir Samuel A. Sadler, P.M., PP.S. G.W. on behalf of the Lodge presented the I.P.M. (*A. Sockett*) with a P.M.'s Jewel in recognition of his services as W.M., and as a mark of esteem. The I.P.M. handed the Inventory of the Property of the Lodge to his Successor for safe keeping, also the Keys of the Lodge Safe, a duty performed for the first time in the history of the "open" Lodge.

Dec. The IP.M. presented to the Lodge a "Charity Box" made of Oak dredged from the River Tees, also his Photograph (framed). He further presented a copy of this Book to every Member of the Lodge.

1905 Annually a postal fee is paid to the Postmaster, as follows :-

North York Lodge	£0-6-5
Orde-Powlett Lodge	£0-5-0
Ferrum Lodge	£0-5-0
Marwood Chapter Lodge	£0-3-0
Mark Lodge	£0-1-7
----Total <u>£1 1 0</u>	

The final lines are words of Congratulation to the North York Lodge on the success and prosperity attained.

In laying down my pen I rejoice to think that the Record closes upon the "North York" as the strongest Lodge in the Town, and not a single burning question or jarring note threatens its prosperity, therefore the outlook is cheering in the extreme.

NOTABLE EVENTS IN MASONRY.

A.D.

- 287** St. Alban formed the first Lodge in Britain.
- 926** King Athelstan granted a Charter to Freemasons.
- " Grand Lodge formed at York under Prince Edwin.
- 1358** Edward III. revised the Constitutions.
- 1425** Masons Assemblies prohibited by Parliament.
- 1607** Ingio Jones constituted several Lodges.
- 1637** The Earl of St. Albans regulated the Lodges.
- 1717** Grand Lodge revived.
- 1720** Valuable MSS. burnt by scrupulous Brethren.
- " Office of D.G.M. revived.
- 1723** Book of Constitutions published.
- " Grand Secretary first appointed.
- 1724** Grand Treasurer first appointed.
- 1725** Charity Committee established.
- 1726** Provincial Grand Masters first appointed. 1747 Public Processions on Feast Days discontinued. 1768 Registering Regulations commenced.
- 1775** Office of Grand Chaplain revived.

- 1788** Girls' Schools instituted and dedicated to the Earl of Zetland, KT., M.W.G.M.
- 1798** Boys' Institution founded.
- 1799** 12th July-The Royal Assent of George III. Was given to an Act for the suppression of Societies established for seditious and treasonable purposes, and it is recited therein that certain Societies have long been accustomed to be holden under the denomination of Lodges of Freemasons, the Meetings whereof have been in great measure directed to charitable purposes, and it is provided that the Act shall not extend to regular Lodges held before the passing of the said Act.
Masonic Lodges have to make Annual Returns of Members under 39 Geo. III., Ch. 79, Sec. 6, to the Clerk of the Peace, who charges 1/- under the scale of fees authorised to be taken.-.
- 1813** Dec. 27-Re-union of all the Lodges under the Duke of Sussex.
- 1815** Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge published.
- 1830** Medal for Charity instituted.
- 1844** The Earl of Zetland Provincial Grand Master elected and installed as G.M.
- 1868** H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., initiated.
- 1869** 1st September-The rank of P.G.M. conferred on H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, KG.

- 1870** A Fund of £3,000 subscribed in commemoration of the Earl of Zetland's completion of 26 years' Grand Mastership.
- 1873** 6th May-The Earl of Zetland died.
- 1874** 2nd September-H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales became Grand Master, and was installed on the 28th April following.
- 1883** 3rd May-The Freemasons' Hall built in 1775 partially destroyed by fire.
- 1884** Freemasons' Hall, London, restored.
- 1901** H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., elected Grand Master on the resignation of the King on his Accession to the Throne and becoming Protector of the Order (installed 17th July).

NOVEL MENU.

1904.



County Borough

of Middlesbrough.

North York Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted
Masons of England, No. 602.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AND INSTALLATION

OF

BROTHER ALFRED SOCKETT.

AS WORSHIPFUL MASTER,

On Friday, the 9th day of December, 1904.

BANQUET in the "Grand" Hotel,

Middlesbrough, at 6 o'clock p.m.

"Golden eggs to every Brother and goldfinches to our Lodges."

"May every Brother find constancy in love and sincerity of friendship."

"The heart which conceals and the tongue which ne'er reveals."

"May no Brother taste the bitter apples of affliction."

"From labour to refreshment."

GRACE: *Non Nobis Domine
Non Nobis
Sed Nomini tuo
Da Gloriam*

MENU.

"Which I recommend to your diligent perusal."

Native Oysters.

"Receive without scruple or diffidence."

Soups.

"All spring from the same Stock."

CLEAR SOUP.
HARE SOUP.

Fish.

"From the sands of the sea, the tide regularly ebbs and flows."

FRIED SOLE AND TOMATO SAUCE.
HALIBUT—SHRIMP SAUCE.

Entrees.

"The hidden mysteries of nature and science."

PIGEONS AND MUSHROOMS.
SWEETBREADS.

Joints and Poultry.

"I need not here dilate upon their excellence."

SADDLE OF MUTTON. ROAST BEEF.
BOILED TURKEY.
HAM AND CELERY SAUCE.
VEGETABLES.

Game.

"The last and greatest trial."

Sweets.

"The reward that sweetens labour."

PLUM PUDDING. TRIFLE. WINE.
JELLY AND ICES.

Savoury.

"Of substance good."

CHEESE AND SALAD.

Dessert.

"Fruits refined."

"May every Brother have a heart to feel and a hand to give."

"You have served me well."

"The toast ! the toast ! the toast's the thing
To make ears tingle and glasses ring."

TOAST LIST.

Champagne to our real friends, and real pain to our sham friends."

"To all the fraternity round the Globe."

"To all that live within the Compass and the Square."

- 1—His Most Gracious Majesty the King.
"Many years of happy days befall our Gracious Sovereign."—*Rich. II.*
- 2—H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Most
Worshipful Grand Master.
"Honour to those who deserve it."
- 3—The Right Hon. The Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro. Grand
Master ; The Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, M.P., R.W.,
Deputy Grand Master ; and the present and past
Officers of Grand Lodge.
"Bear their blushing honours thick upon them."—*Henry VIII.*
- 4—The Most Hon. The Marquis of Zetland, R.W., Prov
G.M., North and East Ridings of Yorkshire ;
The Right Hon. Lord Bolton, P.G.W. of England,
R.W., Deputy Prov. G.M., and the present and
past Prov. Grand Officers.
"Our very noble and approved good Master."—*Othello.*
- 5—The Installing Master, W. Bro. William F. Smithers,
I.P.M.
"You have deserved high commendations, true applause, and love."—*As You Like it.*
- 6—The Worshipful Master of the North York Lodge
(Bro. Alfred Sockett).
"We do invest you with pre-eminence and power."—*King Lear.*
- 7—The Mayor of Middlesbrough (Alderman John
Forbes)—"*Erimus.*"
- 8—The Masonic Charities.
"So give Alms."—*Winters Tale.*
- 9—The Visitors.
"All our friends are welcome."—*Hamlet.*
- 10—The Sister Lodges.
"Always obedient to your gracious will—we seek to do you honour."—
Measure for Measure.
- 11—The Past Masters of the North York Lodge.
"In them there is hope of government"—*Richard III.*
- 12—The Officers of the North York Lodge.
"Degrees and offices purchased by the merits of the wearer."—*Merchant of Venice.*
- 13—All Poor and Distressed Masons.
"Know how to use your Brothers brotherly."—*Henry VI.*

W. Bro. John THOMAS, P.M., P. Prov. G.S. of
Works, Director of Ceremonies.

"To all Freemasons who walk by the line."

"May a crochet in the head never bar the utterance of good notes."

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC.

Orchestra under the direction of Mr. T. A. Parrock,
A.L.C.M., will play the following selections.

MARCH	..	.. "Sons of the Brave"	.. Bidgood
OVERTURE	..	.. "Esmeralda"	.. Herman
WALTZ	..	.. "Leibes Waume"	.. Ertl
IDYLLE	..	.. "Tranm Der Sennerin"	.. Labitzky
OVERTURE	..	.. "L'Aureole"	A. Buillon
SELECTION	..	.. "Geisha"	.. Sidney Jones
WALTZ	..	.. "Solitude"	.. Waldteufel

The following Brethren will contribute to the Harmony
of the Evening :—

SONGS, &c. :—

A. CROSSLEY, E. WINPENNY, H. PARSONS, T. BUSHELL,
{ G. H. ANDERSON, F. BAKER, T. HARDING, J. H. HILL,
J. SMITH AND OTHERS.

W. BROTHER W. F. SMITHERS, I.P.M. (Concertina).

RECITATIONS :—BRO. F. H. WIGHAM, of Wakefield. §

1.—Mother Hubbard—A Parody Sermon.

2.—The Spanish Tragedy in irregular verbs.

ACCOMPANISTS :—BRO. J. F. STEWART, P.P.G.O.,
ORGANIST.

BRO. T. HARDING, S.D.

'Love, liberty and length of days.'

"Long life, pure love, and boundless liberty."

"Our absent friends on land and sea."

"The Upholders of Freemasonry."

OFFICERS, 1904-1905.

W. BRO. ALFRED SOCKETT, Worshipful Master.

W. BRO. WILLIAM F. SMITHERS .. I.P.M.

BRO. THOMAS BROWN S.W.

BRO. JOS. H. HILL J.W.

**W. BRO. WILLIAM HOLLOWAY, P.M., P. PROV. G. SWD.
B. TREASURER**

BRO. RALPH SMURTHWAITE SECRETARY

BRO. T. HARDING S.D.

BRO. A. E. SCANLAN J.D.

**W. BRO. J. THOMAS, P.M., P. PROV. G.S. OF W.
D. OF C.**

BRO. E. D. HAMER.. .. I.G.

BRO. J. F. STEWART, P. PROV. G.O. .. ORGANIST

BRO. C. WIGGENS S.S.

BRO. A. BARRITT J.S.

**W. BRO. J. A. MANNERS, P.M., P.J. PROV. G.W.
TYLER**

W. BRO. GEO. H. ANDERSON, P.M.

CHARITY REPRESENTATIVE

W. BRO. R. W. GIBBS, P.M., P. PROV. G. STD., B.

ALMONER

"The three greatest blessings of this life: Health, Wealth and a Good Conscience."

"As we bind, so may we find."

"Party ties before all other Ties."



ALFRED SOCKETT (AS TOWN CLERK OF MIDDLESBROUGH)

