

THE HISTORY
OF
NELSON MASONIC LODGE
NO. XVIII
NEWRY
(1809 TO 1909)

BY

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W.M. OF THE LODGE



JONATHAN SEAVER,
FIRST W.M. OF THE LODGE.

The following pages are dedicated to my dear Brethren of Nelson Lodge, No. XVIII., amongst whom I have spent some of the happiest hours of my life, and from whom I have received numerous valued tokens of their fraternal regard and esteem.

FRANCIS C. CROSSLE.

NEWRY, 1909.



NOT only as the best means of explaining the origin of Lodge XVIII., but also in the hope that it may prove of interest to our readers, we have drawn up a list of the various Lodges which have met in the town and neighbourhood of Newry.

NEWRY MASONIC LODGES.

Lodge No. 16, Newry. Warrant granted 6th February, 1766. It was a small Lodge, only 24 members having been registered in the books of Grand Lodge when the warrant was cancelled in 1809.

"Nelson Lodge," No. 18, Newry, *vide* Lodge No. 933.

"Union Lodge," No. 23, Newry, *vide* Lodge No. 933.

Lodge No. 52, Poyntzpass. Warrant granted 1st February, 1810, cancelled in 1847. It had 95 registered members.

"The Richmond Lodge," No. 69, Newry. Warrant granted 3rd May, 1810, cancelled in 1835. It had 62 registered members.

"St. Patrick's Lodge," No. 77, Newry. Warrant granted 27th December, 1737. This Lodge still meets in Newry, and enjoys the proud distinction of being "The Premier Lodge of Ulster."

"St. Patrick's Lodge," No. 79, Newry. The original warrant of this Lodge was No. 315, and was granted to Tandragee on the 5th of April, 1759. In 1831 this warrant was sent up to Grand Lodge and exchanged for a new warrant, No. 79. The Lodge was removed to Donoughmore in 1864, and from Donoughmore to Newry in 1893.

"The Lodge of Antiquity and Integrity," No. 80, Rathfriland. Warrant granted 14th May, 1863. This Lodge still meets in Rathfriland, where it has erected a neat Hall for its accommodation. This Hall was dedicated, on the 9th of October, 1891, by V.W. Bro. J. Hunter Moore, then Provincial Junior Grand Warden of Down.

"Francis Crossle Lodge," No. 83, Newry. Warrant granted 7th October, 1907. This Lodge still meets in Newry.

"Gibraltar Lodge," No. 128, attached to the 39th Foot, met in Newry during the years 1850 and 1851, the Regiment being then quartered here. On the 6th of January, 1851, the Lodge gave a magnificent Masonic Ball in the old Savings Bank.

"Zion Lodge," No. 144, Kilkeel. Warrant granted 6th September, 1810. This Lodge still meets in Kilkeel, is in a most flourishing condition, and has erected an extremely beautiful Hall for its meetings, which it was the privilege of the writer to dedicate on the 3rd of July, 1901.

Lodge No. 151, Rathfriland. Warrant granted 7th February, 1811, cancelled in 1855. It had 108 registered members.

Lodge No. 155, Rathfriland, *vide* Lodge No. 933.

"Dominica Lodge," No. 174, attached to the 2nd Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, *vide* p. 24.

Lodge No. 199, Forkhill, *vide* Lodge No. 925.

Lodge No. 205, Newry, *vide* Lodge No. 914.

Lodge No. 213, Millvale. Warrant granted 6th January, 1820, and returned to Grand Lodge in 1870. The Lodge was removed to Newry in 1856, and to Poyntzpass in 1857. It had 115 registered members.

Lodge No. 244, attached to the 52nd Foot, met in Newry in 1833, the Regiment being then quartered here.

Lodge No. 262, Rostrevor. Warrant granted 3rd February, 1820, cancelled in 1835. It had only 26 registered members.

Lodge No. 269, Donoughmore. Warrant granted 5th August, 1762, and surrendered in 1854. It had 359 registered members.

Lodge No. 302, Carlingford. Warrant granted 16th February, 1875, and surrendered in 1894. It had 56 registered members.

Lodge No. 322, attached to the 29th Foot, *vide* p. 25.

Lodge No. 345, Newtown Hamilton. Warrant granted 7th May, 1807, cancelled in 1825. It had only 41 registered members.

Lodge No. 358, Killeavy. Warrant granted 4th November, 1813, cancelled in 1835. It had 38 registered members.

Lodge No. 394, Poyntzpass. Warrant granted, 7th April, 1763, to Lurgan; removed to Poyntzpass in 1800, and subsequently to Loughgilly. Warrant cancelled in 1856. It had 95 registered members.

"Sion Lodge," No. 410, Rathfriland. Warrant granted 5th January, 1764, cancelled in 1849. It had 159 registered members.

"St. John's Lodge," No. 521, Ballybought. Warrant granted 7th April, 1775, cancelled in 1835. It had 313 registered members.

Lodge No. 618, Tullyherrin, County Armagh. Warrant granted 7th August, 1783, cancelled in 1822. It had 78 registered members.

"Moriah Lodge," No. 654, Rathfriland. Warrant granted 20th April, 1786, cancelled in 1847. It had 176 registered members.

Lodge No. 696, Mullaghglass, Newry. Warrant granted 4th January, 1789; sent in, in trust, in 1864; restored in 1867; returned to Grand Lodge in 1875. It had 189 registered members.

"St. John's Lodge," No. 697, Warrenpoint. Warrant granted 4th June, 1789. This Lodge still meets in Warrenpoint, and is one of the most flourishing and best working Lodges in the Province of Down. In 1884 it acquired a very comfortable Hall in Duke Street, Warrenpoint, which, on the 30th of March in that year, was dedicated by W. Bro. Allan E. Douglas, W.M. of the Lodge.

"The Prince of Wales' Lodge," No. 706, Newry. Warrant granted 10th December, 1789, surrendered in 1854. It had 292 registered members.

Lodge No. 737, Scarva. Warrant granted 5th May, 1791, cancelled in 1825. It had 200 registered members.

Lodge No. 808, Glascar Hill. Warrant granted 5th March, 1795, cancelled in 1826. It had 115 registered members.

Lodge No. 840, Kilkeel. Warrant granted 7th July, 1796. This Lodge subsequently removed to Newcastle, and the warrant was returned to Grand Lodge in 1847. It had 136 registered members.

"The Wellington Lodge," No. 914, Newry. Warrant granted 6th May, 1802; sent in, 5th June, 1818, and exchanged for No. 205, which was cancelled in 1830. It had 119 registered members.

Lodge No. 925, Newry. Warrant granted 6th January, 1803; in 1808 transferred to Forkhill, where it was worked by "The Forkhill Yeomen," who were commanded by Colonel John Ogle; in 1818 exchanged for No. 199; cancelled in 1826. It had 55 registered members.

Lodge No. 933, Ballybot. Warrant granted 7th July, 1803. It is with this Lodge that we are more particularly concerned. A few

years after it was constituted political feeling, which at the time ran very high in the Borough of Newry, caused a split amongst the members, who mutually agreed to apply for two new warrants and to dispose of the old one, a proceeding at that time by no means uncommon. New warrants having been granted by Grand Lodge, the old warrant was sold to a number of Brethren in Rathfriland, by whom the Lodge was, in 1811, transferred to Hilltown. In 1825 the warrant was sent in to Grand Lodge and exchanged for No. 155. In 1865 the Lodge returned to Rathfriland, where it still continues to meet.

The new warrants, thus granted to Newry in 1809, were those of "Nelson Lodge," No. XVIII., and "Union Lodge," No. XXIII., which are both still to the fore, and between the members of which no feelings have since existed, save those of Peace, Love, and Harmony. Lodge XXIII., our twin sister, has had a very prosperous career, is at the present moment in an exceedingly flourishing condition, and several of its members have occupied high rank in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down.



The following is a copy of the Warrant of "Nelson Lodge," No. XVIII. :—

Seal
of the
Grand
Lodge.

"By the Right Worshipful and Right Honorable *Richard Earl of Donoughmore*, Grand Master of all the Lodges of Free-Masons in the Kingdom of IRELAND, the *Worshipfull & Honble. Abram Hely Hutchinson*, Deputy Grand Master, *Worshipfull and Rt. Honble. John Lord Baron Hutchinson & Somerset Earl of Belmore*, Grand Wardens.

Donoughmore "WHEREAS our trusty and well-beloved BROTHERS *Jonathan Grand Master Seaver, Trevor Corry & James Searight* have besought Us, that We would be pleased to erect a LODGE of FREE-MASONS in the *Town of Newry, Co. Down*, of such Persons who, by their Knowledge and Skill in MASONRY, may contribute to the Well-being and Advancement thereof ;—We, therefore, duly weighing the Premises, and having nothing more at Heart than the Prosperity and true Advancement of MASONRY, and reposing special Trust and Confidence in our trusty and well-beloved Brothers, the said *Jonathan Seaver, Trevor Corry & James Searight*, of whose Abilities and Knowledge in Masonry We are satisfied, do by these Presents, of our certain Knowledge and mere Motion, nominate, create, authorize and constitute the said *Jonathan Seaver, Trevor Corry & James Searight* to be Master and Wardens of a Lodge of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS, to be held by them and their Successors, lawfully admitted in the said Lodge, for Ever. And We do hereby give and grant unto the said *Jonathan Seaver, Trevor Corry & James Searight* and their Successors, full Power and lawful Authority from time to time, to proceed to Election of a new Master and Wardens, to make such Laws, Rules and Orders, as they, from time to time, shall think proper and convenient for the well-being and ordering of said Lodge ; reserving to Ourselves and our Successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of IRELAND, the sole Right of Deciding all Differences which shall be brought by Appeal before Us, and our Successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of IRELAND."

No. 18.
Reviv'd.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seal of Office this *Fourth Day of May* in the Year of Our LORD GOD 1809 and in the Year of Masonry 5809.

ENTERED BY ME

Willm. F. Graham,

D. G. Secty.

It will be observed that this is a *revived* warrant. Unfortunately the early records of the Grand Lodge of Ireland afford us no information regarding the *original* warrant; and, in spite of the most diligent search, extending over a period of more than a quarter of a century, we have failed to find any reference thereto, save the following, to which our attention was kindly directed by Bros. W. J. Hugban and W. J. Chetwode Crawley. On p. 76 of "The Pocket Companion, Dublin, 1735," we find "A List of the warranted Lodges in the Kingdom of Ireland, as they are registered in the Grand Lodge Book." On this list we find—

"18. *Spread Eagle in Arklow. 1st Saturday in every Month.*"

In a later Pocket Companion, published in Dublin in 1751, we have a similar reference, at p. 88, to the Lodge in Arklow. These are the only references we have been able to find in any way enabling us to identify the original Lodge XVIII., and we give them for what they are worth.

THE TITLE OF THE LODGE.

Our Lodge was founded at a time when the country was still in mourning for the death of Nelson, and when the incidents of his short but glorious career were familiar to every member of the community; and, in choosing a title for their Lodge, our Founders made a happy selection. The sense of devotion to duty which distinguished Nelson all through life, and which forsook him not in his latest hours, will ever be remembered so long as Britain is a nation; and we earnestly trust that the same sense of duty may ever be a distinguishing characteristic of its members so long as old "XVIII." is a Lodge.

THE FOUNDERS OF THE LODGE WERE—

JONATHAN SEAVER, W.M.
TREVOR CORRY, S.W.
JAMES SEARIGHT, J.W.
ROBERT MACAN, TREASURER.
E. R. COURTENAY, SECRETARY.
CHICHESTER BICKERSTAFF, S.D.
ISAAC WALKER, J.D.
RICHARD BRYANS.

WILLIAM JOHNSTON.

JOSEPH FOXALL.

JOHN OGLE.

WILLIAM REED.

REV. CHARLES ATKINSON.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LODGE.

This was a very quiet affair when compared with the proceedings attending a similar function at the present time. The minutes of the 12th of August, 1809, record the fact that six of the original members of the Lodge met at the house of Bro. Archibald Thompson, the Old Market House in Boat Street,* now St. Colman's Hall, "for the purpose of Installing the Warrant and for adopting such Rules and Regulations as might be thought necessary for the Lodge." The warrant having been accordingly installed by Brother James Kernaghan, Master of No. 706, the Worshipful Master and the two Wardens were installed. The Senior Warden, Bro. Trevor Corry, being absent, was installed by proxy. He was probably on his honeymoon at the time, having been married just a month previously. The installation of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Deacons took place at an adjourned meeting held ten days afterwards.

BYE LAWS OF THE LODGE.

The "Rules and Regulations," which are as follows, were adopted on the 6th of September, 1809 :—

1. Original Members to pay	1l.	2s.	9d.
2. Members admitted on a Master's Certificate	2l.	5s.	6d.
3. All Members rising to the Degree of Master.....	5l.	13s.	9d.
4. Each night's Bill to be called at 12 o'Clock.....			
5. Each Member to pay to the Stock Purse, each sitting night.....		1s.	8d.
6. Tiler to have for his attendance, per month.....	11s.	4½d.	
7. The Master's Fine for non-attendance within fifteen minutes of the time appointed, or an apology sent.....		5s.	5d.
8. Fine for his not sending his keys	2l.	5s.	6d.
9. The Wardens for like offence, each.....	1l.	2s.	9d.
10. All Officers, under the Master, for non-attendance within fifteen minutes of the time, or an apology sent.....		2s.	6d.

* One hundred years ago Castle Street was known as Boat Street.

11. All other Members, each.....	1s. 3d.
12. Any Member leaving the Room, without the permission of the Master, to be fined, and not again admitted until fine be paid.....	1l. 2s. 9d.
13. Any Member not obeying the order of his Officers, to be fined.....	1l. 2s. 9d.
14. Any other breach of the By-Laws or Regulations not heretofore mentioned, to be left to the determination of a Committee of five members, to be chosen by Ballot.	

The first printed Bye Laws of the Lodge were adopted 5th December, 1810, and were printed in 1811 by "R. Moffet, Sugar Island." They are as follows :—

"1st. The Lodge shall meet on BLUE MASONRY, the first Wednesday in every month, and on the superior degrees once in every three months, at the hour of Seven o'Clock precisely from October to April inclusive ; and at eight o'Clock precisely from May to September inclusive.

"2nd. The Master and Officers shall be annually chosen by written Ballot, on the first Wednesday in December.—The Lodge to elect, Master, Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer. The Master to appoint the Senior Deacon, and the Senior Warden the Junior Deacon—Who shall be installed on the following Saint John's Day before Refreshment.

"3rd. Every person desirous of becoming a Member of this Lodge, must petition, and be proposed by a Member on the night of meeting preceding his Ballot. One Black Bean to exclude ; and the person so rejected cannot be again proposed within six months.—The admission Fee to be deposited previous to the Ballot, and to be returned if the person be rejected.

"4th. The admission Fees for every person made a Mason in this Lodge, shall be Five Guineas,— for a person already a Mason who shall be admitted a Member, Two Guineas.—Every Brother of this Lodge who shall be raised to the Higher degrees shall pay One Guinea and a-half for each ;—and every Mason not of this Lodge, shall pay Two Guineas for each.

"5th. Every Member of this Lodge shall pay One Shilling and Eight Pence for each night's dues.—Every Member remaining in arrear upwards of Ten Shillings, shall not be admitted to stand in nomination for any office,—to speak to any question,—nor ballot for any person, while under such arrear.—And any Member who shall not, on or before the first Wednesday in January and July respectively, clear off all arrears due the preceding Saint John's Day, shall be excluded at the discretion of the Lodge.

"6th. No Brother shall be admitted to any superior degree of Masonry, until he passes a satisfactory examination in the foregoing one, unless in cases of Emergency ; nor shall any private business be suffered to disturb the Masonic Business of the Lodge.

"7th. Every Member who shall have paid Twelve Months' dues to the Lodge, shall (if leaving Newry) be entitled to his Certificate, and on his return (if approved of by Ballot) be admitted free of expense.

"8th. This Lodge shall meet on the Grand Festivals of Saint John the Baptist, and Saint John the Evangelist, to transact the Business of the day, and dine together.—Visitors and Members of the Lodge who dine, shall pay Fifteen Shillings British each, and all Absentees of this Lodge shall pay Five Shillings British each, unless they be sick or prevented by indispensable business.

"9th. The expences of Refreshment on the nights of meeting, shall be paid by the Members and Visitors partaking thereof;—the Bill to be settled at or before 12 o'clock.

"10th. The Tyler shall be paid Half-a-Guinea per month for his attendance.

"11th. Should irregularities unfortunately happen, the following fines shall be levied :—

The Master, for non-attendance within fifteen minutes of the Hour appointed, or a sufficient apology made.....	5s.	5d.
The Officers for the like.....	2s.	6d.
All other Members for the like.....	1s.	3d.
The Master for not sending his key.....	1l.	2s. 9d.
The Wardens for the like, each.....	10s.	0d.
And if any Member of this Lodge shall be guilty of any impropriety, he shall be fined or censured as the Master and Brethren shall think proper.		

"12th. These Bye Laws shall be signed by the Members, shall be read in open Lodge by the Secretary once in every Quarter, and to every new made Brother, who shall also subscribe the same. Finis."

In addition to being printed, a manuscript copy of these Bye Laws was kept in the Lodge Chest, which was signed by each new member on joining the Lodge. This volume is still in existence, and contains an extremely interesting collection of autographs. Subsequent codes of Bye Laws were adopted, and printed for circulation amongst the members, in 1844, 1865 and 1888.

THE DAY OF MEETING.

In the first instance the meetings were held on the first Wednesday in each month. In 1812, on account of this day conflicting with the meetings of "The Newry Amicable Annuity Company," to which several members of the Lodge belonged, the second Wednesday was substituted. In 1815 the night of meeting was changed to the second

Friday, and in 1847 to the second Thursday. From 1856 to 1861 the meetings were held only four times a year, viz.: on the last Tuesday in March and September, and on the Festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. In 1861 the Lodge reverted to monthly meetings on the first Thursday; in January, 1867, to the first Friday; and in the following October back to the first Thursday. In 1888 a change was made to the third Tuesday, in 1891 to the first Thursday, in 1902 to the first Wednesday, and in 1907 back to the first Thursday, on which day the meetings are now held.

PLACE OF MEETING.

The Lodge, as we have already stated, was constituted in the Old Market House in Castle Street, or "Boat Street," as it was then called, but evidently the accommodation afforded proved unsatisfactory, for, in the month of February, 1810, a committee was appointed "to look for proper Rooms." We are left in the dark as to the result of their efforts, nor have we any definite information as to where the meetings were held until the year 1835, when we find the Lodge comfortably housed in "Black's Hotel." Very early in the nineteenth century Adam Black kept the "Shakespeare Tavern" in Hill Street, now "The Central Bar," kept by James Hale. From these premises he removed in June, 1831, and announces the fact that he has opened "a new Hotel and Tavern in Hill Street, whence the Lark and Fair Trader Coaches will depart," which hotel was subsequently known as "Black's Hotel." The house is still standing, but the ground storey is now divided, part being occupied by Messrs. Wray and Donnelly, Solicitors, and part by Miss Girvin, Milliner. In which of his establishments the Lodge first became connected with Black we are unable to say, but we are fully satisfied that it met for many years beneath his roof. In September, 1836, it was resolved "to employ Mr. George Ogle, Solicitor, to enquire into the right of this Lodge to the Rooms in the Newry Market House, alleged to be granted to the Masons of this Town." On what grounds these allegations were founded, or what may have been the result of Mr. Ogle's enquiries we are not informed, but we presume he saw no reason to encourage the Lodge to prosecute its claims. In April, 1839, a committee was appointed "to look for a house suit-

able for a Masonic Hall," and shortly afterwards the Lodge entered into occupation of the house in Needham Place, now No. 7, the second door South of Hide Market. Here it remained until 1842, when the house in Mill Street, immediately above The Catholic Literary Club, and now known as Duffy's Dining Rooms, was rented from Bro. T. G. Henry. On the 11th of August, 1847, the Secretary was instructed "to write to the several Lodges in this town, requesting their attendance at our Lodge on our next night of meeting, for the purpose of taking into consideration the question, already raised in this Lodge, as to the propriety of entering into a subscription for the erection of a Masonic Hall in the Town of Newry." In accordance with this request, the Masters of Lodges 23 and 77 attended the September meeting, when a representative Committee was appointed for "carrying out the project," but no further steps appear to have been taken, for, in February, 1850, we find the Lodge still in Mill Street, where Lodge 23 became its tenant. In 1852 a Committee was appointed "to look out for an eligible place of meeting," and accordingly apartments were procured in No. 42, Hill Street, in which the Lodge met for the first time on the 8th of December, 1853. At the date to which we here refer there were two shops on the site of the premises now occupied by "Kinnear & Company," that immediately adjoining "The Newry Young Men's Christian Institute," then No. 41, being occupied by Bro. John Moore (No. 137), and No. 42, that on the North or Kildare Street side of Moore's establishment being occupied by Robert McClelland, a merchant tailor, who was a member of Lodge 23. In this house, where it appears to have been extremely comfortable and contented, the Lodge held its meetings up till the month of April, 1856, when McClelland removed to No. 61, Hill Street, now "The Athenæum." The Lodge then became tenants of Lodge 23 in the Old Masonic Hall in Hill Street, immediately adjoining the present "Newry Reporter" premises, which had been acquired by that Lodge when it and Lodge XVIII. left Mill Street. On the 30th of April, 1861, the Lodge removed to No. 10, New Street, which was then unoccupied, and the use of which was given, gratis, by the landlord, Bro. H. W. Wallace (No. 219), until such time as he might procure a permanent tenant. Here it continued to meet up to

the 5th of September, 1862, when "Bro. William Henry (No. 92) kindly placed a handsome suite of apartments at the service of the Brethren" in the premises now occupied by "John Craig & Co," of Kildare Street. Two months afterwards, "in consequence of these rooms having been set," another change became necessary, and the house in Trevor Hill, now numbered 14A, and occupied by Mrs. Weir, was taken. Here the Lodge remained until April, 1863, when Mr. Henry Thomson, the landlord of the premises which it had previously occupied in Kildare Street, granted them a lease thereof for five years. At the expiration of this lease a further move was made, this time to the rooms in "The Municipal Technical School"—then "The Newry Savings Bank"—now occupied by "The Newry Free Library." In March, 1869, a committee was appointed "to report on getting a site for the erection of a Masonic Hall for the Lodge," which, at the next meeting, "reported that they were unable to see their way to get a suitable place." At the May meeting in 1875 "a conversation took place upon the subject of building a Masonic Hall, but no resolution was proposed." On the 2nd of March, 1876, a committee was appointed "to collect information regarding sites for building a Masonic Hall, and to report," but no report was made. In November, 1878, a fresh effort was made to procure a site, but, notwithstanding the fact that every effort was made to do so, the project was again abandoned, and no further steps were taken for some years. Ultimately, however, at the Refreshment Board of "Royal Arch Chapter Courage and Fidelity," No. 77, Companion W. J. Cleland drew attention to the fact that the accommodation then provided in Newry was inadequate and insufficient for the proper working of the Craft. His remarks, which were brief, but thoroughly in earnest, and to the point, struck a sympathetic and responsive chord. I was present on the occasion, and have a most distinct recollection of the effect which they produced. A protracted and animated conversation ensued as to the propriety of making a genuine and united effort to erect a Hall; a subscription list was opened, and liberally responded to by the Companions then present; and the further consideration of the matter was postponed till the next convocation of the Chapter, when, after an exhaustive discussion on

the subject, it was unanimously resolved—"That Companions S. E. Martin, G. F. Alderdice, and F. C. Crossle be appointed as a deputation from this Chapter, to wait on Lodges, 18, 23, and 77, for the purpose of conferring with them as to the propriety of erecting a Masonic Hall for the Town of Newry." The deputation was in each instance most cordially and enthusiastically received, and the following Brethren were appointed as

The Newry Masonic Hall Building Committee :

BRO. S. E. MARTIN.
 „ G. F. ALDERDICE.
 „ F. C. CROSSLE.
 „ J. L. DEVENISH-MEARES.
 „ J. HUNTER MOORE.
 „ H. E. EVANS.
 „ W. A. LOUGHLIN.
 „ SAMUEL FLEMING.
 „ ALEXANDER WHEELAN.
 „ W. J. CLELAND.
 „ JOSEPH BELL.
 „ JOHN THOMPSON.

To which were subsequently added the following :—

BRO. W. J. DALTON.
 „ A. L. FORD.
 „ JOSEPH WRIGHT.
 „ JOHN M'COMBE.
 „ J. C. BINNEY.
 „ JAMES MOORE.
 „ J. W. SAVAGE.

The Committee held its first meeting on the 7th of November, 1885, when Bro. Meares was elected Chairman, Bro. Alderdice Treasurer, and Bro. Crossle Secretary. Arrangements were made to collect the necessary funds, and a sub-committee was appointed to procure a suitable site. The premises in Trevor Hill then and still occupied by the firm of Henry Thomson & Co. as a cooperage, the field to the North of the Downshire Road Presbyterian Manse, the garden immediately adjoining Riverside Presbyterian Church, and the garden immediately behind the house on the Downshire Road now occupied by G. F. Alderdice, were severally suggested and considered; and, on the 27th of February, 1886, the site adjoining the Downshire Road

Manse was finally decided upon. A lease of the same having been granted by the Trustees of the Downshire Estate to Bros. J. Hunter Moore, F. C. Crossle, James Moore, G. F. Alderdice, Samuel Fleming, and S. E. Martin, as Trustees for the Craft, and plans having been prepared by Bro. W. J. Watson, Architect, tenders for the erection of the building were invited; and, on the 28th of February, 1887, that of Bro. Alexander Wheelan, Builder and Contractor, of Canal Street, Newry, was accepted. Bro. Wheelan immediately resigned his seat on the Building Committee.

The greatest difficulty which presented itself to the Building Committee was the collection of the necessary funds, and in December, 1886, it was resolved, if the co-operation of the fair sex could be procured, to hold a **Bazaar and Fancy Fair** in aid of the Building Fund. From the moment The Ladies were approached the success of our enterprise was never for one moment in doubt, and, with the most sincere and heartfelt gratitude, we here acknowledge that, for the comfortable quarters which we have enjoyed for the past two-and-twenty years, we are mainly indebted to the persevering energy and untiring industry of **Our Lady Friends**. The following Bazaar Committees were appointed:—

LADIES' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

MRS. CROZIER, President.

MRS. A. W. SINCLAIR.	MISS DEMPSTER.	} Secretaries.
MRS. THOMAS IRVINE.	MISS STEWART.	
MRS. G. F. ALDERDICE.	MRS. CROSSLE,	
MRS. J. C. HENRY.	MISS CORDNER,	
MRS. JOSEPH BELL.	MISS BRYSON,	

GENTLEMEN'S COMMITTEE:

F. C. CROSSLE, Chairman.

G. F. ALDERDICE.	JAMES HILL.
J. P. BELL.	E. R. HOPKINS.
J. C. BINNEY.	WILLIAM JOHNSTON.
THOMAS BOND.	W. A. LOUGHLIN.
ALLEN BRADY.	JOHN MACKNIGHT.
W. J. CLELAND.	H. T. MARTIN.
W. J. DALTON.	S. E. MARTIN.
ROBERT DEMPSTER.	WILLIAM M'CLEAN.
W. H. DENCER.	JOHN M'COMBE.

GENTLEMEN'S COMMITTEE—CONTINUED.

ROBERT ERSKINE.	JAMES MOORE.
H. E. EVANS.	J. PATTERSON.
SAMUEL FLEMING.	DONALD STEWART.
A. L. FORD.	E. C. SLOANE.
JOSEPH GORDON.	JOHN THOMPSON.
J. C. HENRY.	W. S. TINKLER.

ALEXANDER WHEELAN.

J. W. SAVAGE, } Hon. Secs.

JOSEPH WRIGHT, }

JOSEPH WRIGHT, Hon. Treasurer.

The Bazaar was held, on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of June, 1887, in the Hall, which was then nearly completed, and in an adjoining temporary structure specially erected for the occasion, and was universally admitted to have been a huge success. Where every member of the Craft used his utmost efforts to ensure success, it may appear invidious to select any names for special commendation, but a lively sense of justice compels us to refer to the invaluable services and unceasing attention rendered on the occasion in question by Bros. Joseph Wright, J. P. Bell, and J. C. Binney.

The Dedication of the Hall took place on the 8th of November, 1887, the ceremony being performed, in the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Arthur W. Hill, by his Deputy, the R.W. Bro. Major Leslie J. Thompson, assisted by the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down. At the conclusion of the Ceremony of Dedication the following Oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. A. Lockett Ford, Chaplain of Lodge XVIII. :—

“ The duty devolving upon me on this auspicious occasion is one, of the honor and difficulty of which I am alike deeply sensible. I should esteem it an honor, in any case even to *participate* in the dedication of this handsome and fitting temple, but much more so, when this particular task has been entrusted to me. In the presence of so many skilled and trusty craftsmen, the sense of my own deficiencies would be intolerable did I not remember the willingness at all times manifested by the Brethren, to judge, I will not say with leniency, but rather with benevolent partiality the efforts of any one, who, whatever his imperfections, has the interests of the Order at heart. And who is there, at all acquainted with the history of the Craft : who, that has penetrated at all beneath the merest surface, and learned to look with enlightened vision, beyond the shadows of outward pomp and rite and ceremony, for those realities which loving care has symbolised for us in

our Lodge-room : who is there, I repeat, that does not recognise the excellency and value of that sublime system, the encouragement and development of which engages our attention here to-day ? It is not for me now to enter on the history of Speculative Freemasonry, or to attempt to trace its origin and cause. The very care which has ever kept its secrets safe, baffles the efforts of the historian. Still, it has its history, reaching far back and lost in the mists of uncertain tradition. This much, however—where so much else is doubtful—seems certain and secure. Surrounded by error, and complicated by natural depravity, through all the ancient rites and mysteries—which, whether they be ancestors of our system or not, were certainly forerunners—through them all, like the red thread in the heart of the Royal Naval Cable, ran the effort to preserve, or even attain to the truth of the ineffable Godhead, a truth obscured and almost entirely lost in chaotic polytheism. In those far-off days opposition to the popular theology was quite as dangerous as it is even now. The rejection of the popular mythology, with its multiplied divinities, could of necessity only be followed by the services of the one God, performed in secret. While the difficulty of such a *cultus* would naturally suggest an extended symbolism—embracing as it did not only the duties of the present life, but also depicting for the uninitiated the way through it to a blessed immortality—the study of the open Book of Nature, comprehended under the term Geometry, when taken in its literal as well as its speculative sense, would slowly but surely tend to a right apprehension of Nature's manifold diversity in unity. This profound unity would again point to one supreme and ultimate source of all things, to the one Master Mind of one Grand Artificer ; and at last would come the recognition not only of a settled plan, but of ultimate order and the universal reign of law. But, to leave suppositions and recognise facts—by us Freemasons the gathered wisdom of the ancients, wherever and however reaped, and such relics of the former mysteries as are preserved to us, as well as the open Book of Nature, are all alike studied in the light of that other open Book which it is our glory and our delight ever to cherish on our altars—the Book of the Revelation of the Divine Law. For us the mystic letter “G” has a deepened meaning, and the study, in and through Geometry, of the works of Nature, is intended, by the same consideration, to lead us to the contemplation of God Himself, the wise Master Builder of all things, and to the imitation of His manifold perfections. And, just as Nature slowly yields her secrets, but never to the careless and inattentive, so does the Craft guard from the unworthy and the slothful the hidden mysteries ; that all may learn, while applying their hearts unto wisdom, as the Latin proverb has it, “To hasten slowly” in divulging aught that has been entrusted to them. Too often, however, it is to be feared, even the initiated are like children playing in the market-place, handling the symbols of a science which, though patent to their eyes, is yet hidden from their intelligence. In urging the practice of Masonic perfection so vast a field is opened up that it becomes difficult to make a satisfactorily

brief selection. One or two familiar points may, however, be fittingly dwelt upon. The lesson of our first noviciate, gained from darkness unto light: the lesson of brotherly trust, complete, inviolate: the brotherly aid and help meted out to each of us—in the day of peril and the hour of danger, in our ignorance and helplessness,—this, if well remembered, will in turn prompt us, at all times, to similar acts of reciprocal and continued brotherly kindness: and, so long as we are spared to tread the Mosaic floor of a Masonic temple, so long will it speak to us remindingly of the many claims of brotherhood upon our heads, our hearts and our hands. Here, on its level surface, we shall stand as Brethren upon the same footing, and learn to recognise an unblemished manhood as our only claim to advancement and honorable distinction. And yet, the while, its chequered plane, in silent eloquence, will remind us that, as the lives of Brethren are not always spent in sunshine, so it is our part to dissipate the gloom and chase away the sadness, as darkness flies before the dawn of day, and the mists of the present shall ultimately be banished by the brightness of eternity. As then, in our hours of gladness, we rejoice together, so must we, in the cloudy and dark day, stand shoulder to shoulder. Here also, meeting amid the changing lights of the present, our thoughts will ever be directed to that Light of Life that changeth not, but shineth ever clearer unto the perfect day. And, as that light shines forth on all alike, we shall from it learn yet more completely the great Masonic lesson of Charity and Universal Benevolence. Thus, in pursuit of knowledge and the cultivation of their faculties, may we not hope that many a generation shall assemble here before the altar of Freemasonry, in the light of an open Bible—that here, the social and moral virtues, which unite us all to-day, shall long be nourished—and that Brotherly Love, which maintains a Brother's interests and defends a Brother's home, shall expand in influence and power?

‘ Still may our actions to the world proclaim
 The secret lessons of our art ;
 By whatsoever mystic rite conveyed,
 The rules of moral life impart ;
 Nourish bright Charity's ætherial flame,
 And, breathing Love and Peace to all mankind,
 Like incense, rise at Heaven's eternal throne.’

I go no further, but fearlessly point to the building of this splendid Hall as itself a glorious testimony at once to our vitality and to the esteem in which our Craft is held by the public around us. It has been objected against us that we are a secret society, but with little reason. The objects of our Order are no secret, neither are the names of our members. Loyalty to the Crown and Constitution distinguishes the Craft, which numbers amongst its warmest supporters and most exalted officers, the Princes of the Blood Royal. Charity and Benevolence are the public fruits of our private Masonic labors. If we have secrets and mysteries they are at least open to the worthy and diligent, and, while our con-

claves are for instruction and the development of the intellectual, moral, and social virtues, our aim is the help of those that need, and the succour of the suffering and the indigent. Our Masonry is that moral edification of the body into a spiritual temple, which shall render it the shrine of all virtues. It exists for good and not for evil, and operates in the fear of God, for the honor of the King, and the good of the Brotherhood. The thought of God is, with us, the Alpha and the Omega—it meets us on the threshold, pervades the temple, and dominates our closing rites. His holy light is ever about us, scattering, as in the beginning, all darkness and all fear, guiding our 'prentice feet along the darkening paths of fellowship in life, cheering our footsteps in the valley of the shadow, right up to the portals of the heavenly temple and the gates of the Grand Lodge of eternity, where sits the Great Geometrician of the Universe—

‘That God, who ever lives and loves ;
One God, one law, one element,
And one far-off divine event,
To which the whole creation moves.’”

The Provincial Grand Officers and Visiting Brethren were subsequently entertained by the members of the Newry Lodges, who were heartily congratulated on the acquisition of a Hall so eminently suited to their requirements. In the evening a Concert was given in the Hall, to which all the ladies and gentlemen who had assisted at the Bazaar were invited; and, at its conclusion, the three Secretaries of the Ladies' Executive Committee were each presented with a photographic album, as a trifling token of gratitude for the valuable services rendered by them.

At the time of its erection the opinion was freely expressed that our Hall was much too large for the local requirements of the Craft, but, so steady has been the increase in the membership of our Lodges, that on many recent occasions it has not afforded sufficient accommodation for those present.

THE CAUSE OF CHARITY.

With a membership seldom exceeding twenty, and on more than one occasion so small as to suggest the advisability of returning our warrant to Grand Lodge, our contributions to the Charities of our Order have necessarily been small; but, though trifling in amount, they have always been cheerfully offered when the cry of the Widow, the Orphan, and the Distressed has reached us. On this topic we

must permit others to speak. Miss Edgar, our local poetess, has kindly favoured us with the following stanzas, for which she has our warmest and most grateful thanks :—

NELSON MASONIC LODGE, No. XVIII.

Calm is the scene, heaven's brilliant lights
Wave softly from above,
Fair emblems of sweet Faith and Hope,
And smiling face of Love.
So spreads thy fame, fair Nelson Lodge,
Thy banner waves on high,
All sparkling with thy noble deeds
Where care and sorrow lie.

Founded one hundred years ago,
Thou art the leading star,
Thy members types of Brotherhood
And Peace and blessing are.
Benevolence and Charity
Surround the sore distressed ;
The Widow's and the Orphan's cry
Find refuge in thy breast.

Assailed by stern adversity,
Storms thou hast struggled through ;
But, like the oak by tempest riven,
Resumed fresh life anew ;
A life of usefulness and love,
With firm and holy zeal ;
To teach high truths thy Order is,
And life's best aims reveal.

And, acting on thy Patron's words,
Grand Nelson and his train,
Thy duty thou hast always tried
To do, and not in vain.
Thy standard constellation types,
Faith, Hope, and Charity,
Best watchwords, waving calm and bright,
In Peace and Harmony.

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Several of our members are Governors of the Schools and of the Down Masonic Widows' Fund, and the following chairs are permanently endowed :—

The Worshipful Master for the time being is a Vice-President of the Masonic Female Orphan School, a Permanent Official Governor of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, and a Vice-President of the Down Masonic Widows' Fund ;

The Senior Warden is a permanent Official Governor of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School and of the Down Masonic Widows' Fund ; and

The Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary, are Permanent Official Governors of the Down Masonic Widows' Fund, in addition to which the Lodge subscribes £2 annually to each of the Schools ; and

As the Lodge will celebrate its centenary during the approaching autumn, a **Centenary Charity Fund** is being raised, for the purpose of procuring Permanent Official Governorships for those offices in the Lodge which are not already endowed, which fund already amounts to considerably more than £100.

In this connection a reference to **The Newry Committee of Charity and Inspection** may not be out of place. In the belief that a combined system would yield a better result than individual effort, this Committee—which consists of two representatives elected annually by each Lodge, Chapter and Preceptory meeting in the Newry Masonic Hall—was formed in 1898. To it are handed over all moneys collected for charitable purposes, and to it are referred all applications for Charity. The duties assigned to it are :—

“To urge the claims of the various Masonic Charities upon the different Masonic bodies meeting in the Town of Newry :

“To receive, disburse, and account for such sums as the various Lodges, &c., may place at its disposal for charitable purposes :

“To receive and transmit to their proper destination such subscriptions and contributions to the Masonic Charities as may be entrusted to its charge :

“To organise and supervise such entertainments, services, or other methods of raising funds for charitable purposes as may, from time to time, be decided upon :

“To enquire into and decide upon all applications for Charity received by the Secretary :

“To appoint, at the January meeting in each year, from amongst its members, an **Almoner**, whose duty it shall be to enquire into, and, if he shall consider it necessary, relieve such urgent applications as may require immediate assistance :

“To examine the Voting Papers for the various Elections to the Masonic Charities, to select those Candidates who appear to be most deserving of support, and to intimate the result of such selection to the local subscribers.”

The Treasurer of this Committee, which has already accomplished a vast amount of useful work, is Local Treasurer for the Masonic Orphan Schools.

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF THE LODGE.

1809—Jonathan Seaver.	*1836A—Francis Ogle.
1810—Robert Macan.	*1836B—William Henry.
1811—Robert Macan.	1837—William Henry.
1812—Trevor Corry.	1838—Samuel Ogle.
1813—Jonathan Seaver.	1839—Smithson Corry.
1814—Francis Ogle.	1840—Francis Ogle.
1815—Francis Ogle.	1841—Samuel Wallace.
1816—Francis Ogle.	1842—T. G. Henry.
1817—Francis Ogle.	1843—T. G. Henry.
1818—Jonathan Seaver.	1844—Francis Ogle.
1819—James Searight.	1845—Francis Ogle.
1820—John Ogle.	1846—C. M. Seymour.
1821—Francis Ogle.	1847—John Ellis.
1822—James Searight.	1848—James Greer.
1823—[Meetings of the Order suspended].	1849—James Greer.
1824—do.	1850—William Henry.
1825—C. M. Seymour.	*1851A—William Henry.
1826—C. M. Seymour.	*1851B—Henry Nelmes.
1827—C. M. Seymour.	*1852A—Henry Nelmes.
1828—C. M. Seymour.	*1852B—L. S. Demay.
1829—C. M. Seymour.	*1853A—L. S. Demay.
1830—C. M. Seymour.	*1853B—Isaac Parsons.
1831—Francis Ogle.	*1854A—Isaac Parsons.
1832—Francis Ogle.	*1854B—G. A. Pollard.
1833—C. M. Seymour.	*1855A—G. A. Pollard.
1834—Francis Ogle.	*1855B—H. W. Wallace.
1835—Francis Ogle.	1856—H. W. Wallace.

* Prior to 1874 it was the custom in many Lodges to elect Officers every six months.

1857—William Henry	1884—J. Hunter Moore.
1858—William Henry.	1885—G. R. G. O'Driscoll.
1859—John Ellis.	1886—J. L. Devenish-Meares.
1860—John Ellis.	1887—H. E. Evans.
1861—James Greer.	1888—W. M. Davies.
1862—William Henry.	1889—A. L. Ford.
1863—John Ellis.	1890—Robert Erskine.
1864—J. F. Erskine.	1891—Robert Dempster.
1865—J. V. Grafton.	1892—Robert Dempster.
1866—Edward Greer.	1893—R. G. O. Johnston.
1867—Edward Greer.	1894—J. B. Burrows.
1868—J. Q. Henry.	1895—W. P. Grubb.
1869—H. W. Wallace.	1896—John Mitchell.
1870—H. G. Henderson.	1897—Abraham Walker.
1871—G. G. Black.	1898—J. D. Cowan.
1872—T. A. Vesey.	1899—B. A. Palmer.
1873—John Moore.	1900—William Fraser.
1874—Trevor Corry.	1901—Benjamin Beamish.
1875—E. W. Thomson.	1902—Benjamin Beamish.
1876—J. W. Gordon.	1903—H. W. Smartt.
1877—J. L. Devenish-Meares.	1904—F. W. Harris.
1878—David Ellis.	1905—H. R. Fleming.
1879—Robert Martin.	1906—R. S. Redmond.
1880—B. S. Booth.	1907—G. F. Alderdice.
1881—B. S. Booth.	1908—James Crosbie.
1882—W. H. Lawlor.	1909—F. C. Crossle.
1883—F. C. Crossle.	

DOMINICA LODGE, No. 174.

On the 9th of January, 1896, Bro. C. J. Eary, Quarter-Master of the 2nd Battalion of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, then quartered in Newry, attended the Lodge, and requested it to recommend a memorial for a new warrant for that Regiment, which request was at once complied with. Grand Lodge having granted the warrant, "Dominica Lodge," No. 174, was constituted, in the Newry Masonic Hall, on the 1st of April, 1896, by Right Worshipful Bro.

T. A. M'Cammon, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Down, who installed Bro. Eary as first Worshipful Master of the Lodge. During its stay in Newry, the work of the Lodge was conducted in a manner which excited universal admiration; and, at a meeting of our Lodge, held on the 3rd of June, 1897, Bro. William Fraser suggested the propriety of offering it some souvenir of its connection with our town. The other Newry Lodges were consulted, the suggestion was warmly received, and, before leaving us, "Dominica Lodge" was the recipient of a silver "Loving Cup" in testimony of the esteem and fraternal regard in which its members were held by their Brethren in Newry.

LODGE No. 322.

In the year 1864 the 29th Foot was quartered in Newry, and, on the 6th of October, our Lodge was visited by Bros. Wm. Scott and Fredk. Middleton, who "expressed their intention of resuscitating" the regimental Lodge, No. 322, when "it was resolved that any assistance they may require will be afforded by No. XVIII." On the 5th of January, 1865, "a letter was read from Bro. Grace, 29th Regiment, Secretary to Military Lodge, No. 322, in which the members of that Lodge expressed their thanks to Lodge XVIII. for their kindness in assisting to re-open that Lodge, and particularly to Past Master Bro. J. F. Erskine, for his readiness in affording assistance at all times." Bro. Middleton, here referred to, afterward became Major-General Sir Frederick D. Middleton, K.C.M.G. and C.B.

OUR TYLERS.

Our first Tyler was a venerable Brother named John O'Hanlon, who, in addition to his monthly fee of "11s. 4½d. for his attendance," would appear to have enjoyed other perquisites, if we may judge by the following extracts from the Treasurer's Book:—

Oct., 1811.	Play Ticket for the Tyler.....	1s.	3d.
April, 1812.	Scarf for Tyler at Bro. Bickerstaff's Funeral.....	3s.	3d.
Jan., 1813.	Shoes for the Tyler.....	8s.	1d.
	Stockings for Do.	3s.	3d.
Oct., 1813.	Hat for the Tyler.....	8s.	1½d.
June, 1814.	Hat for O'Hanlon.....	8s.	8d.

Sept., 1814. Paid McConville the Tailor's Bill for making O'Hanlon's cloths.....	15s. 2d.
Jan., 1817. Paid Tyler, Jno. O'Hanlon, superannuated	5s. 8½d.

The following obituary notice shows that he did not live long to enjoy his superannuation, and must serve as our excuse for having alluded to him as a "venerable" Brother :—

"Died, on the 26th ult., Mr. John O'Hanlon, of North Street, aged 99. He was attended to the grave, in the Chapel Yard, by seven Lodges of Freemasons, of which Craft he had been, for 77 years, a Free and Accepted Brother. On Christmas Day, in the year 1815, he danced a hornpipe with much agility, and displayed a variety of curious, though somewhat antiquated, steps in the course of the performance. In his youth he had been an expert dancing-master; and, till the latest period of his existence, retained an affection for the science. He was a harmless, honest, good-natured, benevolent old man. Some objection was made to the admission of the Masonic procession into the Chapel Yard; but the Craft, whose predecessors had been permitted to enter the most sacred grounds in the Holy Land, Palestine, and even into Paradise, contrived, by Square, Line, and Rule, to remove the opposing obstacle—the gate—and to give the body of their Brother to the ground—Dust to dust—Earth to earth—Ashes to ashes. F." [The "Newry Telegraph," 5th July, 1817.]

O'Hanlon's successor was Bro. Patrick Fegan, who was appointed in February, 1817. His perquisites appear to have been restricted to two "Coats," provided for him during his eighteen years tenure of office. He was succeeded, in September, 1835, by Bro. James Quinn, who continued to discharge the duties of Tyler up to July, 1839, when he was replaced by Bro. Thomas Wiggins, a cabinet-maker, residing in Hide Terrace, and a member of Lodge 23. Wiggins ceased to act towards the end of 1846, when Bro. Quinn resumed his old post, which he retained up to the end of 1848, when Bro. Thomas Watt was appointed. He was in office for four years, and was succeeded by Bro. William M'Anulty, who held the post up to 1856. M'Anulty was succeeded by Bro. Thomas Lilley, who acted as Tyler till 1865, when he left Newry. We are left in the dark as to how the duties of Tyler were performed for the next three years, but in January, 1868, Bro. James Taylor was specially initiated in the Lodge for the post. He was a Newry carman, who had previously been coachman to Mr. Peter Quinn, of The Agency, Drumbanagher. He was an extremely respectable

little man, and many a long drive I had on his car. He was Tyler up till 1880, when he left Newry to reside in Belfast. He was succeeded by Bro. James Sterritt, of Chequer Hill, Newry, who died on the 16th of August, 1884, very suddenly, of heart disease, in the Old Masonic Hall in Hill Street, where he acted as Tyler for Lodges 23 and 77. Lodge 23, on the evening in question, had just adjourned to the refreshment room after their usual stated communication, and he had taken his place at the table, when, without the slightest warning, he fell forward and expired. His terribly sudden death evoked the universal sympathy of his Brethren in Newry, by whom his remains were reverently interred in Drumbanagher Churchyard. Bro. John Richardson, a cutler, residing in Lower North Street, succeeded Sterritt, and acted as Tyler till the month of October, 1887, when the Lodge removed to the Masonic Hall on the Downshire Road, of which Bro. William Hendren was appointed Caretaker and Tyler to the various Lodges which met therein. Bro. Hendren removed to Belfast in 1899, when he was succeeded by Bro. Samuel Dobbin, P.M. of Lodge 23, who is still Caretaker of the Masonic Hall and Tyler for all the Newry Lodges.

THE HIGHER DEGREES CONFERRED UNDER THE CRAFT WARRANT.

In old times all the Higher Degrees were invariably conferred under the sole authority of a Craft Warrant, "the only limit to the conferring of them being the possession among the members of a Brother capable of working the ceremonies." The first recorded attempt on the part of the Grand Lodge of Ireland to interfere with this custom was in 1805, when, on the 5th of September, a number of Resolutions were adopted for the purpose of establishing a Grand Royal Arch Chapter and a Grand Knights Templar's Encampment. That this proposal met with general disapproval in the North is evident from the fact that we have a record of several meetings, held there in the early part of the following year, at which the Representatives of no less than 275 Lodges adopted Resolutions vigorously protesting against the proposed innovations. To make matters worse, Bro. Alexander Seton, then Deputy Grand Secretary of the

Grand Lodge of Ireland, owing to the unsatisfactory manner in which his duties had been performed, was dismissed from office; and, taking advantage of the hostile attitude assumed by the Northern Brethren, organised a revolt, which culminated in the establishment of "The Grand Lodge of Ulster." This body was for seven years a thorn in the side of the constituted authorities, and only terminated its opposition when, after a prolonged and costly Chancery suit, instituted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in vindication of its rights, judgment was given against Seton; nor was it until the year 1834 that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, and until the year 1836 that the Great Priory of Ireland, assumed the reins of Government, and reduced to order the system under which the Higher Degrees have since then been conferred. That, in the matter of conferring the Higher Degrees under the sole authority of its Craft Warrant, our Lodge was no exception to the rule, we have abundant proof. The original Bye Laws of the Lodge provide that "The Lodge shall meet on the superior degrees once in every three months," and that "Every Brother who shall be raised to the Higher Degrees shall pay One Guinea and a half for each"; and the early minutes show that, even after the establishment of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Great Priory of Ireland, the Higher Degrees were conferred in the Lodge, notwithstanding the fact that it never possessed any Warrant save that granted by the Craft Grand Lodge in 1809. On the 25th of May, 1836, four Brethren "were raised to the Super-excellent Degree of Royal Arch Mason:" on the 16th of August, 1839, ten Brethren "received the Degree of Royal Marked Master Mason:" on the 20th of December, 1841, four Brethren "got the step of Past Master:" and on the 20th of February, 1850, four Brethren "received the Fourth Degree of Excellent Mason." But, in addition to the foregoing evidence furnished by the Craft minutes of the Lodge, a most interesting discovery was made some years ago. In 1879 Messrs. Duncan, Alderdice & Co. purchased the interest in the business of Messrs. J. H. Wallace & Co., Wine Merchants, Hill Street, Newry, the last representative of which firm was the late Bro. H. W. Wallace (No. 219), a P.M. of XVIII., and one of three members who kept the

Lodge in being when its fortunes were at a very low ebb, and who subsequently, by his untiring energy and pure love of the Craft, brought it to a state of prosperity, to which I have often heard him allude with commendable pride and satisfaction. In 1888 some workmen, who were engaged in clearing away a heap of rubbish in one of the lofts in the premises in question, came upon an old chest which, from its contents, proved to be the property of Lodge XVIII. This chest was immediately handed over to the Lodge by Bro. G. F. Alderdice (No. 2), a partner in the firm, and now a Past Master of XVIII., and contained :—

One Black Cloak, evidently belonging to the Knight Templar Degrees ;
One Red Cloak ;

The Royal Arch and Knight Templar Seals of the Lodge ;

Two small mallets made of *liquum vite* ;

One black velvet collar, lined with white silk, and having worked upon it the words—"Nelson Lodge, Newry, No. 18 ;"

Seven crimson sashes ;

A bundle of summonses to attend the Encampment of Knights Templar in connection with the Lodge ;

A bundle of Knight Templar Certificates, each concluding with the words :—"Given under our hands and seal of our Grand Encampment, held in Newry, under sanction of Nelson Warrant, No. 18, on the Registry of Ireland" ;

A copy of Bye-Laws of the Craft Lodge, No. 18, of the year 1844 ;

A number of copies of a pamphlet, entitled—"A Brief History of the Anti-Masonic League of Dublin, popularly called the 'Spurious Prince Masons,' and designated by themselves 'The Grand Chapter of Ireland,' &c., &c. Published from original documents, by Verax, 1844 ;

Four lists of Prince Masons in Ireland, 1840-3 ;

Five copies of a Sermon preached before several bodies of Free and Accepted Masons in St. Mary's Church, Newry, on the 24th of June, 1835, by the Rev. Walter B. Mant, M.A., Archdeacon of Down, and P.G.M. of the Baronies of Carey and Dunluce, County Antrim. Newry : Printed at The Telegraph Office, by Alexander Peacock, 1836 ;

Three French documents, two of them being Masonic Certificates granted in the early part of last century to Bro. Harry Cope, Paymaster of the 86th Foot, who died at Warrenpoint in 1833, and was buried, with military honors, in St. Patrick's Churchyard, Newry, his remains being escorted from Warrenpoint by a Company of the Regiment then quartered in Newry ;

The Treasurer's Book of the Encampment ;

The Minute Book of the same. This volume gives an account of the meetings held from the 23rd of June, 1810, to the 6th of July, 1839.

The Degrees referred to in this Minute Book are the Knight Templar, Knight of Malta, Knight of the Mediterranean Pass, the Ark, the Mark, and the Red Cross.

Hanging on the wall of our Lodge-room is a frame containing the apron of Bro. J. J. C. Atkinson, presented to me by his widow, in which, in virtue of his having attained to the Arch and Templar Degrees, he has added red and black to the ordinary blue trimming of his Craft apron.

With regard to the **Red Cloak**, the Treasurer's Book of the Lodge contains an entry, dated 6th June, 1810, "Paid Dodd, the Taylor, for making the Master's Cloak and Tyler's Cloaths, 1*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*," and I may observe that, up till comparatively recent times, the Worshipful Master of a Craft Lodge in the North of Ireland, in order to be properly clothed, was always attired in a red cloak and a chimney-pot hat. Not only has the oral tradition of my elder Brethren assured me of this fact, but I have seen him so attired myself, and, in the old Lodge Chests which I have inspected, I have almost invariably discovered the remains of this important item of the insignia of the Craft. In addition to its use by the W.M. when at labor, it would appear to have been devoted to other purposes. Thus, from the books of Lodge 425, Saintfield, we find that, in 1824, "John McKee forfeited one pint of whiskey for having the honour of wearing the Cloak at a Masonick Ball held at friend George Hayes's, Balloo"; and, in 1852, when an invitation was received for a Masonic Ball at Killinchy, it was resolved—"That, if any young member wishes to go, he will get the Cloak and Jewels by going to the Master."

All the old Lodges were provided with **Seals** for the various Degrees which they conferred, a description of which would, in itself, provide ample material for a good-sized volume. In the accompanying Plates will be found a few of those connected with Newry and the immediate neighbourhood—

Plate I. The original Craft, Arch and Templar Seals of Lodge XVIII.

Plate II. The original Craft, Arch and Templar Seals of Lodge 77, Newry.

Plate III. Two Craft and the Arch and Templar Seals of Lodge 933, Ballybot.



PLATE I.



PLATE II.



PLATE III.



PLATE IV.





PLATE VI.

Plate IV. Two Craft Seals of "Ballybought Lodge, No. 521, near Newry"; the Craft Seal of Millvale Lodge, No. 213, the design of which, so far as my researches extend, is absolutely unique; and the Arch and Templar Seals of Lodge 205, Newry.

Plate V. The Seals of the Union Band of Knight Templar Priests connected with Lodge 521, Newry. "The Priestly Order," as it was commonly called, was pretty generally worked all over the North-east coast of Ireland, but I have also found occasional references to its existence in other parts of the Kingdom.

Plate VI. The Arch and Templar Seals of Lodge 526, "The True Blues of Hall's Mill," and the Templar Seal of Lodge 315, Tandragee, which, in 1831, was exchanged for No. 79. These seals are unique specimens of the engraver's art, being cut on slate, and are apparently the handiwork of the same artist.

ST. JOHN'S DAY IN OLDEN TIMES.

The great event of the year in old times was the celebration of St. John's Day, both the Festival of St. John the Baptist and that of St. John the Evangelist being religiously observed. On the 24th of June, the Festival of St. John the Baptist, the various Lodges meeting in the town were wont to assemble at a spot previously agreed upon, accompanied by music and banners, where they formed in procession and marched to Church. Here they heard a Sermon appropriate to the occasion, after which each Lodge returned to its rooms, where the remainder of the day was devoted to social intercourse and refreshment. In the Procession each Lodge took precedence according to its position on the roll of Grand Lodge, and thus XVIII. invariably assumed the foremost position, each member of the Lodge being bound, under a penalty of 5/-, to appear in the Procession clad in the original uniform of the Lodge. The music on such occasions was generally provided by the Regiment then quartered in Newry, but sometimes it was procured from other sources. Thus, we are told that on one occasion "St. Patrick's Lodge," No. 77, having been invited to spend St. John's Day at Loughbrickland, borrowed an Orange drum; but, as a number of the members were good Catholics, the side of the drum on which was painted the portrait of "William of Glorious Memory" was turned down. All went well until the return journey, when they encountered a party of the Orangemen, who, having heard of the insult thus offered to their revered Patron, attacked the Freemasons, deprived them of the drum, and obliged

them to return to Newry dejected and musicless. Some of the Banners displayed on such occasions were of elaborate design and workmanship, but unfortunately none of those belonging to the Newry Lodges are now to the fore, and I am satisfied that XVIII. never possessed one. The following references to these celebrations are interesting:—

8th July, 1812—"The Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of Lodges 18, 23, 69, 77, 521, 706, and 914 return their sincere thanks to the Rev. Chas. Campbell for his appropriate and impressive Sermon, preached before them in Newry Church on the 24th ult., the Festival of St. John. The Brethren then present sincerely regret that even a more extensive audience did not witness his animated and pathetic recommendation of general harmony, loyalty, and patriotism. They also beg leave to return their thanks to Lieutenant-Colonel Allan, of the Middlesex Militia, for his ready and polite acquiescence in granting them the use of the Regimental Band for that day. Signed by order, R. POOLER, Secretary."

10th June, 1813—"A Card. To the Officers and Members of the Masonic Lodges of Newry—Brethren, I request your attendance, on next St. John's Day, at half-past eleven o'clock, at the Session House,* for the purpose of walking in Masonic Order, to hear Divine Service. Most faithfully yours, JONATHAN SEAVER, Master No. 18."

26th June, 1813—"On Thursday last, being St. John's Day, the following Lodges, Nos. 18, 23, 69, 77, 521, 706, and 914, assembled in Hill Street, opposite the Commercial Coffee-room, and, preceded by the Band of the Royal Lanark Militia, marched in procession to Church, where a most excellent and appropriate Sermon was preached by the Rev. Chas. Campbell, from the 31st Chapter of Hebrews—'Let Brotherly Love continue'—after which they returned to their respective Lodge-rooms, where they dined and spent the evening in the most convivial manner."

25th June, 1814—"We, the undersigned Masters of the Masonic Lodges of Newry, by the desire of the Wardens and Brethren of said Lodges, return our sincere thanks to our worthy Brother, the Rev. William H. Maxwell, for the eloquent and impressive Sermon, preached to us on the 24th instant, St. John's Day. We also beg leave to return thanks to the Rev. Chas. Campbell for his compliance with our request in giving the use of his Church on that day; and also to Captain Denison, of the North York Regiment, for his polite acquiescence in granting us the use of the Band.

F. OGLE, Master of the Nelson Lodge, No. 18.

JAMES BOWDEN, Master of the Union Lodge, No. 23.

JOSEPH COWAN, Master of the Richmond Lodge, No. 69.

JAMES RAWDON, Master of St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 77.

* The Session House then stood on the West side of Margaret Square, where the car-stand now is.

EDWARD M'CORMICK, Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 521.

THOMAS LAWSON, Master of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 706.

JOHN M'COURT, Master of the Wellington Lodge, No. 914."

18th June, 1815—"At a meeting of the Masters of the Masonic Lodges, held in Newry, it was agreed that they will meet in the Square, opposite Acheson Thompson's, Esq.,* at twelve o'clock, on Saturday, the 24th inst., being St. John's Day, to walk in procession to Church, the use of which has been kindly granted by the Rev. Chas. Campbell, where a Sermon will be preached by our Brother the Rev. William H. Maxwell. FRANCIS OGLE, Master of Lodge 18."

30th June, 1815—"We, the undersigned Masters of the Masonic Lodges of Newry, by the desire of the Wardens and Brethren of said Lodges, return our sincere thanks to our worthy Brother, the Rev. William H. Maxwell, for his eloquent and impressive Sermon preached to us on the 24th inst, St. John's Day. We also beg leave to return thanks to the Rev. Chas. Campbell for his compliance with our request, in giving the use of his Church on that day; and also to Lieutenant-Colonel Oke, of the 61st Regiment, for his polite acquiescence in granting us the use of the Band.

F. OGLE, Master of the Nelson Lodge, No. 18.

JAMES BOWDEN, Master of the Union Lodge, No. 23.

WILLIAM AICKEN, Master of the Richmond Lodge, No. 69.

JAMES RAWDON, Master of St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 77.

WILLIAM LOGAN, Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 521.

R. M'CULLOUGH, Master of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 706.

JOHN M'COURT, Master of the Wellington Lodge, No. 914.

21st June, 1816—"At a meeting of the Masters of the several Masonic Lodges of Newry, it was agreed that the Lodges should assemble, in Kildare Street, precisely at the hour of twelve o'clock, on Tuesday, the 24th inst., being the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, to walk in procession to Church; the Rev. Chas. Campbell having kindly consented to preach a Sermon to the Brethren on that day."

28th June, 1817—"We, the Masters of the Masonic Lodges of Newry, return our sincere thanks to our worthy Brother, the Rev. William H. Maxwell, for his eloquent and impressive Sermon, preached to us on the 24th inst., St. John's Day. We also return our thanks to the Rev. Chas. Campbell for his compliance with our request, in giving the use of his Church on that day. Signed by order, FRANCIS OGLE, Master of 18."

5th July, 1821—"We, the Masters of the following Masonic Lodges, Nos. 23, 69, 77, 199, 205, 213, 313, 521, and 706, by the desire of the Wardens and Brethren, return our sincere thanks to the Rev. Henry Boyd, for the excellent and appropriate Sermon, preached to us in

* Acheson Thompson lived in the house in Trevor Hill now occupied by the Northern Bank.

Camlough Church on the 24th of June, being St. John's Day. Signed by order, JOHN KINNEY, Master of No. 213 "

28th June, 1825—"We, the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of Lodges Nos. 205, 213, 269, 521, 696, and 706, return our sincere thanks to our worthy Brother, the Rev. James Black, for his very appropriate and impressive Sermon delivered to us, at Jerret's Pass, on Friday, the 24th instant, being the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist Signed on behalf of the members :—

JOHN MONAGHAN, Master of 205.

JOSEPH BROWN, Master of 213.

JAMES RUDDOCK, Master of 269.

MICHAEL CAMPBELL, Master of 521.

ABSALOM BEST, Master of 696.

SAMUEL BROWN, Master of 706."

28th June, 1833—"A meeting was held by the Brethren of the Masonic Order of St. John, when sixteen numbers assembled at Donaghmore, on Monday, 24th, viz., Nos.

69 Newry	269 Donaghmore.
77 Newry.	410 Rathfryland.
80 Loughbrickland.	521 Newry.
82 Loughbrickland.	654 Rathfryland.
151 Rathfryland.	696 Mullaglass.
213 Millvale.	697 Warrenpoint.
241 Drumgooland.	706 Newry.
244 52nd Regiment.	933 Hilltown.

and marched in procession to the Presbyterian Meeting House, where they had a most excellent and well-suited Sermon preached to them by the Rev. William Black, from Rev. iii., 18. We, the Master and Brethren of Lodge, No. 269, return our most sincere thanks to the Rev. Mr. Black, and to our Brethren for their visit. THOMAS HARSHAW, Master."

1st July, 1834—"We, the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of Lodges Nos. 77, 213, 269, 696, 697, and 706, do return our sincere thanks to the Rev. John Davis for his excellent and appropriate Discourse from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians, chap. iv., 25th verse, latter clause, delivered to us on the 24th inst., being St. John's Day. Signed by order, CHRISTOPHER GRAY, Master No. 697."

26th June, 1835—"Wednesday, being the Festival of St. John the Baptist, the following Lodges of Freemasons met at Newry :—Nos. 18, 23, 52, 69, 77, 80, 82, 105, 119, 150, 213, 241, 269, 336, 410, 459, 526, 654, 678, 696, 697, 706, 888, and 943. Having assembled, without music or colors, in the open space at Trevor Hill, they walked in procession to St. Mary's Church, where a Sermon was preached by the Rev. Brother W. B. Mant, Archdeacon of Down, from I. Peter xi., 15, 16. After Church the Brethren walked again, in most quiet and orderly manner, to Trevor

Hill, where they formed themselves into a hollow square; and, having greeted each other with a public Masonic Salute, returned to their respective Lodge-rooms."

Bro. Mant's Sermon was printed at the expense of Lodge XVIII., and five hundred copies were distributed amongst the Lodges in the neighbourhood. In acknowledging the receipt of the copies sent to them, Lodges 678 and 888, Markethill, observed:—"We take this occasion of expressing our deep sense of the benefits conferred on the Order of Freemasonry by your uniform countenance and support, and how fully we appreciate those laudable exertions to promote its interests, for which your Lodge has been eminently conspicuous." Shortly after this last-named date the St. John's Day Services were practically abandoned, owing to the prohibition of Masonic Processions by the Grand Lodge of Ireland; but, in more recent times several Services have been held in Newry, at which the offertory has been devoted to the endowment of chairs in the various Charities connected with the Order. The two Festivals, more especially that of St. John the Evangelist, are still faithfully observed by the Lodge, at whose festive board the charter song of the evening is—

THE DEATH OF NELSON.

O'er Nelson's tomb, with silent grief oppress,
Brittania mourns her hero, now at rest;
But those bright laurels will not fade with years,
Whose leaves are water'd by a nation's tears.

'Twas in Trafalgar's bay
We saw the foemen lay;
Each heart was bounding then;
We scorn'd the foreign yoke,
For our ships were British oak,
And hearts of oak our men!
Our Nelson mark'd them on the wave,
Three cheers our gallant seamen gave,
Nor thought of home or beauty.
Along the line the signal ran,
"England expects that ev'ry man
This day will do his duty!"

And now the cannons roar
 Along th' affrighted shore,
 Our Nelson led the way,
 His ship "The Vict'ry" named;
 Long be that vict'ry fam'd,
 For vict'ry crowned the day!
 But dearly was that conquest bought,
 Too well the gallant hero fought
 For England, home, and beauty.
 He cried, as 'midst the fire he ran,
 "England expects that ev'ry man
 This day will do his duty!"

At last the fatal wound,
 Which spread dismay around,
 The hero's breast receiv'd.
 "Heav'n fights upon our side,
 The day's our own!" he cried,
 "Now long enough I've liv'd,
 In honour's cause my life was pass'd,
 In honour's cause I fall at last,
 For England, home, and beauty!"
 Thus ending life as he began,
 England confess'd that ev'ry man
 That day had done his duty.

THE THEATRE AND THE CRAFT.

In former times, when the facilities for visiting the metropolis were very different from those which we now enjoy, every town in Ireland of any importance had its Theatre, and every Theatre had its Masonic entertainments.

On the 24th of June, 1725, after the Installation of the Earl of Ross as Grand Master, the Grand Lodge attended "the Play, with their Aprons, &c. The private Brothers sat in the Pit, but the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Wardens in the Government Box. At the conclusion of the Play, Mr. Griffith, the Player, who is a Brother, sung the Freemason's Apprentice's Song, the Grand Master and the whole Brotherhood joining in the chorus."

In December, 1739, the Grand Lodge attended the Theatre Royal in Aungier Street, Dublin. "The Grand Master, Deputy

Grand Master, and the Noblemen who had been Grand Masters sat at the Upper end of the Stage; the Gentlemen ranged on benches on each side, with aprons and gloves, and they all joined in the Chorus of Mason Songs, sung between the Acts."

The Masonic Play at the Theatre Royal, Crow Street, Dublin, on the 6th of March, 1764, realised 347*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*, including a donation of 100*l.* from his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

On the 9th of March, 1775, the Grand Lodge attended the Theatre, and were "seated on the stage in their proper clothing and jewels, according to the ancient usage of the Fraternity," on which occasion a sum of 119*l.* 4*s.* 1½*d.*, was realized for the benefit of Distressed Masons.

On the 6th of June, 1793, the Duke of Leinster, a Past Grand Master, presided at a Play for the benefit of Distressed Freemasons; and, on the 14th of February, 1832, his son, the 3rd Duke of Leinster, then Grand Master of Ireland, attended the Theatre Royal at a performance given in aid of the Masonic Female Orphan School, the children of which, and a large number of Brethren in Masonic costume, appeared on the stage. On several subsequent occasions, with a similar object, we find either the Grand Master or his Deputy, attended by the Officers of the Grand Lodge, occupying a place on the stage, fully arrayed in Masonic costume.

Some of the Play-bills used on these occasions were very elaborate, being printed on white satin, and trimmed with blue ribbon.

On the 27th of December, 1759, we find a Theatrical Entertainment given in Coleraine "by Command of the Worshipful Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Coleraine."

On the 3rd of April, 1776, a Masonic Entertainment was given in the Belfast Theatre, when the Throne was placed on the stage for the Worshipful Master, and seats for the Wardens and the rest of the Brethren, who appeared in their proper clothing.

On the 9th of May, 1781, Lodge 257, Belfast, attended the Theatre, when "A Throne and Amphitheatre were erected on the stage for their Reception," the performance including "a Comedy entitled 'The Wonder, a Woman Keeps a Secret,' a Prologue by

Brother Wilmot in the character of a Knight Templar, and Masonic Songs, between the Acts, by the Brethren."

On the 22nd of February, 1804, there was performed at the Belfast Theatre "the favourite Comedy of 'The West Indian' and the admired Farce of 'The Wicklow Gold Mines,' with a Masonic Epilogue, the favourite Masonic Song of 'A Mason's Daughter Fair and Young,' and a Variety of Masonic Songs by several Brethren in Masonic Regalia, formed in order of a Masonic Lodge."

In March, 1821, a grand performance was given at the Belfast Theatre, for the benefit of Orphans—children of deceased Freemasons. Between the Play and the Farce the stage was decorated with all the insignia necessary for the representation of A Masonic Lodge at Refreshment, during which appropriate Songs were sung by Belfast Brethren.

In 1790 we find the members of Lodge 411, Drogheda; and, in 1792, the Freemasons of Armagh attending the Theatre, arrayed in full Masonic costume.

On the 2nd of July, 1792, by desire of the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons belonging to the town of Lisburn, there was presented in the Theatre of Lisburn the Comedy of 'The Wonder, A Woman Keeps a Secret,' when a "Throne and proper seats" were "erected on the stage" for the accommodation of the Craft.

On the 12th of September, 1803, Lodge 60, Ennis, dined together, and afterwards marched in procession, preceded by the Band of the Kilkenny Militia, to the Theatre of Ennis.

Similar accounts from other localities might be added, but we feel that it is full time we were making for home. The earliest reference we can find to theatrical life in Newry is in 1735, when the Smock Alley Company from Dublin visited the town. For some years their visits were annually repeated, and eventually, in the beginning of the year 1769, James Parker, an actor-manager, who conducted a small Play-house at the Mill-gate in Belfast, built a Theatre in High Street, Newry, which occupied a site afterwards covered by a tavern called 'The Pope's Head,' and now marked by the Schools of the Poor Clare Convent." In this Theatre, on the

5th of April, 1769, there "was performed, by the desire of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, for the benefit of Distressed Freemasons, a Comedy called 'The Constant Couple,' with 'The Ghost.' An Amphitheatre was erected to contain the Brethren of the respective Lodges, who appeared in full dress. The receipts of the House amounted to near Fifty Pounds, and a more brilliant audience never was seen on the like occasion in the North of Ireland." The old Theatre in High Street, proving too small for the growing demands of Newry Play-goers, Mr. Betterton, in 1783, erected a new Theatre in Hill Street, on the site of the premises now occupied by Messrs. George Scott & Sons and Mr. Harry Marshall. The palmiest days of this establishment were undoubtedly those when, in the early part of last century, it was under the management of **Montagu Talbot**, who, himself a member of the Craft, invariably took his benefit under the patronage of his Masonic Brethren. We have notes of several of these performances, but a reference to one will suffice. The "Newry Telegraph" of the 24th of August, 1813, contains the following advertisement:—

"Theatre, Newry. The last night of the season. By the particular desire of the different Masonic Lodges of Newry. For the Benefit of Brother Talbot. On Wednesday evening next, August 25th, 1813, will be presented the celebrated Comedy of *The Clandestine Marriage*. Lord Ogleby, Mr. Talbot. Between the Play and the Farce Mr Talbot will recite Collin's Ode on the Passions, and also *The Burlesque Comic Ode on the Passions*, which was so well received on its first recitation. After which—The Masters, Wardens, &c., of the Different Lodges, with the Emblems of their Order, will sit on the stage in the same manner as in open Lodge. To conclude with the Farce of *The Sleep Walker*. Somno, Mr. Talbot."

Referring to this advertisement, the Editor of the 'Telegraph' remarks:—

"Our readers will perceive, by an advertisement in the 'Telegraph' of to-day, that *The Clandestine Marriage* will be performed to-morrow evening at the Theatre, for the Benefit of Mr. Talbot. This will be the last opportunity, that will be afforded us this season, of witnessing the excellent performance of Mr. Talbot's company of comedians. The Masters, Wardens, &c., of the various Masonic Lodges in Newry, will be arranged on the stage, decorated with all the symbolic emblems of the Institution. We shall then have an opportunity of beholding the insignia of an Order—the most ancient and venerable in the universe. The

various degrees of political nobility are the mere works of man—
 ‘A breath can make them, and a breath has made ;’

but all the virtues that dignify the soul are essentially requisite to constitute a true Free and Accepted Mason. *Virtus sola est nobilitas vera.* To-morrow evening we shall have the pleasure of viewing a body of men possessed of a secret of more importance than all the *arcana* of either ancient or modern philosophy—a secret which neither cunning can entice, power compel, nor even the blandishments of beauty and of love can allure from their faithful bosoms. The inhabitants of Newry may be divided into two great classes. First, those who have already been admitted to the Masonic Brotherhood ; secondly, those on whom the Light of Masonry has not yet dawned. It is manifestly the bounden duty of the first class to attend at the Benefit of their Brother, particularly as the Play has been engaged by themselves. The second class should also come forward, that they may have this opportunity of witnessing the decorum, the insignia, and the regulations of this illustrious and enlightened Order. Add to this, that the merit of Mr. Talbot himself ought to ensure a full attendance. We, therefore, advise our readers to go early to the Theatre, lest they should be disappointed in seats.”

The next issue of the “Telegraph” gives the following account of the performance :—

“Our Theatre closed last Wednesday night, for the season, and a richer display of beauty and fashion was never made in the town of Newry. The appearance of the Officers of the different Masonic Lodges, who sat on the stage between the Play and the Farce, had a most striking effect ; and the reflection must be most grateful to every feeling and unprejudiced mind that, amidst the heart-burnings and discontents that have been too prevalent in this country for some time past, such a number of individuals, of different religious persuasions, should assemble in the most perfect harmony, the object of whose association is merely to promote friendship, innocent conviviality, and good-humour among their fellow-men. The easy yet dignified manner of the Master of the senior Lodge—‘Bro. Jonathan Seaver, W.M. XVIII.’—who presided, met with frequent bursts of enthusiastic approbation : he proposed several toasts, with a *variété* peculiar to himself, viz. : ‘The King and the Craft’—‘The Grand Master, the Duke of Leinster’—the old Masonic toast of ‘Masons’ Wives and Mason’s Bairs’—‘Our invincible countryman, Lord Wellington’—‘Our late Worshipful Master, Brother Macan’—and ‘The Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Newry Lodges,’ given by Bro Talbot. Through the whole of the performance, amidst the unavoidable tumult of a mixed throng, pressing on each other in the closest manner, not a murmur was heard indicative of spleen or party spirit. At the end of the play Mr. Talbot took leave of the audience, in a speech wherein it was manifest that his feelings laboured under a strong and grateful sense of the attentions he had experienced from the inhabitants of Newry.”

The Treasurer's Book of the Lodge contains a reference, dated 13th October, 1813, to a "Bill of Expenses incurred at Mr. Talbot's Benefit," amounting to 3*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* How much of this amount may have been for wine consumed in drinking the Toasts, we cannot say; but there can be no mistake about his Benefit in 1814, for the same Book contains the following entry—"10th August, 1814. Paid for Wine at Bro. Talbot's Benefit, 5*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.*" Montagu Talbot was, in many respects, a most remarkable man. He was of noble lineage, being the younger son of the Hon. George Talbot, Captain of "The Worcester" man-of-war, and was born at Boston, in America, in the year 1774. He received his early education at a school in Exeter, and afterwards served his Commons for the purpose of being called to the English Bar, but was tempted to try his fortune on the stage, in consequence of which act of indiscretion he subsequently forfeited a legacy of £30,000. He made his *debut* at Covent Garden Theatre in the character of "Young Norval," and shortly afterwards accepted an engagement at Crow Street Theatre, Dublin. He made his first appearance in the North of Ireland in 1800, and in 1808 he purchased from Mr. Bellamy his interest in the Belfast, Newry, and Londonderry Theatres, which he, in turn, sold to Mr. Mason, of Glasgow, in the year 1820. While lessee of the Belfast Theatre, Sheridan Knowles figured as general utility man in the rank and file of his staff. In 1816 he took a lease of the Theatre in George's Street, Limerick, which he disposed of two years later. In October, 1800, he married Miss Emily Bindon, a lady of descent and connection equal to his own, who had for some time previously graced the stage as one of its fairest ornaments. By this lady, who died on the 29th of January, 1832, he had several children, of whom two sons and a daughter survived him. His sons, William and George, "covered themselves with never-fading laurels" under General D'Evereux, one of the generals of Bolivar, the hero of South American independence. In 1831 one of his sons, we are told, still retained a high military rank in South America, and the other was "advantageously settled in private life." His latter years having been embittered by heavy financial losses, he died on the 26th of April, 1831, in Belfast, and was buried in Friar's Bush Cemetery,

but "no memorial, no stone of any kind marks the spot where Talbot lies: the green sod alone covers his remains." "No man," we are told, "let his station in the world be what it may, could have sustained through life a purer or more unblemished name." He "was one of the most eminent comedians that ever graced the British Stage." A contemporary critic, not very remarkable for good nature, thus expressed his opinion of him:—

"But, whatsoe'er his tragic claim,
He rules o'er comedy supreme;
By art and nature chastely fit
To play the gentleman or wit:
Not Harris's nor Colman's boards,
Nor all that Drury-lane affords,
Can paint the rakish Charles so well,
Give so much life to Mirabel;
Or shew, for light and airy sport,
So exquisite a Doricourt."

His portrait, in the character of "Young Mirabel," hangs on the wall of the refreshment room in the Newry Masonic Hall. I have reason to believe that the Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, was descended from Bro. Montagu Talbot.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LODGE.

On the 2nd of October, 1811, it was unanimously resolved—"That the Lodge should be bound to keep the Anniversary of the Institution of this Lodge, the same as the Festivals of St. John, and under the same penalty." In a few years, however, this resolution appears unfortunately to have become a dead letter, and the practice of suitably commemorating the Constitution of the Lodge was discontinued.

THE UNIFORM OF THE LODGE.

We have already referred to the Uniform of the Lodge, which was a "Blue Coat with Black Velvet Collar and Masonic Buttons, a Buff Waistcoat and Black Trousers;" and, judging from the frequent references in the Treasurer's Book to the purchase of Masonic Buttons, this uniform must have been in use for many years.

OYSTER SUPPERS.

In the good old days, before the invention of the *Bacillus*

Typhosus, our predecessors could enjoy the luxury of an oyster supper without the dread of any fatal consequences; and that they were wont to avail themselves of this privilege, after their periods of labor, is evident from the following documents emanating from the establishment of Peter McNamee, a local vendor of Carlingford Oysters:—

“A preposel to Attend the No. 18 Grand Free Meason lodge of Newry with oysters. I, Peter McNamee, of No. 35 lower Mill street, Newry, does ingage to Atten the Gentle men of this Grand lodge and supply them with a oyster supper at the Cost of 6d. each Gentle man, at my own oyster House, or any other House the Honourable Gentle men is pleased to Call me to. Peter McNamee. March the 9th, 1849.”

“Mr. Henry Dr. To Peter McNamee For No. 18 Grand Free Maison lodge, Newry, a hundred and a half of Oysters. 6s. 0d. Paid 23rd October, 49.”

THE THRONE.

On the 4th of December, 1811, it was resolved—“That Bro. Sharkey be requested to purchase a Throne for the Master; and, if possible, to have it against St. John’s Day.” Neither the Minute Book nor the Treasurer’s Book contains any further reference to the Throne, and we fear that Bro. Sharkey must have been remiss in executing the order of the Lodge. Indeed we would not have referred to it at all, but for our anxiety to draw attention to the Master’s Throne of Lodge No. 678, Markethill, which now stands outside the door of our Lodge-room, and is a typical example of the Throne formerly in use in North of Ireland Lodges. On removing the cushion the Lodge Chest is brought into view, in which were kept the books, warrant, and regalia of the Lodge.

RELICS OF “THE RICHMOND LODGE,” No. 69.

If we may judge by the relics which have come under our observation, we would say that the members of this Lodge were Brethren of very refined taste. The warrant of the Lodge, as we have already mentioned, was cancelled in 1835, and a new warrant, of the same number, was granted to the City of Londonderry in 1845. In our minutes, of 14th June, 1843, we find it announced that the Jewels of The Richmond Lodge were “exposed for sale in the shop of W. H. Cordner, Jeweller, Hill Street,” whereupon it was im-

mediately resolved that they should be purchased, "the cost to be £1 11s. 6d." In accordance with this resolution, the jewels, which were of particularly chaste design, were purchased by Lodge XVIII. which, in the month of April, 1847, instructed its secretary to write and offer them to the Londonderry Lodge. Whether that officer carried out his instructions or not we cannot say; but, the jewels still remaining in our possession, we again communicated with the Londonderry Lodge in 1889, with the result that they then acquired them at the price which we had paid for them in 1843. Another extremely interesting relic of the Richmond Lodge is a set of beautiful Jugs now in the possession of St. John's Lodge, No. 697, Warrenpoint.

ADDRESSES TO THE SOVEREIGN.

In the month of January, 1827, the Lodge presented a loyal Address to His Majesty King George the Fourth, on the occasion of the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of York; and again, in February, 1901, a similar Address to his present Majesty, King Edward the Seventh, on the occasion of the death of his Royal Mother, Her Majesty Queen Victoria; and, on each occasion the Sovereign was pleased to vouchsafe a gracious reply.

MILITARY BRETHREN.

On the 17th of July, 1888, it was unanimously resolved—"That, in future, all Commissioned Military Officers connected with the Newry Garrison, who are members of the Masonic Order, shall, while stationed in Newry, be deemed Honorary Members of this Lodge."



THE MEMBERS OF THE LODGE.

To the following List of Members, which is numbered and alphabetically arranged, I have added details of a biographical nature, which may prove of interest to my readers at the present time, and the value of which should not lessen with the lapse of time.

1. **Andrew Aiken**, of The Glen, Newry, was a son of John Aiken, of Pettigo, County Fermanagh, and was a merchant in Newry in partnership with John Given, their business house being situated on the north side of Edward Street. The firm failed in 1817, but in the following year Andrew resumed business, in partnership with his father, as "John Aiken, Son & Co." He was a member of "The Newry Hunt Club," and his horse, "St. Patrick," ran third in the Newry Hunt Steeplechases of 1813. He married, at Limerick, in 1813, Henrietta Laura Dana, of Shropshire, sister of Colonel Dana of the 5th Garrison Battalion. She died 23rd September, 1813, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. Bro. Aiken was initiated, 3rd January, 1810, in XVIII., and was S.W. in 1819.

2. **George Frederick Alderdice**, of Downshire Place, Newry, the sixth son of William Alderdice, of Ashfield, Dromore, County Down, was born, 10th July, 1849. He married, 14th February, 1878, Maggie (who died 13th May, 1907), daughter of Matthew Murphy, of Monaghan, by whom he had five sons and two daughters. After completing his education, he served his time with Thomas Henry, a Monaghan merchant; and, in November, 1871, he came to Newry as an assistant in the firm of "Johnston, M'Cammon & Co.," and subsequently became traveller for the old-established firm of "R. M'Blain & Co." In August, 1879, he and Samuel Duncan started the firm of "Duncan, Alderdice & Co.," wine merchants, Hill Street, of which he is now managing director. In his younger days he was a keen cricketer, and was for several years Captain of the Newry Cricket Club, but has latterly abandoned the game in favor of golf. He was Captain of the Greenore Golf Club in 1900. He is a highly trained musician, and for many years acted as Precentor to the Sandys Street Presbyterian Congregation, which, in

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1897, presented him with an address and solid silver tea and coffee service, as an acknowledgment of his valuable services, at all times graciously and gratuitously rendered. Bro. Alderdice was initiated, 18th May, 1874, in "Union Lodge," No. 23, Newry, of which he was W.M. in 1879 and 1898, and affiliated, 7th November, 1901, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1907, and is now S.D. He is a Past King of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 77, Newry; a Past Preceptor of the Newry Preceptory, and was P.J.G.D. of Down in 1902.

3. George Frederick Alderdice, Junior, the eldest son of Bro. G. F. Alderdice (No. 2), was born, 20th December, 1878, in Newry. He is unmarried. He was educated at the Newry Intermediate School, and, having obtained his medical and surgical qualifications in Dublin, he joined the Army Medical Corps before the termination of the Boer War, and served in the Military Hospital at Bloemfontein. In November, 1901, he was appointed a Surgeon in the Royal Navy, and was gazetted to H.M.S. "Duke of Wellington." This appointment he had to relinquish in consequence of ill-health, and he is now residing in Ottawa, Canada. Like his father, he is a skilled musician. Bro. Alderdice was initiated, 10th September, 1902, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge. He resigned 5th April, 1905.

4. George Walter Alderdice, the third son of Bro. G. F. Alderdice (No. 2), was born, 27th November, 1883, at Newry. He is unmarried. He was educated at The Academical Institution, Coleraine, and is now traveller and cashier for the firm of "Duncan, Alderdice & Co." Like his father and his brother, he is a skilled musician, and is the owner of a sweet tenor voice. Bro. Alderdice was initiated, 5th December, 1907, in XVIII., but has not yet held any office in the Lodge.

5. George Anderson, Solicitor, of Hill Street, Newry, and Lower Gloucester Street, Dublin—which latter residence he occupied with his elder brother, Edward, a barrister—was the younger son of George Anderson, Seneschal of Newry, who, with William and Thomas Greer, comprised the firm of "Anderson & Greers," who, 5th July, 1790, started the first mail coach which ever ran in Ireland,

namely, that between Dublin and Belfast. He was unmarried. Bro. Anderson was initiated, 7th March, 1810, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

6. Rev. Charles Atkinson, LL.D.—one of the Founders of the Lodge—the second son of Dr. Guy Atkinson, of Cangort, Queen's County, was born, 9th September, 1769, at Bath. He married, first, in 1793, Tamasina, daughter of the Rev. Clotworthy Downing, Rector of Leek, County Donegal, by whom he had four sons and four daughters; and, secondly, 22nd June, 1832, Jane Letitia, third daughter of the Rev. Arthur Ellis, Rector of Ardee, by whom he had one son and one daughter. He was ordained in 1792, and appointed Rector of Forkhill in 1795, from which he was promoted in 1817, to the Rectory of Creggan, where he died 4th March, 1851. He was Senior Canon and Treasurer of Armagh Cathedral, and was appointed J.P. for County Armagh in 1799, and Deputy Governor of the County in 1803. Bro. Atkinson was initiated, 4th July, 1805, in "The Prince of Wales' Lodge," No. 706, Newry. He never held any office in XVIII.

7. Henry Graves Atkinson, of Craigmores, was the fourth son of Bro. William Atkinson (No. 9). He married, 31st January, 1839, Margaret Jane (who died in 1866), eldest daughter of Edward Atkinson, by whom he had an only child, William Newcombe Atkinson. He died, 7th June, 1846, æt. 34. Bro. Atkinson affiliated, 13th June, 1832, from Lodge 394, to XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

8. Joseph John Chamney Atkinson, proprietor of the Millvale and Craigmores Mills, was the eldest son of Bro. William Atkinson (No. 9). He married, 11th March, 1835, Mary Catherine (who died 9th April, 1905, æt. 90), eldest daughter of Thomas Dawson Atkinson, of Dublin, by whom he had four sons and three daughters. He died at Craigmores, 7th March, 1854, and is buried in Loughgilly Churchyard. Bro. Atkinson was initiated, 11th February, 1825, in Lodge 394, Loughgilly, and affiliated, 13th June, 1832, to XVIII., of which he was S.W. 1844-5.

9. William Atkinson, of Glenanne, was son of Miles

Atkinson, of Hall's Grove, County Down, and afterwards of Ashgrove, Portadown. He married Anne (who died 5th May, 1862, æt. 85), eldest daughter of Thomas Chamney, of Ballyrahane, County Wicklow, by whom he had six sons and three daughters. He died at Craigmore, 13th August, 1845, æt. 70. The records of XVIII. make no mention of Bro. Atkinson, but his name appears on the roll of members in the Grand Lodge Register as having been registered 3rd August, 1814.

10. The Very Rev. Daniel Bagot, D.D., third son of Daniel Bagot, Solicitor, of Dawson Street, Dublin, was born on the 12th of July, 1805, and entered the University of Dublin in 1820, taking first place at Entrance out of 107 candidates, and in his Divinity Course secured the Downes' Premiums for Written Composition and Extempore Speaking. He was ordained 25th September, 1828, and, at a Visitation of the Exempt Jurisdiction of Newry and Mourne, held by Lord Kilmorey in St. Mary's Church, Newry, on the 14th October, 1829, his Lordship appointed him to the Chaplaincy of St. Patrick's, Newry, which post he held until 1835, when he was appointed Chaplain to St. James's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh. There he remained until 1843, when, on the death of the Rev. Charles Campbell, LL.D., he was appointed Vicar of Newry and Vicar-General of Newry and Mourne, which appointments he resigned in November, 1875. In 1850, on the death of the Very Rev. Holt Waring, he was appointed Dean of Dromore, in addition to which he was Chaplain to six Lords Lieutenant of Ireland. Endowed with a large-hearted benevolence, his hand was ever ready to help, and his tongue ever ready to espouse the cause of the suffering, the needy, and the illiterate. As a minister of religion, he was a ripe scholar, an earnest theologian, an adroit controversialist, and a brilliant orator; and, although eminently broad-minded, liberal and conciliatory towards other denominations, the Church to which he belonged never produced a more doughty champion. He married, first, in June, 1831, Matilda Dorothea (who died 18th February, 1858), daughter of Dr. John Bingham, of Rostrevor; and, secondly, 7th October, 1859, Euphemia Elizabeth Ann (who died 21st December, 1899, æt. 90), youngest

daughter of Sir William Elliott, Bart., of Stobs and Welts, Roxburghshire. He died, 9th June, 1891, at Surbiton, and a mural tablet is erected to his memory in St. Mary's Church, Newry. Bro. Bagot was initiated, 9th February, 1854, in XVIII., of which he was J.W. in 1855. He resigned, 7th November, 1861. He was Provincial Grand Chaplain of South Down, 1856-7.

11. William Barrett was an excise officer in Newry, whence he was transferred to Cork, where, 10th October, 1813, he married Sarah, only daughter of James Freke, of Baltimore. He subsequently returned to Newry, where we find him, in 1824-5, referred to as Surveyor of Excise, and, 1826-30, as Supervisor of Excise in the Armagh Excise Department. One of his daughters married the Rev. Richard Townsend, F.T.C.D. Bro. Barrett was initiated, 18th May, 1810, in Lodge No. 23, Newry, and was affiliated, 7th November, 1810, to XVIII., the membership of which he resigned, 1st April, 1812.

12. Benjamin Beamish, the youngest son of William Beamish, M.D., of Mount Beamish, Bandon, in the County of Cork, was born, 1st December, 1860, in the City of Cork. He married, 21st March, 1888, Florence, youngest daughter of Thomas Vance, of Blackrock House, County Dublin, by whom he has two sons. He was educated at Kingstown School, and, having obtained his qualifications in medicine and surgery, started in practice at Longton, Lancashire, and four years afterwards removed to Datchet, near Windsor, whence, in 1894, he removed to Newry, and was elected, on the 20th of April in that year, Medical Officer to the Newry General Hospital, in the room of Brother B. S. Booth (No. 18), resigned. Ardently devoted to the ancient game of golf, he was Captain of the Greenore Golf Club in 1904. Bro. Beamish was initiated, 2nd May, 1895, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. 1901-2.

13. Chichester Bickerstaff, one of the Founders of the Lodge and its first S.D., was a linen merchant in High Street, Newry. Of this Brother we know but very little. In 1792 he offers for sale his residence within a mile of Loughgall; we find him in business

in Tandragee in 1793; in 1795 we find his name on a list of linen buyers of the County Down; in 1801 he was Churchwarden of the Parish of Newry, and in 1806 his name is on the roll of Electors of the Borough of Newry. His son, John, a midshipman in the Royal Navy, died, 11th May, 1811, at Barbadoes, of yellow fever; and he himself died, 23rd January, 1812, in Newry, of "a rapid decline," leaving a widow and nine children, of whose subsequent career we have been unable to find any trace. Bro. Bickerstaff was J.W. of the Lodge in 1810.

14. John Charles Binney, of Mackay, Queensland, the third son of the Rev. Richard Binney, D.C.L., Vicar of Bangor, County Down, was born, 12th March, 1842, at Killough, Co. Down. Before taking Holy Orders his father was a Captain in the 74th Highlanders. He was educated at King William's College, Isle of Man, and at Chester College, England, and emigrated to Melbourne, Victoria, in 1858. In 1861 he removed to Queensland, where he remained until 1884, when he returned to Ireland with his family, and in 1885 became assistant to Brother J. L. D. Meares (No. 129), then town surveyor for Newry. This position he occupied for three years, and in the autumn of 1888 he returned to Queensland. During his short residence in Newry he endeared himself to every member of the community, and on his departure he was the recipient of an address and presentation from the inhabitants of the town. He married, 4th October, 1873, at Mackay, Queensland, Sarah Josephine Constantia, the eldest daughter of Waldron Burrowes, of Dromore, County Down, by whom he had one son and six daughters. Bro. Binney was initiated, in 1880, in "Mackay Lodge," No. 1554 E.C., and affiliated, 3rd March, 1887, to XVIII., of which he was J.W. when he resigned on the 16th of October, 1888. On leaving the Lodge he was furnished with a special certificate of recommendation.

15. George Garrett Black, of Ellerslie, Hollybrook Road, Clontarf, Dublin, was appointed third class District Inspector in the Royal Irish Constabulary, 2nd October, 1854; promoted to the first class, 26th September, 1868; promoted to be County Inspector

3rd January, 1877; awarded good service pay, £50 per annum, 31st January, 1891; retired on pension 2nd April, 1895. He served at Newry from 1st February, 1866, to 15th February, 1875, when he was transferred to Waterford. He left Waterford, in January, 1877, on being promoted County Inspector of Roscommon, and when leaving that county he was the recipient of an illuminated address from the grand jurors, magistrates, and leading inhabitants. Bro. Black was initiated in "Vernon Lodge," No. 127, Coleraine, and affiliated, 1st February, 1867, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1871. He resigned 1st April, 1875, and was presented by the members of the Lodge with an address and a dining-room clock, as a mark of their fraternal regard and esteem.

16. James H. Bond, of Newtown Darver, County Louth, married a daughter of Brabazon Shiels, of Darver, County Louth, by whom he had several children. He was initiated, 21st June, 1850, in St. John's Masonic Lodge, No. 384, Dundalk, and affiliated, 21st August, 1852, to XVIII., in which, however, he never held any office.

17. Cornelius Carleton Boomer, of Tandragee, Solicitor, married, 5th November, 1822, Jane, eldest daughter of Bro. William Moore (No. 140), and died, 1st July, 1844, at Tandragee, æt. 44. Bro. Boomer was initiated, 4th January, 1832, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

18. Brabazon Shiels Booth, the fourth son of Joseph Booth, of Darver Castle, County Louth, was born, 7th December, 1829. He married, 24th January, 1867, at Muzufferpore, Tirhoot, Barberina Elizabeth, eldest daughter of James Wilson, of Underwood, Pembrokehire, by whom he had two sons and three daughters. His youngest daughter, Aileen Augusta, married, 19th August, 1897, W. H. B. Moorhead, of Carnmeen, Newry. Bro. Booth went to India in 1858, and was shortly afterwards appointed House Surgeon and Secretary to the Native Hospital, Calcutta. This appointment he held for six years, when he became Civil Surgeon at Tirhoot. Minden Wilson, in his "Tirhoot and its Inhabitants of the Past," written in 1908, says: "Booth

was one of the best doctors we have had, very active, fond of shooting and pig-sticking, and therefore very popular. He made a great hit in curing Nultoo Chowdry's son of cholera, and old Nultoo rewarded him handsomely." On returning home he was, 31st July, 1874, elected Medical Officer of the Newry General Hospital in the room of Dr. Alexander Ross, resigned, which post he himself resigned, 21st March, 1894, being succeeded by Bro. Benjamin Beamish (No. 12). Shortly after his resignation he received an address and presentation from the subscribers to the hospital as a token of the esteem in which they held him. He died, 7th January, 1909, at Downshire Road, Newry, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. Bro. Booth was initiated in Lodge "Star in the East," No. 67 E.C., Calcutta, and was affiliated, 1st October, 1874, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. 1880-1. He resigned, 3rd November, 1887, and was elected an Honorary Member.

19. George Edward Bowen, the only son of George Bowen, Captain R.N., of Laurencetown House, County Down, was born, 16th December, 1821, at Summerhill, County Dublin. He was a nephew of the Hon. Edward Bowen, Chief Justice of Lower Canada, who died in 1866. He began life as a solicitor, and became Agent of the County Down Estates of A. R. Stewart, of Ards, a position held for many years previously by his father. In 1853 he was appointed by the Earl of Clanwilliam to be "Seneschal of the Manor Court of Gilford, which is very extensive, and has jurisdiction to the extent of £100 late currency." In 1856 he was appointed Sub-sheriff of County Down. In May, 1866, he resigned the Stewart agency on being appointed Agent to the Earl of Ranfurly, in which capacity he took up his residence at Dungannon. This agency he resigned in May, 1868, and became Agent to General Nugent at Portaferry, and Lord de Ros at Strangford, both in the County Down. He was a Justice of the Peace for the Counties of Armagh, Down and Tyrone. He married, 19th December, 1850, Catherine (who died in May, 1908, æt. 82), only daughter of Bro. John Oliver Howe Nunn (No. 149), by whom he had three sons and five daughters. He died, 4th September, 1901, at Portaferry, and is buried in the churchyard of Ballyphillip, Portaferry, County Down.

Bro. Bowen was initiated, 14th December, 1848, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge. He resigned, 9th October, 1851, and affiliated, 2nd December, 1851, to Lodge 124, Banbridge, the membership of which he resigned, 6th May, 1861.

20. William Henry Boyd was the youngest son of John Boyd, at one time Seneschal of Newry, and first Manager of the Newry Branch of the Belfast Banking Company, which was opened 22nd December, 1845. He married, 9th July, 1868, Penelope Caroline Frances, only daughter of Mark Leland Tew, of Coltromer House, Culmullin, County Meath, by whom he had one child, a daughter. He died, 6th October, 1875, in Dublin, æt. 36. He was agent for an insurance company in Dublin, having been previously employed in the office of Henry Thomson & Co., Newry. Bro. Boyd was initiated, 30th July, 1858, in XVIII., of which he was J.D. in 1859.

21. John Cochrane Brady, eldest son of John Brady, D.L., of Johnstown House, Clones, County Monaghan, was the first Manager of the Newry Branch of the Northern Banking Company, which was opened 23rd October, 1865. He married, 5th April, 1869, Anne Louise, third daughter of John Johnston, of Monaghan, by whom he had one child, a son. He died suddenly, 7th January, 1870, æt. 30. Mrs. Brady married, secondly, 17th April, 1873, the Rev. A. B. R. Young, Rector of Ballybay. Bro. Brady was initiated, 7th June, 1867, in XVIII., of which he was J.W. at the time of his death.

22. Richard Jebb Browne, of Needham Place, Newry, and Shannon Grove, Kilkeel, son of Richard Jebb Browne, Surgeon in the 59th Foot, and afterwards Surgeon in Newry on the Northern Recruiting Staff, was born 14th January, 1819. He married, first, Kate B. (who died 26th January, 1857), eldest daughter of E. W. Dickenson; and, secondly, 1st December, 1859, Jane H. (who died 19th March, 1903, æt. 80), daughter of William Hanna, B.L. He was admitted an attorney 4th December, 1840, and enjoyed a lucrative and extensive practice. He was for many years in partnership with William Henry Ogle, Solicitor, Needham Place. He was Solicitor to the Newry Board of Guardians, and was Agent

to the Hon. A. S. G. Canning, of Rostrevor. His only son, R. J. Browne, is now resident in Canada. He died 16th October, 1876, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. Bro. Browne was initiated, 13th March, 1844, in XVIII., of which he was J.W. 1848-9. He resigned, 22nd September, 1851.

23. Richard Bryans, one of the Founders of the Lodge, was son of Francis Bryans, proprietor of "The Draper and Three Tuns" Inn, Moy, County Tyrone, who died, in 1830, at the patriarchal age of 103. Having served his apprenticeship in Newry, Bro. Bryans started in business in Moy about the year 1792. In 1802 he removed to Newry, and took the house in Sugar Island, now occupied by Alexander, Bennett and Co., where he carried on an extensive business as a general merchant. During the Peninsular War he held large quantities of wheat, grain, and other commodities which, at the termination of the war, fell to such a low price that his financial difficulties obliged him to compound with his creditors, when he started afresh in Liverpool, and there made a large fortune as a grain broker. During his residence in Newry he was a most respected and popular citizen, and, on the eve of his departure for Liverpool, he was, 20th September, 1817, entertained at a public banquet by his Newry friends. He was, in 1796, First Lieutenant in the Moy Corps of Yeomen; a member of "The Merchants' Corps of Newry Yeomen," embodied 26th July, 1803; the last surviving Trustee for the erection of St. Mary's Church; one of the original promoters of "The Newry Commercial Telegraph," of "The Newry Commercial Newsroom," and of the Ross Monument at Rostrevor; and a member of "The Newry Amicable Annuity Company," which, in 1847, specially referred to the valuable services which he had rendered in enabling it to carry out the intentions with which it was founded. He married Anne Pillar (who died 14th August, 1853), by whom he had five sons and two daughters. He died, 20th December, 1864, at Chester, æt. 91. Bro. Bryans was S.W. of the Lodge in 1810-11.

24. John Beatty Burrows, second son of Rutledge Burrows, of Moorfield, Co. Sligo, was born 5th January, 1855. He entered the service of the Bank of Ireland in 1872, and,

having served at Maryborough, Navan, Drogheda, and Omagh, he came to Newry, as Sub-agent, in April, 1889. In May, 1896, he was promoted to the agency at Omagh, on which occasion his Newry friends presented him with an illuminated address and a gold watch. He remained in Omagh till December, 1897, when he was promoted to the sub-agency at Donegall Place, Belfast, which post he still occupies. He married, 25th November, 1903, Charlotte Elizabeth, widow of Surgeon-Major W. S. Love, and daughter of James Meeke, of the Ulster Bank, Omagh. Bro. Burrows was initiated, 10th April, 1884, in Lodge No. 411, Drogheda, affiliated, 12th June, 1885, to "Concord Masonic Lodge," No. 332, Omagh, of which he was Secretary for two years; affiliated, 17th September, 1889, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1894, and Treasurer 1892-96. He resigned 5th November, 1896. On removing to Omagh he rejoined Lodge 332, and, on going to Belfast in 1897, he affiliated to Lodge 40, of which he was W.M. in 1904.

25. Abney Hastings Cameron, a lieutenant in the 19th Foot, then quartered in Newry, was initiated 26th March, 1863, under dispensation, he being under age. He attended only two meetings of the Lodge.

26. Hugh Carleton, of Drumsesk, Rostrevor, was son of Francis Carleton, Collector of Customs in Newry, who resided at Greenpark, Rostrevor. He was a captain in the Down Militia, and was passionately fond of coursing. In his younger days he was a prominent figure at all the fancy dress balls, then so common. At one of these, given in Armagh in 1819, he caused much merriment as an "Irish itinerant musician," and, on his way home from the ball, he encountered a crowd of labourers at the Market House, who were waiting to be hired. To them he told a piteous tale of his having been engaged to play at the ball, and of having, after performing all night, been kicked out in the morning without receiving a farthing. The hat went round, and he was handed 2s. 6d. Turning the money in his hand, he searched his pockets and, largely augmenting the amount, threw it amongst the crowd. During the scramble the musician vanished. He died, unmarried, 18th December, 1861, and is buried at Clonallon. Bro. Carleton

affiliated, 8th February, 1832, to XVIII., from Lodge 82, then meeting in Loughbrickland. He never held any office in the Lodge.

27. Robert Needham Carlile, of Abbey Yard, Newry, was the third son of Hugh Carlile, of Ashgrove, Newry, and maternal uncle of Bro. Carlile Greer (No. 73). He was a Lieutenant in the 86th Foot, and afterwards exchanged into the 25th Foot. He died, unmarried, 7th April, 1841, and was buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard with military honors. Bro. Carlile was initiated, 24th June, 1839, in "St. Patrick's Lodge," No. 77, Newry, and was affiliated, 9th October, 1839, to XVIII., of which he was J.W. at the time of his death.

28. Augustus E. Stanley Carr was a clerk in the Bank of Ireland. He was stationed in Newry from August, 1868, to March, 1870, and subsequently in Dundalk, where he retired from the service and went abroad. Bro. Carr was affiliated, 3rd September, 1868, to XVIII., from Lodge 379, Tralee. He never held any office in the Lodge.

29. John Casey, the third son of Anthony B. Casey, of Killarney, County Kerry, was born 23rd December, 1855, at Cork. He married, first, 28th May, 1888, Mary, only daughter of William Thomas, of Poole, Dorsetshire; and, secondly, 25th September, 1900, Annie, fifth daughter of G. Adams Hicks, of Fermanagh, by whom he has two sons. After completing his education at the Rev. Dr. O'Brien's school in Cork, he was for some years in business, but ultimately entered the Civil Service. He was, 1879-94, Outdoor Officer, and since 1894, Examining Officer in H.M. Customs, and is now stationed at Gloucester. During his stay in Newry he was an extremely popular officer, and on the occasion of his marriage, in 1900, he was the recipient of a handsome presentation from his brother officers in this port. Bro. Casey was initiated, May, 1890, in "Portland Lodge," No. 1037 E.C., in which he attained the rank of J.W. He affiliated, 4th December, 1894, to Lodge 77, Newry, of which he was S.W. in 1899; and affiliated, 9th November, 1897, to Lodge 79, Newry, of which he was W.M. in 1900, and by which he was

presented with a Past-Master's Jewel on leaving Newry. As a trifling acknowledgment of many valuable services rendered to the Lodge, he was elected, 1st October, 1902, an Honorary Member of XVIII., and in the following month was appointed Provincial Grand Inspector of the Masonic Province of Down.

30. Edward Smyth Corry, the third son of Bro. Trevor Corry (No. 33), was a Sub-Inspector of constabulary. He married, 20th November, 1847, Alice (who died 10th August, 1897), youngest daughter of Edward Thomas Jones, of Saltford, Somersetshire, by whom he had two sons and three daughters. He died, 25th May, 1866, at Coblenz. His second daughter, Mary Alice, married, 9th January, 1878, George Gordon, of Maryvale, Newry. Bro. Corry was proposed as a candidate for initiation in XVIII. in June, 1840, but does not appear to have been balloted for. He was, however, affiliated, 11th October, 1849, but from what Lodge it is not stated. He never held any office in the Lodge.

31. Isaac Corry, of Abbey Yard, Newry, the eldest son of Bro. Trevor Corry (No. 33), was born 3rd May, 1810. He married, 13th January, 1840, Ellis (who died 18th January, 1861), the youngest daughter of Henry Ryan, of Kilfera, County Kilkenny, by whom he had one son and five daughters. He died, 20th April, 1869, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. He was a Captain in the County Down Militia, a Justice of the Peace for the Counties of Armagh and Down, a Deputy-Lieutenant of the County of Down, and Chairman of the Newry Town Commissioners in 1842. Bro. Corry was initiated, 15th December, 1830, in XVIII., of which he was S.W. 1848-9. He resigned 6th November, 1849.

32. Smithson Corry was the third son of Isaac Corry, of Abbey Yard, Newry, and a brother of Trevor Corry (No. 33). He married, 6th July, 1831, Jane Adelaide (who died 27th April, 1882), eldest daughter of James Douglas, of Donegall Place, Belfast. He died, 1st December, 1856, æt. 76, without issue, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. He was Agent in Newry for the Downshire Estate; one of the Trustees for the erection of St. Mary's Church; Treasurer of the Newry turnpike road, 1809-18;

President of the Newry Chamber of Commerce, 1828 ; and Chairman of the Newry Town Commissioners, 1830. He and his brother, Trevor, were partners in business in Newry, 1804-17. About the year 1815 he built "Old Hall," Rostrevor, in which he lived up to the time of his death. Bro. Corry was initiated, 15th December, 1830, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1839.

33. Trevor Corry, one of the Founders of the Lodge, and its first S.W., was the second son of Isaac Corry, of Abbey Yard, Newry, the representative of an old Newry family, two members of which attained special eminence, viz., Sir Trevor Corry, for many years British Consul at Dantzic, and the Right Hon. Isaac Corry, last Chancellor of the Irish Exchequer, who represented the Borough of Newry in Parliament for thirty years. He married, 12th July, 1809, Anne (who died 24th April, 1852), eldest daughter of Savage Hall, of Narrow-water, County Down, by whom he had four sons and four daughters. He died, 22nd July, 1838, æt. 60, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. He built and, for many years, lived in "The Woodhouse," Rostrevor. Bro. Corry served his apprenticeship to his uncle, John Pollock, an eminent Dublin solicitor, but never practised his profession. In 1796 he was gazetted as Second Lieutenant in "The Attorneys'" Corps of Yeomen. He commanded "The Second Newry Royals" Corps of Yeomen, which, in 1813, unanimously volunteered "to do duty in any part of Ireland, in the event of the regular or militia forces being called out of the country on foreign service." He and his brother, Smithson, were partners in business, in Newry, 1804-17. He was subsequently a member of the firm of "Corry, Little, and Swanzy." He was one of the Trustees for the erection of St. Mary's Church ; Agent for the Ross property, Rostrevor ; a Trustee of the Newry turnpike road ; a Trustee for the creditors of the Newry Bank, which failed in 1816 ; secretary to the committee appointed for the erection of the Ross Monument, Rostrevor ; Vice-President of the Newry and Donoughmore Farming Society ; and a Deputy-Lieutenant of the County Down. It was, however, in his capacity as a magistrate that his most valuable public services were rendered. Long before the constitution of Courts of Petty Sessions, he was wont to dispense

justice on similarly regular and systematic lines; and it is to his memory as an impartial and upright dispenser of justice that the "Corry Monument," which stands in close proximity to our Hall, was erected. Bro. Corry was initiated in 1798, but in what Lodge we have been unable to ascertain. He was W.M. of the Lodge in 1812.

34. Trevor Corry, junior, of Belmont, Newry, the only son of Bro. Isaac Corry (No. 31), was born 6th January, 1846. He was educated at the Royal School, Dungannon, and, in October, 1865, emigrated to the Kawakawa Settlement, Bay of Islands, New Zealand, with a large party organised by the Rev. R. A. Hall, of Derrygortreavy, Dungannon. He returned to Ireland in 1868, and married, 15th September, 1869, Sarah, second daughter of James Foxall, of Dublin, by whom he had two sons and three daughters. He died, 24th May, 1880, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. Bro. Corry was initiated in XVIII., 11th August, 1865, under dispensation, he being then under age. He was W.M. of the Lodge in 1874.

35. Edward Rhames Courtenay, one of the Founders of the Lodge, and its first Secretary, was the second son of John Courtenay, of Courtenay Hill, Newry. He married, first, 30th March, 1798, Frances Mary, daughter of James Lang, of Carnmeen, by whom he had a daughter; and, secondly, 28th February, 1806, Jane (who died 12th February, 1861), second daughter of Hugh Boyd, of Newry, by whom he had another daughter. He died, 15th February, 1825, æt. 52, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. He was a merchant in Newry, a Captain in the Armagh Militia, and Agent for the Hall property, Narrow-water, and the Ross property, Rostrevor. He built Drumsesk Cottage, Rostrevor, in which he lived and died. On 11th October, 1793, he was one of the principals in an unfortunate duel. On the previous evening he and a number of others were at a party in the house of Mr. John Wilson, on the Sugar House Quay, one of the company being a lad named John Thompson, whose father, Andrew Thompson, built and occupied No. 1, Trevor Hill. During the course of a trifling argument, Thompson called Courtenay "a coward." The result was a

challenge by Courtenay, and a meeting early next morning at Violet Hill, in which Courtenay escaped uninjured, but Thompson received a bullet in the brain, and was brought to the Globe Inn, which stood at the corner of Hill Street and The Mall, and died there the following evening. Courtenay surrendered to justice, but does not appear to have been put on trial. Previous to the constitution of Lodge XVIII., Bro. Courtenay had been a member of Lodge 933, Newry. He resigned 1st April, 1812.

36. Joseph Davison Cowan is the eldest son of Samuel Cowan, a member of the old family of "Cowan of Sheeptown," of which the late Sir Edward Porter Cowan, of Craigavad, was a distinguished scion. He was educated at the Newry School, under Bro. Frank Annesley Potterton; in the Queen's College, Belfast; and in the University of Dublin, from which he holds the degree of LL.D. After completing his education he had occasion to visit the United States, owing to a protracted lawsuit in connection with the estate of a deceased American uncle. There he remained for some years, during which sojourn he was, with the consent of the Bishop of Down, admitted to Holy Orders, in 1879, by the Right Rev. W. E. McLaren, Bishop of Illinois, by whom he was appointed Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Chicago. To this living he declined to be instituted, owing to his decision to return home, but for a time he fulfilled the duties of the charge, and was also attached to the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in the same city. On leaving America he was the recipient of practical proofs of the esteem in which he was held by his parishioners and his bishop. On his return home he was for a short time Curate of Dromore, County Down, and was, on the death of the Rev. John Campbell Quinn, appointed, 24th November, 1882, Rector of Donoughmore, which important position he still occupies. He is the author of "International Arbitration: its History, Nature, Limits, and Development," a work, published in 1900, which has evoked the marked commendation of those best entitled to judge of its merits. He married, 30th April, 1901, Edythe Huntington, youngest daughter of the Rev. Robert Whitaker, Rector of Leconfield-cum-Scorborough, East Yorkshire. On his union with this lady, who,

as "Edythe Huntington," has established her reputation as a writer of fiction, Bro. Cowan was the recipient of a handsome wedding present from the Lodge. To him the antiquarian is indebted for the re-erection and restoration of the old Celtic Cross in Donoughmore Graveyard, which, prior to 1891, had lain there for centuries mutilated and uncared for. Bro. Cowan was initiated in Lodge 198, Chicago, where he also received the Royal Arch Degree, and was affiliated, 3rd November, 1887, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1898, and of which he has been Chaplain since 1892.

37. Francis Charles Russell Creed, the third son of William Russell Creed, B.L., of Ballyclough House, County Cork, was born, 22nd April, 1845, in Dublin. He married, 12th January, 1871, Jane, second daughter of Richard N. Somerville, of Kingston House, County Galway, by whom he has had 13 children, of whom two sons and five daughters survive. After completing his education he entered the service of the Provincial Bank of Ireland, and, after filling subordinate positions at Bandon, Wexford, Galway, Londonderry, and Newry, he was, in 1885, appointed Manager at Wexford, and, in 1903, Manager at Waterford, which post he still occupies. Bro. Creed was initiated, 3rd February, 1869, in Lodge 935, Wexford; was affiliated, 25th October, 1870, to "The Premier Lodge of Connaught," No. 14, Galway, of which he was W.M. in 1876; was affiliated, 27th November, 1878, to Lodge 52, Londonderry; and was affiliated, 1st March, 1883, to XVIII., the membership of which he resigned 6th November, 1884. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derry and Donegal he was P.G.S.B. 1880, and P.G. Steward 1881, and in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wicklow and Wexford he was P.G. Treasurer, 1888-9.

38. William Creek was the eldest son of Edward Creek, of Newry. He, his father and his brother, James Creek, were Hardware Merchants, carrying on business in the house in North Street now occupied by J. Gordon & Co. He retired from the business in 1835, and died, unmarried, 1st May, 1836, æt. 53. He was uncle of the late Ven. William Creek, Archdeacon of Kilmore. Bro. Creek was initiated, 7th March, 1810, in XVIII., and resigned 9th November, 1811.

39. James Crosbie, the fifth son of William Crosbie, of Roscommon, was born, 14th May, 1863, at Roscommon, and married, 12th April, 1890, Harriet Florence, second daughter of James Palmer Graves, of Waterpark, in the City of Waterford, by whom he has one child, a daughter. He entered the service of the Bank of Ireland in 1882, and, having served in Dublin, Tullamore, Waterford, Ballinasloe, Portadown, Drogheda, and Callan, he was promoted to the post of Sub-agent at Newry in 1904. Bro. Crosbie was initiated, 22nd December, 1891, in "Abercorn Masonic Lodge," No. 219, Portadown, and affiliated, 1st February, 1905, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1908, and is now Secretary.

40. Francis Clements Crossle, the sixth son of the Rev. Charles Crossle, Rector of Kilclooney, County Armagh, was born, 17th March, 1847, at Anahoe, County Tyrone. He married, 7th August, 1872, Annie Waller, second daughter of Philip Jones, of Nutgrove, Rathfarnham, County Dublin, by whom he has seven sons and one daughter. After taking his Medical Degrees in the University of Dublin, he practised for a short time at Whitwell, Derbyshire, and, in 1872, removed to Tandragee, County Armagh. In 1875 he came to Newry on being elected Medical Officer of the Newry No. 2 Dispensary District, which post he resigned in 1899. Bro. Crossle was initiated, 4th March, 1873, in "Union Lodge," No. 105, Tandragee, of which he was W.M. in 1875, and affiliated, 13th January, 1876, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1883, Secretary 1885-1908, and of which he is now W.M. for the second time. He was also W.M. of Lodge 77, Newry, in 1888, of Lodge 79, Newry, in 1896, and of Lodge 83, Newry, in 1908. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down he was Secretary 1888-1901, and he has been Deputy Provincial Grand Master since 1901. In 1892 he was appointed Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia at the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and in 1903 Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry for the Province of Down. He has, moreover, on numerous occasions, been the recipient of substantial tokens of the good-will of his Brethren, for which he here again desires to express his heartfelt gratitude.

41. **Howard Crossle**, fourth son of Bro. F. C. Crossle (No. 40), was born on 4th December, 1879. He was educated at the Newry Intermediate School, and, after securing his Medical Degrees in the University of Dublin, he entered the Indian Medical Service in February, 1902. On proceeding to India he was ordered to Nasirabad, in the Presidency of Bombay, where, in July, 1905, he received special mention for services rendered in connection with an outbreak of plague in that station. In the spring of 1906 he was ordered to Persia as Consular Surgeon at Kermanshah, where he is still stationed. Bro. Crossle was initiated, 6th August, 1902, and resigned 1st November, 1905. He never held any office in the Lodge.

42. **James Crossle**, of Anahoe House, Ballygawley, County Tyrone, was the youngest son of Captain Henry Crossle, of the same place, and uncle of Bro. F. C. Crossle (No. 40). For close on half a century he was Agent for the Verner estates in the Counties of Tyrone, Armagh and Monaghan, and for twenty-five years before his death he was Clerk of the Crown for the County of Tyrone. He died, 24th March, 1900, at Dungannon, æt. 84. Bro. Crossle was initiated 22nd June, 1874, in "St. John's Lodge," No. 230, Aughnacloy, of which he was W.M. in 1881. He affiliated, 20th February, 1884, to Lodge IX., Dungannon, of which he was W.M. in 1893. In 1891 he was P.S.G.W. of the Province of Tyrone and Fermanagh, and in the same year he was admitted a member of the Prince Mason's Chapter No. 2, Dublin. He was elected, 16th October, 1888, an Honorary Member of XVIII.

43. **William Moorhouse Davies**, of Beaumont, Ballintemple, County Cork, the eldest son of the Rev. Edward Davies, Rector of Wilford, Nottinghamshire, was born, 10th October, 1857, at Nottingham. He was educated at Ealing, Middlesex, and Vincennes, Paris, and was afterwards engaged for three years in the office of a London Shipping Agent. In 1878 he joined the South Nottinghamshire Yeomanry Cavalry, as a trooper, and in 1879 passed the examination for Cadetships in the Royal Irish Constabulary, and joined the force in July of that year. He was District-Inspector at Dungloe, County Donegal, 1880-2; at Ballyshannon, County Donegal, 1882-4; at Newry, County Down, 1884-91; at Rathmullan, County

Donegal, 1891-8; and at Downpatrick, 1898-1901. He was County Inspector in charge of King's County in 1901, of Sligo 1901-3, of Donegal 1903-8, and of Cork, East Riding, since 1908. During his residence in Newry he endeared himself to every member of the community, and, on leaving the District he was the recipient of an illuminated Address and a handsome Presentation. He married, 29th September, 1886, Mary Brown, eldest daughter of Walter Millar, of Torr, Fifeshire, by whom he has had one son and three daughters. Bro. Davies was initiated in the "Lodge of Industry," No. 129, Ballyshannon, and affiliated, 7th May, 1885, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1888. He resigned 6th October, 1892.

44. Lewis S. Demay was Superintendent Engineer in the construction of the line of Railway between Drogheda and Portadown, and it was under his personal supervision that the first train ran, 5th January, 1851, over that part of the line extending from Mullaglass to Portadown, the time occupied, including stoppages at Poyntzpass and Tandragee, being forty minutes. This was prior to the completion of the Craigmore Viaduct, when passengers from Dublin to Belfast were conveyed by omnibus from the Wellington Inn Station, on the Dublin Road, to the Station at Mullaglass Old Burying Ground. In March, 1853, "the Staff and Workmen of the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway" entertained him at supper, and presented him with a gold watch. Bro. Demay was initiated, 10th May, 1850, in "St. John's Masonic Lodge," No. 384, Dundalk, and was elected, 11th September, 1851, an Honorary Member of XVIII., to which he was admitted as a Subscribing Member 11th March, 1852. He was W.M. of the Lodge 1852-3, resigned 26th May, 1853, and was again elected an Honorary Member. He was J.W. of the Province of South Down 1852-3.

45. Robert Dempster, the third and only surviving son of Robert Dempster, of The Abbey, Newry, was born 14th May, 1864. He married, 20th May, 1896, Beatrice, second daughter of David Martin, of Lecain, Rostrevor, by whom he has two sons. On the occasion of his marriage the Lodge presented him with a silver rose-bowl. In his younger days he was a sterling cricketer, a crack oarsman, a charming vocalist, and from 1891 to 1898 he was Master of

the Newry Harriers. Bro. Dempster was initiated, 3rd March, 1887, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. 1891-2. He resigned 7th January, 1903. In 1893 he was P.G.I.G. of the Province of Down.

46. Rev. William Edward Doyle was the second son of John Borbridge Doyle, J.P., of Bessbrook, and, in 1871, was ordained for the Curacy of Seapatrick, Banbridge, which he resigned on being appointed, in April, 1873, to the Incumbency of Mullaghglass. This living he resigned on being appointed, 1st August, 1878, Chaplain at Arrah, Bengal. Here he remained for two years, and, on returning home, he secured the Curacy of Christchurch, Hants, which he retained from 1881 to 1884. He then went to Australia, and died at Sydney 6th September, 1893. He married, first, 16th July, 1873, Ellie, youngest daughter of George Hutteman, of Rampore, Bengal, and, secondly, 7th November, 1882, Isabel Anne, daughter of F. Hardwick Johnson, of London. Bro. Doyle was initiated, 2nd December, 1870, in Lodge 696, Mullaghglass, the membership of which he resigned 31st December, 1873. He subsequently affiliated to Lodge 124, Banbridge, of which he was W.M. in 1874; affiliated, 1st November, 1877, to XVIII., the membership of which he resigned 4th July, 1878; and in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down was P.G. Instructor, 1874, and P.G. Chaplain, 1876-8. After returning from India he affiliated to "Lodge Unity," Wareham, and "Lodge Unity," Ringwood, in both of which he officiated as Chaplain, and to "The New Forest Lodge," 319, Lyminster.

47. Arthur Dudgeon, the seventh son of John Dudgeon, of Castlebar, County Mayo, was born, 16th November, 1849, at Castlebar. He is unmarried. His mother was the eldest daughter of James Ritchie, of Stevenston, Ayrshire, whose uncle, William Ritchie, started the ship-building industry in Belfast about the year 1780, his descendants carrying on the business there till about 1880, when the decrease in the demand for wooden ships obliged them to retire. He entered the service of The Northern Banking Company in 1867, and, after serving in subordinate positions at Virginia, Balbriggan, Larne, Downpatrick, and Newry, he was appointed Manager at Balbriggan in 1882. Having also served as Manager at Londonderry, Larne, and Clones, he was ultimately, in 1902, appointed an

Inspector, with residence at the head office in Belfast, which post he still occupies. On leaving Clones, in January, 1901, he was presented with an Address and Service of Plate. Bro. Dudgeon was initiated, 7th October, 1880, in XVIII., of which he was I.G. at the time of his resignation, 2nd November, 1882. He affiliated, in 1882, to Lodge 52, Londonderry, and in 1893 to Lodge 881, Clones, of which he was S.W. in 1896.

48. **Rev. James Duke**, Incumbent of Killeavy, was initiated, 6th June, 1888, in Lodge 799, Castlederg, and affiliated, 5th December, 1895, to XVIII., the membership of which he resigned 2nd January, 1902. He resigned the Incumbency of Killeavy in December, 1905.

49. **David Ellis**, of High Street, Newry, and afterwards of Crieve, eldest son of John Ellis, of Newry, was Tide Surveyor at Fathom 1806-20. He married, first, 15th August, 1800, Margaret (who died 20th August, 1828, æt. 46), daughter of Thomas Cabeen, of Neve Hall, County Derry, by whom he had seven sons and two daughters, and, secondly, 18th January, 1830, Anna Maria, widow of Henry Ryves, of Dublin. Bro. Ellis was initiated, 19th October, 1809, in XVIII., of which he was S.D., 1813-4.

50. **David Ellis, junior**, of Crieve House, Church Street, Dubbo, New South Wales, the youngest son of Bro. John Ellis (No. 51), was born on the 23rd of December, 1849, at Crieve House, Newry. He was educated at Potterton's School, Newry, and resided at Crieve up till the year 1883, when he emigrated to Australia. He was High Constable and Baronial Collector for the Barony of Upper Iveagh. He married, 28th August, 1877, Catherine Hilliard, eldest daughter of John Hilliard Lawlor, Manager of the Provincial Bank of Ireland in Ballymena, and sister of Bro. W. H. Lawlor (No. 113), by whom he has three sons and two daughters. Bro. Ellis was initiated, 1st February, 1872, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1878. He resigned on the 12th February, 1880, and was elected an Honorary Member. On the 22nd June, 1883, the members of the Lodge presented him with a Past Master's Jewel on the eve of his departure for Australia.

51. **John Ellis**, of High Street, Newry, and afterwards of Crieve House, was the eldest son of Bro. David Ellis (No. 49). He

married, 5th May, 1841, Eliza (who died 6th May, 1876), only daughter of John Oldham, of Bristol, by whom he had three sons and one daughter. He died, 3rd January, 1876, æt. 74, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. He was a Clerk in the Newry Customs, a Lieutenant in "The Newry Infantry" Corps of Yeomen, commanded by Captain James Searight, and subsequently High Constable for the Barony of Newry. He was an ardent Member of the Orange Institution, in which he held the offices of Deputy Grand Treasurer of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and Deputy Grand Master of Down, and it was by him that the Foundation Stone of the Newry Orange Hall was laid, 13th June, 1849. Bro. Ellis was affiliated, 23rd May, 1831, from Lodge, 358, Killeavy, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1847, 1859-60, and 1863. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Down he was P.J.G.D. 1853-8.

52. William Verner Ellis, the second son of Bro. John Ellis (No. 51), was born, 25th August, 1843, at Trevor Hill, Newry. He married, 3rd January, 1870, Augusta, second daughter of R. W. Pogson, of Hoogley, Bengal, by whom he has three sons and one daughter. He was educated at New Barnet, Herts, and Lansdown College, Bath, and had a distinguished military career in India; Ensign 36th Herefordshire Regiment, 1862; transferred to Indian Staff Corps, 1868; Adjutant 25th Punjab Infantry, 1870-9; Aide-de-Camp to Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Reid, K.C.B., 1875-6; Captain, 1874; second in command 25th Punjab Infantry, 1880-1; promoted to Brevet-Major, 1881, for service in the field; Commandant 25th Punjab Infantry, 1882; Brigade Major, Lucknow, 1882-5; Assistant Adjutant-General, Oudh Division, 1886; Commandant 14th Sikhs, 1887; Lieutenant-Colonel, 1888; Colonel, 1893; served throughout the Afghan War, 1878-80; with the 25th Punjab Infantry under Lieutenant-General Sir Donald M. Stewart, in the advance to Kandahar, 1878; present at the battles of Ahmed Khel and Urzu, April 19th and 23rd, 1880; with 25th Punjab Infantry as second in command, forming part of the field force under Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick Roberts on the Kabul-Kandahar march, August, 1880; present at the Battle of Kandahar, September 1st, 1880; accompanied Afghanistan field force under Brigadier-General Sir Charles Macgregor,

re-opening the Hurnai route from Kandahar to Sibi; commanded 14th Sikhs in the Black Mountain campaign, 1888; three times mentioned in dispatches and thanked in field force orders. Medals—Afghan medal, with clasps for “Ahmed Khel” and “Kandahar”; bronze star, march Kabul to Kandahar; Indian medal, with “Hazara, 1888” clasp. Bro. Ellis was initiated, 26th March, 1863, in XVIII., under dispensation, he being then under age. He never held any office in the Lodge.

53. James Francis Erskine, youngest son of the Rev. Josiah Erskine, Rector of Knockbride, County Cavan, was born in 1815, and came to reside in Newry when he was only four years old. He married, first, 5th April, 1848, Elizabeth Jane (who died 6th July, 1883), second daughter of John Martley, of Ballyfallow, County Meath, by whom he had two sons and one daughter, and, secondly, 9th November, 1886, Emily (who died 13th December, 1906), fourth daughter of John Wilson, of Newry. He died, 2nd February, 1908, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. He served his time with Messrs. Corry, Little and Swanzy, Corn Merchants, Carnbane, and subsequently commenced business in Newry in partnership with Bro. A. F. Little (No. 117). This partnership was dissolved in April, 1844, and in the following autumn he removed to Liverpool, where Bro. Little, some time afterwards, again became his partner. In 1856 they found themselves in a position to retire from business, and, on the eve of their departure from Liverpool, they were entertained at a public dinner given by the leading Corn Merchants in that city. Bro. Erskine then returned to Newry, where he shortly afterwards purchased “The Yews,” Canal Street, in which he resided up to the time of his death. Newry never had a more valued or more respected citizen. He was the oldest Magistrate on the Newry Bench; he was a member of the Board of Town Commissioners, 1865-80, of which he was Chairman, 1879-80; Chairman of the Newry Navigation Company, of the Carlingford Lough Commissioners, and of the Newry Dispensary Committee for many years, and a Trustee of the “Quinn Charity,” of which he was Chairman in 1899, and again in 1905. In his younger days he was Secretary of “The Newry Hunt,” at whose meets he was a familiar

figure. Bro. Erskine was initiated, 12th February, 1840, in XVIII., of which he was J.W. in 1843. He resigned, 14th August, 1844, on removing to Liverpool, and rejoined 30th March, 1858. He was Treasurer, 1861-78, and W.M. in 1864. He resigned 5th September, 1878. He was a subscriber to the Masonic Orphan Boys' School from its foundation.

54. **Robert Erskine**, the second son of Bro. J. F. Erskine (No. 53), was born 17th August, 1857. He married, 30th November, 1882, Annie Emily (who died 3rd November, 1891), youngest daughter of the Rev. T. F. Greene, of Kilranalagh, County Wicklow, and sister of Bro. W. J. Greene (No. 72), by whom he has one son and three daughters. Having received his education in the school of the Rev. J. W. Johnston, Trevor Hill, Newry, and in that of Mr. W. H. Lawson, Warrenpoint, he was for seven years with the firm of "William Ewart & Sons," Belfast; and, in October, 1880, was appointed Clerk of Petty Sessions in Newry, in the room of John Whelan, resigned, which post he still occupies. Bro. Erskine was initiated, 3rd February, 1887, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1890, and Treasurer 1889-91 and 1901-9. No Newry Masonic Festival is deemed complete which omits from its list of vocalists the name of our genial Brother.

55. **Edward Orlando Evans**, the second and only surviving son of Bro. H. E. Evans (No. 56), was born 23rd November, 1881, at Kilkeel. After completing his education at Rathmines and Kimbolton Schools he served for two years on the Training Ship "Conway" at Birkenhead, and on leaving H.R.H. The Duke of York, now Prince of Wales, presented him with a cricket bat, in consequence of his having secured the best batting average during his period of training. After leaving the Conway, he served on board the S.S. "Clan Urquhart" and the S.S. "Clan McKinnon," belonging to the Clan Line, and is at present Second Officer on board the R.M.S. "Indiana," belonging to the Aberdeen Line. Bro. Evans was initiated, 11th January, 1905, in XVIII., of which he was elected J.W. for 1908, but owing to absence abroad he was not installed.

56. **Henry Eccles Evans**, of Kilkeel, the only son of Colonel Francis Robarts Evans, Commandant of the Simoor Bat-

talion at Dayrahdoon, North-West Provinces of India, and grandson of General Robarts Evans, Governor of Woolwich, was born, 16th February, 1847, at Dayrahdoon. He married, first, 27th July, 1871, Katherine (who died 8th July, 1892), youngest daughter of Henry Potterton, of Moyrath Castle, County Meath, by whom he has one son, Bro. E. O. Evans (No. 55), and, secondly, 6th September, 1893, Alice Beatrice Golden, eldest daughter of Golden Perrin, M.D., of London. He has been Medical Officer of the Kilkeel Dispensary since 1874. Bro. Evans was initiated, in 1871, in "The Leinster Lodge," No. 141, Dublin, was affiliated to "Zion Lodge," No. 144, Kilkeel, of which he was W.M. 1878-9, 1890 and 1900, and was affiliated, 4th November, 1880, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1887, and is now J.W. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down he was P.G. Steward 1883-6, and he is a Member of the "Ulster Chapter" of Prince Masons, No. 6, Belfast.

57. **Herbert Reginald Fleming**, the seventh son of William Fleming, of Derreen House, Clondra, County Longford, was born 16th April, 1871, and is unmarried. After completing his education at Witney, Oxfordshire, and Santry, County Dublin, he entered the service of the Bank of Ireland, and, having previously served at Dublin, Carlow, Sligo, and Portadown, he came to Newry, in January, 1902, as Cashier. Bro. Fleming was initiated, 6th December, 1898, in "Abercorn Masonic Lodge," No. 219, Portadown, and affiliated, 7th May, 1902, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1905.

58. **Rev. Abraham Lockett Ford**, of the Rectory, Ardee, County Louth, the eldest son of the Rev. A. L. Ford, Vicar of Christ Church, Weston Point, Cheshire, was born, 3rd April, 1853, at Newry. He was educated at the Royal Institution School, Liverpool, under the Rev. Dawson W. Turner, D.C.L., and at Trinity College, Dublin. After completing his education he became Assistant Classical and Mathematical Master at Spondon School, Derbyshire, and afterwards occupied a similar position in the Royal Institution School, Liverpool, which he resigned on taking Holy Orders in 1876. From 1876 to 1878 he was Curate Assistant of Dundalk: from 1878 to 1893 he was Rector of Camlough (Christ Church, Bessbrook): and

in 1893 he was appointed Rector of Ardee, which living he still holds. In 1895 he was appointed Rural Dean of Ardee: he is Prebendary of Yagoe and Canon of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin—Armagh Diocesan Representative: for twenty-one years he acted as Honorary Choir-master of the County Armagh Church Choral Union: and for eleven years he was Diocesan Secretary of Religious Education in the Diocese of Armagh and Lord Lieutenant's Inspector of Endowed Schools. In 1908 he was the recipient of an Address and handsome Presentation to mark his faithful services to the Diocesan Council of Armagh. From the foregoing it will at once be evident that his life has been a busy one and his labours incessant and arduous. He married, first, 30th July, 1878, Annie (who died, 7th December, 1906), eldest daughter of Robert Richardson, of Ballamoore, Isle of Man, and Greenbank, Liverpool, by whom he had three sons and one daughter, and to whose memory he has erected a Memorial Window in St. Mary's Church, Ardee; and, secondly, 28th January, 1908, Emma Hildegardis, second daughter of the Very Rev. H. T. Fleming, D.D., Dean of Cloyne. His eldest son, Hugh Richardson Lockett Ford, served as First-Lieutenant in the 74th (Dublin) Company of the Imperial Yeomanry in the Boer War, and was severely wounded at Nooikop. Bro. Ford was initiated, 2nd April, 1885, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1889. He resigned 7th December, 1893. He is a Past Preceptor of the Dundalk Preceptory.

59. Joseph Foxall, of Killeavy Castle, one of the Founders of the Lodge, was senior partner in the ill-fated Newry Bank, which failed in 1816. In his younger days he was a Lieutenant in the Artillery Company of the Armagh Volunteers, but resigned his Commission on leaving Armagh. His wife was a Miss Adams. He probably died early in 1829. Bro. Foxall attended only two meetings of the Lodge, and resigned 8th September, 1813.

60. Samuel Livingston Frazer, son of Hugh Frazer, married, 17th February, 1836, Eliza Anne (who died, 2nd October, 1867), eldest daughter of Ross Thompson, of Greenwood Park, Newry, by whom he had three sons and three daughters. He died, 2nd September, 1856, at "The Glen," æt. 51, and is buried in the Unitarian Burying Ground in High Street. He was sworn in an

Attorney, 9th February, 1832, at which time he was resident in Banbridge. In 1835 he had an office at 8 Trevor Hill, Newry. He and Thomas McClelland constituted the firm of "Frazer & McClelland, Solicitors, of Newry, Banbridge and Dromore," which was dissolved in May, 1838. Shortly afterwards he entered into partnership with John Mitchel, the Patriot, as "Frazer & Mitchel of Newry," which firm was in existence 1840-6. He was subsequently in partnership with Robert Ross Todd, as "Frazer & Todd of Newry," and with Todd and Bro. George Thompson (No. 205), as "Frazer & Co., Solicitors, Banbridge," both of which firms were dissolved in November, 1847. In 1848 he removed from Trevor Hill to 1 Sandys Place. In the autumn of 1853 he entered into partnership with Bro. Edward Greer (No. 74), who had been his apprentice. In April, 1852, he purchased "The Glen," previously owned by Edward Turner, for £2,800, which his executors sold to the Baron Von Stieglitz for £3,600, and was, in 1867, purchased by Mr. Barcroft for £5,500. In his younger days he was for many years Steward of the Newry Steeplechase Races. Bro. Frazer was initiated, 8th April, 1850, in "Eureka Lodge," No. 47, Dundalk, and affiliated, 13th November, 1851, to XVIII. He never held any office in the Lodge.

61. **William Fraser**, the only surviving child of William Fraser, of Fraserville, Downshire Road, Newry, was born, 1st June, 1853, at Sandys Street, Newry. He was educated at Potterton's School, Newry, and at Trinity College, Dublin, and, becoming an apprentice to Bro. R. J. Browne (No. 22), was admitted a Solicitor of the High Court of Justice in Ireland in June, 1875. In the following December he became a candidate for the office of Coroner for South Armagh, rendered vacant by the death of Joshua M. Magee, but was defeated by Richard Garland. In 1877 he was appointed Solicitor to the Newry Board of Guardians. He subsequently proceeded to London and entered into fresh "Articles" with the object of being admitted an English Solicitor, but, on the death of his father in January, 1885, he relinquished the practice of his profession and devoted himself entirely to business. Some years ago he removed to London, and is now living in the South of France. He is unmarried. His father, who, in his earlier days, had been a Captain in the

Merchant Service, subsequently conducted a flourishing business, as a Corn Merchant, in Newry, and was Chairman of the Newry Town Commissioners from 1880 to 1884. Bro. Fraser was initiated, 16th September, 1890, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1900. He resigned 5th November, 1902.

62. William Deane Freeman, a Lieutenant in the 80th Foot, was affiliated, 24th June, 1851, to XVIII., from "True Brothers Lodge," No. 609, E.C., Dinapore, he being at the time only a Fellow Craft. He received the degree of M.M. 10th July, 1851, and was elected J.D. 22nd September, 1851. He resigned 7th November, 1852.

63. John Fullerton was initiated 8th July, 1811, but never held any office in the Lodge. I cannot identify this Brother, but, in the early part of last century, a family of his name owned property on the North side of the town, in the neighbourhood of "Fullerton's Road."

64. William Galwey, the eldest son of Richard Galwey, of 5 Herbert Place, in the City of Dublin, was born at this address on the 3rd of September, 1836. He was educated at a Preparatory School in Blackrock, County Dublin, at Foyle College, Londonderry, and at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated in Arts and Engineering in 1857, and in 1863 took out the Degree of M.A.I. (Magister Artium Ingeniorum). On entering the University he gained the Exhibition grant of £30 per annum from Foyle College, which he relinquished on entering the Engineering School. In 1886 he was elected a Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers (M.I.C.E.) After completing his education he passed a course of pupilage in the office and on the Railway works of William Richard Le Fanu, a pupil of Sir John McNeill, and subsequently held the following appointments:—Engineer to the Contractors for the Dungannon and Omagh Railway. Engineer to the Contractors for the Newry and Armagh Railway, on which he superintended the construction of the Lissummon Tunnel. On the 3rd of September, 1864, he sailed for Lisbon to take up the position of Engineer on the first section of the Railway from Beja to Faro, of which Messrs. Waring Bros. were the Contractors. In 1866 he went to Spain as Chief Engineer for the Contractors of the Huelva and Tharsis Rail-

way, which was completed under his superintendence. In 1869 he returned to Spain, as chief Agent and Engineer for Messrs. Clark, Punchard & Co., on the Huelva and Rio Tinto Railway, and handed over same to the Rio Tinto Copper-mining Co, after a year's maintenance. In 1876 he returned to London, and afterwards left for Oporto as Chief Engineer and Agent for the Minho District Railway in the North of Portugal. In 1880 he made an arrangement with the Monte Video Waterworks Co., Ltd., to go to South America as their Manager and Engineer, and he remained with them in that capacity for almost twenty-eight years. In 1908 he resigned this position, and, returning to London, became a member of the London Board of Directors of the Company, and also of the Consolidated Waterworks Company of Rosario, Ltd., in the Argentine Republic. He married, at the Embassy Chapel, Lisbon, on the 24th of September, 1866, Maria Louisa, third daughter of James Pring, of Lisbon, by whom he has had four sons and one daughter, of whom there now survive—Charles Edward, Major in the 18th Royal Irish Regiment; Reginald Hugh, Captain in the Royal Garrison Artillery; and Louisa Anna, wife of Major S. E. St. Leger, Royal Irish Regiment. Bro. Galwey was initiated, 20th November, 1860, in Lodge IX., Dungannon, and affiliated, 31st December, 1862, to XVIII., of which he was S.D., in 1864; and in July of that year he was entertained at supper by the members of the Lodge on the eve of his departure for London.

65. Wood Gibson was a Newry Merchant, who removed to Liverpool, where he was a member of the firm of "Gibson & Brackenridge." He married Mary, daughter of John Walker, of Newry, and sister of Bro. Isaac Walker (No. 216), by whom he had four sons and four daughters. He died, 18th April, 1829, æt. 58, at his house in Crabtree Lane, Liverpool. On the enrolment of "The Mullaghglass Cavalry," in November, 1796, he was appointed Cornet of that Corps, which in 1813, then 148 strong, and, commanded by Captain George Atkinson, the writer's grandfather, volunteered their services "in any part of the Kingdom, in the absence of the Militia, should the latter be called away on foreign service." Bro. Gibson was initiated, 4th October, 1809, in XVIII., of which he was

Treasurer in 1810. He resigned 9th November, 1811.

66. George Glenny, the third son of George Glenny, of Moorevale, Newry, was born, 11th December, 1826, at Millvale. He was educated at the Newry School by Dr. Lyons, and in 1844 he emigrated to Antigua. There he remained till the early part of 1852, when, hearing of the splendid prospects presented by Australia, he determined to start for "The Gold Diggings." He immediately returned to Ireland, spent a short time with his family, and reached Melbourne 19th January, 1853. He has resided in Australia ever since, and is now Postmaster at Glenlyon, Victoria. He married, 10th December, 1868, at Glenlyon, Jane, third daughter of Thomas Jordan, of Berwick-on-Tweed, Northumberland, by whom he has had two sons and two daughters, of whom three survive. Bro. Glenny was initiated, 9th September, 1852, in XVIII., and received his Certificate on the 14th of October following.

67. Samuel Smith Boursiquot Glenny, of Glenlyon, Victoria, Australia, the fourth son of George Glenny, of Moorevale, County Armagh, and brother of Bro. George Glenny (No. 66), was born, 23rd July, 1830, at Moorevale. He married, 7th January, 1869, at Glenlyon, Hannah (now dead), daughter of Francis Magennis, of Belfast, by whom he has had a son and a daughter. On the 6th of November, 1846, he left Ireland for Antigua, where he was engaged as a Sugar Planter for more than five years; and, in the autumn of 1852, he sailed for Australia, where he has resided ever since. Bro. Glenny was initiated, 9th September, 1852, in XVIII., and received his Certificate on the 14th of October following.

68. Valentine William Glenny, the eldest son of James Swanzy Glenny, of Glenville, County Down, was born at Glenville on the 14th of January, 1886. He was educated at the Royal School, Armagh, Cheltenham College, and Trinity College, Dublin; and in 1908 he secured an appointment as Assistant Engineer in the Indian Public Works Department. He is now stationed at Peshawar, and is unmarried. Bro. Glenny was initiated, 2nd July, 1908, in XVIII., and resigned 4th February, 1909.

69. **James Williams Gordon** was the second son of John Gordon, of Sheepbridge, for many years the popular master of "The Newry Hunt." In 1865 he emigrated to New Zealand with the Rev. R. A. Hall, who organised a party to settle at "The Bay of Islands" in that colony. He returned to Newry in 1867, and married, 2nd December, 1869, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of James Foxall, of Dublin, by whom he had one son and two daughters. He died 21st October, 1877, æt 33, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. His son, John Gordon, was a pupil in the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, after leaving which he entered the service of the Belfast Banking Company, but died shortly afterwards, 22nd November, 1891, of typhoid fever. Bro. Gordon's father was a keen sportsman, whose stud comprised many successful racehorses, the most notable of which was "Barkston," after whom "Barkston Lodge" is named. Bro. Gordon was initiated, 25th September, 1865, in Lodge 79, Donoughmore, from which he affiliated, 6th February, 1868, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1876.

70. **Joseph Valentine Grafton** was Chief Clerk in the Newry Customs for many years. From Newry he was promoted to be Comptroller at Whitehaven, where he married. He died at Hull. Bro. Grafton was initiated, 2nd October, 1862, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1865.

71. **William Henry Graves** was the fourth son of Major-General James William Graves. His wife was Antoinetta, daughter of George Deane, of Harwich. In 1866 he was appointed Staff Officer of Pensioners for the Newry District, in the room of Colonel Cruice, retired. He died, 21st December, 1890, in London, æt 68. Bro. Graves was initiated, 5th March, 1868, in XVIII., of which he was S.W. in 1871. He was elected W.M. for 1872, but declined to serve.

72. **William John Greene**, the third son of the Rev. Thomas F. Greene, of Kilranalagh, Co. Wicklow, was born, 19th December, 1848, at Kilranalagh. He married, 30th October, 1872, Elizabeth Anne Dorcas, eldest daughter of John Waring, of Pottlerath, Co. Kilkenny, by whom he has one child, a daughter.

He entered the service of the Royal Irish Constabulary in 1867, being stationed in Newry, 1879-82, and was promoted to the rank of County Inspector in 1892. He retired from the Force in December, 1908. It was chiefly owing to his exertions that the Newry Lawn Tennis Club was started. Bro. Greene was initiated in Lodge 642, Kilkenny, from which he affiliated, 11th March, 1880, to XVIII., of which he was J.W. and Treasurer, when he resigned, 2nd November, 1882.

73. Carlile Greer, second son of Edward Greer, of Ivy Lodge, Newry, and nephew of Bro. James Greer (No. 75), was born 1st May, 1841, and was educated at The Royal School, Dungannon. He received his commission in the Royal Artillery in June, 1862, served throughout the New Zealand War of 1863-4, and was present at the attack on "The Gate Pale" and action at Maketu, for which he received a medal. He was appointed to the Royal Horse Artillery in 1873, became Captain in 1875, and in the autumn of 1880 went to the Cape of Good Hope as Aide-de-Camp to Sir George Strahan, the acting Governor. While occupying this position he volunteered for the operations against the insurgent Boers in the Transvaal, and was in charge of the Artillery at the Battle of Ingogo on the 8th of February, 1881, where he was killed. He is buried at Mount Prospect, in the Transvaal, where a cross was erected to his memory by his brother officers. He was unmarried. Bro. Greer was initiated, 30th October, 1862, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

74. Edward Greer, eldest son of Robert Greer, of Margaret Square, Newry, was born 4th February, 1832. He married, 1st, 4th September, 1860, Anna (who d. 2nd March, 1875), fifth daughter of James Walmsley, of Ballykeel, Co. Down; and, 2ndly, 6th September, 1876, Ellen Constance, eldest daughter of B. J. Thomson, Solicitor, Liverpool. He served his apprenticeship with Bro. S. L. Frazer (No. 60), Solicitor; and, having been admitted an attorney in June, 1853, he entered into partnership with Frazer in the following autumn. He subsequently entered into partnership with Robert A. Mullan, who had been his apprentice. He was Solicitor to the Newry and Armagh Railway Company and the

Camlough Waterworks Trustees, promoting and obtaining the several Acts of Parliament for the incorporation of these companies. He was appointed Sessional Crown Solicitor for the County Armagh in October, 1870, and was subsequently appointed an Assistant Legal Commissioner under the Land Law (Ireland) Act of 1881, and served in that capacity as Chairman of the Ulster Sub-Commission. In 1894 he was Chairman of the Trustees of "The Quinn Charity," Newry, and in the same year was appointed a Government Arbitrator under the Evicted Tenants Bill. Early in 1897 he published a valuable work, entitled "Reports of Leading Cases under the Irish Land Acts," and in the following October he was called to the Bar. Prior to this date he had resided at Moygannon, Rostrevor, and for many years he was a staunch supporter of "The Carlingford Lough Regatta," then an important annual event. Bro. Greer was initiated, 21st March, 1854, in "Union Lodge," No. 23, Newry, and affiliated, 1st August, 1861, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1866-7. On retiring from the chair he presented to the Lodge a beautiful Silver Trowel, bearing a suitable inscription. He resigned 1st May, 1884, and was elected an Honorary Member.

75. **James Greer**, the youngest son of Thomas Greer, of Marcus Square, Newry, was born in 1808; died, unmarried, 20th May, 1881, and was buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. His father was a partner in the firm of "Anderson & Greers," the mail coach proprietors. He was uncle to Bro. Carlile Greer (No. 73). For many years he was joint-proprietor with Bro. R. H. Nicholson (No. 147), of the Victoria Hotel. In his younger days he was a keen sportsman and a familiar figure with the Newry Hounds. In 1839 his horse, "Sunbeam," ran and won at the Newry Steeplechases, and was entered the following year, but paid forfeit. His "Bessy Bedlam" ran in 1842, but was beaten. Bro. Greer was initiated, 9th May, 1838, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. 1848-9 and 1861. He was elected an Honorary Member 5th October, 1871. He was a most regular attendant, and the harmony of the festive board was never deemed complete without his song, "The Poacher." His portrait hangs on the wall of the Refreshment-room of our Hall.

76. Robert Walker Greer, third son of William Greer, of Newry, was born in 1792. He married, 5th December, 1839, Elizabeth (who d. 20th July, 1880), eldest daughter of Francis Mills, of Mountjoy Square, in the City of Dublin, by whom he had two sons and seven daughters. He died, 13th January, 1876, in Dublin, and is buried in Mount Jerome Cemetery. He was admitted an attorney in February, 1816, and practised in Dublin. About the year 1842 he retired from practice, and built Ballyoonan House, Omeath, in which he and his family resided for many years. Bro. Greer was initiated, 14th March, 1832, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

77. William Pike Grubb, of Claremont, Osborne Park, Belfast, the fifth son of Richard Grubb, of Cahir Abbey, Cahir, Co. Tipperary, was born, 24th July, 1850, at Cahir. He was educated at Dr. Stackpoole's School in Kingstown and at Morat in Switzerland, and in 1868 entered the office of Messrs. Richardson, Grubb & Co., Belfast. On the dissolution of this firm in 1878 he entered the service of the Bessbrook Spinning Co., and has remained in their employment ever since. He is at present their manager in Belfast. He married, 27th January, 1889, Ethel Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of Colonel Lewis Mansergh Buchanan, C.B., of Edenfel, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, by whom he has two sons and one daughter. Bro. Grubb was initiated, 12th January, 1882, in "Ark Lodge," No. X., Belfast, and affiliated, 15th September, 1891, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1895. He resigned 2nd March, 1904, and was elected an Honorary Member.

78. Henry Cramer Guinness, eldest son of Arthur Guinness, M.D., was born at Clontarf, Co. Dublin, 12th June, 1838. He married, 20th May, 1875, Emily Gore (who d. November, 1888, at Aghmednugger), second daughter of Charles Montagu Ormsby, of West Derby, near Liverpool, by whom he had one son and five daughters. Having secured his medical and surgical diplomas in Dublin, he entered the Army, 11th October, 1859, as Assistant Surgeon at Fort Pitt, Chatham; and, after a long military career, a large portion of which was spent in India, he retired from the service

with the rank of Colonel. He died at Cheltenham in either December, 1901, or January, 1902. By his mother he was connected with Mr. J. N. D'Esterre, of Dublin, who, 1st February, 1815, was mortally wounded in a duel with Dan. O'Connell. When quartered in Newry, Bro. Guinness was, 17th June, 1890, initiated in XVIII., the membership of which he resigned, 5th September, 1891, on being ordered to Cyprus.

79. James Campbell Hall, of Rowantree, Monaghan, the eldest son of the Rev. Richard Augustus Hall, of Tully House, Co. Monaghan, and afterwards Rector of Derrygortreavy, near Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, was born, 23rd October, 1851, at Killeel. He was educated at Dungannon Royal School and at Trinity College, Dublin; and, after securing his medical qualifications, he successively held the following appointments:—Assistant Physician to Highfield and Hampstead Private Lunatic Asylum; Medical Officer of the Scotstown Dispensary District, Co. Monaghan; Medical Officer of the Monaghan Union Workhouse; Physician to the County Monaghan Fever Hospital; and, ultimately in 1890, on the death of Andrew Knight Young, he was appointed Surgeon of the County Monaghan Infirmary, which post he still occupies. In 1886 he unsuccessfully contested North Monaghan in the Conservative interest. He married, 9th February, 1880, Sarah Frances, only daughter of J. H. M. Wilson, of Harvest Lodge, Co. Tipperary, and Church Hall, Essex. Bro. Hall, who is a grandson of Bro. T. G. Henry (No. 91), was initiated, 6th May, 1880, in XVIII., of which he was a subscribing member for a short time, but he never held any office in the Lodge.

80. Joseph Halyday, a baker carrying on business in Hill Street, Newry, was initiated in "The Richmond Lodge," No. 69, Newry, from which he was affiliated, 2nd September, 1812, to XVIII., of which he was Secretary in 1816.

81. John Henry Wallace Hamilton, eldest son of James Hamilton, M.D., of Dungannon, and nephew of Bro. H. W. Wallace (No. 219), was born, 11th July, 1848, at Dungannon. After completing his education at the Royal School, Dungannon, he entered the service of the Belfast Banking Company, who appointed him, 1st

May, 1894, their manager at Lurgan, which position he still occupies. He is unmarried. Bro. Hamilton was initiated, 12th March, 1875, in "The Lodge of Antiquity and Integrity," No. 80, Rathfriland, from which he affiliated, 13th January, 1876, to XVIII., the membership of which he resigned, 6th April, 1876, in consequence of his removal from Newry. He subsequently affiliated to Lodge 104, Portaferry, of which he was thrice W.M., and to Lodge 134, Lurgan, of which he was also W.M.

82. Thomas Rice Hamilton, an officer in the 9th Foot, then quartered in Newry, was initiated in XVIII., 10th January, 1850.

83. Hugh Hunter Handcock, second son of Daniel Handcock, of Londonderry, was born 1st March, 1846. He married, 15th June, 1871, Johanna, third daughter of George Crawford Hayes, of Banbridge, by whom he had five sons and one daughter. He died, 8th February, 1907, at Southend-on-Sea, and is buried there. After completing his education he entered the service of the Northern Banking Company, and, on the opening of the Newry Branch in 1865, he was appointed accountant. In 1868 he was transferred to Clones, where the Bank of Ireland shortly afterwards opened a branch and appointed him their Agent. He was subsequently Agent in Drogheda and Sligo, and in June, 1895, was transferred to Newry, where he remained till May, 1901. He was then appointed Agent at Londonderry, which post he resigned shortly before his death. Bro. Handcock was initiated, 7th November, 1867, in XVIII., was subsequently affiliated to Lodge 881, Clones, of which he was W.M. in 1872, and was readmitted, 6th February, 1896, to XVIII., of which he was Treasurer 1897-1901. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh he was P.G. Treasurer 1876-8.

84. Robert Boyd Hardy, second son of John Hardy, of Cooley Hill, Tandragee, Co. Armagh, was born, 28th February, 1806, at Acton, near Poyntzpass. He married, 20th April, 1836, Anne (who died 2nd June, 1899, æt 83), eldest daughter of Bro. James Searight (No. 185), by whom he had ten sons and three daughters. He died, 10th June, 1870, at Cooley Hill, and is buried in Tandragee Churchyard. He was Agent for several small estates in the County

Armagh. Bro. Hardy was initiated about 1824 in Lodge 52, Poyntzpass; affiliated, 8th February, 1832, to XVIII., and subsequently to "Union Lodge," No. 105, Tandragee, of which he was W.M. 1859 and 1865-6. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh he was P.S.G.D. 1870.

85. Frederick William Harris, of Dromalane House, Newry, the eldest son of John Frederick Harris, for many years managing director of the Bessbrook Spinning Company, was born, 14th May, 1861, at Mountcaulfield, Bessbrook. He married, 7th November, 1888, Florence Ada, daughter of John Barrand Faulkner, of Forest Hill, Kent, by whom he has two sons and one daughter. Since completing his education he has been engaged in the linen business, and is proprietor of the Dromalane Mills, Newry. In 1907 he acquired, and now resides in, Dromalane House, the mansion in which the Irish Patriots, John Mitchel and John Martin, died. In his younger days he was a capital allround cricketer, and is still a warm supporter of the game. Bro. Harris was initiated, 5th January, 1899, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1904.

86. Beverly Ussher Hearn, the only son of John Musgrave Hearn, of Ballythomas, Co. Waterford, was born, 7th February, 1828, at Dungarven, Co. Waterford. He married, 10th July, 1851, Phœbe Muriella, youngest daughter of Robert Steele, of Mount Oliver, in the Queen's County, by whom he had ten children, of whom two sons and three daughters were living in 1887. After completing his education at Kilkenny College, he received a commission in the Army, but did not join. He entered the Civil Service in 1852, and attained the rank of Collector of Customs in 1867. He was Collector in Newry, 1886-8. Bro. Hearn was initiated, 4th December, 1856, in "South Saxon" Lodge, 390 E.C., Lewes, Sussex, of which he was W.M. 1862-4. He was W.M. of "Wellington" Lodge, 341 E.C., Rye, Sussex, 1875-6, and in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was P.J.G.W., 1864-5. He affiliated, 3rd November, 1887, to XVIII., and resigned, 18th September, 1888, on leaving Newry.

87. David Henderson, LL.D., died 25th September,

1832, at his residence, Rockhamilton, near Newry, æt 58. He was twice married. His first wife died 6th November, 1818. He married secondly, 30th October, 1820, Arabella (who d. 8th December, 1845, at Mountpottinger), daughter of James Pillar, of Culkerin, near Moy. He was, for thirty years, principal of the Newry School, which was held in 6 Hill Street, now occupied by Samuel Clark. His only daughter, Matilda, married Edward Lyons, LL.D., who had been an assistant in the school, and who continued to conduct it after the death of his father-in-law. Dr. Lyons died in 1849. Many who subsequently attained eminence in the world received their early education at the hands of Dr. Henderson and his successor. Bro. Henderson was affiliated, 2nd May, 1810, to XVIII., of which he was Treasurer 1812-4 and J.D. 1815.

88. Henry George Henderson, the youngest son of James Henderson, proprietor of "The Newry Telegraph," and brother of Bro. J. A. Henderson (No. 89), was born 11th April, 1843, died 7th February, 1888, in Dublin, and is buried in the Old Meeting-house Green, Newry. In 1863, on the death of his father, he became proprietor of "The Newry Telegraph," and subsequently removed to Dublin, where he started "The Evening Standard" and "The Irish Echo," and had an interest in "The Evening Mail." He was unmarried. Bro. Henderson was initiated, 5th May, 1864, in XVIII., of which he was Secretary 1866-9 and W.M. 1870. He resigned 5th March, 1874.

89. James Alexander Henderson, of Norwood Tower, Belfast, the eldest son of James Henderson, proprietor of "The Newry Telegraph," was born 12th September, 1823. He married, 11th December, 1845, Agnes (who d. 22nd February, 1897, æt 75), daughter of Alexander Mackey, of Mount Collyer Park, Co. Antrim, by whom he had five sons and five daughters, his eldest son being Sir James Henderson, of Belfast. He died 8th April, 1883, and is buried in the Belfast Borough Cemetery. He was proprietor of "The Belfast News-Letter" and "The Belfast Weekly News," and was Mayor of Belfast, 1873-4. Bro. Henderson was initiated, 24th October, 1848, in "The Prince of Wales' Own Masonic Lodge," No.

154, Belfast, of which he was W.M. 1851; affiliated, 20th February, 1863, to "Acacia Lodge," No. VII., Belfast, and affiliated, 2nd April, 1868, to XVIII. He resigned 27th December, 1881, and was elected an Honorary Member.

90. **John Quinn Henry**, of Mourne Abbey, Kilkeel, the eldest son of Bro. T. G. Henry (No. 91), was born at Newry 21st September, 1828. He was educated at Grace Hill and Macclesfield. Shortly after completing his education he entered the Civil Service as a Clerk in the Newry Customs, and in March, 1853, was promoted to be Comptroller at Teignmouth, Devonshire. He retired from the service in 1861. In 1879 he was appointed Agent of the Kilmorey estates in the room of his father, then deceased, which appointment he resigned in October, 1908, on which occasion the Earl and Countess of Kilmorey and their children presented him with "a salver and pair of candlesticks in solid silver, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the Kilmorey family over a great number of years, as well as a token of the affectionate esteem in which every member of that family holds him." He has been for many years a Justice of the Peace for the Counties of Down and Armagh. He is unmarried. Bro. Henry was initiated, 10th April, 1851, in XVIII., the membership of which he resigned on leaving Ireland in April, 1853, when the members of the Lodge entertained him at supper and presented him with a Gold Pencil Case as a mark of their fraternal esteem. He was re-admitted 6th June, 1861, and has been a subscribing member ever since. He was W.M. in 1868, and was P.G. Steward in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down 1881-8. For over forty years he has been an annual subscriber to the Masonic Female Orphan School and to the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, and for many years past he has been "Father of the Lodge."

91. **Thomas Gibson Henry**, of Mourne Abbey, Kilkeel, second son of the Rev. Joseph Henry, Rector of Camlough, County Armagh, was born at Divernagh, near Newry, 26th May, 1794. He married, 4th March, 1823, Mary Anne (who d. 4th April, 1899), eldest daughter of John Quinn, of Newry, by whom he had six sons and six daughters. He died 23rd March, 1879, and is buried in Kilkeel

Churchyard. Early in the last century he was in business in Newry, he and John Reid trading as "Henry & Reid," which partnership was dissolved in 1826. He was a Lieutenant in the Newry Yeomen, a Trustee of the Newry Savings Bank, and, in 1829, Chairman of the Newry Town Commissioners. In 1820 he was appointed Agent of the Kilmorey Estates, which appointment he held up to the time of his death, a period of fifty-nine years, when he was succeeded by his son, Bro. J. Q. Henry (No. 90). In 1870 he was the recipient of an Address and Presentation from the Mourne Tenants on the estate "as a token of their esteem and regard." Bro. Henry was initiated, 27th December, 1831, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. 1842-3, and for many years before his death he was "Father of the Lodge."

92. William Henry, of Queen Street, Newry, was the fourth son of the Rev. William Henry, of Tassagh, Co. Armagh, and uncle of Bro. E. W. Thomson (No. 207). He married 27th July, 1841, Catherine (who d. 8th January, 1879, æt 80), widow of John Coulter, of Craigmore, Co. Armagh, and daughter of Victor Coates, of Glentoran, Belfast. He died 4th April, 1875, æt 79, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. In 1845 he was appointed Registrar of Marriages for the District of Newry, which appointment he retained up to the time of his death. He was senior partner in the firm of "William Henry & Co.," Brewers, of Queen Street, Newry. He was a Justice of the Peace for the Counties of Armagh and Down, and was Chairman of the Newry Town Commissioners, 1874-5. Bro. Henry was initiated in "The Prince of Wales' Lodge," No. 706, Newry, from which he affiliated, 13th June, 1832, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. 1836-7, 1850, 1857, and 1862. He resigned 3rd December, 1868, and was elected an Honorary Member. He was Deputy Provincial Grand Master of South Down 1857-68, and of Down 1868-75.

93. Edward Hill, the second son of Richard Hill, Captain of the Battle-axe Guards, was born 15th March, 1814. He married, 6th May, 1847, Eliza, daughter of John Hardy, of Loughgall, Co. Armagh, by whom he had a son and a daughter. He died 12th August, 1884, at Ashbury, Bray, and is buried at Enniskerry, Co.

Wicklow. He was an officer in the Constabulary, and was stationed in Newry 1837-40. He then went to Portadown, where he was stationed for five years, and on being transferred to Dundalk, in 1845, he was presented with an Address by the Grand Jury of the County Armagh. In 1860 he was promoted to the rank of County Inspector, and placed in charge of the West Riding of Cork. Bro. Hill was affiliated, 10th May, 1837, to XVIII., from Lodge 888, Markethill. He attended regularly, but never held any office in the Lodge. He affiliated, 20th August, 1849, to "Eureka Lodge," No. 47, Dundalk.

94. **John Hill**, affiliated, 2nd May, 1810, to XVIII., in which he never held office, and attended only five meetings. I have not succeeded in identifying him.

95. **Francis Horner**, the second son of Francis Horner, of Ballibay, was born at Ballibay, 25th March, 1818. He married, 6th August, 1856, Elizabeth (who d. 3rd November, 1899), eldest daughter of William Kirk, M.P. for Newry, of Annvale, Keady, by whom he had one daughter. He died at his residence, Strathmore, Rostrevor, 19th April, 1907. He entered the service of the Bank of Ireland, October, 1837, as Clerk in the Newry Branch, and in 1840 was transferred, on promotion, to Drogheda. He was appointed Sub-Agent in Longford, 1844; Sub-Agent in Armagh, 1849; Agent in Tipperary, 1856, and Agent in Newry, 1858, in the room of Samuel Parsons, resigned. Here he remained till his retirement from the service in March, 1889. In September, 1889, his Newry friends presented him with an Address and Portraits of himself and Mrs. Horner. He was a Justice of the Peace for the Counties of Down and Armagh, a member of the Committee of the Newry Navigation Company, and a member of the Carlingford Lough Commission. Bro. Horner was initiated in Lodge 192, Ballibay, from which he affiliated, 9th May, 1838, to XVIII., of which he was Secretary in 1840. He rejoined the Lodge in 1861, but resigned after a few months. He was a Governor of the M.F.O.S. for fifty years, and a Governor of the M.O.B.S. from the time of its foundation.

96. **Thomas Mercer Houston**, of Heartsfort, Rostrevor, was initiated, 11th November, 1852, in XVIII., of which he was J.W.

in 1854. He married, April, 1848, Sarah, daughter of Robert Smith, of Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin. He died, 3rd April, 1862, at Lisnacree, æt 51.

97. David George Huggins, the second son of William Huggins, of Quin, Co. Clare, was born 16th June, 1845. He married, 1st, 5th January, 1868, Emily, third daughter of John Robinson, and, secondly, 19th September, 1895, Lavinia Charlotte Kathleen, fifth daughter of James Graves, of Valentia Island, Co. Kerry. In 1862 he entered the ranks of the Royal Irish Constabulary, and was appointed District Inspector in 1886. At the time of his promotion he had more First-Class Records than any other Head-Constable in the Force. He had charge of the Newry District from 1901 to 1905, when he retired from the Force, after an honourable, arduous, and eventful career of forty-three years. At the time of his retirement he was "Father of the Force." Bro. Huggins was initiated in 1882 in Lodge 62, Tralee, the members of which presented him with an Address and a handsome Jewel on his leaving in 1886. He affiliated, 4th November, 1889, to Lodge 60, Ennis, of which he was W.M. in 1892; and, 3rd December, 1901, to Lodge XVIII., of which he was J.W., when he resigned in 1905. On leaving Newry, the members of XVIII. presented him with a Past Master's Jewel. After leaving Newry, he affiliated to "Star of the West Lodge" No. 130, Valentia.

98. Henry B. Hunt, a Captain in the South Down Militia, then quartered in Newry, was initiated 3rd May, 1855, in XVIII., and was affiliated in January, 1859, to Lodge 431, Ballymena.

99. Captain Hunter, was affiliated, 20th July, 1854, to XVIII. I have not succeeded in identifying him.

100. Robert Russell Hyatt was initiated, 6th August, 1863, in XVIII., of which he was S.D. in 1864. He was a Civil Engineer then resident in Newry.

101. Arthur Charles Innes, the only son of Arthur Innes, of Dromantine, Co. Down, was born 25th November, 1834. He married, 1st, 15th July, 1858, Louisa Letitia Henrietta (who d.

27th January, 1886), second daughter of James Brabazon, of Mornington House, Co. Meath, by whom he had one child, a daughter, and, secondly, 21st September, 1887, Sarah Jane Beauchamp, only daughter of Colonel William Cross, D.L., of Dartan, Co. Armagh, by whom he had two sons and one daughter. He died, 14th April, 1902, at Dromantine, and is buried in Donoughmore Churchyard. On the occasion of his second marriage he took "the name of Cross in addition to, and after that, of Innes." His widow married, 18th March, 1907, Herbert Martin Cooke, of St. Vincent, Eastbourne, who in 1908 obtained his Majesty's license to take the surname of Cross in addition to that of Cooke. He was a D.L. for the County of Down, and represented the Borough of Newry in the Imperial Parliament, 1865-8. Bro. Innes was initiated, 7th September, 1865, in XVIII. He never held any office in the Lodge, but continued a subscribing member up to the time of his death. He affiliated, 11th December, 1867, to Lodge 79, Donoughmore, of which he was W.M. in 1878, and in the Preceptory attached to which he was installed a Knight Templar.

102. **George Robert Johnston**, second son of George Johnston, of Tullamore, King's County, and subsequently of the City of Armagh, was born at Tullamore, 31st October, 1853. He married, 13th June, 1883, Henrietta Amelia, third daughter of Henry Allan Cairnes, of Carntawl, Clogher, Co. Tyrone, by whom he has one child, a daughter. After completing his education in the Royal School, Armagh, he entered the service of the Bank of Ireland, in the Armagh Branch in 1869. Having subsequently served in Carlow, Armagh (a second term), Londonderry, Omagh, and Londonderry (a second term as Agent), he was transferred to the Agency in Newry in 1901, which post he still occupies. Bro. Johnston was initiated, 27th December, 1875, in Lodge 116, Carlow, of which he was W.M. in 1882. He affiliated, 13th July, 1880, to Lodge 409, Armagh, of which he was Secretary, 1881-5; affiliated, 11th May, 1886, to "Light of the North" Lodge, No. 69, Londonderry, which he resigned 11th February, 1890; was a Founder of Lodge 320, Culmore, Londonderry, his name appearing as J.W. on the Warrant, which was granted

6th December, 1889; and affiliated, 2nd January, 1902, to XVIII., of which he was S.W. in 1908. He is a member of "The Antrim Chapter" of Prince Masons No. 12, Belfast.

103. Robert Guy Ormsby Johnston was the only son of Bro. Robert J. Johnston, of Hill Street, Newry, and afterwards of Northampton, who was a P.M. of Lodge 23, Newry. He died, unmarried, 15th May, 1895, at his residence, 10, Trevor Hill, Newry, and is buried at Northampton. He was educated at the Newry School by Bro. F. A. Potterton, was admitted an attorney in 1872, and was appointed a Notary Public for the Port of Newry in 1878. He had an excellent practice as a solicitor. Bro. Johnston was initiated, in 1876, in "Peace, Love, and Harmony Lodge," No. 666, Dublin, of which he was W.M. in 1884. He affiliated, 3rd November, 1887, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1893. His portrait hangs on the wall of the Refreshment-room in our Hall.

104. William Johnston, M.D., one of the Founders of the Lodge, was the fourth son of John Johnston, of Woodvale, Co. Armagh, and grandson of "Johnston of The Fews," the celebrated "Tory Hunter," who built "Roxborough," beyond Newtown Hamilton, as a residence for himself, and to strengthen whose hands the Government of the day erected "The Fews Barracks." He was born in 1760, and married, in 1793, Eleanor (who d. 14th October, 1837, æt 71), second daughter of the Rev. Walter Lindsay, by whom he had nine children, the youngest of whom was the Very Rev. Norman Johnston, Dean of St. Andrew's. He died, 16th October, 1832, at Dundalk, and is buried in Creggan Churchyard. He practised as a physician for some years in Carrickmacross, and removed to Newry in 1802, living in the house in Hill Street now known as "The Athenæum," at the reere of which, in 1813, he erected Public Baths, which, however, did not prove a financial success. In 1816 he removed from Hill Street to Trevor Hill, and in 1828, on going to reside in Dundalk, he was presented with an Address and a Piece of Plate. Bro. Johnston resigned his membership of the Lodge 8th November, 1816, and was elected an Honorary Member.

105. Edward John Jones was an Engineer engaged in

the construction of the Newry and Armagh Railway. He lived with Bro. J. L. D. Meares, with whom he was working. He left Newry in 1866, for Ceylon, where he had secured a valuable appointment. Bro. Jones was initiated, 5th March, 1863, in XVIII., of which he was S.W. when he resigned 2nd November, 1865. On leaving, he was presented with a Ring, as an evidence "of the high esteem which the members of the Lodge entertained for his social and Masonic character."

106. **Thaddæus O'Dowda Kelly**, the second son of Peter Kelly, of Ballina, Co. Mayo, was born 1st May, 1842. He married, 21st June, 1881, Jane, fourth daughter of John Cullinan, of Ennis, by whom he had one son and four daughters. He died at Newry, 25th November, 1908, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. After completing his education at Ballina, he entered the service of the Provincial Bank of Ireland in 1858, and, having served at Ballina, Carrick-on-Shannon, and Ennis, he was, 4th February, 1881, appointed Manager of the Newry Branch, which position he resigned in August, 1908. Bro. Kelly was initiated in Lodge 854, Carrick-on-Shannon, from which he affiliated, 3rd December, 1867, to Lodge 60, Ennis, of which he was S.W. in 1871, and declined further promotion. He affiliated, 4th August, 1881, to XVIII., and resigned 1st May, 1884.

107. **William Kelly** was affiliated, 24th June, 1812, to XVIII., of which he was J.W. in 1814 and Secretary in 1815. I have not succeeded in identifying him.

108. **Hon. John Henry Knox**, the third son of Thomas Knox, Earl of Ranfurly, was born 26th July, 1788, and married 12th February, 1822, Lady Mabella Josephine Needham, eighth daughter of Francis, 1st Earl of Kilmorey, by whom he had four sons and seven daughters. He died, 27th August, 1872, at Chislehurst. He was one of the Trustees of the Kilmorey Estate, and was "Weighmaster and Taster of Butter and Tallow Weigher within the Manor of Newry in the Counties of Down and Armagh," for which he enjoyed an annual income of £1,600, the duties of the office being, however, performed by deputy. He represented the Borough of

Newry in the Imperial Parliament, 1826-32. Bro. Knox was affiliated, 23rd May, 1831, to XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

109. **Thomas Lacey** was an "Officer of his Majesty's Revenue in the Port of Newry," and was in command of the Revenue Cutter, "Hardwicke," in 1808. He was initiated, 8th July, 1811, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

110. **Edwin Lanphier**, the fourth son of William Lanphier, of Southview, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, was born, 7th February, 1858, at Clonmel. He entered the service of the Bank of Ireland at Limerick, was Cashier at Mount Bellew, Ennis, Mullingar, and Newry; Sub-Agent at Boyle, Ballina, and Galway, and was eventually appointed Agent at Boyle, where he is now stationed. He is unmarried. He was stationed in Newry from August, 1888, to March, 1893, and on the 10th of November, 1892, he was presented with the Bronze Medal of the Royal Humane Society, for having, on the 30th of August of the same year, rescued a little girl named Ellen M'Grath from drowning in the Newry Canal. His Honour, the late Judge Colquhoun, who made the presentation, referred to Mr. Lanphier's conduct on the occasion as an exemplary display of "courage, presence of mind, and promptitude of action." Bro. Lanphier was initiated, 19th November, 1889, and was J.D. when he resigned, 6th April, 1893. He subsequently affiliated to "The Abbey Lodge" No. 242, Boyle, where he has attained the rank of Knight Templar.

111. **Edward Latchford**, eleventh son of John Latchford, of Tralee, Co. Kerry, was born at Killarney, 20th March, 1864. He married, 26th October, 1891, Margaret Johnston, elder daughter of Thomas Carroll, of Ballinderry, Co. Antrim, and widow of Charles F. Silcock, of Newry, by whom he had one child, a son, who is now a pupil in the Masonic Orphan Boys' School. He died, 26th February, 1904, at Bloemfontein, of enteric fever. In 1876 he came to Newry, and entered the office of W. F. Redmond & Co., with a view to learn the timber business, but left after a few years. In September, 1891, he was appointed Cashier of the Newry Navigation

Company, which post he resigned in August, 1892. He was subsequently manager of a large salmon fishery in the County Waterford, and ultimately emigrated to South Africa. Bro. Latchford was initiated, 19th January, 1884, in "Trim Lodge," No. 494, Dublin, of which he was W.M. in 1887, and affiliated, 7th July, 1892, to XVIII. He resigned 7th February, 1895.

112. William Black Law, the only son of Henry Edward Law, of the City of Dublin, was born, 9th October, 1848, at Dublin. He married, 1st April, 1886, Katherine, the eldest daughter of John Ryan, of Charleville, Co. Cork, by whom he has two sons and four daughters. He was appointed a District Inspector in the Royal Irish Constabulary 27th December, 1872; served at Newry from 30th November, 1882, to 15th November, 1884, when he was transferred to Charleville, Co. Cork; appointed First-Class District Inspector 1st May, 1886; appointed County Inspector 1st February, 1898, in which capacity he has had charge of the Counties of Fermanagh, Dublin, and Kerry. Bro. Law was initiated, 9th September, 1875, in Lodge 248, Roscommon, and affiliated, 3rd May, 1883, to XVIII., of which he was J.D. when he resigned 4th December, 1884.

113. William Hamilton Lawlor, the second son of John Hilliard Lawlor, of Coleraine, and afterwards of Ballymena, was born 15th August, 1851. He married, 16th December, 1882, Mary, second daughter of Robert Martin, of Kilbroney, Rostrevor, in the County of Down, by whom he has five daughters. After completing his education at the Academical Institution, Coleraine, he served his apprenticeship to the Braidwater Spinning Company, Ballymena. He was subsequently manager of the Dromalane Spinning Mills, Newry; the Balmore Spinning Mills, Ballymoney, and the Braid Water Spinning Company, Ballymena, and is now a Commission Merchant in Belfast. Bro. Lawlor was initiated 6th March, 1871, in "Prince Frederick William of Prussia Lodge," No. 431, Ballymena, of which he was W.M. in 1874, and is now "Father of the Lodge." He affiliated, 3rd December, 1874, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1882. He resigned 3rd May, 1883. He is a Past Master of Lodge 57, Ballymoney, and of Lodge 127, Coleraine. In the

Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim he was P.G.S.B. in 1886 ; and, in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Londonderry and Donegal, after having served in subordinate offices, he attained the rank of P.J.G.W. in 1896. His maternal grandfather was Bro. Colonel John Elliott Cairnes, to whom chiefly we are indebted for the erection of "The Gillespie Monument," Comber, which was unveiled by him, 24th June, 1845, in the presence of probably the largest assemblage of Freemasons ever seen in Ireland.

114. **Edward John Lees**, a Captain in the 86th Foot, then quartered in Newry, was initiated, 13th December, 1860, in XVIII., in which he also received the Degree of Fellow Craft, but not that of Master Mason.

115. **Rev. Charles Henry Tandy Lett**, the only son of the Rev. Henry William Lett, of Loughbrickland, in the County of Down, was born, 27th December, 1868, in Dublin. Having completed his education in the University of Dublin, in which he graduated in 1892, he was ordained for the Curacy of Trinity Church, Belfast. He is unmarried. Bro. Lett was initiated, 5th July, 1894, in XVIII., of which he was Chaplain 1895-6. He resigned 7th May, 1896.

116. **Thomas Richard Lewis**, a Band Master in one of the Regiments quartered here, was initiated, 10th July, 1851, in XVIII. He never held any office in the Lodge.

117. **Alexander Falls Little**, was the eldest son of Archibald Little, the first Agent of the Bank of Ireland in Newry in the present bank buildings. He married, 4th July, 1843, Sarah Frances Lawrence, eldest daughter of Edward Creek, of Newry, and sister of Bro. William Creek (No. 38). They had no children. He began life as a clerk in the Newry office of the Bank of Ireland, from which he was transferred to Waterford as Sub-Agent. He resigned this post and entered the office of "Sinclair & Boyd," merchants in Belfast. After a short time he returned to Newry, and entered into partnership with Bro. J. F. Erskine (No. 53). This partnership having been dissolved in 1844, he removed to Liverpool,

whither Erskine soon followed him, and, after a lapse of five or six years, again became his partner. They retired from business in 1856, when Little removed to Cheltenham, where he afterwards died, and Erskine returned to Newry. In 1842 he was appointed American Consul in Newry. It was after his family that "Littleton," on the Downshire Road, is named. Bro. Little was initiated in the year 1838 in Lodge 5, Waterford, and affiliated, 27th December, 1842, to XVIII., of which he was Treasurer in 1844. He resigned, 10th April, 1844, on leaving Newry for Liverpool.

118. Joseph Lyle was a Timber Merchant in Canal Street, Newry, in partnership with his brother, James Lyle. He went to Australia, where he lost his sight, and eventually, 17th May, 1866, he died at the residence of his brother, Lisno Cottage, Lisburn, and is buried in Mullaghglass Old Burying Ground. Bro. Lyle was initiated, 17th December, 1834, in XVIII., of which he was J.W. in 1842. He resigned 11th May, 1848.

119. Robert Macan, of Ballinahone House, Armagh, and of Canal Street, Newry, was one of the Founders of the Lodge and its first Treasurer. He was the eldest son of John Macan of Armagh. He married Margaret (who died 31st May, 1816), youngest daughter of Clements Gillespie, of Newry, by whom he had four sons and three daughters. He died in 1829. He was Second Lieutenant in the Armagh Yeomen in 1796, from which corps he retired in 1799, with the rank of Captain, and came to reside in Newry, where he entered into partnership with his father-in-law, Clements Gillespie, as "Gillespie & Macan." They were subsequently joined by Bro. Robert Pooler (No. 165) when the firm became "Gillespie, Macan & Pooler." He was Captain of "The Newry Merchants' Corps of Yeomen," embodied in 1803 and disbanded in 1816, and was High Sheriff of the County Armagh in 1814. He was a partner in the Newry Bank, by the failure of which in 1816 he lost a large portion of his property. In 1814 he won the Newry Hunt Cup, over the Carnbane Course, with his horse "Comet." Bro. Macan was W.M. of the Lodge, 1810-1.

120. Robert M'Blain, of Arno's Vale, Rostrevor, the eldest son of David M'Blain, of Mill Street, Newry, was born, 9th June, 1815, in Newry. He married, 21st April, 1848, Henrietta, younger daughter of Jacob Lyons, of Belfast. They had no children. He died, 6th July, 1883, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. He served his time with "William Hancock & Co.," Sugar Island, and in 1837 he entered into partnership with Thomas M'Clelland, of Dungannon, as "M'Blain & M'Clelland," their place of business being the house in Hill Street now occupied by "O'Hagan & O'Hare," Chemists. We subsequently find him in partnership with a Mr. Annett, as "M'Blain & Annett," and later still with his brother, James M'Blain, as "Robert M'Blain & Co.," under which title the business was conducted up to the time of his death. He was a Director of "The Newry Loan Company," of "The Newry Mineral Water Company" and of "The Newry, Warrenpoint, and Rostrevor Railway Company." His grandfather, David M'Blain, came over from England as Architect to the Earl of Bristol, Bishop of Derry. His younger brother, Frederick William M'Blain, LL.D., an eminent barrister, unsuccessfully contested the representation of the Borough of Newry, in 1859, and of the County of Armagh, in 1874, and was at the time of his death a Divisional Magistrate of the City of Dublin. Bro. M'Blain was initiated, 5th November, 1868, in XVIII., of which he was J.W. in 1879. In 1881 he was pressed to accept the position of W.M., but declined on account of failing health. He resigned 7th September, 1882, and was elected an Honorary Member.

121. William John MacGwire, of Carrigbawn, Rostrevor, was son of William MacGwire, of Rostrevor. He married, 16th February, 1828, the Lady Mary (who died in 1837), only daughter of William Richard, 3rd Earl of Annesley, by whom he had three sons. He died at Paris 2nd August, 1848. He was a Lieutenant in the Mullaghglass Mounted Yeomen. Bro. MacGwire affiliated, 4th January, 1832, to XVIII., from a Lodge in Perth.

122. Thomas Browne M'Kean, the only son of Thomas and Jane M'Kean, of Kingstown, Co. Dublin, entered the service of the Bank of Ireland in 1869, and was stationed in Newry in 1877,

being promoted in October of that year to the sub-agency at Castleblayney. He married, on the 12th of February, 1873, Jane, daughter of Mr. Arthur, of Sandymount, Dublin, by whom he had three sons. After his father's death his mother married the late Sir Robert Herron, Chairman of the Kingstown Harbour Commissioners, at whose residence Bro. M'Kean died in the month of August, 1878. His widow subsequently married a Mr. Wilson, of Cork. Bro. M'Kean was initiated in "The Acacia Lodge," No. 225, Dublin, and affiliated, on the 10th of April, 1873, to Lodge 352, Castleblayney, of which he was W.M. in 1874; and, in the following year, helped to resuscitate the Royal Arch Chapter connected with that Lodge, of which he was elected King in 1876. He affiliated on the 3rd of May, 1877, to XVIII., but resigned in the following November on leaving Newry.

123. Malcolm M'Neale, was a son of James Wolfe M'Neale, of Ballymascanlan, Co. Louth. He was an officer in the Ballymascanlan Yeomen. Bro. M'Neale was initiated, 11th July, 1832, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

124. Daniel James Mansergh, of Grallagh Castle, Co. Tipperary, the eldest son of the Rev. James Wentworth Mansergh, Rector of Kilmore, in the County of Tipperary, was born, 3rd November, 1836, at Ballingarry, Co. Tipperary. He was educated at Kilkenny College and Trinity College, Dublin, and entered the Army, in the 19th Foot, on the 14th of June, 1859. He retired after a few years and joined the South Tipperary Artillery Militia, of which regiment he became Colonel Commandant. He was a Justice of the Peace for the County Tipperary. He died, 27th April, 1907, at Grallagh Castle, and is buried at Lyttleton, Co. Tipperary. Bro. Mansergh was initiated, 26th March, 1863, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

125. Armar Marshall, of Barkston, Newry, began life as an apprentice to Rowan M'Naghten, a Newry merchant who carried on business in the house in Water Street where James Heather now resides. In March, 1836, he entered the service of the Bank of Ireland as a clerk in the Newry Branch. There he remained till

September, 1862, when he retired on pension. In 1859 he purchased "Barkston," near Sheepbridge, where he resided up to the time of his death. He died, 6th February, 1872, unmarried. Bro. Marshall was initiated, 1st March, 1867, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

126. Robert Martin, the eldest son of Robert Martin, of Kilbroney, Rostrevor, Co. Down, was born, 2nd November, 1849, at Kilbroney. He was educated at Potterton's School, Newry; North's School, Rathmines, and in Trinity College, Dublin. After a distinguished University career he became a partner in the firm of Messrs. R. & D. Martin, Bleachers, Kilbroney, but retired after a time, owing to ill health. He is unmarried. Bro. Martin was initiated, 7th March, 1872, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1879. He resigned 6th November, 1884, and was elected an Honorary Member.

127. Arthur M. Maunsell, Captain in the 2nd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers, and a son of Major Francis Edwin Maunsell of the 54th Foot, married, 29th July, 1882, Mary Isabel, eldest daughter of Charles Thomson, of College Gardens, Belfast. Bro. Maunsell, who was initiated in Lodge No. 13, Limerick, was elected, 6th February, 1879, an Honorary Member of XVIII. He was then in command of a detachment of his Regiment quartered in Newry.

128. Rev. William Hamilton Maxwell, the only child of James Maxwell, a Newry merchant and a descendant of the ancient Nithsdale family the Maxwells of Caerlaverock, was born, 30th June, 1792, in the house in Market Street, now idle, but occupied some thirty years ago by the late John J. O'Hagan, and afterwards by James Fitzsimons. He was educated at the Newry School by Bro. David Henderson (No. 87), and, at the age of fifteen, entered the University of Dublin, where he graduated in 1812. Infatuated with the military ardour of the day, he declared that he would be nothing but a soldier. This resolution was stoutly opposed by his family; and an only aunt, co-heiress with his mother, declared that if he adopted a career so repugnant to her religious views, as that of arms, she would bequeath her property to charitable purposes, but that if he followed

his parents' wish and became a Churchman he should inherit it. Thus it was that Maxwell became a parson. It has been asserted that he joined the army as an irregular, but this statement is incorrect. He was ordained, 25th July, 1813, for the Curacy of Clonallon, near Warrenpoint, Co. Down. Here he remained for six years, leading an active clerical life, and taking a deep interest in everything connected with the welfare and prosperity of the neighbourhood. An unfortunate escapade, however, into which he was drawn by his innate sense of mischief and drollery, obliged him to resign his curacy; but, through the interest of his friends, he was shortly afterwards appointed Prebendary of Balla and Rector of the Union of Balcarra in the County of Mayo. Here, in a wild district of country, where he had absolutely no clerical duty, his time was spent in the enjoyment of field sports and in the company of the nearest military garrison, which had just returned from the Peninsular War, and whose anecdotes of the campaign were a source of the most absorbing interest to Maxwell, and have been handed down by him to posterity in an intensely fascinating and attractive form. Here, too, his misfortune followed him, and, in consequence of the discovery of a huge practical joke which he perpetrated on his bishop, he was obliged to abandon his sacred calling. His aunt having died and cut him off with a shilling, he now removed to Portrush and devoted his time to literature, as his only means of supporting a wife and rapidly-increasing family. Here he made the acquaintance of an individual who at that time occupied the position of Medical Officer of the Dispensary at the adjoining village of Portstewart. He and his new acquaintance soon became fast friends, and the long winter evenings were spent in each other's company. Ere long Maxwell discovered that his newly-acquired friend had a taste for writing quite equal to his own, and, being himself an indolent scribe except when stimulated by absolute necessity, many a military yarn was spun by Maxwell, and launched before the world in due form by his more energetic companion. Thus it was that many of the stories in the early novels of Charles Lever, for none other was the village Æsculapius, were perfectly familiar to every member of Maxwell's family, and thus it was that Lever became an author. Another point

worthy of notice is the fact that after they parted company the works of Lever lose nearly all of that military dash with which his early writings abound. Maxwell's best known works are "Wild Sports of the West," "Stories of Waterloo," "Hector O'Halloran," "History of the Irish Rebellion," beautifully illustrated by Cruikshank, and his "Life of the Duke of Wellington" in three volumes. He was, however, in addition to being a constant contributor to the pages of "Bentley's Miscellany" and "The Dublin University Magazine," the author of many other works, a complete collection of which is to be found on the shelves of the Free Library in this his native town. While residing at Warrenpoint he married, 11th September, 1817, Mary (who died 18th January, 1887), second daughter of Thomas Dobbin, of the City of Armagh, by whom he had five sons and five daughters. He died, 29th December, 1850, at Musselburgh, near Edinburgh, where he is buried without a stone to mark the spot. Bro. Maxwell was initiated, 10th February, 1813, in XVIII., of which he was Chaplain in 1815. His portrait hangs on the wall of the Refreshment-room of our Hall.

129. Joseph Leycester Devenish-Meares, the third son of John Devenish-Meares, D.L., of Meares' Court, in the County of Westmeath, was born, 14th March, 1838, at Meares' Court. He married, 19th October, 1864, Frances Georgina (who died 9th August, 1907), second daughter of Basil George Brooke, of Milltown House, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, by whom he had five sons and five daughters. Having graduated in Arts and Engineering in the University of Dublin in 1859, he subsequently held the following appointments:—Resident Engineer on the Kilrush and Kilkee Railway, Co. Clare, 1864-6; Municipal Engineer at Port Canning, India, 1866-7; Engineer Newry and Armagh Railway, 1868; Engineer Dublin and Antrim Junction Railway, 1874; Town Surveyor of Newry, 1872-1902; Town Surveyor of Warrenpoint, 1900; Engineer to the Camlough Waterworks, to the Bessbrook and Newry Tramway and to the Newry, Keady, and Tynan Light Railway; Inspector to the Board of Works; and Agent to the Narrow-water and Ballymoyer Estates. On the death of his elder

brother, Major-General William Lewis Devenish-Meares, in 1907, he succeeded to the family property and left Newry, where he had lived for forty years, to reside at Meares' Court. Bro. Meares was initiated, 16th October, 1860, in Lodge IX., Dungannon, of which he was W.M. in 1868, and affiliated, 1st October, 1868, to XVIII., of which he is still a subscribing member, and of which he was W.M. in 1877 and again in 1886. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down he was P.G. Treasurer, 1885-1908, and is now P.S.G.W.; and he is Representative of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales at the Grand Lodge of Ireland. In 1906 he attained the 32nd Degree, "Prince of the Royal Secret."

130. Leycester Francis Devenish-Meares, the third son of Joseph Leycester Devenish-Meares (No. 129), was born, 15th March, 1873, at Newry. After completing his education at the Methodist College, Belfast, and at the Drogheda Grammar School, he entered the service of the Provincial Bank of Ireland, in which he remained for about two years. During the progress of the Boer War he volunteered for service in the Imperial Yeomen; and, on joining the force in January, 1900, was provisionally appointed Sergeant in the 46th Company, 13th Battalion, which appointment was confirmed on the second day of the fight at Lindley. In this engagement, which began on the 27th of May, 1900, and lasted for four days, he was taken prisoner and detained at Nooidgedacht till the end of August. Here, too, Trooper Tom Walker—a brother of Bro. Abraham Walker (No. 215)—lost his life. Bro. Meares thus describes the sad event:—"We had taken possession of a kopje, and I was told to get two volunteers to go round to the other side to protect our flank. Walker and Martin volunteered, and we crawled about fifty yards, when we were met by a party of about sixty Boers, who opened fire on us. Walker fell, shot clean through the head, not more than a couple of yards from me. Martin fell with seven bullets in him, on my right hand, Walker was on my left. How I escaped I don't know, one bullet cutting my belt in two." In November he was invalided home, and in February, 1901, he obtained his Commission in the 61st Squadron, 17th Battalion, and was promoted to be Captain in

the following October. He paid a short visit to Ireland in the autumn of 1902, but returned to South Africa and secured employment in the mines near Johannesburg, where he has remained ever since. During the war he had the misfortune to lose his baggage, which contained his Grand Lodge Certificate, but, during his imprisonment at Nooidgedacht he received kindly and considerate treatment at the hands of one of the Boer guards, who recognised him as a member of the Craft. He is unmarried. Bro. Meares was initiated on the 4th of May, 1899, in XVIII., of which he was S.D. in 1901. He resigned on the 3rd of October, 1901.

131. Henry William Audley Mervyn, the third son of the Rev. William H. Mervyn, Rector of Killead, in the County of Antrim, was born, 14th January, 1855, at Antrim. After completing his education at the Coleraine Academical Institution he entered the service of The Belfast Banking Company, and, after filling the post of Sub-manager at Drogheda and Newry, he was appointed Manager at Monaghan in 1892. On leaving Newry he was presented by his Newry friends with an Address and a Purse of Sovereigns. He married, 1st February, 1876, Florence Adela, fifth daughter of Andrew Fowles MacMath, of Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan, by whom he had three daughters. He died, 7th September, 1895, at Monaghan, and is buried in The New Cemetery of that town. His ancestor, Sir Audley Mervyn, was M.P. for the County of Tyrone in 1661, and was Speaker of the Irish House of Commons in 1662. Bro. Mervyn was initiated, 16th July, 1889, in XVIII., of which he was S.D. when he resigned, 7th April, 1892.

132. John Mitchell, the third son of Thomas Mitchell, of Culrevog, near Moy in the County of Tyrone, was born, 15th December, 1855, at Ballynagross, Banbridge. He was educated at The Royal School, Dungannon, and entered the service of The Northern Banking Company 1st September, 1872. After serving as Cashier at Downpatrick he was, in May, 1890, promoted to be Manager at Newry. This post he resigned, 31st December, 1897, owing to ill-health, since which time he has been resident in the South of England. He married, 15th December, 1898, Agnes

Caroline, second daughter of Edward Goddard, of St. John's Wood, Hampstead. Bro. Mitchell was initiated, in 1879, in "Union Lodge of St. Patrick" No. 367, Downpatrick, of which he was W.M. in 1888, and affiliated, 17th March, 1891, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1896. He resigned 7th October, 1897. He was P.G. Steward of the Province of Down in 1891.

133. John Mollan, the second son of John Mollan, of Canal Street, Newry, was born in 1787. He married, 1st December, 1819, Mary Anne (who died, at Clifton, 1st March, 1833), only daughter of William Campbell, of Edenvale, Dromore, Co. Down, by whom he had a son and a daughter. He died in October, 1822. In 1812 he went to Africa, where he amassed a large fortune, and, on returning to Newry a few years before his death, he lived in the house in Trevor Hill now occupied by R. A. Mullan, Solicitor. On the death of their mother, his two children were left in charge of their uncle, Dr. Mollan, of Dublin. Bro. Mollan was initiated, 2nd September, 1812, in XVIII., and in the following month "received his certificate on account of his going off immediately to the coast of Africa."

134. Henry Montgomery was initiated, 10th October, 1832, in XVIII. "He joined the British Legation in the service of the Queen of Spain, obtained the rank of Captain under the most flattering circumstances, and, after some severe duty, caught the malignant fever prevalent in Vittoria, and died there on the 16th of February, 1836." He was buried in Vittoria with military honours.

135. George Bartley Moore, M.D., the third son of the Rev. Samuel Moore, of Rockcorry, Co. Monaghan, was born 13th August, 1827. He married, 10th March, 1864, Anne (who died 27th October, 1902), second daughter of John Brady, D.L., of Johnstown House, Clones, Co. Monaghan, by whom he had five sons and three daughters. He died, 4th July, 1898, at Warrenpoint, and is buried in Clonallon Churchyard. After completing his medical education in the University of Edinburgh he was for over twenty years a Surgeon in the Royal Navy, and, on his retirement from the service, became manager of the Newry Branch of the Northern Banking Company in

March, 1870, in the room of his brother-in-law, Bro. J. C. Brady (No. 21). This post he resigned in July, 1886, when he removed to Warrenpoint. Bro. Moore was initiated about the year 1852, in "Lodge Pythagoras" No. 654, E.C., Corcyra, Corfu, and affiliated, 2nd February, 1871, to XVIII., of which he was Secretary, 1871-7. He resigned 1st December, 1881, and was elected an Honorary Member.

136. Hugh Moore, of Nootka, Carlingford, was the fifth son of Ross Moore, of Catherine's Grove, and afterwards of Nootka, Carlingford, Co. Louth. By his wife, Mary (who died 7th January, 1854), daughter of the Rev. John Wilton, of Hertfordshire, he had four sons and five daughters. His eldest son, Ross Stevenson Moore, an eminent Irish barrister, represented the City of Armagh in the Imperial Parliament from 1852 to 1855. He died at Nootka, 3rd October, 1851, and is buried in Carlingford Churchyard. He was for some years Sovereign of Carlingford. Bro. Moore was initiated 6th June, 1810, in XVIII., and resigned, 10th November, 1813, "on account of his residence being too far from Newry." He never held any office in the Lodge.

137. John Moore, of Abbey Yard, Newry, the fourth son of William Moore, of Portmore House, Ballinderry, Co. Antrim, was born 9th June, 1817. He married, 1st, 18th September, 1850, Margaret (who died 22nd September, 1854), eldest daughter of the Rev. William Ingram, of Templecarne, Co. Donegal, and sister of John Kells Ingram, Vice-Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, by whom he had a son and a daughter; and, secondly, 2nd May, 1860, Elizabeth (who died 4th May, 1899), third daughter of John Walmsley, of Ballykeel House, Kilkeel, by whom he had three sons and three daughters. He died 15th January, 1874, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. Educated at the Moravian Grammar School, Ballinderry, he served his apprenticeship with John Armstrong, a Dungannon merchant, and shortly afterwards came to Newry as manager for Henry Thomason, of Kildare Street, founder of the present firm of "Henry Thomason & Co.," Newry. In 1844 he started business, on his own account, in the premises in Hill Street

now occupied by "Kinnear & Co.," and in 1853 he removed to the premises now occupied by "Francis Moore & Co.," where he conducted a flourishing business up to the time of his death, when he was succeeded by his younger brother, Francis Moore. In municipal affairs he took the deepest interest, having been a Town Commissioner as far back as 1849, and, on the adoption of "The Towns Improvement Act" in 1865 he was chosen as first Chairman of the Board of Town Commissioners elected under the provisions of that Act, an office to which he was twice re-elected. He was a Justice of the Peace for the Counties of Armagh and Down, a member of the Carlingford Lough Commission, and a Director of the Newry and Armagh Railway Company. In April, 1872, his fellow-townsmen presented him with his portrait, painted by Catterson Smith, which, in July, 1899, was presented by his children to our urban authorities, who accorded it an honoured position in the Board-room of our Town Hall. Bro. Moore was initiated, 15th May, 1868, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1873.

138. **John Hunter Moore**, of North Lodge, Newry, the only son of Jack Moore, of Moore Lodge, Kilkeel, Co. Down, was born, 19th July, 1855, at Moore Lodge. He married, 14th August, 1900, Edith May, youngest daughter of Joseph L. Petit, of Highcliffe, Handsworth Wood, Staffordshire, on which occasion the Lodge presented him with a pair of silver fruit dishes as a wedding present. After completing his education at the Royal Academical Institution, Belfast, he became an apprentice to Bro. Edward Greer (No. 74), and was duly admitted a Solicitor before Mr. Justice Keough 25th November, 1876. He was appointed a Notary Public in 1878, a Commissioner of Oaths and Perpetual Commissioner of the High Court in 1897, and in 1908 Agent for the Kilmorey Estates, in the room of Bro. J. Q. Henry, resigned. He is an all-round sportsman. At school he was Captain of both the Cricket and Football Clubs; in 1875 he pulled an oar in the "Senior Fours" of the Newry Rowing Club, a crew which finished up the season with an unbeaten record; he is a keen angler, a good shot, was Master of the Newry Harriers from 1883 to 1891, and Captain of the Greenore Golf Club in 1902;

and on the Turf, in 1894, with "Lady Aldyth," won the Kildare Plate and the Queen's Plate at the Curragh and the Waterford Plate at Tramore; in 1908, with "Connaught Lass," won the Downshire Stakes at Punchestown, and, with "Newry," the Fenit Plate at Tralee and the Southern Plate at Tramore; and, in 1909, with "Newry," the Blazers' Plate at Moylough, the Town Plate at Ballyhaunis, the Committee Plate at Tralee, the Town Plate at Thurles, and the Committee Plate at Claremorris. Bro. Moore was initiated, 1st August, 1878, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1884 and is now S.W. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down he was a P.G. Steward in 1888 and P.J.G.W. in 1891. His father was a Past Master of "Zion Lodge" No. 144, Kilkeel, and his grandfather was a member of "The First Volunteer Lodge of Ireland" No. 620, Dublin.

139. John Thomas Moore, the only son of John Moore, of Lugboy House, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon, was born, 20th December, 1852, at Lugboy. He married, 19th February, 1901, Hannah, third daughter of James Moore, of Near Beachen, Coddington, Cheshire. He died, 21st January, 1904, at Belfast, and is buried in the Belfast Cemetery. His widow is now resident in India, where she is engaged in missionary work. He entered the service of the Northern Banking Company in 1871, and joined the staff of the Newry Branch in 1882. In 1885 he was promoted to be manager at Dungloe, Co. Donegal. From Dungloe he was transferred to Bray in 1889, and in 1895 he was called up to the Head Office in Belfast. I am unable to state in what Lodge Bro. Moore was initiated, but he was affiliated, 13th April, 1880, to "Light of the North Lodge" No. 69, Londonderry, and, 7th February, 1884, to XVIII., of which he was J.W. when he resigned 6th May, 1886.

140. William Moore, of Castlevew, Carlingford, was the fourth son of Ross Moore, of Catherine's Grove and afterwards of Nootka, Carlingford, Co. Louth. He died unmarried, 8th May, 1852, æt 94, at Carlingford, and is buried there. He was Tide Surveyor in the Customs, at Warrenpoint, 1798-1824. He was an

Irish Volunteer and afterwards Captain of the Narrow-water Corps of Yeomen. He was the last Sovereign of Carlingford. Bro. Moore was initiated, 6th June, 1810, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

141. Edwin Moreton, an Officer in the 9th Foot, then quartered in Newry, was initiated in XVIII. on the 10th of January, 1850, but never held any office in the Lodge.

142. James Morgan was initiated in XVIII. on the 26th July, 1855. I have been unable to gain any information about him beyond the fact that he was at the time of his initiation "about to depart for America."

143. Robert Murphy, of Castletown, Dundalk, was initiated in XVIII. on the 10th of February, 1813. He married, 16th July, 1822, Jane, only daughter of John Atkinson, of Dundalk. He never held any office in the Lodge.

144. Henry William Nelmes, an Officer in the Ordnance Department, was for some years Engineer of the Dundalk and Newry Barracks, and resided in Barrack Street, Newry. Early in 1852 he was promoted to be Surveyor of Works for the Island and Forts of St. Lucia, West Indies, but was not long spared to enjoy his promotion. On the 2nd of November, 1852, he died there of yellow fever, and on the 7th of the same month his wife, Elizabeth, also fell a victim to the same dire disease, leaving two infant daughters, the eldest not four years old. Bro. Nelmes was initiated, 23rd November, 1843, in "The Lodge of Friendship" No. 238 E.C., Devonport, now No. 202, and affiliated, 20th February, 1850, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. 1851-2. He resigned 8th April, 1852, was elected an Honorary Member, and was presented with a Past Master's Jewel as "a memorial of attachment and esteem." The three small ebony mauls still in use in the Lodge were a gift from him. He was P.S.G.D. of the Province of South Down in 1852. When resident in Newry one of his children died and was buried in a neat little railed enclosure in St. Patrick's Churchyard, near the door of the church, which contains a broken column. When procuring copies of inscriptions in this cemetery some years ago, I remarked to the sexton

that there was nothing to indicate the ownership of this enclosure, when he pointed out a recess in the base of the column, which had originally contained a brass plate bearing an inscription, which plate he informed me had been stolen many years previously. He further informed me that the enclosure had been erected by a Mr. Nelmes, an Officer in the Engineers, in memory of one of his children who died in the month of March, 1848. On representing these facts to our Lodge, I received instructions to have the enclosure repaired and the word "NELMES," with the date "1848" engraved on the base of the column.

145. **William Kerr Nesbitt** was a native of Thurles, Co. Tipperary. He graduated in medicine in the University of Dublin in 1844, and shortly afterwards settled down at Rostrevor, where, with his mother, two brothers, and three sisters, he occupied Seafield House, now so well known as the residence, in his boyhood, of Lord Russell of Killowen. In January, 1861, he emigrated to New Zealand, and, on the eve of his departure, his Rostrevor friends presented him with an Address and a Purse of Sovereigns. On arriving in New Zealand he was appointed Resident Magistrate and Physician for the District of Rotorua, his headquarters being at Maketu. In 1870 he was appointed Resident Magistrate and Trust Commissioner, under the Native Lands Frauds Prevention Act, at Gisborne, Poverty Bay, where he also acted as Medical Officer to the Armed Constabulary Force. These appointments he held up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 25th of July, 1877. He was unmarried. Bro. Nesbitt was initiated, 24th March, 1853, in XVIII., of which he was S.W. in 1855.

146. **Charles James Nicholson**, eldest son of Joseph Nicholson, of Bessbrook and Crannagael, Co. Armagh, was born 15th November, 1823. He married, 2nd December, 1854, Frances (who died 11th July, 1881), second daughter of Maurice Wilson Knox, of Glandore House, Co. Wexford, by whom he had three sons and five daughters, who all died young. He died 12th January, 1891. Bro. Nicholson was affiliated, 8th September, 1847, to XVIII., but we are not informed from what Lodge. He never held any office in the Lodge.

147. **Rawdon H. Nicholson**, of Stramore House, Gilford, Co. Down, the third son of John Nicholson, of Dublin and Stramore, was born 16th September, 1804. He married, in 1828, Helen Dickson, of Dungannon, by whom he had three sons and three daughters. He died at Stramore, 13th November, 1863. In the year 1838, and for some years after, he and Bro. James Greer (No. 75) were joint proprietors of the Victoria Hotel in Hill Street. Bro. Nicholson was initiated in "St. John's Masonic Lodge" No. 384, Dundalk, of which he was a member in 1837, but there is no record of the date of his initiation, and was affiliated, 9th May, 1838, to XVIII., of which he was Secretary 1842-3.

148. **James Loftus Winniett Nunn** was the only son of Bro. J. O. H. Nunn (No. 149). He married, 21st March, 1871, Anne Northesk (who died 1st March, 1887), second daughter of Arthur Innes, of Dromantine, and sister of Bro. A. C. Innes (No. 101). He died 16th May, 1899, and is buried at Rostrevor. He served with the 80th Foot in the Burmese War of 1852, being present at the capture of Martaban and the operations before Rangoon in April of that year. He was also with the advanced storming party at the capture of the Great Dragon Pagoda, took part in the capture of Prome, and received a medal with clasp for Pegu. In 1858-9 he served in the campaign in Oude, and was present at the capture of Simree Fort, Bera and Doondea Keira, for which he received a medal. He retired from the army about twenty years before his death with the rank of Colonel, and resided at The Anchorage, Rostrevor, where he died. Bro. Nunn was initiated, 17th May, 1848, in XVIII., and, "in consequence of his hourly expecting to receive immediate orders to proceed to India to join his Regiment, he also received the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason."

149. **John Oliver Howe Nunn**, of Omeath, was a Captain in the 86th Foot. He married, 11th June, 1825, Jane (who died 23rd January, 1872, at Rostrevor), only daughter of James Bell, of Needham Place, Newry, by whom he had two sons and one daughter. He died, 20th July, 1847, at Omeath, æt 49, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard, Newry. Bro. Nunn was affiliated,

27th December, 1842, to XVIII. from Lodge 237, but never held any office in the Lodge.

150. George Robert Garnett O'Driscoll was the elder son of the Rev. G. A. O'Driscoll, Incumbent of Cooneen, Co. Fermanagh. He was in the service of the Bank of Ireland, and was stationed in Newry from July, 1880, to March, 1886. From Newry he was transferred to Cork, where he remained but a short time, and, leaving the service of the Bank, he emigrated to British Columbia, where he died, at Nelson, on the 7th June, 1906. He was unmarried. Bro. O'Driscoll was initiated, 13th May, 1880, in Lodge 352, Castleblayney, and was affiliated, 7th October, 1880, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1885. He resigned 6th May, 1886.

151. Francis Ogle, the fifth son of John Ogle, of Ashton, near Newry, was born in 1776. He married, 6th August, 1846, Sarah (who died 28th June, 1851), youngest daughter of Richard Hutchinson, of Stranocum, Co. Antrim. He died 5th November, 1847, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. He lived in the house in Canal Street now converted into an orphanage by the Sisters of Mercy. His horse, "Commodore," ridden by himself, came in fourth in the Newry Hunt Steeplechases in 1813. Bro. Ogle was the first candidate ever proposed in XVIII. and was initiated on the 4th of October, 1809. He was W.M. 1814-7, 1821, 1831-2, 1834-6, 1840, and 1844-5. He resigned 24th September, 1846, when a deputation was appointed to wait upon him and express to him the "great sorrow and regret of his Brethren at his resignation after being so long connected with No. XVIII."

152. Francis Ogle, Junior, was the fifth son of Bro. John Ogle (No. 154). He was a druggist, and died, unmarried, about the year 1847, at Sydney Parade, Sandymount, Dublin. Bro. Ogle was initiated, 14th June, 1837, in XVIII., of which he was Secretary 1838-9 and J.W. 1840.

153. Frederick Ogle was the eighth son of Bro. John Ogle (No. 154). He married, 29th April, 1840, Sarah, youngest daughter of John Hardy, of Cooley Hill, Tandragee, and sister of Bro. R. B.

Hardy (No. 84), by whom he had five sons and three daughters. He died, 13th September, 1869, at his residence, 19, Great Victoria Street, Belfast, and is buried in Balmoral Cemetery. He served his apprenticeship with "J. H. Wallace & Co.," Wine Merchants, Newry, and subsequently started, on his own account, in the same business in Belfast. Bro. Ogle was initiated, 18th February, 1839, in Lodge 23, Newry, and affiliated, 12th February, 1840, to XVIII. He resigned, 8th April, 1840, on removing to Belfast, and was elected an Honorary Member. He afterwards affiliated to "Wellington Lodge" No. 82, Tandragee, on leaving which, 24th June, 1848, he presented three very beautiful jugs to the Lodge. These jugs are still in the possession of 82, which now meets in Portadown.

154. **John Ogle**, of Canal Street, Newry—one of the Founders of the Lodge—the second son of George Ogle, of Merchants' Quay, Newry, was born, in 1772, in the house on Merchants Quay now occupied by Alexander Shimmons. He married, 7th May, 1802, Letitia (who died 26th March, 1848, in Dublin, æt 64), a younger daughter of John Walker, of Sugar Island, Newry, and sister of Bro. Isaac Walker (No. 216), by whom he had eleven sons and six daughters. He died, 17th November, 1831, at St. Edward's Terrace, Rathgar, Dublin, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. He was a solicitor, and lived in the house in Canal Street recently occupied by the Salvation Army. Bro. Ogle was initiated, 12th June, 1809, in "The First Volunteer Lodge of Ireland" No. 620, Dublin, and was W.M. of XVIII. in 1820.

155. **John Ogle, Junior**, was the eldest son of Bro. John Ogle (No. 154). He was a solicitor in practice with his father. He died when quite a young man, and was unmarried. On the 29th of October, 1822, when riding home from Banbridge, he was attacked by five men, near the Old Dog Kennel, who robbed him of his watch, three gold seals, a penknife, and a hat cover. Four of his assailants were arrested; one of these turned approver, and the other three were tried, convicted, and hanged at Downpatrick. Bro. Ogle was initiated, 14th March, 1832, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

156. **Samuel Ogle**, was the second son of Bro. John Ogle (No. 154). He was an Officer in the Customs, and had attained the rank of Collector at the time of his death, which occurred, 19th December, 1846, at Coleraine. He was 45 years of age, and unmarried. Bro. Ogle was initiated, 12th September, 1832, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1838.

157. **Benjamin Armstrong Palmer**, of Millvale House, Newry, the second son of William Palmer, of Roxborough, Newtown Hamilton, Co. Armagh, was born 30th March, 1852. He married, 1st June, 1882, Susan Georgina, youngest daughter of James Browne, of Kilmalogue House, Portarlinton, Queen's County, by whom he has had one son and four daughters, of whom three daughters survive. He was educated at the Newry School by Bro. F. A. Potterton, and, six days after graduating in medicine and surgery in the University of Glasgow, he was appointed, 6th August, 1880, Medical Officer of the Crossmaglen Dispensary, which post he resigned on being appointed, 28th April, 1890, Medical Officer of the Mullaghglass Dispensary in the Newry Union. On leaving Crossmaglen he was the recipient of an Address and valuable Presentation. He is a Justice of the Peace for the Counties of Armagh and Down. Bro. Palmer was initiated, 11th March, 1884, in "St. John's Masonic Lodge" No. 384, Dundalk, and affiliated, 19th August, 1890, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1899.

158. **Isaac Parsons**, the fourth son of Samuel Parsons, of Templegowran, Newry, was born, 9th November, 1819, at 1, Trevor Hill, Newry. He died, 24th July, 1871, unmarried, at his residence, 3, Downshire Place, Newry, and is buried at Templegowran. He was admitted an attorney in July, 1841, and was appointed, in February, 1851, Clerk of the Newry Petty Sessions, in the room of Nathaniel Weir, deceased, which appointment he held until August, 1869, when he was succeeded by John Whelan. His father was Agent of the Newry Branch of the Bank of Ireland 1842-58. Bro. Parsons was initiated, 14th December, 1848, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. 1853-4.

159. **James Duckett Parsons**, the third son of Samuel

Parsons, of Templegowran, Newry, was born, 6th October, 1817, at 1, Trevor Hill, Newry. He married, 23rd September, 1856, Agnes Greg Dunlop (who died 8th April, 1902, æt 84), a widow, and daughter of James Todd, of Castlemains, Haddingtonshire. He died, 31st December, 1874, without issue, at North Strand, Dublin. He, his father, and his brother, William, who had been in partnership as "Samuël Parsons & Sons," Millers and Corn Merchants, dissolved partnership in 1842, the business to be carried on by the two brothers as "W. & J. D. Parsons." After 1851 J. D. Parsons continued the business alone. Bro. Parsons was initiated, 22nd February, 1855, in XVIII., of which he was S.D. in 1862. He resigned 6th November, 1862.

160. **Needham Thompson Parsons**, the youngest son of Samuel Parsons, of Templegowran, Newry, was born, 1st November, 1826, at 1, Trevor Hill, Newry. He married, 29th November, 1870, Margaret, eldest daughter of William Watson, of South Hall, Liverpool, by whom he had one son and three daughters. He died, 7th August, 1895, from injuries received while on a cycling tour in the Isle of Man, and is buried at Kirkpatrick Churchyard, where an Irish Cross is erected to his memory. He went to India by direct appointment in the East India Company's Service, and entered the 101st and 103rd Royal Bengal Fusiliers. He served in the Burmese War of 1852-3, including the storming and recapture of Pegu, the relief of its garrison and operations in its vicinity, receiving a medal with clasp for Pegu. He was attached to the 64th Regiment at the defence of Cawnpore under General Windham, in November, 1857, was dangerously wounded, and again received a medal. He served in the India North-west Frontier War of 1863, and was present at the attack and capture of the Crag Piquet, the Conical Hill, and at Umbeyla, again receiving a medal with clasp. He was made Lieutenant 1849, Captain 1858, Major 1869, Lieut.-Colonel 1872, Colonel 1877, and Major-General 1883. Bro. Parsons was initiated, 11th July, 1845, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

161. **Samuel Parsons**, the fifth son of Samuel Parsons, of Templegowran, Newry, was born, 29th June, 1822, at 1, Trevor Hill,

Newry. He died, 18th June, 1879, unmarried, at Arkansas, Texas, U.S.A., and is buried there. He was a Civil Engineer, and was appointed, in 1853 by the Board of Directors for the improvement of the American Bottom, U.S.A., to make the necessary surveys. Bro. Parsons was initiated, 12th July, 1843, in XVIII., and resigned 11th September, 1844, being re-admitted, 17th May, 1848, having been in the meantime a member of "The Grand Master's Lodge," Dublin.

162. John William Percy was the only son of William Percy, Lieutenant in the 14th Light Dragoons. After completing his education he entered the army, and served in the 4th Foot, from which he exchanged into the 9th Foot. He saw much active service during the Crimean War, and was present at the Siege of Sebastapol. After obtaining his majority he left the army and was appointed a Stipendiary Magistrate in the West of Ireland. He married Maria Fitzgerald, a niece of The Knight of Kerry. Bro. Percy was initiated on the 10th of January, 1850, in XVIII., his Regiment, the 9th, being then quartered in Newry. He never held any office in the Lodge, and attended only two meetings.

163. John Matthew Pochin, the second son of George Pochin, of Barkley Hall, Leicestershire, was born 1st March, 1824. He married, 31st May, 1848, Elizabeth Constance, second daughter of Alexander Adderly, R.N., of Newry, by whom he had one child, a son. He died, 21st August, 1852, at Kingstown. He was a Lieutenant in the 36th Foot. Bro. Pochin was initiated, 26th December, 1844, in XVIII., but, owing to the removal of his Regiment from Newry, he was unable to take the degree of Master Mason. He resigned 10th December, 1845.

164. George Augustus Pollard, of Low-wood, Rostrevor, afterwards The Woodside Hotel, was initiated, 10th April, 1851, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1854-5, and affiliated, in August, 1854, to "St. John's Lodge" No. 697, Warrenpoint. He died, 18th February, 1866, at Rostrevor, and is buried there.

165. Robert Pooler, the third son of Robert Pooler, of Tyross, Co. Armagh, was born, 12th June, 1778, at Tyross. He

married, 29th March, 1812, Frances (who died 7th September, 1867, at Armagh), youngest daughter of Samuel Reid, Seneschal of Newry, by whom he had nine children. He died 29th December, 1859. He was father of the late Rev. James Galbraith Pooler, Rector of Newtownards, and grandfather of Bro. Rev. L. A. Pooler, Rector of Downpatrick, and P.P.G. Chaplain of Down. The Poolers of Tyross were a very old County Armagh family. In 1689, Robert Pooler, one of the family, led troops to the Relief of Derry. "Pooler," says Stuart in his Historical Memoirs of Armagh, "in almost every sortie made by the famous Murray, was always in the thickest of the battle, and yet escaped unhurt. When, however, the garrison had received information that the Irish army had commenced to retreat, Pooler looked through an embrasure in the battlements, in hope of witnessing its final departure. At that moment a random shot, from one of those who had lingered in the rear, struck him on the head and killed him on the spot, the last man slain at the Siege of Derry." Bro. Pooler was a member of the firm of "Gillespie, Macan & Pooler," one of the leading firms in Newry in the early part of the last century, and resided in the house in Canal Street now occupied by the widow of Alexander Wheelan, Builder. In 1824, on succeeding to the family property, he removed to Tyross, where he died. His great-grandfather, Robert Pooler, died in 1742 at the patriarchal age of 116. Bro. Pooler was initiated, 1st August, 1810, in XVIII., of which he was Secretary in 1812 and J.W. in 1819.

166. John Hatton Porter, the only son of the Rev. James Porter, Rector of Drumnakilly, Co. Tyrone, was born, 21st February, 1858, at Kilkenny. He married, 27th February, 1905, Margaret Louisa, second daughter of Robert T. Wright, of Ballinode House, Co. Monaghan, and widow of David Jackson, Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Yokohama, Companion of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun of Japan. After completing his education he entered the service of the Provincial Bank of Ireland at Cootehill, and, having served at Cavan, Belfast, Newry, Carrick-on-Shannon, and Drogheda, he was, in June, 1908, appointed Manager at Newry in the room of Bro. T. O'D. Kelly (No. 106), retired on pension. On leaving Drogheda he was the recipient of an Address

and valuable Presentation. In October, 1908, he received his Majesty's license and authority to assume the name of "Hatton" in addition to and after that of Porter. Bro. Porter was initiated, 5th March, 1891, in "Harmony Lodge" No. 111, Belfast. He affiliated subsequently to Lodge 854, Carrick-on-Shannon; and, 8th March, 1900, to "Drogheda Masonic Lodge" No. 411, of which he was W.M. in 1908; and, 1st October, 1908, to XVIII., of which he is now J.D.

167. **Thomas Pratt** affiliated 2nd March, 1871, to XVIII., from Lodge 696, Mullaghglass, of which he was a member from the time of its resuscitation in 1868 to 1870. In what Lodge he was initiated I am unable to say, but in 1862 he was affiliated to Lodge 105, Tandragee, from Lodge 213. He resigned his membership of XVIII., 2nd April, 1874. Bro. Pratt was for forty years Medical Officer of the Mountnorris Dispensary. He died 10th August, 1880, unmarried, and is buried in Mullabrack Churchyard.

168. **Joseph Purcell** was initiated in XVIII. on the 2nd of January, 1811. I have not succeeded in identifying him.

169. **James Quinn** was the third son of Henry Quinn, a merchant in Newry. He served his time with the firm of "Corry, Little & Swanzy," and for a short time had a business of his own in Newry, from which he retired when quite a young man, and went to reside at Dromore House, Co. Down. He was for many years a Steward of the Newry Steeplechase Races, and in 1834 unsuccessfully ran two horses of his own. He died, 1st March, 1883, and is buried at Dromore. His youngest brother, Henry Quinn, when only seventeen years old, went out to Capetown in 1828, and returning home twenty years afterwards settled in London, where he carried on an extensive trade with the Cape. He died, 24th October, 1887, and left a bequest of close on a quarter of a million for the establishment of "The Quinn Charity in Newry," which has been the means of affording invaluable assistance to many an individual who had once seen better days. Bro. Quinn was initiated, 10th September, 1834, in XVIII., of which he was S.W. in 1838.

170. **Rev. John Campbell Quinn**, the second son of

John Quinn, of Kildare Street, Newry, merchant, was born in 1812. He married, 18th October, 1837, Mary Stuart (who died 27th November, 1891), third daughter of Bro. Trevor Corry (No. 33), by whom he had six sons and five daughters. He died, 15th November, 1882, at the Mourne Hotel, Rostrevor, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. He was educated at the Newry School by Bro. David Henderson (No. 87), and, having graduated in the University of Dublin, he was ordained, 10th August, 1834, for the Curacy of Ballygawley, Co. Tyrone, on resigning which, in March, 1836, he was presented with an Address and Silver Salver. He then became Curate of Drumbanagher, on resigning which, in December, 1842, he was presented with an Address and a Bible. Towards the end of 1842 he became Curate of Donoughmore, and in 1857 he was appointed Rector of the Parish, an appointment which evoked public manifestations of approval. This position he occupied up till the time of his death. During the famine of 1847 he rendered valuable services as Chairman of the Donoughmore and Glen Relief Committee. A tablet is erected to his memory in Donoughmore Church. Bro. Quinn was initiated, 8th May, 1838, in XVIII. He was P.G. Chaplain of the Province of South Down 1852-68, and occupied the same position in the Province of Down 1868-74 and in 1882. On the 24th of June, 1859, under the auspices of Lodges 18, 23, and 77, he delivered a Lecture on Freemasonry in the Savings Bank, Newry.

171. William Henry Quinn, the eldest son of John Quinn, of Kildare Street, Newry, merchant, was born in 1809. He was educated at the Newry School, and, having graduated in the University of Dublin, was called to the Bar, but never practised. In December, 1834, he issued an address to the Free and Independent Electors of the Borough of Newry, but retired before the election in favour of Sir Thomas Staples, who was, however, defeated by Denis Caulfield Brady. His younger brother, Peter Quinn, represented the Borough 1859-65. He was for many years a Steward of the Newry Steeplechases. He died, 28th March, 1847, unmarried, at his residence, Carnmeen, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard.

Bro. Quinn was initiated, 17th December, 1834, in XVIII., but never held office in the Lodge.

172. John Grandage Ramsden, the second son of John Ramsden, M.I.C.E., of Dean's Croft, Holmes' Chapel, Cheshire, was born in India 3rd February, 1878. He married, 22nd July, 1908, Louisa Mary, only daughter of the Rev. Richard Tenison Bluett, Rector of Carlingford. He is Traffic Manager and Engineer for the London and North Western Railway Company at Greenore. Bro. Ramsden was initiated, 6th November, 1907, in XVIII., but has not as yet held any office in the Lodge.

173. Robert Stewart Redmond, of Rockville, Newry, the eldest son of William Forbes Redmond, of Belle Vue and Merchants' Quay, Newry, was born, 26th April, 1870, at Armagh. He married, 20th August, 1902, Jane Ruddell Roberta, eldest daughter of the Rev. Robert Edmund Glenny, D.D., Rector of Clonallon, Warrenpoint, by whom he has a son. After completing his education in the Ulster Provincial School, Lisburn, and in the Methodist College, Belfast, he served his time to the Timber Business in the firm of "W. F. Redmond & Co.," Merchants' Quay, Newry, of which he is now joint Managing Director and Partner with his father. He is also a partner in the firm of "Redmond Sons & Co.," Belfast, and was for three years President of the Newry Chamber of Commerce." Bro. Redmond was initiated, 2nd April, 1902, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1906. His father-in-law, an active and energetic Mason, has been for many years P.G. Chaplain of the Province of Down.

174. William Reed, one of the Founders of the Lodge, was the second son of John Reed, of Ballymoyer, Co. Armagh, and was born at Ballymoyer in 1784. He was twice married. By his first wife, Elizabeth, he had two sons and one daughter. The daughter, Miss Anne Reed, of Cloughmore, Warrenpoint, although in her 94th year, is still alive and in the full enjoyment of all her intellectual faculties. By his second wife, Letitia (who died 28th November, 1870), a younger daughter of Isaac Glenny, of Littleton, Seneschal of Newry, he had five sons and seven daughters. He died,

28th August, 1872, at Alma Terrace, Portadown, and is buried at Loughgilly. He was for nearly sixty-seven years a Justice of the Peace for the County Armagh, and was Agent for Lord Gosford, Sir Walter Synnot, and others. He raised and was Captain of "The Ballymoyer Yeomen," originally known as "The Baleek Rangers," a corps which did much excellent service in preserving the peace of the country in those disturbed times. Bro. Reed never held any office in the Lodge.

175. John Charles George Robertson, the fourth son of John Argyll Robertson, M.D., of Edinburgh, was born, 10th June, 1832, at Edinburgh. He was educated at the Edinburgh Academy and at Neuwied-am-Rhein, in Rhenish Prussia, and having graduated in Medicine and Surgery in the University and Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, devoted himself entirely to the study of Psychological Medicine, in which he was engaged during the whole of his professional career. He held the following appointments:—Junior Assistant Medical Officer of the Hanwell Asylum and of the Essex County Asylum; Chief Assistant Medical Officer of the Devon County Asylum, Exminster; and, on the opening of the Monaghan County Asylum, he was appointed its first Medical Superintendent, which post he held for about twenty-five years. He died, unmarried, at Murrayfield, Edinburgh, in April, 1897, and is buried in St. John's Cemetery, Edinburgh. Bro. Robertson was initiated in Lodge No. 217, and was one of the founders of Lodge No. 223, Monaghan, constituted in 1870. He affiliated, 17th March, 1881, to XVIII., the membership of which he resigned 27th December, 1883. He was Provincial Grand Secretary of the Masonic Province of Armagh in 1874.

176. George Rodham was a military pensioner. In 1830 he lived in Chapel Street, where he carried on a small business as a "Provision Dealer." In 1837 he and his wife were appointed Superintendents of "The Newry Mendicity Institution," a local Workhouse supported by voluntary contributions before the introduction of the present Poor-law System. In 1841 they were appointed Master and Matron of the Newry Fever Hospital on the

Rathfriland Road. Bro. Rodham was initiated in Lodge XI. in the First Battalion of the Royal Scots, and affiliated in 1836 to Lodge 23, Newry. He was a most enthusiastic and accomplished Freemason, and, having been in the habit of conferring degrees in XVIII., was, on the 14th of December, 1848, elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge and presented with a Jewel, as a token of the gratitude of the members.

177. John Montgomery Russell, son of Matthew Russell, a Newry merchant, was a Lieutenant in the 66th Foot. He died 8th March, 1837. He was initiated, 13th January, 1813, in XVIII., and on the following day received his Master Mason's Degree and his Certificate "as he is leaving the country."

178. Edward Canny Ryall, the son of John Ryall, of Parsonstown, was born at Parsonstown on the 21st of July, 1831. Having completed his education he entered the army in 1854, as Assistant Surgeon in the 18th Foot. With this Regiment he served throughout the entire Crimean campaign, for which he held a medal and clasps. He was one of the surgeons associated with Florence Nightingale in the opening and work of Scutari Hospital. He was also through a considerable portion of the Indian Mutiny, but, while marching to the relief of Jhansi, he got a bad sunstroke and was invalided home. He subsequently became attached to the 86th Foot, with which regiment he was quartered in Newry in 1860. In 1856 he married Eleanor E. Phayer, daughter of William Phayer, of Limerick, by whom he had four sons and four daughters. He died, 12th July, 1880, at Dublin, and is buried at Limerick. Bro. Ryall was initiated, 13th December, 1860, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge. His youngest son, Bro. Charles Ryall, an eminent London surgeon, is an active member of "The Earl of Mornington Lodge" No. 2000, E.C.

179. Edward Satchell received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, all on 15th May, 1827, in XVIII. I cannot identify him. He never held any office in the Lodge.

180. **Joseph Sawyers**, Surgeon in the 86th Foot, then quartered in Newry, was, 13th December, 1860, initiated in XVIII. He never held any office in the Lodge.

181. **Carlos Schleusner**, an Engineer engaged in the construction of the Newry and Armagh Railway, who was present at the opening of the line in August, 1864, was, 1st December, 1864, initiated in XVIII. He resigned 12th January, 1865, having "been suddenly removed to a railway in Poland."

182. **James Scott**, was initiated, 1st April, 1812, in XVIII., of which he was Secretary in 1813 and 1815. He resigned 11th January, 1815. I cannot identify him.

183. **George Searight**, was the fifth son of James Searight, of Newry, and brother of Bro. James Searight (No. 185). He married, 30th July, 1815, Elizabeth (who died 8th May, 1855), daughter of Thomas Hiram, of Liverpool. He died at Newry in the month of March, 1819. Bro. Searight was initiated, 9th March, 1814, in XVIII., of which he was J.W. in 1816.

184. **Hiram Searight** was the fourth son of James Searight, of Newry, and brother of Bro. James Searight (No. 185). He died, unmarried, in Dublin. Bro. Searight was initiated, 1st April, 1812, in XVIII., but never held office in the Lodge.

185. **James Searight**—one of the Founders of the Lodge and its first Junior Warden—the third son of James Searight, of Newry, Merchant, was born 24th March, 1777. He married, 5th August, 1814, Sarah (who died 13th January, 1868) daughter of Miles Atkinson, of Portadown, by whom he had three sons and four daughters. He died 20th May, 1837, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. He was Captain of the "Newry Infantry" Corps of Yeomen, of which Bros. T. G. Henry and John Ellis were officers. Bro. Searight was W.M. of the Lodge in 1819 and again in 1822.

186. **Jonathan Seaver**, of Heath Hall—one of the Founders of the Lodge and its first Worshipful Master—the eldest son of Thomas Seaver, of Heath Hall, Co. Armagh, was born in 1760. He married, 1st, Nicholina (who died 30th August, 1824, æt 56),

daughter of John Pockrich, of Derrylusk, Co. Monaghan, by whom he had four sons and two daughters, and, secondly, 15th August, 1833, Anna Maria (who died 17th May, 1873), eldest daughter of the Rev. Charles Seaver, of St. Andrew's Parish in the City of Dublin. He died, 15th January, 1841, at 2, Downshire Place, Newry, and is buried in Meigh Churchyard. He was the representative of an old County Armagh family—his father, Thomas Seaver, who built Heath Hall in 1769, having held the office of High Sheriff of the county in 1775, and his grandfather, Jonathan Seaver, of Trea, having occupied the same position in 1748, whilst he himself was High Sheriff in 1807. In 1794 he was a captain in the Armagh Militia, and subsequently he raised a corps of yeomen known as "The Killeavy Light Infantry." Of all the local yeomen none were more active and efficient than those under the command of "Sayver of the Bog," as their commander was commonly termed, and numerous are the records of their doings. Into a recital of these we cannot here enter. Suffice it to say that, during an exceedingly disturbed period of Irish history, he and his men were a terror to evildoers, and that active and energetic measures, adopted for the preservation of the peace, often caused the Captain to be subjected to a stiff cross-examination when placed in the witness-box to depose to particulars of the crimes and offences which came under his notice. Bro. Seaver, in addition to being our first W.M., occupied the chair in 1813 and again in 1818. To his grandson, the late Dean of Connor, I am indebted for the following interesting particulars:—"On one occasion, when dining with the officers of the regiment then stationed in Newry, he received an anonymous letter, warning him not to return home by the Dublin Road, as a body of men were waiting for him at the Turnpike Gate. He handed the letter to the Colonel, who offered him an escort home. This he declined, and went home, alone, another way; but he afterwards ascertained that the information which he had received was correct, that, had he returned by the ordinary route, his life would have been attempted, and that the warning had been sent by a Freemason. On another occasion a blacksmith was passing over the Stone Bridge, near Sugar Island, when he met two men stationed on the Bridge. They were, like himself, United Irishmen; and he

inquired why they were there at that late hour. They said they had been told off to waylay Captain Seaver as he went home from the Barracks. 'I sat in a Masonic Lodge with him last week,' said the blacksmith, 'and if a hair of his head is injured I'll give information against you both.' The Captain shortly afterwards appeared, and was met by the blacksmith who informed him of what had occurred and saw him safely through the town."

187. Jonathan Pockrich Seaver, the second son of Bro. Jonathan Seaver (No. 186), was married, 20th December, 1818, to Margaret, the eldest daughter of John Aiken, of Pettigo, Co. Fermanagh, by whom he had one son and two daughters. He was First Lieutenant in "The Mullaghglass Yeomen" and subsequently, as Lieutenant in the 15th Foot, he saw much active service in the Peninsular War, during which he was taken prisoner, but, making the acquaintance of a French officer at Verdun, who happened to be a Brother Mason and supplied him with the necessary funds, he was enabled to make his way home. He was transferred to the 60th Foot, as Lieutenant on half-pay, but the hardships of war had already told upon his constitution, and he died, 6th August, 1822, at Heath Hall, and is buried in Dundalk Churchyard. The Very Rev. Charles Seaver, Dean of Connor (who died 29th January, 1907) was his son. Bro. Seaver was affiliated, 11th June, 1819, to XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

188. Thomas Seaver, the only son of Captain Thomas Seaver, of Heath Hall, Co. Armagh, and grandson of Bro. Jonathan Seaver (No. 186), was born in 1825. He married, 24th August, 1852, Maria Nicholina, only child of Stevenson Seaver, of Dublin, by whom he had two sons and one daughter. In 1857 he left this country for Australia and was mining at Ararat and Peters in 1858. In 1859 he removed to St. Arnaud, where he lived up to April, 1896. During his residence at St. Arnaud he had several mail contracts, was valuer and rate collector, a councillor of St. Arnaud borough, Secretary of the local hospital, auditor for several institutions, a member of the Maryborough Mining Board and Electoral Registrar for the St. Arnaud, Gooroc, and Avon Plains divisions of the Kara Kara

electorate. On leaving St. Arnaud he was the recipient of a handsome Gold Watch, presented to him by his friends there. On returning to Ireland in 1897, after an absence of forty years, he re-entered into the occupation of Heath Hall, where he had spent his early days, and was the recipient of an Address of Welcome from a number of influential inhabitants of Newry. He died, 11th September, 1900, at Heath Hall, and is buried in Meigh Churchyard. Bro. Seaver was initiated in "Stewart Lodge" No. 1316, E.C., St. Arnaud, of which he was a Past Master, and affiliated, 4th November, 1897, to XVIII., of which he was J.D. in 1899.

189. Charles Marlborough Seymour was a Captain in the 59th Foot and served under Sir John Moore 1808-9, taking part in the actions at Lugo, Benevente, and Corunna. He was with the expedition to Walcheren, including the siege and capture of Flushing, where he was wounded. He served in the Peninsula 1812-4, being present at the siege of Ciudad Rodrigo, siege of Badajos, battle of Salamanca, capture of Madrid, siege of Burgos, battle of Vittoria, siege of San Sebastian, passage of the Bidassoa, the Nive and the Adour and investment of Bayonne—for which he received a medal with four clasps. After retiring from the service he was appointed Engineer to the Newry Navigation Company and resided, for a time, at Ashton, but in 1828 he removed to the house in Hill Street, now No. 36, where the late A. R. Walker used to reside. He died 7th April, 1853, æt 71, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard, where his wife, Honoria, who had been a Miss Molony, is also buried. Bro. Seymour was initiated in XVIII., 7th November, 1810, after serving under Sir John Moore, and resigned and received his certificate, 9th November, 1811, on the eve of his departure for service in the Peninsula. He was re-admitted 11th June, 1819, and was W.M. in 1825-30, 1834, and 1836.

190. John Sharkey was a merchant in Newry in 1810. He subsequently removed to Dublin, and, in October, 1813, he married a Miss Payne, of New Denmark Street, in that city. He was a member of Lodge 189, and affiliated, 7th November, 1810, to XVIII., of which he was J.W. in 1811.

191. **Donald Shaw**, an officer in the 86th Foot, then quartered in Newry, was initiated, 13th December, 1860, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

192. **John Martin Simpson** was the eldest son of Dr. Maxwell Simpson, F.R.S., and first cousin of Bro. Robert Martin (No. 126). After completing his education in Dublin, Germany, and Paris, he became an apprentice to Messrs. R. & D. Martin, Proprietors of the Kilbroney Bleachworks, Rostrevor, and was afterwards for some years an assistant to them. Eventually he went to Canada and joined the Canadian Mounted Police, but in a few years he returned home and resided with his parents in London, where he died, unmarried, about the year 1895. He is buried in Fulham Cemetery, London. Bro. Simpson was initiated, 5th November, 1868, in XVIII., of which he was S.W. in 1876.

193. **Samuel Blacklock Murray Skinner**—the only son of Frederick Nepean Skinner, Captain in the 26th Cameronians, grandson of General Tom Skinner, R.E., and great-grandson of General William Skinner, Chief Engineer of Great Britain—was born 23rd August, 1829. He married, in 1848, Mary, only child of Lewis Crow, by whom he had an only child, Louis Hayes Petit Skinner, who was afterwards an officer in the 7th Royal Fusiliers. He died, 14th August, 1854, of cholera, at Gallipoli, where he is buried. He was a Captain in the 9th Foot and afterwards in the 4th King's Own Regiment. Bro. Skinner was initiated, 20th February, 1850, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

194. **Harry Warner Smartt**, the third son of Francis William Smartt, M.D., of Ballymabon, in the County of Longford, was born, 30th October, 1862, at Kilworth, Co. Cork. He married, 21st August, 1889, Anna Maria, second daughter of Philip Bevan, M.D., of Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, and granddaughter of Admiral Sir Robert Hagan, by whom he has had one son and four daughters. After securing his medical qualifications he started in practice at Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath, where he remained for ten years. He then removed to Newry, where, in January, 1895, he was elected Medical Officer of the Newry No. 1 Dispensary District in the room

of Dr. Andrew M'Bride, deceased, which appointment he still holds. Bro. Smartt was initiated, 8th September, 1886, in Lodge 65, Granard, of which he was W.M. in 1891, and was a Founder of Lodge, 124, Castlepollard, his name appearing as S.W. on the Warrant, which was granted 27th December, 1892. He affiliated, 4th January, 1894, to XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1903, and is now I.G. He is also a member of Lodge 23 and Royal Arch Chapter 77, Newry.

195. Rev. Samuel Smartt, the second son of John Smartt, of Maudlins, Trim, Co. Meath, was born, 4th June, 1855, at Trim. He married, 24th July, 1890, Ellen Augusta, daughter of the Rev. John Forbes Close, Rector of Kilkeel, by whom he has two daughters. After a distinguished career in the University of Dublin, he was ordained, in December, 1878, for the Curacy of St. Mary's, Newry; and, on the death of the Rev. T. B. Swanzy, he was, 2nd July, 1884, appointed Vicar of Newry. In 1897 he was appointed Rural Dean of Newry. He is nephew of three brothers, all of whom attained eminence in the Army Medical Service—viz., William Hanbury, M.D., who was associated with Florence Nightingale at Scutari Hospital; Surgeon Major-General Sir James Hanbury, K.C.B.; and Ingham Hanbury, C.B., who was wounded at Tel-el-Kebir. Bro. Smartt was initiated, 12th October, 1885, in Lodge 243, Belfast, and, at the request of this Lodge, received the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason in XVIII., to which he was affiliated 2nd December, 1886. He was S.W. when he resigned 3rd December, 1891.

196. Samuel Smith, of the Basin House, now occupied by John M'Combe, was Agent in Newry for William Dargan, who, in December, 1842, announces that, "having purchased the establishment lately carried on by the Ulster Canal Steam Carrying Company," he has made "arrangements to start Fly Boats daily, from Belfast and Newry, to Belturbet, Lisnaskea, and Enniskillen, and from those places to Belfast and Newry." He died early in 1850. Bro. Smith was initiated, 14th July, 1847, in XVIII., of which he was S.D. 1848-9.

197. **William Smyth** was initiated in XVIII. on the 3rd of May, 1855, and was appointed J.D. of the Lodge in the following month. I have not been able to identify him.

198. **Hugh Smythe**, a military officer, was initiated, 20th July, 1854, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

199. **Thomas Spence**, a "Grocer and Spirit Dealer" in Canal Street, who was in partnership with his brother, James Spence, was initiated, 6th June, 1811, in XVIII., of which he was Treasurer 1815-20.

200. **William Loftie Stoney**, the eldest son of Isaac Stoney, of Mount Pleasant, Gilford, Co. Down, and previously of Frankford, King's County, was born, 11th June, 1824, at Laurence-town. He was educated at Dungannon Royal School, and, in 1845, he graduated in the University of Dublin as a Civil Engineer. He was—1845-8, Resident Engineer to the Bann Reservoir Company, for whom he superintended the construction of the Corbet Lough and the Lough Island Reavy Reservoirs—1848-53 in the employment of William Dargan, as Engineer on various contracts connected with the Newry Canal, Midland Great Western Railway, and the Great Southern and Western Railway—1853-4 in Victoria, Australia, engaged in the construction of Public Road and Bridges—1854-6 employed as a Surveyor by the Tasmanian Government—1856-8 Contractors' Engineer in the construction of the Williamstown Railway, Victoria, the workmen on which presented him with an Address and Gold Watch on leaving—1859 in England, Superintending the construction of Bridges for Victorian Railways—1859-61 Resident Engineer to the Fishguard Harbour Improvement Company, South Wales—1861-4 Contractors' Engineer on the Ulster Railway Extension, Holywood and Bangor Line. He was subsequently in the employment of the Turkish Government, which, in 1878, conferred upon him the Order of the Medjidieh. He died at Constantinople 31st January, 1892. Bro. Stoney was initiated, 26th October, 1849, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

201. **James Whitelaw Stronge**, the sixth son of Charles Stronge, of Fassaroe, Co. Wicklow, was born in 1815. He married,

10th October, 1845, Anne Jane, only daughter of Alexander Davison, of Dromore, Co. Antrim, and Laragh, Co. Monaghan, by whom he had four daughters, the eldest of whom was married to Judge Harrison. Having graduated in medicine in the University of Dublin he was appointed Medical Officer of the Carlingford Dispensary, which post he resigned in 1847 on being appointed Medical Officer of the Ravensdale Dispensary. On resigning this post, in 1852, his friends in the neighbourhood of Ravensdale presented him with an Address and a Piece of Plate. He then removed to Belfast, and finally, in 1863, he removed to Dublin, and, on the 9th of April, 1868, was appointed surgeon to the Meath Hospital and County Dublin Infirmary. His tenure of this office was but short, as he died on the 9th of November in the same year, from fever contracted in the wards of the Hospital. Bro. Stronge was affiliated to XVIII., from "Eureka Lodge" No. 47, Dundalk, on the 9th December, 1846. He resigned 8th February, 1849, and was elected an Honorary Member.

202. Alexander James Sutherland, the eldest son of Thomas Barclay Moody Sutherland, Lieutenant in the 41st Foot who fell in action in the first Burmese War, was born, 13th July, 1823, at Fort St. George, Madras. He married, 4th April, 1854, Elizabeth (who died 7th August, 1856), third daughter of Dr. George Tyrrell, of Banbridge, by whom he had one child, a daughter. He was an officer in the 53rd Foot, and it is stated that it was he who first planted the colours of Great Britain in the Country of the Scinde. He died, 28th September, 1857, at Banoon, whilst gallantly commanding a column of his Regiment on its march to the Relief of Lucknow. He had served in the Sutlej Campaign, for which he received a medal, and was present at the battles of Buddewal, Aliwal, and Sobraon. Bro. Sutherland was initiated, 9th November, 1848, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge. He resigned 11th October, 1849.

203. John Thomas Sutherland, the second son of T. B. M. Sutherland and brother of Bro. A. J. Sutherland (No. 202), was born, 20th October, 1824, at Fort, St. George, Madras. He died,

unmarried, 17th January, 1851, of fever, at his residence, Tullycaine House, near Dromore, Co. Down, and is buried in the cemetery attached to Dromore Cathedral. Bro. Sutherland was initiated, 9th November, 1848, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge. He resigned 11th October, 1849.

204. James Taylor, Tyler of the Lodge, was initiated in XVIII., on the 9th of January, 1868. He was an extremely respectable little man, a carman by occupation, and was in his younger days coachman to Dean Seaver and Mr. Peter Quinn of the Agency. He was married and had a family. He died, 21st November, 1888, in Belfast, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard.

205. George Thompson was the third son of Ross Thompson, of Greenwood Park, Newry. He married, 24th September, 1846, Susanna (who died 2nd January, 1850), eldest daughter of David Simms, of Seaview Cottage, Belfast, by whom he had one son and one daughter. He died, 6th February, 1850, at Seaview Cottage, Belfast, and is buried in the Old Cemetery, Belfast. He, with Bro. S. L. Frazer (No. 60) and R. R. Todd, of Newry, Solicitors, constituted the firm of "Frazer & Co., Solicitors, Banbridge," which firm was dissolved in November, 1847. Bro. Thompson was initiated, 14th February, 1844, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

206. Henry Thompson, an officer in the 74th Foot, was initiated, 16th June, 1834, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

207. Edward Walkington Thomson, of The Woodhouse, Rostrevor, the third son of Henry Thomson, of Downshire House, Newry, and a nephew of Bro. William Henry (No. 92), was born, 28th March, 1845, at Newry. His father was founder of the firm of "Henry Thomson & Co.," of Trevor Hill, Newry. He was educated at the Newry Collegiate School under T. H. L. Leary, and at Mostyn House School, Parkgate, Cheshire; and in 1867 became a partner in the firm of "William Henry & Co.," Brewers, of Queen Street, Newry, which position he occupied up till the dissolution of the firm in 1881. He subsequently resided for a few years in

California. He married, 28th October, 1896, Helen Louise, eldest daughter of Captain Smith Ramadge, 28th Foot, of The Woodhouse, Rostrevor, on which occasion the members of the Lodge presented him with a Dining-room Clock, as a trifling token of their affection and esteem for one whose presence is always a source of infinite pleasure to his Brethren, and whose absence from amongst them is always keenly felt. Bro. Thomson was initiated, 15th May, 1868, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1875. He was P.S.G.W. of the Masonic Province of Down in 1881. He joined The Friendly Brother Order of St. Patrick, Dublin Knot, 4th January, 1867.

208. Joshua Townsend, the second son of Richard Townsend, of The Holme, Rossendale, Lancashire, was born, 17th August, 1837, at Rossendale. He married, 4th September, 1862, Alice Anne, second daughter of James Porritt, of Stubbins, Lancashire, who died a few months after her marriage. He was the proprietor of The Craigmores Weaving Mills, which he sold to The Bessbrook Spinning Company, and he was a shareholder in the Newry Mineral Water Company. He was a capital cricketer, and during his residence in Newry he did much to encourage the game. On leaving Newry, in May, 1876, he was entertained at dinner in Sanxter's Hotel, Rostrevor, and was presented with an album containing portraits of a number of his Newry friends. He died on the 12th of June, 1909, at West Kirby, Cheshire. Bro. Townsend was initiated, 2nd October, 1873, in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

209. Andrew Marcus Trevor, was a son of Major Andrew Marcus Trevor, of Lisnagaed, near Loughbrickland, Co. Down. He died, suddenly, unmarried, early in the month of September, 1845. Bro. Trevor was initiated in Lodge 80, Loughbrickland, and affiliated, 4th January, 1832, to XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge.

210. Hugh Trevor, M.D., was a twin brother of Bro. A. M. Trevor (No. 209). Having graduated in Arts in the University of Dublin he studied medicine in Edinburgh and Paris, and having qualified he came to Newry for a short time. In 1834 he went

abroad, and ultimately settled down in the United States. Here he practised for over forty years, first at Marietta, Ohio, and afterwards at St. Joseph, Massachussetts. As a student in Paris he fought one or two duels, the marks of which he bore to the day of his death, and he saw a good deal of active service during the Civil War in America. He married, 24th December, 1835, Maria, eldest daughter of Joseph Holden, of Marietta, Ohio, by whom he had two daughters. He died, in April 1880 or 1881, at Quincy, Illinois, æt 72, and is buried at St. Joseph, Massachussetts. Bro. Trevor was initiated in Lodge 80, Loughbrickland, and affiliated, 4th January, 1832, to XVIII. He resigned, 12th February, 1834, on "going to proceed to the East Indies." He re-visited the Lodge in 1869, having in the meantime joined "Lodge 186 in the United States."

211. **Lawford Tronson**, the eldest son of the Rev. Robert Tronson, Rector of Athboy, Co. Meath, was born in 1785. He married, 14th March, 1813, Charlotte (who died 15th May, 1869), third daughter of James Searight, of Newry, and sister of Bro. James Searight (No. 185), by whom he had four sons and six daughters, his eldest son, Robert Nixon Tronson, being a general in the army, and another, James Tronson, being a Commander in the Royal Navy. He died, 20th October, 1855, at Warrenpoint, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. He was a merchant, carrying on business first in Newry and afterwards in Liverpool. Bro. Tronson was initiated, 4th October, 1809, in XVIII., of which he was J.W. in 1812 and Secretary in 1825.

212. **Charles Trouton**, a Newry merchant, was born 1st August, 1785. He married, 21st May, 1813, Marianne, fifth daughter of Edward Creek, of Newry, and sister of Bro. William Creek (No. 38). He died in Dublin, October, 1873. He and Thomas Trouton were partners in business in Sugar Island, and were owners of the Rostrevor Saltworks. This partnership was dissolved in November, 1810. In 1812 he visited Spain and Portugal; and, returning to Newry, resumed business in Merchants Quay. He was Secretary of the Newry Chamber of Commerce 1828-30. Bro. Trouton was initiated, 3rd January, 1810, in XVIII., and resigned, 9th November, 1811, "on account of going abroad." He was re-admitted, 1st July, 1812, but never held any office in the Lodge.

213. Thomas Agmondisham Vesey, of Knapton, Rostrevor, the eldest son of the Rev. George Vesey, of Inniscarra, Co. Cork, was born on the 7th of April, 1840, at Glanmire, Co. Cork. He married, 19th September, 1865, Frances, second daughter of John Blakeney, of Prospect Hill, Galway, by whom he has had two sons and three daughters, of whom a son and daughter survive. He was educated at the Royal School, Dungannon, from which he obtained a Classical Exhibition on entering the University of Dublin, where he graduated in Arts, Medicine, and Surgery. For eighteen months he was Medical Officer of the Laurencetown Dispensary District, Co. Galway; and, on the 1st of January, 1867, he came to Rostrevor as Medical Officer of the Rostrevor Dispensary District, which post he resigned on the 5th of May, 1909. For several years he was Surgeon of the Royal South Down Militia, from which he retired with the rank of Surgeon-Major. Bro. Vesey was initiated on the 19th of December, 1866, in "Sussex Masonic Lodge," No. 137, Ballinasloe, in which he had also received the degree of Fellow Craft. He affiliated on the 2nd of August, 1867, to XVIII., which conferred upon him the degree of Master Mason, and of which he was W.M. in 1872. He resigned on the 2nd of November, 1876.

214. Frederick Sidney Wade, District Inspector in the Royal Irish Constabulary, was stationed in Newry from 1898 to 1901, when he was transferred to Queenstown, Co. Cork. Bro. Wade was initiated, 2nd March, 1885, in "St. Brendan's Lodge," No. 163, Parsonstown, and affiliated, 5th January, 1899, to XVIII., of which he was J.W. when he resigned 3rd October, 1901.

215. Abraham Walker, the eldest son of Abraham Redmond Walker, Flour Miller, Newry, was born, 13th April, 1861, at Newry. He was educated at Berkhamstead Grammar School, after leaving which he spent some time in his father's office. He then went to Laredo, Texas, where he remained for a few years, and ultimately, returning to Newry, became a partner in the firm of "A. R. Walker & Sons." In 1904 he went out to South Africa, and now resides in Johannesburg. In August, 1904, he married Miss Marion Sharpe, of Liverpool. Bro. Walker was initiated, 21st January, 1890, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1897.

216. Isaac Walker, one of the Founders of the Lodge, and its first J.D., was the third son of John Walker, of Newry, merchant.

He married, 24th April, 1812, Honora, the widow of a Mr. Cathcart, of Newry, by whom he had a son and a daughter. He died, 20th March, 1825. His father built the house in Sugar Island now occupied by "Alexander, Bennett & Co." In September, 1795, Abraham, John, and Isaac Walker announce that they have entered into partnership as "Abraham Walker & Co.," under which title they intend to carry on the business of their late father, John Walker. Isaac lived in the house in Canal Street now occupied by Andrew Barr. In January, 1806, he was gazetted as Second Lieutenant in the "Newry Royals" corps of yeomen, vice Ellis resigned. Bro. Walker, who had previously been a member of Lodge 257, was S.W. of XVIII. in 1814-5.

217. John Walker, Lieutenant in the 6th Foot, was a son of Jacob Walker, of Newry, and nephew of Bro. Isaac Walker (No. 216). He left Newry, about the year 1812, to reside at Henry Hill, near Banbridge, and married, 31st August, 1813, Madge, fourth daughter of John Steele, of Enniskillen. He died, 19th March, 1836, at the residence of his father-in-law in Enniskillen, æt 46, and is buried at Irvinestown. Bro. Walker was initiated, 6th February, 1811, in XVIII., and resigned 9th November, 1811.

218. William Sinclair Walker, the third son of Abraham Redmond Walker, Flour Miller, Newry, was born, 25th April, 1865, at Newry. After completing his education at Ennis College, Co. Clare, and Trinity College, Dublin, he served his time with the firm of "A. R. Walker & Sons," of which he subsequently became a partner. In 1893 he emigrated to New Zealand, and thence removed to New South Wales, where he now resides. In July, 1894, he married Miss Lena Berg, of Picton, New Zealand. Bro. Walker was initiated, 19th November, 1889, in XVIII., of which he was S.D. when he resigned on the 1st November, 1893.

219. Henry Woodhouse Wallace, of Cairnhill, Newry, was son of John Henry Wallace, Wine Merchant, Hill Street, Newry. He married, 7th October, 1878, Ellen Louisa, second daughter of the Rev. William Raphael Williams, for twenty-eight years Curate of the Parish of Newry. He died, 8th April, 1879, at Cairnhill, and is buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard. His widow married, 8th June, 1886, the Rev. William McEndoo, Rector of the Parish of Ballymore, Tandragee, whose tragic death, by accident, occurred 16th March,

1908. H. W. Wallace carried on the business conducted by his father, and was himself succeeded by "Duncan, Alderdice & Co." He was for several years Chairman of "The Newry Gas Consumers' Company" before that concern was taken over by the Newry Town Commissioners. Bro. Wallace was initiated, 12th February, 1852, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1855-6 and 1869. He was P.J.G.W. of the Province of Down 1874-6, a Past Sovereign of Prince Mason's Chapter, No. 2, Dublin, and attained the 28th Degree, "Knight of the Sun."

220. James Ledlie Wallace was a merchant in Hill Street, having stores on the Canal Quay. He became bankrupt in 1816. Bro. Wallace was initiated, 6th March, 1811, but never held any office in the Lodge. He resigned 9th November, 1811, and received his Certificate.

221. Samuel Wallace started business as a Wine Merchant "in the old-established Wine Vaults, in Hill Street, nearly opposite the Commercial Coffee-room, formerly occupied by E. R. Courtenay," in January, 1814. Bro. Wallace was initiated, 10th November, 1815, in XVIII., of which he was W.M. in 1841.

222. Charles Waring, His Britannic Majesty's Vice-Consul at Alicante, Spain, was son of Jasper Waring, Consul at the same place, and nephew of Thomas Waring, of Trevor Hill, Newry. Bro. Waring was initiated on the 1st of February, 1826, in "The Lodge of Unanimity," No. 497 E.C., Taunton, now No. 261. He was passed, 22nd May, 1826, to the degree of F.C., and raised, 19th June, 1826, to the degree of M.M. in XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge, and attended only two meetings.

223. Francis Waring, a brother of Bro. Charles Waring (No. 222), was British Consul at Richmond, Virginia, and died while still a young man. Bro. Waring received the degrees of E.A. and F.C. in XVIII. on the 22nd of May, 1826, and that of M.M. in the following month, but does not appear to have attended afterwards.

224. William James Watson, M.R.I.A.I., F.S.I., and F.C.I., of Benvenue, Rostrevor, the eldest son of William Watson, of Aughavilla, Warrenpoint, was born on the 3rd of October, 1844, in London. After completing his education at Potterton's School, Newry, and afterwards at Kidderminster Grammar School, he

became a pupil of W. Jeffery Hoppins, F.R.I.B.A., Diocesan Architect of Hereford and Worcester, and afterwards of Thomas Rumble, C.E., Engineer-in-Chief to the New River Waterworks, London. He is an architect of considerable eminence, the following being a list of the principal works designed by him and executed under his directions:—

The Clanrye Mills, erected for Messrs. Sinclair & Son, Newry.

Walker's Mill, Hill Street, Newry.

Grain and Seed-store buildings, for Messrs. Martin, Nesbitt, & Irwin, Newry.

The Masonic Hall, Downshire Road, Newry.

The Intermediate Schools, Downshire Road, Newry.

St. Mary's Parsonage, Newry.

Carmeen House, Newry, the residence of W. H. B. Moorhead.

The Belfast Bank, Newry.

Enlargement and Restoration of Sandys Street Presbyterian Church, Newry.

Artisans' Dwellings, for the Newry Urban District Council.

The Town Hall, Bessbrook.

The Beach Hotel, Warrenpoint.

The Parsonage, Warrenpoint.

Enlargement and Restoration of the Parish Church, Warrenpoint.

The Cooke Memorial—Methodist—Church, Warrenpoint.

The Town Hall, Warrenpoint.

Enlargement and Improvement of the Presbyterian Church, Warrenpoint.

The Manse, Warrenpoint.

The Great Northern Hotel, Warrenpoint.

The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran.

The Mourne Hotel, Rostrevor.

The Woodside Hotel and Skating Rink, Rostrevor.

Improvement and Restoration of Kilbroney Parish Church, Rostrevor.

New Waterworks for the Village and District of Rostrevor.

Drumindoney Mansion—now Mourne Grange School—Kilkeel.

Ardmore Rectory, Bray.

Improvement and Restoration of the Parish Church, Monaghan.

Protestant Hall and Reading-room, Monaghan.

Restoration and Improvement of Ballylessan Church, Co. Down.

Hallow Church, Worcestershire.

The General Post Office, Hastings.

The General Post Office, Bristol.

Enlargement and Improvement of Milestown and new Water-supply Works for Major-General Woolsey, Castlebellingham, Co. Louth.

Reconstruction and Enlargement of Oriel Temple, Co. Louth, for Viscount Massereene and Ferrard.

In addition to his professional avocations, he is agent for a number of landed estates. Himself an ardent sportsman, he was, on the dissolution of The Purdysburn Coursing Club in 1895, presented by the members with a handsome Address and a solid silver Tea and Coffee Service, in appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the club. He married, 25th March, 1874, Bessie, youngest daughter of David Todd, of Newry, by whom he has a son and a daughter. His father, who was for many years an architect of much eminence in London, and ranked amongst the foremost competitors for designs for the present Houses of Parliament, came to reside in Ireland about the year 1850, and was Agent to R. N. Batt, of Purdysburn, and several other landowners. Bro. Watson was initiated, 6th April, 1871, in XVIII., of which he still continues a subscribing member.

225. Hon. Porter Craven Westenra, the youngest son of Henry Robert, 3rd Baron Rossmore, of Rossmore Park, Monaghan, was born 12th September, 1855. He married, 30th April, 1895, Inneys Maud Eaglesfield Daubeney, a member of a very old Devonshire family. He was an officer in the Monaghan Militia, and in 1886 unsuccessfully contested the Southern Division of the County Monaghan. In 1895 he contested North Monaghan with a like result. Bro. Westenra was initiated, 7th April, 1881, in XVIII., and was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft and raised to the degree of Master Mason in Lodge 223, Monaghan. He never held any office in the Lodge.

226. David Whyte, of Boat Street, was a Newry merchant in partnership with Henry Whyte. Their place of business was on the Canal Quay. Although spelling his name differently, he was a brother of John White, J.P., of Divernagh. He died, 26th January, 1837, æt 51, and is buried in Mullaghglass Old Burying-ground. Bro. Whyte was initiated, 5th August, 1812, in XVIII., of which he was S.W. in 1821 and Secretary 1814, 1818, and 1831.

227. John Lewis Auriel Whyte, the eldest son of Charles John Whyte, of Strandfield House, Miltown Malby, Co. Clare, was born on the 12th of June, 1833, in the City of Limerick.

After completing his education in Trinity College, Dublin, he lived for many years at Strandfield, where he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Clare. During the time of the Crimean War he was an officer in the Clare Militia, and was subsequently transferred to the South Down Militia, in which he attained the rank of Major. In 1873 he was appointed a Messenger of the Court of Bankruptcy, which appointment he held up to the time of his death. He married, 8th December, 1864, Rosina Alice, youngest daughter of William Pegge, of Birchgrove, Swansea, South Wales, by whom he had four sons and four daughters. He died, 4th October, 1885, at Wilford Cottage, Bray, and was buried at Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin. Mrs. Whyte subsequently married Mr. Lupton, of Heathcroft, Hampstead. Bro. Whyte was initiated, 3rd August, 1859, in XVIII., the South Down Militia being then quartered in Newry, and subsequently affiliated to Lodges 60, Ennis, and 73, Limerick, and, on the 21st of March, 1873, to "The Military Lodge of Ireland," No. 728, of which he was W.M. in 1880. He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter No. 728 and of Preceptory No. 620. Two of his sons were pupils in the Masonic Orphan Boys' School—viz., Walter Cecil Whyte and Joseph Ormonde Whyte. The first-named, who was elected in 1886 and left the School in 1892, is a clerk in the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Charing Cross Road, London, and is a well-known figure on the London concert stage as an Irish humorist. His younger brother, who was elected in 1890 and left the School in 1896, now holds a good Civil Service appointment at Somerset House.

228. James Swanzy Wilson, the only son of John Wilson, merchant, of Darkley, near Keady, and afterwards of Sugar House Quay, Newry, was born, 17th January, 1818, at Sugar House Quay. He was brother of the late Mrs. J. F. Erskine, of The Yews, Newry. In 1839 he went to Sydney, from which he returned to Ireland in 1845. In the following year he started for Chili, but in a short time removed to California, where he entered into partnership with a Mr. Lamont from Belfast. Here he spent the remainder of his life and died, unmarried, 18th September, 1865. The six

months immediately preceding his death were spent in a private hospital in San Francisco owned by the Sisters of Mercy in that city, the Mother Superioress of which, a Miss Russell from Newry, sister of Lord Russell of Killowen, nursed her suffering fellow-townsmen with the most affectionate and tender care. Bro. Wilson was initiated, 8th August, 1838, in XVIII., of which he was J.D. in 1839; and, on the eve of his departure for Sydney, he received a gold watch bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by the Brethren of the Nelson Masonic Lodge, No. 18, Newry, Ireland, to their esteemed Brother, James Swanzey Wilson, on his leaving this country for Sydney. Smithson Corry, Master; Francis Ogle, Senior Warden. 14th November, 1839." This watch had an extraordinary adventure. Some years before his death Bro. Wilson, having occasion to visit San Francisco, handed it to a watchmaker to be cleaned, promising to call for it in a month or so. On doing so he was informed that shortly after his previous visit the watchmaker's store had been broken into, and that, along with a number of other articles, the watch had been stolen. He discredited the story, but was obliged to put up with the loss. Three years afterwards a criminal was hanged in San Francisco, and on his person was found a watch which was handed to the Governor of the prison. This individual, on perusing the inscription on the watch, recollected having previously met Bro. Wilson, made inquiry as to his whereabouts, and sent for him. On Bro. Wilson's arrival the Governor inquired whether on leaving Ireland he had been the recipient of any presents, and if so what they were, and who gave them. Having received satisfactory replies, he handed him his watch, and informed him of the circumstances under which it had come into his hands. The watch is now in the possession of Mrs. William Brady, of Studley, Rostrevor, a niece of Bro. Wilson's. Although he had never affiliated to any Lodge in California, Bro. Wilson was buried, with full Masonic rites, by "Pacific Lodge," No. 136, San Francisco, in the Masonic Burying Ground in that city.

229. **Moses Wilson**, the youngest son of James Wilson, of Dyan Hill, in the County of Tyrone, was born, 14th June, 1848, at

Dyan Hill. He married, 11th July, 1876, Elizabeth, third daughter of Robert Dempster, of The Abbey, Newry, and sister of Bro. Robert Dempster (No. 45) by whom he has seven children. He was educated at the Royal Academical Institution, Belfast, and entered the service of the Belfast Banking Company, in 1865, as a clerk in the Newry Branch. He was transferred in the same year to Rathfriland, and, in 1874, was re-transferred to Newry, as Cashier with residence in the Bank House. In 1876 he was appointed Manager at Kilkeel, in 1886 Inspector of Branches, in 1889 Secretary of the Bank at Head Office, and in 1904 Director. On leaving Kilkeel in 1886 he was the recipient of an Illuminated Address and handsome Presentation. Bro. Wilson was initiated in Lodge 80, Rathfriland, and affiliated, 13th January, 1876, to XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge. He resigned 3rd August, 1876.

230. Robert Woods was the eldest son of Dr. Robert Woods, of 11 Trevor Hill, Newry. He, too, was a medical man, and practised in England or Wales. He married his cousin, Isabella, daughter of the Rev. George Ashe, Vicar of Witton, Lancashire, who is still alive and resides at St. Bees, Cumberland. They had no children. He died about forty years ago. Bro. Woods was initiated on the 11th of October, 1855, in XVIII., of which he was I.G. in 1859.

231. Matthew Wright, a brother of Bro. Richard Wright (No. 232), was affiliated, 13th January, 1813, to XVIII., but never held any office in the Lodge. He married, 20th August, 1816, Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew M'Knight, of Greenfield, Mourne. He died, 17th April, 1843, at Rostrevor, æt 80. His widow died, 28th January, 1855, at The Green, Kilkeel.

232. Richard Wright was a Hatter in North Street, Newry, and was probably a son of "Thomas Wright, Hatter, Newry," who issues an advertisement in 1777 conjointly with "Richard Wright, Hatter, at the Sign of the Gold Hat and Rabbit, High Street, Belfast." He removed to Dublin, 1st January, 1814, "having taken a share in the concern of Joseph, James, and Robert

Wright, Dublin ;" but he retained his business in Newry until 1817, when it was taken over by John Thompson. On leaving Newry in 1814 his fellow-townsmen entertained him at a public dinner. He was one of the Trustees appointed in 1811 for the erection of St. Mary's Church. He was twice married, his first wife, who died 1st February, 1813, having been a Miss Buchanan. He married, 2ndly, 7th April, 1817, Mary Anne (who died 29th January, 1862), second daughter of Alexander Falls, of Newry, and sister of General Thomas Falls. He died, 25th February, 1856, at his residence, Pembroke Place, Dublin, æt 80. Bro. Wright was initiated, 1st November, 1809, in XVIII., of which he was Secretary 1810 and Treasurer 1811. He resigned, 10th November, 1813, "on account of his going to reside in Dublin," where we subsequently find him evincing a warm interest in the welfare of his mother Lodge.

233. Alexander George Young, the only surviving son of Thomas Urry Young, of 14 Belgrave Road, Rathmines, Dublin, was appointed Medical Officer of the Mountnorris Dispensary District in September, 1880, in the room of Bro. Thomas Pratt (No. 167), deceased. He was married, but had no children. He died, 26th September, 1896, at Sunnymount, Whitecross, and is buried in Ballymoyer Churchyard. Bro. Young was initiated, 15th September, 1891, in XVIII., of which he was S.D. in 1895.

