

introduce Earl De Grey, who, upon his entrance, was warmly received; and prayer having been offered by the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Hall, P. G. M. for Cambridgeshire, officiating as D. G. M., requested the Earl De Grey to kneel and take the obligation of his office. This done, the Grand Master addressed the Grand Master elect, as follows:

"Most Worshipful Sir and Brother, it is my duty to express to you my cordial congratulation on the event that you are now about to be installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Much as I lament the painful circumstances under which you are called upon to appear among this numerous assemblage of your brother Freemasons, I am sure there is not one here present who will not sympathize with you. For myself, Most Worshipful Sir, having served with you so long at the head of the craft, and having found you always ready to give me assistance, the best assistance too, when it was necessary to take my duty off my hands. I am sure this large body of Freemasons here present will be well aware how gratifying it is to me to find you unanimously elected as my successor in this hall. I feel that the Masons of England having known you for so long a time, in electing you unanimously to this chair, only responded to the general feeling of the craft throughout the country."

The Earl of Zetland then formally invested the noble Earl with the insignia of his office as Grand Master, and placed him on the throne; after which Bro. Sir Albert Woods proclaimed him by his names and titles as Grand Master of Freemasons, and he was saluted in the usual form by the brethren.

The Grand Master then invested the Earl of Zetland as Past Grand Master, and then said:

"Brethren, under other circumstances it would have been my desire to have addressed to you some observations; first, to convey to you the expression of my deep thankfulness for the honour which you have been pleased to confer upon me, and then to speak somewhat of the principles by which I shall endeavour to be guided so long as it shall please you to place this great trust in my hands. But, brethren, at the present time I know that your kindness will excuse me if I am unable to do more than convey to you the expression of my deep gratitude in the simplest terms—terms not the less sincere because words fail me—if I say only from the bottom of my heart most sincerely do I thank you." (Loud applause.)

Having appointed the Right Hon. Earl Carnarvon Deputy Grand Master, and apologized for his absence on the ground that he had that day buried his cousin, Mr. Herbert, and having also named the other Grand Officers, the Grand Master said—I quote from the report in the *London Times*:—

"Another duty remains to be performed, and one that I am sure every brother in this hall will heartily join. It is to present to our Worshipful Brother the Earl of Zetland the address which was voted to him at the last quarterly communication of this Grand Lodge. The address is as follows:—

"United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England.—At a quarterly communication held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 2d of March, 1870, it was proposed by Earl de Grey and Ripon, and seconded by Brother J. F. Dumas, that this Grand Lodge desires to record its sense of the eminent services which have been rendered to Masonry by the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, in the course of the twenty-six years during which he has presided over the craft as Worshipful Grand Master, and to convey to his Lordship the expression of heartfelt regret of the members of this Grand Lodge at the termination of the intimate connexion which has existed for so long a period between him and them, and of their hope that they may still be permitted to enjoy for many years the great benefit of his presence among them, and of his counsel and guidance, and to assure him that the manner in which he has always discharged the important duties of his high office has won for him the lasting respect and affection of this Grand Lodge."

"Most Worshipful Sir, the sentiments of this Grand Lodge are embodied in that resolution, and show how deeply we feel at the many and great services you have rendered to the craft for a quarter of a century, and the benefits we have derived under your rule. The resolution concludes by expressing a hope—which I am sure will be