

1836, but in consequence of some serious disputes which arose between him and others, he was in 1840 suspended for six months from all his Masonic functions and privileges. The differences, however, were put an end to. It is to his initiative that the Craft is indebted for the establishment of what is now the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the youngest, but not the least useful of England's three charitable institutions. It was he who advocated the original plan for the erection of an asylum for aged and decayed Masons, and before his death, which occurred at Bath on February 25, 1850, he had the satisfaction of knowing that his wishes had been carried into effect. He was a close friend of the late Bro. Dr. Oliver.

In 1753 the seceding Grand Lodge of England was presided over by Bro. Robert Turner; 1754, the Hon. Edward Vaughan; 1756, the Earl of Blessington, who had been Grand Master of Ireland in 1738-9; 1760, Hon. Thomas Mathews; 1771, John, third Duke of Athole, who was Grand Master of Scotland in 1773, and after his death in 1774, John, fourth Duke of Athole took his place, and retained it till 1781, being chosen Grand Master of Scotland in the interim, 1778-9. During 1782, the office of Grand Master was vacant, but the authority was exercised by Bro. W. Dickey, the late Deputy Grand Master, as President of the Grand Committee. From 1783 to 1791, however, Randal, Earl, and subsequently Marquis of Antrim, Grand Master of Ireland in 1773 and 1779 was Grand Master, and then the fourth Duke of Athole resumed the office, and continued to hold it till 1813, when he resigned in order to make way for H. R. H. the Duke of Kent and the re-union of the whole body of English Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England.

H. R. H. BROTHER AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, DUKE OF SUSSEX, sixth son of George III., was born in 1773, and

initiated into Freemasonry in Berlin in 1798. On the death, in 1812, of Sir Peter Parker, D. G. Master, G. Master George, Prince of Wales, appointed him his successor, and when the Prince Regent resigned the Grand Mastership he was succeeded in that office by the Duke of Sussex, who was formally installed in that office by the Duke of Kent, on May 12th, 1813, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's. Later in the same year, owing to the wise efforts of the Dukes of Kent and Sussex and the Earl of Moira, the schism which had so long divided English Masonry into two hostile camps was healed. The articles of union were signed at Kensington Palace on November 27th, and ratified at a meeting of the two Grand Lodges on December 1st. On December 27th a General Assembly of the whole Craft was held, and on the motion of the Duke of Kent, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Duke of Sussex was installed Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge. —*London Freemason.*

CONNECTICUT MASONIC HOME.—The Commissioners appointed at the session of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut will soon be in correspondence with the lodges throughout the State, and each Worshipful Master who, by the action of the Grand Lodge, was constituted a committee to work under the supervision of the Commission, will be called upon to do something among the members of his lodge towards raising the funds necessary for completing the object. The amount asked for ought to be subscribed immediately, and the average contribution from each member necessary to accomplish the object would be no more in one year than the annual tax upon the membership of Massachusetts has been for several years to support their Masonic Temple. The Commissioners are determined in their efforts, and with the co-operation of the Masters of the different lodges the entire amount will be raised before the