

CELEBRATION OF THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 16, G.R.C.

The reception of M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Grand Master; the gathering of the Old Members of the Lodge, the working of the Third Degree by the Past Masters, and the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the Mother Lodge of this District, was all included in one united festival and joyous meeting of the Brethren on Tuesday evening, October 14th, in the Masonic Hall, Temple Building.

The Lodge Room and Banqueting Hall were beautifully ornamented with Palms, Flowers and Bunting, and the large number of visitors were heartily welcomed by W. Bro. W. F. Chapman, W.M., and all were cordially invited to remain and partake of the Lodge's hospitality.

Among the visiting brethren present were:—M. W. Bro. Judge J. E. Harding, of Lindsay, R. W. Bros. William Roaf, K.C., C. W. Postlethwaite, R. Dennis, George J. Bennett, V. W. Bro. Francis, of Thornhill, W. Bro. C. E. Levey, Bro. Rev. Dr. Wild and others.

The members of the lodge who have been connected with it for over twenty-five years in attendance were:—R. W. Bro. Aemilius Irving, K.C., (close on 60 years a member) Bros. Thomas H. Lee, J. C. Copp, C. E. Butt, W. L. Wilkson, John Barnett, R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, Bro. A. A. Allan, R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait, Bro. Thomas Mitchell, R. Lovell, W. Bros. J. S. Lovell, R. W. Doan, Bros. J. C. Swait, W. Bro. J. T. Slater, Bro. R. Robinson, W. Bro. L. J. Clark, Bro. J. M. Faircloth, W. Bro. William Anderson.

After transacting some important business, and amending the by-laws by increasing the initiation fee from \$30 to \$40, the chair was vacated by the

W. M., and R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson assumed the gavel, and the Lodge being raised to the Third Degree, the following Past Masters occupied the chairs:

R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, W.M., assisted by R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait, P.M., W. Bro. J. S. Lovell, P.M., R. W. Bro. Aemilius Irving, I.P.M., R. W. Bro. Jas. Glanville, S.W., W. Bro. J. T. Slater, J.W., W. Bro. A. H. Reynar, Chap., V. W. Bro. Daniel Rose, Treas., W. Bro. W. Anderson, Sec'y., W. Bro. H. T. Smith, Ass't. Sec'y., W. Bro. A. R. Macdonald, S.D., W. Bro. L. J. Clark, J. D., W. Bro. Jno. Pearson, I.G., W. Bro. B. N. Davis, D. of C., W. Bro. Thos. Bell, S.S., W. Bro. J. E. Hansford, J.S., W. Bro. J. Churchill Arlidge, Organist.

It is not necessary to report that the work was well done, as that goes without saying, the Grand Master highly complimenting the officers and choir for the excellent manner in which they performed the ceremony.

After closing the Lodge all adjourned to the Banqueting hall, where under the able chairmanship of R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkson, a pleasant evening was spent. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to. The Grand Master made a very neat speech highly complimenting the Lodge on the excellent character of its work, and the foremost position the Lodge has always held in masonic affairs. Brother Thomas H. Lee, who has been a member of the Lodge for 44 years, having been initiated December 14, 1858, recalled some happy reminiscences of the old times when he was an enthusiastic mason, and although, through business calls, he has not been able to take part in the work, still he feels proud in having a son, an officer in Ionic Lodge, who takes an active part in the work he was unable to do. Bro. J. C. Copp, another old member gave a very interesting speech which was heartily applauded. Rev. Dr. Wild, Rev. Dr. J. Burwash, Chaplain, and other prominent Craftsmen present