

on the cold brow of death. Give us the affectionate remembrance of these whom we loved and cherished, give us a name like that of Thomas Dundas, a nobleman in every sense of the word, a Mason every signification of the name, a Man in the most exalted acceptation of the term. It is true that we have a right to expect in the Grand Master of the Mother Lodge of the world, a knight, like Bayard, *sans reproche*; it is true that we rely implicitly on the honour, the integrity, and the zeal of the brother who rules the Freemasons of England, and it is equally true that in our present Grand Master we have one to whom we could point with pride, one whose consistency as a gentleman and a Freemason has never been questioned, and who will hand the sceptre of his office to his successor untarnished by a single stain.

The Earl of Zetland comes of a good Masonic stock, as we shall prove in a few words. His grandfather, the first Lord Dundas, was Deputy Grand Master under the Duke of Sussex, in 1813 and his father, the first Earl of Zetland, afterwards filled the same post, and died in 1839, Pro. Grand Master of England. Our most Worshipful Brother was born on the 5th of February, 1795. His Masonic career dates from the 18th June, 1830, when as the "Honourable Thomas Dundas," he was initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, in which Lodge he eventually occupied the chair of Worshipful Master. His Lordship was appointed Senior Grand Warden on the 25th April, 1832; he succeeded the late Lord Durham, as Deputy Grand Master, on the 24th April, 1839, and followed the same lamented nobleman in the office of Pro. Grand Master in 1840; this high post he held at the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, in April 1843, when by the Constitutions of the Order, the Earl became the ruler of the English Craft until the next period of election, at which time, namely on the 6th of March, 1844, his lordship was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, and was installed as such on the 24th of April following. In Royal Arch Masonry, Lord Zetland's career has been equally brilliant; he was exalted on the 1st of June, 1832, in the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, and duly served in each of the principal chairs; he was appointed one of the Grand Sojourners in 1832; as Deputy Grand Master he became, *ex officio*, Second Grand Principal, and of course as Grand Master he was elevated to the dignity of Supreme Grand Z., in accordance with the regulations of the Order. His lordship has also been Provincial Grand Master for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire since 1835.

It now only remains to trace the progress of English Freemasonry under his benign sway. From seven hundred and sixteen lodges at the time of Lord Zetland's installation as Grand Master, we have increased to nearly thirteen hundred! From an estimated membership of twenty-seven thousand, we have increased, in England alone, to eighty-four thousand five hundred, and the increase in our Foreign and Colonial lodges is far greater in proportion. The immense Masonic constellation that now shines in the far Pacific Seas, has arisen in light and beauty during the period of our present Grand Master's rule. Remote and almost mythical corners of the globe have received the benefits of Freemasonry under his auspices. From Japan to Gibraltar, from the Gold Coast to the Himalayan mountains, through the acient empire of Cathay, and the bleak reigons of Newfoundland, the blessings of our friendly Craft have been spread, through the fostering care of the Earl of Zetland. This is a result of which any man might be justly proud, and like his great predecessor, Sir Christopher Wren, posterity will be able to say