

was really invaluable, and ought to be reproduced in print for the benefit of Masonic students throughout the world. (Applause.) The lecturer referred to the assembly of the Craft in the city of York and the lodge at the Minster. He next spoke upon Operative and Speculative lodges in Scotland in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and afterwards of the rise and ascendancy of Speculative lodges in South Britain. Having spoken upon the relationship of the Three Degrees, and the fact that the "Mason's word" was a term met with in the ancient records, he quoted a number of most interesting minutes of the Mason's Company in London, the initiation in Newcastle in 1641, during the time the Scottish army were in Newcastle, and had some time on their hands, when they initiated General Moray as a Speculative Mason. The date of their oldest document was of the fourteenth century, which was a manuscript in the British Museum. There were several lodges in Scotland and elsewhere which were not connected with any Grand Lodge. This was the case with the ancient lodge at Alnwick. In time these lodges joined Grand Lodges in Scotland and in London, and there were fraternal visits between those of the lodges who had joined the Grand Lodges, and they were received just as those who had been in the lodges which were previously connected with the Grand Lodge. Bro. Hughan also referred to the initiation of Mrs. Aldworth, the lady Freemason, in the eighteenth century, of which they had authoritative records. The lodges at York, Scarborough, and Bradford were mentioned, and equally interesting references were made to the Irish lodges of last century, and to the noble and beneficent purposes of Freemasonry.—*The Freemason*.

CONSECRATION OF THE HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE LODGE, No. 2614.

The Prince's Hall, Piccadilly was the scene of a most brilliant, and at

the same time, a unique Masonic ceremony, on Thursday May 21st, when the Household Brigade Lodge, No. 2614, was consecrated by the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, in the presence of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, M. W. G. Master, the first and permanent W. Master designate, while Lord Skelmersdale, P. G. W., was Dep. Master designate, and Bros. Sir Augustus Webster, Bart., and Capt. Wilfred Marshal, the Senior and Junior Wardens designate respectively.

The founders were 31 in number, and included, in addition to those already named, and the brethren who were appointed, or in the case of the Treasurer elected, to office: Bros. Lord Cremorne and Lord Stanley, M. P., Past G. Wardens; R. Ashton Bostock, Lieut-Col. A. E. M. Lockwood, M. P., S. G. D.; Capt. Francis C. Trollope, the Earl of Albermarle, Capt. the Hon. Gilbert Legh, W. F. C. Lethbridge, Sir George Arthur, Bart.; the Marquis of Zetland, Prov. G. Master of N. and E. Yorkshire; H. L. B. McCalmont, M. P.; Capt. A. Thistlethwayte, Earl Amherst, Dep. G. M. of England, and Prov. G. Master of Kent, Major Horace R. Stopford, Lord Kensington, Prov. G. Master of South Wales (W. D.); the Marquis of Hamilton, the Marquis of Hertford and Field-Marshal Viscount Wolseley, K. P., G. C. B., G. C. M. G., Past G. Wardens; and Major the Hon. Arthur Henniker.

The Lodge having been opened by the Grand Secretary, the M. W. Grand Master, attended by the Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and other Officers, entered the lodge, and, when His Royal Highness had taken his chair and been saluted, the Consecrating Officer—the Earl of Lathom—took the chair, and appointed his officers, and the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, the Bishop of Llandaff, as G. Chaplain, delivering an impressive lecture on the "Nature and principles of the institution."

When the Consecrating Officer had