

Election of Grand Treasurer.

YORK, January, 1885.

W. and Dear Sir and Brother,

You are doubtless aware that at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on the 3rd December, Bro. JOHN WOODALL WOODALL, J.P., of Scarbro', P.M. of the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, and P.S.P.G.W. of North and East Yorkshire, was duly nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer of England.

You may perhaps not be so well aware of the causes which have led up to Bro. Woodall's nomination, and we will therefore state them.

For a very long course of years the Collar of Grand Treasurer has been worn by brethren drawn from the Metropolitan Lodges, and no Provincial brother has ever before been nominated. The Grand Treasurership is really the only elective Office in the Grand Lodge of England, (save that of Grand Master) which depends upon the suffrages of the brethren, and it is perfectly in accordance with the spirit as well as the letter of our Constitutions that the brethren of the Provinces should have their share in the selection of the brother who fills that important position.

We are glad to be able to inform you that an influential section of the Metropolitan Lodges are in favour of the election of Bro. Woodall, whose name was proposed in Grand Lodge by Bro. Andrew McDowall, P.M. London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, &c. Bro. Woodall will we believe, have the direct and active support of most of the leading members, present and past, of Grand Lodge, by whom his election would be cordially welcomed. He is supported by the Provincial Grand Masters and Officers of most of the Northern Provinces, and of those Midland and Southern Provinces who have thus far been communicated with in respect to the movement; by Bro. Sir John Mowckon, late President Board of General Purposes; J. C. Parkinson, P.M. Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 255; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., Senior Grand Deacon; Thomas W. C. Bush, P.M. Tranquility Lodge, No. 181, and W.M. Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728; J. B. Burnard, W.M. Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662; The Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master N. & E. Yorkshire; Major W. H. Smyth, Prov. Grand Master Lincolnshire; J. P. Bell, *M.D.*, Past Grand Deacon, D.P.G.M. N. & E. Yorkshire; T. W. Tew, Past Grand Deacon, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; J. Brook-Smith, D.P.G.M. Gloucester; S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M. Leicestershire; W. K. Smithson, Vice-Chairman Charity Committee, West Yorkshire; Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., and by many other Masons of distinction in London and the Provinces.

Notwithstanding this powerful support it will be impossible to assure the election of the Provincial Candidate without the cordial support and co-operation of individual Town and Provincial brethren.

The election will take place on **Wednesday, the 4th March** next, and the brethren should be in their places in Grand Lodge soon after 5 o'clock on the afternoon of that day, in order to ensure their admission. The voting will be by cards.

As it is usually the custom for business men to visit London professionally during the month of March, it has been suggested that every effort should be made by brethren so to arrange their engagements as to be in London on Wednesday, the 4th March, in order to take part in the voting.

In the mean while perhaps you will take the earliest opportunity of bringing the matter before your Lodge, and ascertaining what number of its members who are *Past Masters, Masters, and Actual Wardens* can make it compatible with their engagements to be present in Grand Lodge on the occasion referred to.

After the foregoing explanation it need hardly be pointed out that the principle involved in this election is one of vital importance to the Provinces, and we have therefore every confidence that you will use all your influence to forward the interests of the Provincial Candidate.

The Election Committee will be greatly obliged if you will kindly fill up and return the enclosed Post Card at your earliest convenience, together with any suggestions you may think proper to make.

We have the honour to remain,

W. and Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD, *Past Senior Prov. Grand Warden.*

M. C. PECK, *Prov. Grand Secretary.*

North and East Yorkshire.

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It would be well to ascertain from the Secretary of your Lodge if the following article of the Book of Constitutions has been duly complied with:—

179. Every Lodge shall annually, immediately after the installation of the Master, make a return to the Grand Secretary of the Master, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Lodge, and of all members who claim to be entitled to attend the Grand Lodge as Past Masters, having served the office of Master in some other Lodge, specifying the Lodge in which each of them has served the office of Master; and no Brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge unless his name shall appear in such return. This return shall also contain the full name and address of the Secretary of the Lodge.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted at a Special Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire, held at York, on the 21st January, 1885 :—

“That this Provincial Grand Lodge views with pleasure the nomination of a country Brother to the office of Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Lodge of England, and pledges itself to do all in its power, as a Provincial Grand Lodge, to assist in securing the election of W. Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.M. 200, P.S.P.G.W., to that office.”

We beg to append a copy of the history of our distinguished and amiable Brother's Masonic and civic life, which has been prepared and circulated by the Scarbro' Local Masonic Committee.

BRO. JOHN WOODALL WOODALL, late Major Yorkshire Regiment Art. Mil., and a member of the well-known banking firm which bears his name—one of the oldest private banks in Yorkshire—was initiated in the Hope Lodge, No. 202, Bradford, West Yorkshire, February 18th 1856; he was appointed S.W. of the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200 (then 236), Scarborough, in the Province of North and East Yorkshire, in 1857; in 1860 was installed W.M. of the same Lodge; in 1861 was appointed P.G.J.W. by the then P.G.M., the late Earl of Zetland, also M.W. Grand Master of England, and the year following he was promoted to the office of P.G.S.W. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Old Globe Chapter, No. 200, on March 12th, 1859; was M.E.Z. of the same Chapter in 1868, 1878-9, and M.E.Z. of the Denison Chapter, No. 1248, in 1873. He was elected Treasurer of the Old Globe Lodge in 1864, to which office he has been continuously re-elected up to the present time. He took a prominent part in the formation of the “Charities' Association” for the Province of North and East Yorkshire, and is at the present moment Charity Representative of that Province, and also Prov. Grand Treasurer of the Prov. Grand Chapter of North and East Yorkshire. He was one of the founders of the Denison Lodge, No. 1248, Scarborough, in 1867, and remained a subscribing member up to the present date, and is, in fact, now acting W.M. in consequence of the removal to a foreign country of the W.M. of that Lodge. He was also a founder in 1878, of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1700, Scarborough, the members holding the valuable assistance he then afforded them in such high estimation, that they elected him, in conjunction with H.K.H. the late Duke of Albany, to an honorary membership. He is also a subscribing member of the Westminster and Keble Lodge, No. 10, having joined in 1872; of the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford; and has served the office of Steward to the various Masonic Charitable Institutions on several different occasions, of each of which he is also a Vice-President. As a Master Mason, he was advanced in the Minerva Lodge of M.M.M. No. 12, Hull, in 1867; in the following year he was elected first S.W. of the Star in the East Lodge of M.M.M., No. 95, Scarborough, of which he was a founder; in 1868 was elected and installed W.M. of the same Lodge; was appointed G.M.O. of Grand Mark Lodge in 1869, and in 1881 he had the honour of being selected as the first P.G.M.M.M. of the newly-constituted Province of North and East Yorkshire, in which Province the Brethren have such a high estimation of his abilities, that they have just re-elected him to the same honourable position. In this capacity he presided at the Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, in July, 1884. As a Templar, Bro. Woodall is Prov. Sub-Prior of North and East Yorkshire, being installed a Knight Templar in the Antient York Conclave of Redemption at Hull, 1866, and continues a member;

and P.E.C. of the Geoffrey de Pouillon Preceptory, Scarborough, No. 91, Past Grand Standard Bearer (Beauceant) of the National Great Priory; an honorary member of the Mary Commandery No. 36, Philadelphia, of the Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Chicago, United States of America; and of the Antient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, York. He is a member of the 32nd degree of the A. and A. Scottish Rite, and Past M.W.S. of the Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix, Whitby (now transferred to York); an Intendant General of Division, unattached, in the degree of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, Past Provincial Treasurer Yorkshire College of Rosicrucians, a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and honorary member of several Craft and Mark Lodges.

Bro. Woodall was educated at Rugby, and graduated at Oriel College, Oxford; B.A. in 1854, and obtained the distinction of “first class” in Physical Science, and M.A. in 1860, and a member of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, and has twice served the office of Secretary to the Geological Section, and is also a F.G.S. and F.Z.S.

In civic matters Bro. Woodall has attained the highest distinctions in the gift of his fellow-townsmen. He was Mayor of Scarborough in 1869-70, and also in 1881-2: is an Alderman, Justice of the Peace for the North Riding of Yorks., Chairman of the Scarborough Harbour Trust, Treasurer of the Scarborough School Board, and has always been identified with all educational movements.

Bro. Woodall is also an enthusiastic yachtsman, is a member of the Royal Yorkshire and Royal Thames Yacht Clubs, and Hon. Lieut. R.N.R.

No Masonic movement with which Bro. Woodall has been connected has ever been allowed to languish for want of such pecuniary assistance as he could offer, and it is entirely owing to the substantial help received from Bro. Woodall that the Masons of Scarborough have been enabled within the last few weeks to solemnly dedicate to Freemasonry a spacious and beautiful lodge room, entirely their own, in one of the best situations in the town, and to which is attached a large and commodious suite of rooms, with all the appointments of a comfortable first-class club. The success of this undertaking has already proved so great, that Brethren from various parts of England are applying to be admitted to membership of the club, in order to enjoy its privileges when they visit Scarborough in the “season.” On the dedication of the Hall and opening of the Club he was presented with a life-size three-quarter length portrait of himself, in token of the appreciation in which he is held by his brethren.

Such is the brief, but concise, Masonic life-history of the distinguished Brother who has been nominated to the office of Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Lodge of England.