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IN  
ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH,

1809-1909,

BEING

AN ACCOUNT OF ALL THE MASONIC BODIES WHICH HAVE BEEN  
ESTABLISHED THERE DURING THE PAST CENTURY,

*Together with Lists of Members and Officers.*

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ILLUSTRATED.

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To the  
Worshipful Master,  
Past Masters and Brethren  
of the  
"Ferrers and Ivanhoe" Lodge  
No. 779,  
These Memorials of Freemasonry  
In Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
Are Fraternally Dedicated by  
The Author.

Leicester,  
July, 1909.



## The Foreword.

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THE Jubilee of the "Ferrers and Ivanhoe" Lodge occurring during the present year—1909—a suitable opportunity is afforded for reviewing the history of Freemasonry in the interesting old town of Ashby-de-la-Zouch in Leicestershire.

All the available details of the earlier Lodges of the Province have already been published, so that it falls naturally to the Ashby Lodge, being the next oldest, to have its records examined and extracts therefrom printed, for the information and interest of the present members of the Lodge, and of future generations of Leicestershire Masons.

Records of the following Lodges which have existed, or which still exist, in the Province have been published, viz. :—

- No. 179.            1739-1744. A Lodge held at the Wheat-sheaf Inn, Gallowtree Gate, Leicester. "Extinct Leicestershire Lodges," in Lodge of Research Transactions, 1892-93.
- No. 250.            1754-1769. A Lodge held at the Pelican  
No. 187 from 1755. Inn, Gallowtree Gate, Leicester. "Extinct Leicestershire Lodges," in Lo. of R. Trans., 1892-93.
- No. 87.            1761-1764. An "Antients" Lodge attached to the Leicestershire Militia. "Extinct Leicestershire Lodges," in Lo. of R. Trans., 1892-93.

- No. 91. 1761-1821. An "Antients" Lodge meeting in Leicester. "Memorials of No. 91 Antients, Leicester," by J. T. Thorp, 1898.
- No. 114 from 1814.
- No. 279. 1790- . "St. John's" Lodge, Leicester. "Historical Account of 'St. John's' Lodge, No. 279 Leicester," by W. M. Williams, 1892.
- No. 562 in 1790.  
 .. 471 from 1792.  
 .. 525 from 1814.  
 .. 348 from 1832.  
 .. 279 from 1863.
- No. 50. 1803- . "Knights of Malta" Lodge, Hinckley. "The Early History of the 'Knights of Malta' Lodge, No. 50 Hinckley," by J. T. Thorp, 1899.
- No. 47 in 1803.  
 .. 66 from 1814.  
 .. 58 from 1832.  
 .. 50 from 1863.
- No. 608. 1834-1848. "Rancliffe" Lodge, Loughborough. "Extinct Leicestershire Lodges," in Lo. of R. Trans., 1892-93.
- No. 631. 1836-1841. "Ivanhoe" Lodge, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. "Extinct Leicestershire Lodges," in Lo. of R. Trans., 1892-93.
- No. 523. 1846- . "John of Gaunt" Lodge, Leicester. "Extracts from the Fifty Years' Records of the 'John of Gaunt' Lodge, No. 523 Leicester, by J. T. Thorp, 1897.
- No. 766 in 1846.  
 .. 523 from 1863.

Although the present Ashby Lodge, the "Ferrers and Ivanhoe" No. 779, dates only from the year 1859, Freemasonry was practised in Ashby about half a century earlier, so that this account, comprising, as it does, details of all the Masonic bodies known to have been established in the town, might truthfully be described as "A Hundred Years of Freemasonry in Ashby-de-la-Zouch."

The earliest records of speculative Freemasonry in Ashby date back to the long-continued war with France, following on the French Revolution. During that period—1797 to 1814—two Lodges and a Rose Croix Chapter were established and worked by French prisoners of war residing there “on parole,” and several relics of these Lodges are still preserved. Many similar Lodges were established during the same period in various towns in England and Scotland, interesting details of which have already been published.\*

When the French prisoners left Ashby for their native land at the Peace of 1814, these Lodges were dissolved, and there is no further trace of active Freemasonry in the town, until the constitution of the “Ivanhoe” Lodge, No. 631 in the year 1836. This Lodge had a very short and somewhat chequered career, and after a further interval of eighteen years, was followed, in 1859, by the present “Ferrers and Ivanhoe” Lodge, No. 1081, now 779, which, although its early years were to some extent clouded over by sad events, has yet had a very successful career, and is now enjoying a well-earned prosperity, which all unite in hoping may long continue.

The Masonic records of Ashby fall naturally into four divisions, viz. :—

- I. Freemasonry among the French Prisoners of War; 180— to 1814.
- II. The “Ivanhoe” Lodge, No. 631; 1836 to 1841.
- III. The “Ferrers and Ivanhoe” Lodge, No. 779; 1859 to 1909.
- IV. The Royal Arch in Ashby. “St. Augustine’s” Chapter, No. 779; 1863 to 1909.

A chapter is devoted to each division.

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\* “French Prisoners’ Lodges,” by J. T. Thorp, Leicester, 1900. Also Articles in “Ars Quatuor Coronatorum,” by F. J. W. Crowe.

Assistance is gratefully acknowledged from Bro. Hy. Sadler, Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge, who granted every facility for searching the Register for details of the "Ivanhoe" Lodge. Thanks are also tendered to the Brethren of the "Ferrers and Ivanhoe," for kindly placing all the early records of their Lodge and Chapter in my hands for examination.

J. T. T.

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## CHAPTER I.

**Freemasonry among the French Prisoners  
 of War in Ashby-de-la-Zouch.  
 180— to 1814.**

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH was one of many towns in England chosen by the authorities for the internment of French prisoners of war, of whom a very large number were brought to England during the Napoleonic wars.

The first Ashby detachment, consisting of forty-two officers, arrived on September 26th, 1804. Others soon followed, until they reached a total of about two hundred, a number which was generally maintained, although it varied somewhat from time to time during their ten years' residence in the town. Most of the Ashby prisoners were officers of the army or navy, but there were also amongst them some civilians, who had been seized by the authorities, in retaliation for wholesale seizures of English residents in France by order of Napoleon.\*

The officers were allowed ten shillings and sixpence, and the civilians seven shillings and sixpence per week for their maintenance, which was paid to them by a Mr. Farnell, the resident agent, on behalf of the British Government. They were, as usual in such cases,

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\* Many books were written narrating the terrible sufferings of English prisoners in France at this time.

“on parole,” and were allowed to walk a mile in any direction from the centre of the town, their favourite walk being what is now called the “Mount Walk.”

During the ten years these French prisoners resided in Ashby, there were many attempts at escape, of which some were successful, while in other cases the fugitives were caught, and condemned to imprisonment with much harsher treatment than they had been subject to before.\* Others were exchanged for English officers of equal rank imprisoned in France, but those who left the town were soon replaced by others, until the Peace of 1814 set them all at liberty. They lodged at private houses in the town, and according to the registers of Ashby Parish Church, ten weddings took place between French officers and residents in Ashby from 1806 to June 1st, 1814. Some of the prisoners died, and were buried in the Parish Church-yard, e.g., Etienne Lenon, on November 2nd, 1806; François Rabin, on April 15th, 1807, and Xavier Mandelier, on October 19th, 1808. At least two duels with fatal results are also recorded as having taken place amongst them, the victims being Capt. Colvin and Mons. Denegres, the latter being killed on December 6th, 1808.†

Two Lodges and a Rose Croix Chapter were established in Ashby, and the Masonic ceremonies worked therein, during the residence of the French prisoners in the town, but whether these Lodges were contemporary, or followed one another, it is quite impossible to determine.

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\* Lately a sergeant and corporal, belonging to the First Devon Militia, stationed at Hinckley, were paid by the agent at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, the sum of twenty guineas, for arresting two French prisoners at Lutterworth, who had broken their parole at Ashby.—*Leicester Chronicle*, Sep., 1812.

† Some of these details are taken from an Article by the late Bro. Canon Denton, in Andrews' "Bygone Leicestershire."

**“Vrais Amis de l'Ordre.”**  
 (True Friends of the Order.)

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SEAL OF THE LODGE.

This Lodge was working in Ashby as early as the year 1810, but when it was constituted, and when discontinued, no evidence is at present available upon which to base an opinion. There is a tradition in Ashby, that the French officers celebrated its constitution by a Ball, to which a number of the inhabitants were invited, the hosts presenting to each of their fair guests two pairs of white kid gloves, one pair long and the other short.

Several interesting relics of this Lodge are in existence, which formerly belonged to one of the prisoners, named Louis Jean, and which have recently been acquired by the writer from his grandson. These consist of

- (a.) A manuscript Report presented to the Lodge prior to the acceptance of Louis Jean as a candidate for Freemasonry.
- (b.) A Masonic Certificate, granted to Bro. Jean by the Lodge “Vrais Amis de l'Ordre.”

- (c.) A Certificate for the degree of Chevalier d' Orient (Knight of the East) granted to Bro. Jean.
- (d.) A manuscript French ritual, such as was used in the Lodge "Vrais Amis de l'Ordre."

The Report (a) was prepared by a Committee of the Lodge appointed to enquire into the character, conduct and qualifications of Louis Jean, prior to his acceptance as a candidate for Freemasonry. It is a most interesting document, a kind of "tongue of good report," which throws a flood of light on the usual custom, a century ago, of making extensive enquiries and detailed formal reports, before accepting anyone as a candidate, a custom which, it is to be feared, has almost become obsolete in some Lodges at the present time.

In order to preserve the exact wording of this probably unique document, a full transcript, as well as a free translation is here given, from which many interesting details of Louis Jean's career can be gathered.

[TRANSCRIPT.]

A.: L.: G.: D.: G.: A.: D.: L' U.:

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Copie du Rapport fait à la R.: L.: des Vrais Amis de l'Ordre par la Commission chargée de prendre des renseignements sur les Vie, Mœurs, et Conduite du profane Jean, Sous Lieutenant à La 11<sup>eme</sup> Demi Brigade D'Inf<sup>rie</sup> Lègère.

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T.: V.:

Nous Soussignés Membres Composant la Commission chargée de prendre des renseignements sur les Conduite, Vie et Mœurs du profane Jean, avons la faveur de rendre

compte à La R. :. □. :., que depuis près de six ans que le profane réside en cet orient, sa conduite et ses moeurs ont toujours été à l'abri de tout reproche, qu'il n'y a jamais donné la moindre preuve d'aucun manque de délicatesse ou de Déviation aux lois de L'honneur, et qu'il s'est toujours comporté avec la décence, L'honneteté et la probité qui caractérisent L'homme né pour vivre en Société ; que son caractère n'a également rien qui puisse diminuer l'agrément de sa fréquentation, et que son Cœur a toujours été ouvert à toutes les personnes auxquelles il a été dans le cas de rendre Service.

Malgré toutes ses Bonnes qualités, néanmoins il est parvenu à la connoissance de la Commission que le profane proposé s'était trouvé en but à des imputations que souvent un peu trop de vivacité, le défaut d'examen dans les affaires, ou des apparences trompeuses nous font faire sur le compte de personnes auxquelles il est quelque fois ensuite très difficile de faire revenir les esprits—et tel est mes ff. le cas du profane Jean qui se trouva jadis compromis dans une affaire, dans laquelle après un mur et scrupuleux examen des différents Rapports et Circonstances la Commission ne lui reconnaît aucun tort, et va de la manière la plus succincte possible donner à cet égard à la R. :. L. :. les détails qui ont paru nécessaires.

Un officier nommé Buros du corps dont fait partie le profane proposé ayant conduit à L'hôpital du Cap un Capitaine qui y mourut presque aussitôt fit voir à M<sup>r</sup>. Jean qui était lui même à L'hôpital une donation de ce Capitaine par laquelle il laissait aux officiers du Corps qui s'y trouvaient avec lui, l'argent et les effets qu'il pouvait posséder, priant M<sup>r</sup>. Jean qui était le moins malade et le seul qui ne fut pas alité de faire la distribu-

tion du numeraire du défunt a tous ceux des officiers du Corps qui se trouvaient à L'hôpital,—ce qu'il fit sans autre réflexion ni volonté que celle d'obliger ses Camarades.

Cette donation ayant été reconnue fautive ou illégale par le Chef, ce dernier fit remettre à chacun des officiers tout ce qu'ils avaient reçu, et comme c'était le profane Jean qui avait fait la Distribution de l'argent, on crut qu'il avait eu quelque connivence avec le nommé Buros, tandis que son seul crime était de n'avoir pas été assez malade pour être alité et que par cette raison c'était à lui à qui Buros s'était adressé de préférence pour porter à tous ses Camarades les secours que le Capitaine leur avait soit disant laissés.

La Commission donc après avoir examiné tous les détails de cette affaire avec tout le sang froid et l'attention de la justice et de l'impartialité s'accorde à penser que s'il y eut en cette occasion quelqu'un de coupable, il n'y en eut d'autre que celui qui par cette prétendue donation, si vraiment elle était telle induisit en erreur les officiers qui se trouvaient alors à L'hôpital, erreur dans laquelle un de nos ff. ici présent fut lui même jetté aussi bien que le profane Jean et autres.

Et ce qui confirme d'autant plus la Commission dans cette opinion, c'est qu'il n'est pas présumable que des Chefs aussi amis et aussi stricts observateurs des Lois de l'honneur et de la délicatesse comme l'étaient ceux qui commandaient le 11<sup>ème</sup> Régiment aient pu s'ils avaient reconnu le profane Jean fautif en cette occasion, continuer de le voir non seulement servir sous leurs ordres, mais encore de souffrir qu'il siègeât parmi eux dans le conseil d'administration dont tous les officiers du Corps savent qu'il faisait encore partie lors de l'évacuation de la Colonie qui eut lieu plus de quatre mois et demi après l'affaire en

question, et qu'il est à remarquer que pendant ce temps et à différentes époques précédentes ou postérieures ces mêmes Chefs avaient renvoyés du Corps plusieurs officiers pour des raisons qui n'étaient assurément pas d'une nature aussi sérieuse, nommément les Sieurs Etasse, Lamarre, Mercier, Armand et Duvoisin.—

Il est donc claire que s'ils eussent reconnu de dit profane coupable d'un fait de la Nature de celui dont il est question, ils n'eussent certainement pas manqué de l'expulser de préférence, ou aumoins aussi bien que les autres.

Il est aussi parvenu à la Connoissance de la Commission qu'à la Jamaïque le Chef ayant appris que M<sup>r</sup>. Jean travaillait de son etat lui avait dit : eh ! bien, M<sup>r</sup>. Jean, Vous travaillez donc de votre etat et que sur la réponse affirmative il lui avait dit, eh ! bien vous faites fort bien, car en France vous ne servirez jamais dans le même Corps que moi ; il est évident que cette réponse n'était que l'effet du mécontentement qu'éprouvait le Chef de voir un officier travailler, et qu'elle n'avait aucun Rapport avec ce qui s'était passé plus de six mois auparavant puisqu'il ne lui en avait jamais dit autant, et qu'ils avaient toujours servi ensemble.

Par consèquent, si, scrupuleux comme il parait que l'était le Chef du 11<sup>ème</sup> Régiment sur l'article de la délicatesse, il regardait dans M<sup>r</sup>. Jean son action de travailler comme capable de l'empêcher de servir avec lui, à plus forte raison se fut il pressé de le renvoyer comme les autres s'il l'eut cru coupable du fait dont nous avons parlé plus haut, qui etait certainement beaucoup plus grave, car si, ce que la nécessité nous oblige de faire pour subvenir à nos besoins dans la Captivité devait etre regardé comme un manque de délicatesse capable de

nous empêcher ou de servir avec des Chefs d'honneur, ou d'être reçus Maçons, combien dans ce Cantonnement, je vous le demande auroient droit d'y prétendre.

Nous ne pouvons non plus T.: V.: passer sous silence un fait qui donne une preuve non équivoque de la délicatesse et de la probité du profane Jean, et qui est à la Connoissance d'une grande partie des officiers de ce Cantonnement.

Un ouvrier de M<sup>r</sup>. Pegg horloger et bijoutier en cet orient, lui apporta un jour une demi douzaine de petites Ceuillers d'argent mises hors de service qu'il lui proposa d'achepter, M<sup>r</sup>. Jean soupçonnant que ces objets avaient pû être volés, et craignant que s'il les refusait ils ne fussent vendus à d'autres qui ne seroient pas aussi scrupuleux que lui et par conséquent perdus pour le propriétaire, les achepta pour la somme de dix schellings et en fit aussitôt prévenir M<sup>r</sup>. Pegg auquel il remit son argenterie qu'avec moins de délicatesse il eut facilement pû garder sans même craindre que l'autre ait jamais pû lui faire de reproches à cet égard d'autant plus que vû la quantité d'argenterie hors de service qu'il savait exister dans le Comptoir de M<sup>r</sup>. Pegg il était présumable qu'il ne se fut pas de long tems, et peut être jamais apperçu que ces objets lui manquaient—ce fait fut raconté dans le temps par M<sup>r</sup>. Pegg lui même à toutes les personnes auxquelles il eut occasion d'en parler.

La Commission donc après toute consideration ne voit dans tout ce qui lui est parvenu sur le compte du profane rien qui puisse l'empêcher de partager nos augustes trav.: d'autant plus que sa Conduite en cet orient depuis près de six ans n'a rien que d'absolument conforme aux principes de notre ordre.

Tels sont T.: V.: les éclaircissemens que la Commission a crû devoir donner à la R.: L.: remettant à la Justice

et a la Conscience de tous les ff.: le Soïn d'agir d'après  
 les principes qui émanent de la f.: et Loyale Maç.:

Signé à l'original, Fournier, Lepage et Cier.

Certifié Conforme à L'original par nous Vénéralde de  
 la R.: L.: des Vrais Amis de l'ordre.

De Marconnay

S.: P.: R.: -|-.: M.: du

S.: Ch.: de S<sup>t</sup>. Jean du Désert

à l'o.: de Valenciennes.

Fait et délivré à L'or.: D'Ashby de la Zouch  
 en Angleterre Le 7<sup>eme</sup>/<sub>7</sub> Jour du 8<sup>eme</sup>/<sub>7</sub> mois Maç.:  
 5810.

[TRANSLATION.]

TO THE GLORY OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT  
 OF THE UNIVERSE.

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Copy of the Report made to the W. Lodge of The  
 True Friends of the Order, by the Committee appointed  
 to obtain information as to the life, manners and conduct  
 of the candidate\* Jean, second lieutenant of the 11th  
 Half Brigade of Light Infantry.

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VERY WORSHIPFUL.

We, the undersigned members composing the Com-  
 mittee appointed to obtain information as to the conduct,  
 life and manners of the candidate Jean, beg to report

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\* "Profane" is the French word used for "Candidate" throughout  
 the MS.

as follows to the W. Lodge, that during the period of nearly six years\* of his residence in this town, the conduct and manners of the candidate have always been without reproach; that he has never given the least sign of any want of fine feeling, or deviation from the laws of honour, and that he has always behaved with that decorum, civility and honesty which distinguish the man born to live in society; that his character exhibits nothing to decrease the pleasure of his acquaintance, and his heart has ever been open to all to whom he could render any service.

In spite of all his good qualities, it has come to the knowledge of the Committee, that the proposed candidate has been the victim of imputations, which often too much vivacity, neglect to make full enquiries, or deceptive appearances, cause to be placed to the account of people, who find it very difficult to clear themselves therefrom; such, my Brethren, has been the case with the candidate Jean, who some time ago was compromised in a matter, in which, after a full and scrupulous examination of the different reports and circumstances, the Committee finds him in no fault, but certain details of which, such as the members think necessary, they desire to give as briefly as possible to the W. Lodge.

An officer named Buros, who belonged to the same corps as the proposed candidate, having brought to the Hospital Du Cap† a Captain who died there almost immediately, represented to Mr. Jean, who was himself in the hospital, that this Captain had left to the officers

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\* As this document is dated October 7th, 1810, Bro. Jean must have arrived with the first batch of prisoners in September, 1804.

† This was probably Cap Français in the Island of St. Domingo.

of the corps who were there with him, all the money and other effects which he possessed, begging Mr. Jean, who was not so ill as the others, and the only one who was not confined to his bed, to undertake the distribution of the effects of the deceased, to those officers of the corps who were in the hospital—which he did without any thought or desire except to oblige his companions.

This distribution having been declared by the Chief to be wrong and illegal, each of the officers was required to refund all he had received, and as it was the candidate Jean who had distributed the money, it was thought that he was in league with the said Buros, whereas his only fault lay in not being ill enough to be confined to his bed, for which reason Buros selected him to convey to all his comrades, the assistance which the Captain was said to have left them.

The members of the Committee, after examining all the particulars of this affair, with the calmness and attention which justice and impartiality demand, agree in thinking, that if anyone was to blame in the matter, it was none other than he who by this pretended gift, if indeed it was such, led into error the officers who were in the hospital at the time, an error into which one of the Brethren now present was led, as well as the candidate Jean and others.

And what confirms the Committee the more in this opinion, is, that it is not likely that Chiefs, so friendly and yet such strict observers of the laws of honour and of good taste, as those who commanded the 11th regiment, would, if they had thought the candidate Jean in fault on this occasion, have continued not only to allow him to serve under their orders, but have permitted him to sit with them in the administrative council, in which all the

officers of the corps knew that he took part, up to the time of the evacuation of the Colony, which took place more than four and a half months after the affair in question; and it is to be noticed, that at this very time, as well as before and after, these same Chiefs dismissed several officers from the corps, for matters which were certainly of not so serious a nature, namely, Messrs. Etasse, Lamarre, Mercier, Armand and Duvoisin.

It is therefore quite clear, that if they had believed the said candidate guilty of such an act as the one in question, they would certainly not have failed to expel him in preference to, or at least equally with the others.

It has also come to the knowledge of the Committee, that while at Jamaica, the Chief having learned that Mr. Jean was working for his living, said to him, "Well, Mr. Jean, so you are working for your living," and on receiving an affirmative reply, retorted, "Well, that is all right, for in France you will never serve in the same corps as I." It is clear that this reply was only evidence of the Chief's displeasure at seeing an officer working, and had no reference to what had occurred six months before, of which he had not previously spoken, although they had always served together.

In consequence, if, scrupulous as the Chief of the 11th Regiment appeared to be about etiquette, as to regard Mr. Jean's working as preventing him serving with him in the future, how much more would he have felt compelled to dismiss him with the others, if he had thought him guilty of the act already spoken of, which was certainly more serious; for if necessity obliges us to do in captivity, to provide for our wants, what might be regarded as a breach of etiquette, and thus prevent our serving with Chiefs of honour, or of being received

as Masons, how many of us in our present quarters could lay claim to it.

We are also unable to pass over in silence, Very Worshipful, a fact which gives unmistakable proof of the fine feeling and honesty of the candidate Jean, and which is within the knowledge of a large number of the officers interned in this place.

A workman of Mr. Pegg, watchmaker and jeweller of this place, brought him one day a half-dozen of well-worn silver spoons, which he wished him to buy. Mr. Jean, suspecting that they had been stolen, and fearing that if he refused to buy them, they might be sold to another less scrupulous than he, and be lost in consequence to the owner, bought them for the sum of ten shillings, and immediately informed Mr. Pegg of the fact, giving him back his silver, whereas with less fine feeling he could easily have kept them, without any fear of being reproached, the more so, as from the quantity of worn-out silver he knew was stored in the office of Mr. Pegg, it would be probably a long time before he missed these articles, if he ever did. This fact was related at the time by Mr. Pegg himself to all those to whom he had occasion to speak of the theft.

The members of the Committee, therefore, after due consideration, find nothing in what they have been able to ascertain about the candidate, which should prevent him participating in our noble work, the more so, as his conduct in this town during close upon six years, has conformed absolutely to the principles of our Order.

Such, Very Worshipful, are the explanations which the Committee has thought it right to give to the W. Lodge, leaving the matter to the justice and conscientiousness of all the Brethren, to deal with the same

according to the principles which actuate free and loyal Masonry.

The original signed by Fournier, Lepage and Cier.

Certified correct, by me, W.M. of the W. Lodge  
The True Friends of the Order.

De Marconnay.

Done and delivered at  
Ashby de la Zouch in England,  
the 7th day of the 8th Masonic month,  
5810.\*

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The two Certificates granted to Louis Jean, to which reference has been made, although of paper, are in an excellent state of preservation; they are admirably written, have oval red wax Seals† in tin boxes attached to them, and, as usual with French Certificates, they are signed by the officers and members of the Lodge. A peculiarity of these two documents is, that they declare the Lodge to be under the protection of Lord Moira, the Acting Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, whose seat of Donnington Park was in the immediate neighbourhood of Ashby. It may reasonably be assumed, that the protection of Lord Moira would only be granted on the understanding, that none but Frenchmen should be admitted to membership of the Lodge, and, as far as is known, no Englishman was ever received into its ranks.

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\* October 7th, 1810.

† *Vide* p. 15.

The Craft Certificate is as follows:—\*

“A.: L.: G.: D.: G.: A.: D.: L’U..

“Au Nom et sous les Auspices du G.: Or.: de  
“France.

“Et sous la protection immédiate de sa seigneurie  
“le T.: P.: T.: Ill.: et T.: R.: F.: Lord Moira, agissant  
“comme G.: Maître de toutes les LL.: Régulières du  
“Royaume de la Grande Bretagne.

“Nous Ven.: Sur.: Offic.: et Membres de la R.: L.:  
“Régulièrement Constituée par les français prisonniers  
“de Guerre sur parole à l’o.: D’Ashby de la Zouch  
“Comté de Leicester en Angleterre sous le T.: D.:  
“des Vrais Amis de L’Ordre. A Tous les Maçons  
“Répandus sur le Globe.

“UNION. PROSPÉRITÉ. SALUT.

“APRÈS avoir éprouvé qu’il en était digne Nous  
“avons admis aux Grades D’app.: Maç.: Comp.: et  
“Maître le T.: C.: F.: Louis Jean natif de Rouen,  
“Département de la Seine Inférieure, agé de Trente  
“neuf ans, sous Lieutenant à la 11<sup>ème</sup> demi Brigade  
“d’infanterie légère, et a fin de le mettre a même de  
“faire de plus grands progrès dans les Vertus en lui  
“facilitant l’entrée des LL.: ou elles se pratiquent  
“nous l’avons muni de cette planche signée de nous  
“et contresignée par lui Ne Varietur par laquelle nous  
“prions tous les FF.: MM.: à qui il la présentera de  
“secourir ce F.: dans le besoin et de lui faire l’accueil  
“fraternel que nous reservons à ceux qui nous vien-  
“dront de leur part, lui enjoignant de la faire en-

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\* Vide Plate I., Front.

“ régistrer en s'affiliant à une L.: Régulière de L'o.:  
 “ où il choisira son domicile, ce à quoi il s'est engagé  
 “ sur sa parole Maç.:

“ Délivré à L'O.: d'Ashby de la Zouch en la séance  
 “ du 19<sup>ème</sup> Jour du 9<sup>ème</sup> Mois de l'Année Maçon.: 5810.

“ Le Vénérable. *De Marconnay*; S.: P.: R.: †.:;  
 “ M.: du S.: Ch.: de St.: Jean du Désert, O.: de  
 “ Valenciennes.

“ Le 1<sup>er</sup> Surv<sup>t</sup> *Adrien*; Ch.: d'or.:

“ *Bouvard*; Ch.: d'o.: 2<sup>d</sup> Surv.: de la Loge des Vrais  
 “ amis de l'ordre.

“ *L<sup>s</sup> Pitacke*; ch.: D'or.:

“ *ffournier*; Ora.: ch.: D'or.:

“ *Süffert*; Ch.: D'or.:

“ *Baudiau*; ch.: D'or.:

“ *Metry*; M.:

“ *Fontaine*; ch.: D'or.:

“ *de Zboinski*; E.: S.:

“ *D. Pierre*; E.: S.:

“ *Sapard*; ch.: d'or.

“ *Gardin*; E.: S.:

“ *Fr. de Castel*; Ch.: G.: E.: Ec.:

“ *Juliarde*; m.: eccos.:

“ *Cognet*; G.: C<sup>dr</sup> du T.: 27<sup>D</sup>; P<sup>sse</sup> M.:; Memb.: du  
 “ Souv.: Chap.: G<sup>al</sup> de France. Memb.: fond.:

“ de la R.: L.: de la Régularité Or.: de Lyon.

“ Memb.: fond.: et Orat.: de la R.: L.: Les

“ Élèves de Themis Or.: d'Anvers.

“ *Bailleul*; Ecc.:

“ *Cier*; Ch.: d'o.:

“ *Ferassin*; C.: G.: E.:

“ *Segoins*; M.:

“ *Lepage*; ch.: d’or:.”

“ *Rouet*; M:.”

“ *Royers*; G: E: Ecc:.”

“ Pour le f.: F.: N.: *Burdet*. S.: P.: R.: -|-:.; Ch<sup>r</sup> P<sup>n</sup>;  
 “ M.: de la L.: de Tarente du 1<sup>er</sup> rg<sup>t</sup> d’Inf<sup>ie</sup> Légère;  
 “ Dig<sup>re</sup> de la L.: de l’Union du 1<sup>er</sup> rg<sup>t</sup> Polonais;  
 “ M.: de plus.: LL.: du G.: O.: de Naples;  
 “ Vén<sup>ble</sup> de la R.: L.: de la Bonne Union O.: de  
 “ Northampton, en Angleterre; M.: honor.: de  
 “ la RL.: des Vrais Amis de l’Ordre, O.: d’Ash-  
 “ by de la Zouch, en Angleterre. *De Marconnay*.  
 “ R.: -|-: V:.”

(In left margin: “ Scellé et timbré par nous garde  
 “ des sceau et timbré et Arch.: *Antoine*.  
 “ ch.: d’or:.”)

(In left margin: “ Ne Varietur. *L. Jean*.”)

(In right margin: “ Enrég<sup>e</sup>. sous le N<sup>e</sup> 14 par nous  
 “ Secrét.: *Picard*. ch.: d’or:.”)

[TRANSLATION.]

“ TO THE GLORY OF THE GREAT  
 “ ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

“ In the Name and under the Auspices of the Grand  
 “ Orient of France.

“ And under the immediate protection of his Lord-  
 “ ship, the very powerful, very illustrious and very  
 “ worshipful Brother Lord Moira, Acting Grand Mas-  
 “ ter of all the Regular Lodges of the Kingdom of  
 “ Great Britain.

“ We, the Master, Wardens, Officers and Members  
 “ of the Worshipful Lodge, regularly constituted by  
 “ the French Prisoners of War on Parole at the Orient  
 “ of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, in the County of Leicester,  
 “ England, under the title of ‘The True Friends of  
 “ the Order.’ To all Masons spread over the Globe.

“ UNITY. PROSPERITY. GREETING.

“ After having proved him to be worthy, we have  
 “ admitted to the degrees of E.A., F.C. and M., the  
 “ very dear Brother Louis Jean, native of Rouen, De-  
 “ partment of the Seine Inferieure, aged thirty-nine  
 “ years, Sub-Lieutenant in the 11th half-brigade of  
 “ Light Infantry; and in order to enable him to make  
 “ still greater progress in Virtue by facilitating his  
 “ admission into any Lodges wherever held, we have  
 “ furnished him with this Certificate, signed by us,  
 “ and countersigned by him ‘Ne Varietur,’ by which  
 “ we pray all Brother Masons to whom he may pre-  
 “ sent it, to succour this Brother in his need, and to  
 “ give him that fraternal welcome which we accord  
 “ to all those who come to us from them, enjoining  
 “ him to have it registered on affiliating himself to a  
 “ regular Lodge in the District where he may choose  
 “ his domicile, and to which he has bound himself by  
 “ his Masonic word.

“ Given at the Orient of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, at the  
 “ Meeting held on the 19th day of the 9th month of  
 “ the Masonic year 5810.”\*

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\* November 19th, 1810.



M. L. G. D. P. A. D. L. U.

Maitre Gorn Et sous les auspices du G. Or. de France.

Et sous la protection immediate de sa Seigneurie le G. L. G. M. et G. R. F. Lord Moira agissant comme G. Maitre de toutes les L. regulieres du Royaume de la Grande Bretagne.

A tous les Macons Reguliers Repandus sur le Globe. Union prosperite Salut

Monsieur Sousigné M. D. P. R. D. C. C. En tant de provisions, attestés auxdublemis grades que nous s'opposons, et assistés de G. C. C. et G. C. C.

Parce que... nous s'opposons... et assistés de G. C. C. et G. C. C. Nous s'opposons... et assistés de G. C. C. et G. C. C.

Vertical handwritten notes on the left margin.

Seiller et timbre pour vous garder des sceaux timbre et arch.

Amour Chad



Large collection of handwritten signatures and stamps at the bottom of the document, including names like 'L. M. M.', 'G. M.', and 'Baudran'.

Louis Jean's Rose Croix Certificate.

The Rose Croix Certificate is in favour of the same Brother, and is as follows:—\*

“A.: L.: G.: D.: G.: A.: D.: L’U.:

“Au Nom et sous les Auspices du G.: Or.: de  
 “France. Et sous la protection immédiate de sa  
 “Seigneurie le T.: P.: T.: Ill.: et T.: R.: F.: Lord  
 “Moira agissant comme G.: Maître de toutes les LL.:  
 “régulières du Royaume de la Grande Bretagne.

“A Tous les Maçons Réguliers Répandus sur le  
 “Globe.

“UNION. PROSPÉRITÉ. SALUT.

“NOUS soussignés SS.: PP.: RR.: CC.: en vertu des  
 “pouvoirs attachés aux sublimes grades que nous pos-  
 “sédons, et assistés des TT.: CC.: et TT.: RR.: FF.:  
 “soussignés également élevés à des grades éminens,  
 “désirant récompenser le zèle, l’activité, les talens et les  
 “vertus Maçon.: déployés par le T.: C.: F.: Louis Jean  
 “natif de Rouen, département de la Seine Inférieure  
 “agé de Trente neuf ans, sous Lieutenant à la 11<sup>ème</sup>  
 “demi Brigade d’infanterie légère, dans les travaux de  
 “la R.: L.: des Vrais Amis de l’Ordre régulièrement  
 “constituée par les Maçons français prisonniers de  
 “guerre à l’o.: d’Ashby de la Zouch en Angleterre, et  
 “dans les vues de contribuer de tout notre pouvoir à  
 “donner chaque jour un nouveau lustre à l’ordre auguste  
 “auquel nous avons la faveur d’appartenir, avons en raison  
 “de l’impossibilité de communiquer, soit avec le Grand  
 “Or.: soit avec aucun autre Chapitre Régulier de  
 “France, conféré au sus dit F.: Jean le grade de Ch.:

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\* Vide Plate II.

“ d’or. : , l’invitant particulièrement à se faire régulariser  
 “ en cette qualité aussitot que possible, après sa rentrée  
 “ en France, ce à quoi il s’est engagé sur sa foi Maçon. : .  
 “ Prions en conséquence celui des SS. : Chap. : où il sera  
 “ dans le cas de se présenter pour faire légaliser le grade  
 “ à lui par nous conféré, de vouloir bien approuver et  
 “ confirmer cette promotion, et de faire au dit F. : .  
 “ l’accueil favorable et distingué que nous réservons à  
 “ tous les vrais ff. : qui, comme lui, possèdent les plus  
 “ rares qualités et les plus éminentes vertus. En foi de  
 “ quoi nous lui avons délivré le présent auquel nous  
 “ avons pour plus d’authenticité fait apposer les sceau et  
 “ timbre de la R. : L. : des Vrais Amis de l’Ordre, et  
 “ pour éviter toute surprise, avons au dit F. : Jean fait,  
 “ en notre présence apposer sa signature en marge Ne  
 “ Varietur, supplions le G. : A. : D. : L’U. : de l’avoir  
 “ toujours en sa sainte garde.

“ Fait à L’O. : d’Ashby de la Zouch en Angleterre le  
 “ 23<sup>ème</sup> Jour du 12 Mois de l’an de la V. : L. : 5810 (Style  
 “ Vulgaire le 23 Février 1811.)

“ *De Marconnay* ; S. : P. : R. : -l. : ; M. : du S. : Ch. :  
 “ de St. : Jean du Désert, O. : de Valenciennes ;  
 “ Vén<sup>ble</sup> de la R. : L. : des Vrais Amis de l’ordre,  
 “ O. : d’Ashby-de-la-Zouch en Angleterre.

“ *L<sup>s</sup> Pitacke* ; ch. : D’or. :

“ *Fontaine* ; ch. : D’or. :

“ *Süffert* ; Ch. : D’or. :

“ *Bouvard* ; Ch. : d’or 2<sup>e</sup> Surv. : de la Loge des Vrais  
 “ Amis de l’ordre.

“ *ffournier* ; Ora. : ch. : d’or. :

“ *Sapard* ; Ch. : D’or. :

“ *Lepage* ; ch. : D’or. :

“ *Cognet* ; G.: C.: du T.: 27.: P<sup>sse</sup> M<sup>e</sup> ; Memb.: du  
 “ Souv.: Ch.: G.<sup>al</sup> de France. Memb.: fond.: de la  
 “ R.: L.: de la Régularité Or.: de Lyon. Memb.:  
 “ fondat.: et Orat.: de la R.: L.: des Élèves de  
 “ Themis Or.: d’Anvers.

“ *Baudiau* ; ch.: d’or.:

“ *Cier* ; Ch.: d’or.:

“ *Adrien* ; ch.: d’or.: 1<sup>er</sup> Surv. de la R.: □ des vrais  
 “ amis de l’ordre, or.: d’Ashby de la Zouch en  
 “ Angleterre.

“ *Picard* ; ch.: d’or.:

“ Pour le f.: *F.: N.: Burdet* S.: P.: R.: +.: Ch<sup>r</sup> P<sup>n</sup>;  
 “ M.: de la L.: de Tarente du 1<sup>er</sup> rg<sup>t</sup> d’Inf<sup>ie</sup> lg<sup>re</sup>;  
 “ Dig<sup>re</sup> de la L.: de l’Union du 1<sup>er</sup> rg<sup>t</sup> Polonais;  
 “ M.: de plus.: LL.: du G.: O.: de Naples;  
 “ Vén<sup>ble</sup> de la R.: L.: de la Bonne Union O.: de  
 “ Northampton en Angleterre ; M.: honor.: de la  
 “ R.: L.: des Vrais Amis de l’Ordre, Or.: d’Ashby  
 “ de la Zouch en Angleterre. *De Marconnay.*  
 “ R.: +.: V.:”

(In left margin: “ Scellé et timbré par nous garde  
 “ des Sceau timbre et Arch.: *Antoine.* ch.: d’or.:)

(In left margin: “ Ne Varietur. *L. Jean.*”)

[TRANSLATION.]

“ TO THE GLORY OF THE GREAT  
 “ ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

“ In the name and under the auspices of the Grand  
 “ Orient of France.

“ And under the immediate protection of his Lord-  
 “ ship, the very powerful, very illustrious and very

“ worshipful Brother Lord Moira, Acting Grand Master  
 “ of all the regular Lodges of the Kingdom of Great  
 “ Britain.

“ To all Regular Masons spread over the Globe.

“ UNITY. PROSPERITY. GREETING.

“ WE the undersigned Sovereign Princes Rose Croix,  
 “ by virtue of the powers belonging to the sublime  
 “ degrees which we possess, and assisted by the very  
 “ dear and very worshipful Brothers undersigned equally  
 “ exalted to the high degrees, wishing to reward the  
 “ zeal, activity, talents and Masonic virtues displayed by  
 “ the very dear Brother Louis Jean, native of Rouen,  
 “ Department of the Seine Inferieure, aged thirty-nine  
 “ years, Sub-Lieutenant in the 11th half-brigade of  
 “ Light Infantry, in the work of the Lodge of ‘ True  
 “ Friends of the Order,’ regularly constituted by French  
 “ Masons, prisoners of war, at the Orient of Ashby-de-  
 “ la-Zouch, England, and with a desire to contribute,  
 “ to the utmost of our power, to shed each day new  
 “ lustre upon the august Order to which we have the  
 “ privilege to belong, have, in consequence of the  
 “ impossibility of communicating either with the Grand  
 “ Orient, or with any regular Chapter of France, con-  
 “ ferred upon the said Brother Jean the rank of  
 “ ‘ Chevalier d’orient,’ requesting him particularly to  
 “ have himself properly registered in this degree as  
 “ soon as possible after his return to France, to which  
 “ he has bound himself by his Masonic oath. We  
 “ therefore pray those Sovereign Chapters where he  
 “ may present himself, to have the rank which we

“ have conferred upon him legalised, to approve and  
 “ confirm this promotion, and to accord to the said  
 “ Brother a favorable and honorable reception, such as  
 “ we accord to all true Brethren, who, like him, possess  
 “ the rarest qualities and most eminent virtues. In  
 “ token of which we have delivered these presents, to  
 “ which for greater security we have added the Seal and  
 “ Stamp of the Worshipful Lodge ‘ True Friends of the  
 “ Order,’ and to prevent its misuse, we have required the  
 “ said Brother Jean to place his signature ‘ Ne Varietur ’  
 “ in our presence in the margin, supplicating the Great  
 “ Architect of the Universe to have him always in His  
 “ holy keeping.

“ Done at the Orient of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, England,  
 “ the 23rd day of the 12th month of the year of the  
 “ True Light 5810. (Common style, February 23rd,  
 “ 1811.)”

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Several of the Brethren whose signatures appear on these Certificates, were Masons of high rank, notably Bro. Burdet, an Honorary Member, Cagnet who signs as Past Master, and De Marconnay the Worshipful Master; it is not surprising, therefore, that they should seek to beguile the weary hours of their captivity, by associating together and working those ceremonies in which they had been interested in happier times.

It is probable that the Lodge had not been long established, when Bro. Jean was admitted, inasmuch as on his Craft Certificate he is registered as No. 14. There is no means of ascertaining of how many members the Lodge or Chapter consisted, or how long they

continued to work, but in the minutes of St. John's Lodge (now No. 279), Leicester, the visit is recorded on May 5th, 1813, of Bro. Kgrist Justin, "member of a French Lodge at Ashby-de-la-Zouch."

It will be noticed that the recipient binds himself to join similar Masonic bodies on his return to France, and there is little doubt that the authorities of the Grand Orient of France recognised the validity of these provisional Certificates, and permitted the affiliation of those who held them, to regular French Lodges.

The Brother, Louis Jean, to whom these Certificates were granted, was a member of a respectable family of landed proprietors at Rouen. He was in all probability attached to the army of 15,000 men which Napoleon sent in 1802, under General Rochambeau, to put down an insurrection which had broken out in the Island of St. Domingo in the West Indies, and which threatened to extinguish French dominion there. Very soon after his arrival in the island, Rochambeau was compelled to capitulate to an army of negroes under their black general Dessalines, but was allowed to return with his troops to France. War having in the meantime broken out between England and France, Rochambeau and all his vessels were captured by the English fleet and brought as prisoners to England. Many of the officers were interned at Ashbourne in Derbyshire and at Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Rochambeau was at Ashbourne in 1804, and subsequently at Norman Cross and Wincanton. He was killed at the battle of Leipzig in 1813.

Louis Jean arrived at Ashby with the first batch of prisoners in September, 1804, and resided there continuously until 1811. Of his life in Ashby nothing is

known, but the Parish Church Registers show that he was married there in 1809.\*

The following year he applied for initiation in the Lodge "Vrais Amis de l'Ordre," which, as already stated, had probably only recently been established. The rapidity with which degrees were conferred in this French Lodge, which probably was considered outside all authority, and a law unto itself, is evidenced by the dates of the documents already transcribed. Thus, the Report to the Lodge being dated October 7th, 1810, he had taken the three Craft degrees and received his Certificate therefor within six weeks—November 19th,—whilst after only a further three months probation, there had been conferred upon him the rank of Knight of the East, and a Certificate for that degree, dated February 23rd, 1811, prepared for him.

Soon after this he was exchanged for an English prisoner of equal rank in France, being one of the first of the Ashby prisoners to be exchanged. He went with his young wife to his native city, where they resided until Peace was declared in 1814, when his wife strongly importuned him to go back with her to Ashby, which he at length consented to do. He converted the proceeds of his property into diamonds, on the sale of which, in London, he had to make a heavy sacrifice. They resided

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\* Extract from the Marriage Registers of the Parish Church of Ashby-de-la-Zouch :—

" Lewis Jean, French Prisoner of War in this Parish and Elizabeth  
 " Edwards of this Parish were married in this Church by Banns,  
 " this Fifth Day of June in the year One Thousand Eight  
 " Hundred and Nine by me

" *William McDouall.* Vicar.

" This Marriage was solemnized } *Jean.*  
 " between us } *Elizabeth X Edwards, her mark.*

" In the presence of } *Robelet.*  
 } *Jane X Anderton, her mark."*

in Ashby for some years, Louis Jean being greatly esteemed, and there a daughter was born. Later on they returned to Rouen, where, after twenty-two years, Louis Jean died, leaving his widow and daughter in greatly reduced circumstances, owing to his mother, during his absence in England, believing him to be dead, having left the whole of the family property to her daughter, who, dying young, bequeathed it to her affianced lover. Louis Jean's daughter, not long before her father's death, had married a young man named H——, an Englishman by birth, but brought up in France, who soon died, leaving his widow with three young children. The two widows and the children left France, and took up their abode in England, where Mrs. H—— did her best to provide for their wants by teaching French and by fine needlework. Mrs. Jean died in 1867, having been childish and helpless for seven years, yet so sensitive and retiring was her daughter, that she never sought for assistance in her sad condition, but struggled on, toiling day by day, to maintain her family. Some years later, through the well-directed efforts of the Brethren in Leicester, Mrs. H—— obtained admission to the Trinity Hospital, where she died in the year 1903 at the age of eighty-seven.\*

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**“De la Justice et de l'Union.”**  
(Justice and Unity.)

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This was the distinctive name of the second Lodge which worked among the French prisoners in Ashby, and to

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\*Partly taken from an Article by the late Bro. W. Kelly, in the “Freemason,” 1886, p. 627.

which reference has already been made. As in the case of the Lodge "Vrais Amis de l'Ordre," it is quite impossible to give many details, the mere fact of its existence being practically all that is known. All books and other records, belonging to both Lodges, would, no doubt, be taken to France by the returning Brethren in the autumn of 1814. The following particulars are interesting and well vouched for:—

Late in the year 1813, or early in 1814, several French officers arrived in Ashby, who had been taken prisoners at Pampeluna in the north of Spain, which fortress, after a siege of three months, had surrendered to Wellington's troops in October, 1813. They brought much money with them, part of the vast treasure carried away in their retreat to Pampeluna, after the disastrous defeat at Vittoria in the previous June. This money was concealed in the soles of their boots and in the collars and cuffs of their coats, and was no doubt very useful in eking out the weekly allowance made to them by the British Government. One of them also brought a dog with him, which was said to be the only one which had survived the siege.\*

The only evidence of the existence of the Lodge "De la Justice et de l'Union," is contained in an endorsement on the back of a French Certificate, issued in 1812 to one of the above-mentioned Pampeluna prisoners, by the members of a French Military Lodge held in the town of Vittoria.† This Certificate is a parchment document, wholly in French, 17½ inches

\* Partly taken from Andrews' "Bygone Leicestershire," p. 233.

† "Les Amis Réunis de Saint Joseph," established in Vittoria in 1811. (*Vide* Rebold's "Histoire des Trois Grandes Loges," p. 120.) The Certificate belongs to the Leicester Freemasons' Hall Collection.

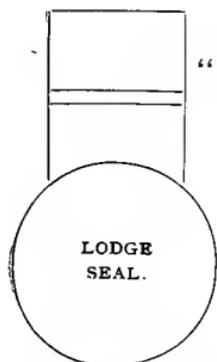
by 14½ inches, and is printed from an engraved plate, the design being of an ordinary French type. The text of the Certificate is as follows:—

“ A LA GLOIRE DU G.: A.: De L'U.:

“ A Tous les Maçons réguliers répandus sur la  
“ surface de la Terre.

“ SALUT. FORCE. UNION.

“ Nous Vénérable et Officiers de la R.: □ des Amis  
“ Réunis de St. Joseph, à l'Orient de Vitoria (Espagne),  
“ régulièrement constituée en 5811, certifions et attes-  
“ tons que le T.: C.: F.: *Grivaut (Antoine)* est Membre  
“ de notre R.: At.:, qu'il possède *les trois* grades maçon-  
“ niques, et qu'il a travaillé parmi nous avec zèle et  
“ assiduité: c'est pourquoi nous prions tous ceux qui  
“ sont à prier de le reconnaître comme bon et légitime  
“ Maçon, et de l'admettre comme tel à leurs travaux,  
“ de lui prêter aide et assistance en cas de besoin,  
“ comme nous nous y sommes obligés nous-mêmes; et  
“ pour que le présent Certificat ne puisse servir qu'au dit  
“ F.: *Grivaut (Antoine)*, nous lui avons fait apposer sa  
“ signature en marge ne varietur. Délivré en loge,  
“ régulièrement assemblée, d'un lieu très-éclairé, où  
“ règnent la paix, l'union et la charité, le 9<sup>e</sup> jour du  
“ 6<sup>ème</sup> mois de l'an de la V.: L.: 5812, répondant au  
“ 9 Aout 1812.



“ Col. D’Ordan. L. J. Herman. Menou.  
 “ S.: P.: R.: +. 2<sup>e</sup> surv.: T.<sup>re</sup> v.: T.: 1<sup>er</sup> s.:

“ Pallissier. Bagnere.  
 “ 2<sup>me</sup> E.: l’hr.

“ Scellé et Timbré par nous Par mand<sup>t</sup> de la R.: L  
 “ Garde des Sceaux et Timbre Bergeron.  
 “ de la R.: L.: Secrétaire.  
 “ Vidalot.”

(Signed in dexter margin: “Ne Varietur. Grivaut.”)

The Seal—unfortunately damaged—is of red wax, and is contained in a circular tin box two inches in diameter, attached to the document by light blue ribbon.

[TRANSLATION.]

“ TO THE GLORY OF THE GREAT  
 “ ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

“ To all regular Masons throughout the World.

“ GREETING. FORTITUDE. UNITY.

“ We Masters and Officers of the Worshipful Lodge  
 “ ‘United Friends of St. Joseph,’ regularly constituted  
 “ at Vittoria (Spain) in 5811, certify and declare that our  
 “ very dear Brother Antoine Grivaut is a member of our  
 “ Worshipful Lodge, that he has taken the first three  
 “ degrees of Masonry, and has worked amongst us with  
 “ zeal and assiduity: we therefore pray all those whom  
 “ it may concern, to receive him as a true and regular  
 “ Mason, to admit him as such to their ceremonies, and  
 “ to aid and assist him in case of need, as we on our  
 “ part engage to do; and in order that the present

“Certificate may alone be of service to the said Brother  
 “Antoine Grivaut, we have caused him to sign his  
 “name in the margin—ne varietur. Delivered in  
 “Lodge, regularly assembled, in an enlightened place,  
 “where peace, unity and charity reign, the 9th day of  
 “the 6th month of the year of the True Light 5812,  
 “corresponding to August 9th, 1812.”

Within ten months of the granting of this Certificate, the French troops were disastrously beaten by the British under Wellington at the battle of Vittoria (June 21st, 1813). The town was stormed with great slaughter, while many prisoners and much material of war fell into the hands of the victors. Some of those who escaped took refuge in the fortresses of Pampeluna and San Sebastian, both of which were subsequently captured by the British troops.\*

Among those who escaped to Pampeluna and afterwards surrendered, was this Brother Antoine Grivaut, who was sent, probably with many others, as prisoner of war to England, and in April, 1814, was residing “on parole” in Ashby-de-la-Zouch. This information is obtained from an endorsement on the back of the Certificate just described, and is as follows:—†

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\* Amongst the spoils taken after one of the battles of this campaign, was the Masonic Diploma of Marshal Soult. This document was presented in the year 1823 to “St. Nathalan’s” Lodge, Tullich-in-Mar, Aberdeenshire, very possibly by some Highland veteran returned from the wars. It remained in the possession of the Lodge until the year 1850, when by the mediation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it was returned to the Marshal through the hands of the Marquis of Normanby, British Ambassador at Paris. The Marshal’s letter of acknowledgment, when received, was ordered to be sent to the “St. Nathalan’s” Lodge, and the preservation of that document should prove a far more valuable memorial of a distinguished Brother, than the unwarranted possession of a plundered parchment. Marshal Soult died a few days after the Diploma was returned to him.—“Freemasons’ Quarterly Review,” 1851, p. 183, and “Freemasons’ Magazine,” 1861, Vol. I., p. 329.

† *Vide* Plate III.

PLATE III.

Vu & affirmé  
à la R. N. De la  
Justice & de L'union  
le 1<sup>er</sup> jour Du 2<sup>e</sup> mois De la  
V. L. 5814 et a travaillé avec  
tout le talé possible jusqu'à ce jour,  
Or: d'Asby de Layouet le 3<sup>e</sup> jour  
Du 4<sup>e</sup> mois De la 9<sup>e</sup> L. 5814.  
Par mandement De la R. N.   
Le Secrétaire 

Endorsement on Antoine Grivaut's Certificate.

Vide p. 42.



“Vu & affilier à la R.: □ .: de la Justice & de  
 “L’union le 1<sup>er</sup> jour du 2<sup>e</sup> mois de la V.: L.: 5814  
 “et a travaillé avec tout le zèle possible jusqu’a ce jour.

“Or.: d’Ashby de la Zouch le 3<sup>e</sup> jour du 4<sup>e</sup> mois  
 “de la V.: L.: 5814.

“Par mandement de la R.: □

“Le Secrétaire. *Jourdain.*

“M.: Ec.:”

[TRANSLATION.]

“Seen for the purpose of affiliation in the W. Lodge  
 “‘Justice and Unity,’ the 1st day of the 2nd month  
 “of the True Light 5814, and has worked with all  
 “possible zeal up to this day.

“Orient of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, the 3rd day of the  
 “4th month of the True Light 5814.”

Peace having been established between England and France by the Treaty of Paris in May, 1814, it is very probable that this endorsement was added just prior to Bro. Grivaut’s return home, in order to indicate his Masonic career and his zeal for the Craft, a custom very general in France at that time.

A further endorsement appears on the Certificate as follows:—

“Vu par nous chefs des hommes éclairés à L’or.:  
 “de St. Servan, le 30<sup>e</sup> jour du 8<sup>e</sup> mois de L’an de  
 “La V.: L.: 5816.

“2<sup>e</sup> Surv.:

Le V.:

1<sup>er</sup> Surv.:

“*B. Eymenthorn.* (?)

*Sire.*

*Merlin.*

“R.: +.:

R.: +.:

“Par mandement de la □

“*I. Martin.*

“Sec.:”

## [TRANSLATION.]

“ Seen by us, Officers of the ‘ Enlightened Men,’ at  
 “ the Orient of St. Servan, the 30th day of the 8th  
 “ month of the year of the True Light 5816.”

From this second endorsement it will be seen that Bro. Grivaut arrived safely in his native land and visited a Lodge at St. Servan, near St. Malo, in the year 1816, after which nothing further is known of his Masonic career.

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Before leaving Ashby-de-la-Zouch for their beloved France, the French Masons who had been located there, disposed of their Lodge furniture to some English Brethren, who contemplated establishing a Lodge at Repton in Derbyshire. Bro. G. Mugliston—an Ashby man—one of the petitioners for the Repton Lodge, and subsequently its first Worshipful Master, in forwarding the petition to the Grand Lodge on July 13th, 1815, wrote as follows:—“ We have also Furniture  
 “ for the Lodge now ready at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, the  
 “ same which the French prisoners had when there.”\*

The Warrant for the Repton Lodge—the “ Royal Sussex,” No. 690 (now No. 353)—was not granted until September, 1817, from which date until the year 1869, the Lodge continued to meet regularly in that town. In the latter year it was removed from Repton to Winshill, a suburb of Burton-on-Trent, where it still meets.

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\* Minutes of “ Royal Sussex ” Lodge, September 24th, 1817.



**PLATE IV.**



**The Master's Canopy.**

*Vide* p. 45.

The furniture of the old Prisoners' Lodge, which is still in use, consists of three Pedestals (for the Master and Wardens) and a Canopy for the Master's Chair. The Canopy, which is dome-like, is supported by two pillars, one on each side; it is partly enclosed by curtains, and the Sun, Moon and Stars are painted at the back.\* The Pedestals are of plain deal, ornamented respectively with the Square and Compasses, Level and Plumb-rule. There is also a painted Tracing-cloth, dated 1812, about five feet by three feet, representing on one side the emblems of the E.A. and F.C. degrees, and on the other side those of the M.M. degree. This Tracing-cloth is also a relic of the French Prisoners' Lodge. The old furniture is very much prized by the Brethren of the "Royal Sussex" Lodge, on account of its very interesting associations; it has been recently renovated, especial care, however, being taken that it should still retain its ancient peculiarities.

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\* *Vide* Plate IV.

## CHAPTER II.

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The "Ivanhoe" Lodge, No. 631,  
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.  
1836—1841.

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AFTER the departure of the French prisoners from Ashby in the autumn of 1814, and the consequent break-up of the Lodges established by them, no trace of active Freemasonry can be found there for over twenty years. The recollection of the former existence of the French Freemasons' Lodges lingered probably among the older inhabitants of the town, and may have had something to do with the petition for a Lodge in 1836.\*

In the early part of that year, the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, granted a Warrant of Constitution for a Lodge to be called the "Ivanhoe" Lodge, to meet at the Royal Hotel, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on the first Monday in every month. The name was no doubt suggested by the fact, that some incidents of Sir Walter Scott's story of "Ivanhoe" are supposed to have taken place at the famous old castle of Ashby.

The Warrant of this Lodge is still preserved in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England,† and three books

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\* It is worth placing on record, that between the years 1796 and 1817, when the "Royal Sussex" was established at Repton, seventeen residents of Ashby and Coleorton were initiated in the "Tyrian" Lodge, Derby.—*Vide* "Centenary Celebration of the Tyrian Lodge in 1885."

† *Vide* Plate V



*Warrant of G. M.*

To all and every our Right Worshipful Worshipful and Young Brethren.  
WE Prince Augustus Frederick, of Brunswick Lunenburg Duke of Sussex.  
Earl of Arundel Baron of Ashbur Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter &c. &c. &c.  
Grand Master

Of the Most Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England.  
Send Greeting

KNOW YE That we by the authority and under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England vested in us for  
that purpose and at the humble petition of our Right Trusty and true Grand Master Edward Hammett  
George, Magister, Rowland Cudick, Leonard Madsen, Albert Chapman, Melchior William Smith, Thomas Carter, Francis  
Pohlbeck and others do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the Title or Denomination of

No 631

The "Ivanhoe" Lodge

the said Lodge to meet at the Royal Hotel, "Aubrey de la Roche" in the County of Kent on the first Monday of every month and empowering them in the said Lodge  
whom duly congregated to make high and raise Free Masons according to the ancient custom of the Craft in all Ages and Years to regulate the known Rules, Traditions  
of their said Fraternity and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the above named Brethren We do appoint the said Edward Hammett to be the First  
Master the said George Magister to be the Senior Warden and the said Rowland Cudick to be the Junior Warden for opening and holding the said  
Lodge and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed strictly charging that every Member who shall be elected to preside over the said  
Lodge shall be installed in antique form and according to the laws of the Grand Lodge that he may thereby be fully invested with the duties and powers of his Office.  
And we do require you the said Grand Master Hammett to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made, raised and that you  
and they and all other Masters of the said Lodge do observe and keep the laws, rules and orders contained in the Books of Constitutions and all other  
writings may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Masters for the time being And  
we do require you to make such By Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary the same not being contrary  
to or inconsistent with the general laws and regulations of the Craft a Copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By Laws and  
regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose and you are in respect to such to send to us or  
our Successors Grand Masters or to the Right Honorable Lord Henry John Spencer Churchill our Deputy Grand Master or to the  
Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year a list of the Members of your Lodge with the names and designations of all Members initiated therein  
and Brethren who shall have joined the same with the Fees and Moneys payable thereon to be duly set out and returned that this we HEREBY constitute  
shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the laws and regulations of our Grand Lodge and you the said Edward Hammett in pursuance required as  
soon as convenient may be to send us an Account in Writing of what shall be done by virtue of these Presents.

Given under our Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London this 18th April. 1836.

*William Hammett*  
Edward Hammett

By Command the M. W. Grand Master

*John Spencer Churchill*



—Minute, Attendance, and Declaration Books—are in the Library at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. From these relics it has been possible to ascertain the details of the Lodge which are here recorded.

The following Brethren were the Petitioners for the Warrant of the Lodge, which was dated April 16th, 1836, and the number of which was 631.—

Edward Mammatt,	446	Repton.
George Mugliston,		Do.
Rowland Ordish,		
Leonard Pidocke,	315	Derby.
Robert Chaplin,	446	Repton.
Nicholas Wm. Ingle,		Do.
Thomas Carson,		
Francis Pidocke,	446	Repton.

Below is a transcript of the Warrant:—

[TRANSCRIPT.]

*AUGUSTUS F., G.M.*



To all and every our Right Worshipful  
Worshipful and Loving Brethren.

WE Prince Augustus Frederick of Brun-  
swick Lunenburgh Duke of Sussex Earl  
of Inverness Baron of Arklow Knight of the Most Noble  
Order of the Garter K.T. &c. &c. &c.

**Grand Master**

Of the Most Antient and Honorable Fraternity of  
Free and Accepted Masons of England

**Send Greeting.**

KNOW YE That we by the authority and under the  
sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England vested

in us for that purpose. And at the humble Petition of our Right Trusty and Well beloved Brethren Edward Mammatt, George Mugliston, Rowland Ordish, Leonard Piddocke, Robert Chaplin, Nicholas William Ingle, Thomas Carson, Francis Piddocke and Others Do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the Title or Denomination of

No.  
631.

**The Ivanhoe Lodge.**

The said Lodge to meet at the Royal Hotel, Ashby De la Zouch in the County of Leicester, on the first Monday in every month and empowering them in the said Lodge when duly congregated to make pass and raise Free Masons according to the antient custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World And further at their said petition and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the above named Brethren We do appoint the said Edward Mammatt to be the First Master the said George Mugliston to be the Senior Warden and the said Rowland Ordish to be the Junior Warden for opening and holding the said Lodge and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed Strictly charging that every Member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in antient form and according to the laws of the Grand Lodge that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his Office And we do require you the said Edward Mammatt to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that you and they and all other the Members of the said Lodge do observe perform and keep the laws rules and orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and all

others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being And we do require you to make such By-laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General laws and regulations of the Craft a Copy whereof you are to transmit to us And we do require you to cause all such By-laws and Regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose And you are in nowise to omit to send to us or our Successors Grand Masters or to the Right Honorable Lord Henry John Spencer Churchill our Deputy Grand Master or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year a list of the Members of your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same with the Fees and Monies payable thereon It being our will and intention that this our Warrant of Constitution shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the laws and regulations of our Grand Lodge And you the said Edward Mammatt are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an Account in Writing of what shall be done by virtue of these Presents.

**Given** under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London this 16th April A.L. 5836 A.D. 1836.

**By Command** of the M.W. Grand Master.

<i>William H. White.</i>	} G.S.	<i>W. John Spencer Churchill.</i>
<i>Edw. Harper.</i>		

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It will be noticed that five of the petitioners belonged to the "Royal Sussex" Lodge, No. 446 Repton (Derbyshire), to which reference has already been made, and which had a close relationship with Ashby Masonry for many years. Although in different counties Ashby and Repton were only a few miles apart.

The "Ivanhoe" Lodge was consecrated on May 30th, 1836, at a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire. The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Rancliffe, did not attend, but deputed Bro. James Elverson, a member of the "Rancliffe" Lodge, No. 608 Loughborough, and Senior Grand Warden of the Province, to act in his stead. The consecration of the Lodge, and the installation of Bro. Edward Mammatt as Worshipful Master, were carried out by Bros. W. M. Thistelton, Treasurer of the "Prince of Wales" Lodge, No. 324 London, and W. E. Burke, P.M. of Lodge No. 37 London,\* who had been specially appointed for the purpose under the hand and seal of the Grand Master. An oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. John Heyrick Macaulay, Head Master of Repton School, who subsequently became the Chaplain of the Lodge.

The newly-installed Master invested the following Brethren as the officers of the Lodge, viz. :—

Bro. George Mugliston,	S.W.
„ Rowland Ordish,	J.W.
„ Robert Chaplin,	Treasurer.
„ John Buller,	Secretary.
„ Peter Fearnhead,	S.D.
„ Nicholas W. Ingle,	J.D.
„ Richard Warner,	I.G.

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\* Dr. Desaguliers, Past Grand Master, William Hogarth the painter and James Quin the actor, were members of this old Lodge in 1731.—A.Q.C., Vol. xxi., p. 240.

It is interesting to note that the Senior Warden, Bro. George Mugliston, was one of the petitioners in 1815 for the Warrant for the "Royal Sussex" at Repton, and secured for the Brethren of that Lodge the furniture used by the French Prisoners in their Lodge at Ashby.\*

There were thirty-five visitors present at the Consecration Meeting, including Bro. Dr. Pigott, D.P.G.M. of Nottinghamshire, an early friend of Lord Byron the poet, and brethren from the following Lodges, viz. :—

"Corner Stone" Lodge, No.	37	London.
"Newstead,"	... ..	55 Nottingham.
"Tyrian,"	... ..	315 Derby.
"Trinity,"	... ..	316 Coventry.
"Lodge of Harmony,"	... ..	320 Ormskirk.
"St. John,"	... ..	348 Leicester.
"Royal Sussex,"	... ..	446 Repton.
"Commercial,"	... ..	594 Nottingham.
"Rancliffe,"	... ..	608 Loughborough.
"Abbey,"	... ..	625 Nuneaton.

Four candidates were proposed, balloted for and approved, and Bro. Elverson, having granted a Dispensation for the purpose, they were introduced and regularly initiated in the first degree of Freemasonry.

By-laws for the Lodge, which had been previously prepared, were submitted and approved. Of these the following deserve placing on record, as indicating the custom of Lodges of the period, and the inclinations of the Brethren of the "Ivanhoe" Lodge.

"3. That every officer of the Lodge who shall not be present at the time appointed in the summons, shall be fined as follows—the Master 5/-, the Wardens 2/6 each, other officers 1/- each.

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\* *Vide* p. 45.

4. That the annual subscription shall be two guineas.

5. Initiation fee five guineas, Joining fee two guineas.

8. That one of the stewards shall give notice to the Master when the quantity of wine allowed to be consumed has been supplied to the banquet, after which the bill shall be called and the account for the day closed.

9. That the visiting fee to be charged to every brother attending the banquet shall be 7/6."

The minutes present no special feature deserving of being recorded here, except that, in accordance with a somewhat common custom in Lodges at that time, a ballot was necessary for each degree.

The Lodge existed for a little more than five years, the last entry in the minute-book being dated October 7th, 1841. In all thirty-six meetings were held, each of which was followed by a "champagne banquet," and this custom is believed to have caused the early collapse of the Lodge. Indeed it was started upon far too costly a basis for a small provincial town, the expenses being about on a par with those of a prosperous old-established London Lodge. Under these circumstances it was impossible for it to succeed.

Bro. Mammatt was Master down to November 29th, 1838, when Bro. Nicholas W. Ingle was installed, there having been no meeting for the previous six months. Bro. Ingle was succeeded, on January 16th, 1840, by Bro. Richard Warner, but on the 19th of February, 1841, Bro. Mammatt again invested the officers as Master. Indeed this worthy, talented and highly-respected Brother was the life and soul of the Lodge, for though totally blind from five years of age, he was an excellent working Mason. He was present at every meeting

of the Lodge except the last one, and occupied the chair upon every occasion when a degree was worked. Capt. John Buller occupied the position of Secretary during the whole period of the Lodge's existence.

No meetings of the Lodge having been held after October, 1841, the Lodge was treated by the Grand Lodge for a time as "in abeyance," but eventually, there being apparently no likelihood of it being resuscitated, it was erased from the roll of Lodges by order of the Grand Lodge on December 3rd, 1851. What became of the Warrant when the Lodge ceased working is not known; it came later into the possession of the Brethren of the "Lodge of Unity," No. 567 Warwick, who, in January, 1888, handed it over to the custody of the Grand Lodge for preservation in the archives. The following endorsement now appears upon the Warrant:—

"Late 631. Returned by Lo: 567  
Warwick 26 Jan.y 1888. Lo: was  
erased December 1851 by order  
of Grand Lodge."

Bro. Mammatt, in addition to his valuable personal services to the "Ivanhoe" Lodge, advanced the sum of £150 for its establishment and furnishing, only £25 of which appears to have been repaid; the furniture remaining in his hands after the dissolution of the Lodge, was purchased for the "John of Gaunt" Lodge, Leicester, on its establishment in 1846, and is still in use.

A detailed list of the members of the "Ivanhoe" Lodge is given in the Appendix of the present volume. The Brethren whose names in the list are marked with \*, were never registered in the books of the Grand Lodge as members of the "Ivanhoe" Lodge.

If this fact may be taken as an indication of the manner in which the general business of the Lodge was conducted, it is not surprising that it became extinct in five years. It is quite probable that the Treasurer's book, if it could be recovered, would show a similar irregularity to that exhibited in the Grand Lodge register. A Lodge must be conducted on business principles or it cannot prosper, and wherever these principles are ignored, trouble and disaster inevitably follow.

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## CHAPTER III.

The "Ferrers and Ivanhoe" Lodge,  
No. 779 (formerly 1081).  
1859—1909.

AFTER the untimely end of the "Ivanhoe" Lodge in 1841, it may readily be taken for granted, that some years must of necessity elapse, before any attempt to revive the practice of Freemasonry in Ashby could expect to meet with any measure of success. The resident members of the defunct Lodge would for a time naturally hesitate, if they did not actually refuse, to take part in any suggested revival, and there was at that time no energetic Provincial organization to press the matter upon them from the outside. Thus eighteen years passed before another Lodge was warranted in Ashby, a Lodge, which after a strenuous career of fifty years is enjoying a vigorous life, with increasing zeal in Masonic labours, and an ever-widening circle of Masonic influence.

The first attempt to revive Freemasonry in Ashby, was made in 1856 by the late Bro. William Kelly, of Leicester, whose memory is revered by all the older Masons of the Province, and who had just been appointed to the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire,\* by the then Provincial Grand Master, Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart. In April of that year Bro. Kelly wrote as follows to Bro. Edward Mammatt of Ashby:—

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\* Appointed February 19th, 1856.

“ . . . Knowing that you were formerly the most active member of the Ivanhoe Lodge at Ashby, and observing your name among the members of the new Lodge at Burton-on-Trent,\* I am induced to trouble you with this communication for the purpose of enquiring whether, in your opinion, there is any hope of the revival of the Ivanhoe Lodge? Should you think it practicable, the Provincial Grand Master and myself, in conjunction with the Provincial Grand Lodge, would take any steps which might be thought conducive to so desirable an end for the credit of the Province. . . . From the attachment which I know you have to the Order, and also for the good of Ashby, I feel assured that if any hope exist, the revival of the Lodge could not be in better hands than your own.”

As far as can be gathered from existing documents, no immediate good result followed Bro. Kelly's efforts to resuscitate Freemasonry in Ashby, although doubtless the letter to Bro. Mammatt formed a topic of conversation among the Brethren still residing there.

Two more years passed, during which Sir F. G. Fowke died, and Earl Howe was appointed Provincial Grand Master in his stead, Bro. Kelly retaining the office of Deputy.†

Lord Howe was a most enthusiastic as well as distinguished Mason, and in conjunction with his Deputy, worked energetically to revive local Masonic interest in Hinckley, Ashby and Loughborough, where Lodges had formerly existed. Hinckley was the first to benefit, the Lodge there, which had been in abeyance for some

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\* The "Abbey" Lodge, No. 907—now 624; consecrated July 19th, 1854.

† Sir F. G. Fowke died May 17th, 1856. Lord Howe was installed November 18th, 1856.

time, was re-started, the Provincial Grand Master undertaking the Mastership of the Lodge for the first year.

The following passage occurs in a letter, dated March, 1858, from Bro. Kelly to the Provincial Grand Master:—

“It is very desirable, if possible, to resuscitate the once flourishing Lodge at Ashby, and I believe it may be readily and successfully done, if Sir George Beaumont really has Masonry at heart. Several Masons are resident there, some of whom actually belong to a Lodge at Repton, and the Worshipful Master of which Lodge—a Bro. Redfern—is even an Ashby man, and it is reasonable to suppose that they would rather have a Lodge in their own town, than have to travel several miles to attend to their Masonic duties. Your Lordship may possibly think it desirable to write to, or see, Sir George Beaumont, and suggest to him the expediency of communicating with Lord Ferrers and others, and to attempt what *is feasible*, instead of the impracticable scheme proposed by him.”

The latter portion of the foregoing letter referred to an attempt made by Sir George Beaumont of Coleorton Hall, near Ashby, to obtain a Warrant for a Lodge to meet at his own residence. Owing to such a Lodge partaking necessarily somewhat of a private and exclusive character, it was pointed out to him that a petition for such a Warrant could not be entertained. Sir George had been initiated in 1848 in the “Apollo University” Lodge, now No. 357 Oxford, but had hitherto taken no part whatever in Leicestershire Masonry. This refusal apparently gave great offence to the baronet, who persistently refused to assist in reviving Freemasonry in Ashby, or to interest himself therein in any way whatever.\*

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\* For full particulars of this incident, *vide* “Masonic Papers,” Vol. II

All invitations to Sir George Beaumont being thus declined, the Provincial Grand Master then endeavoured to obtain the assistance and co-operation of Earl Ferrers,\* who was also a member of the Craft, and whose ancestral seat of Staunton Harold was in the immediate neighbourhood of Ashby. In this he was eminently successful, his Lordship throwing himself heartily and energetically into the scheme. He joined the "John of Gaunt" Lodge, No. 766, now 523, Leicester, in September 1858, having previously been a member of an Irish Lodge only.† He interviewed Lord Howe, Bros. W. Kelly, E. Mammatt, and others, undertook the duty of obtaining signatures to the petition, and discussed with the Ashby Brethren the important question of "ways and means." Lord Ferrers was to be the first Master, and it was proposed, inasmuch as the establishment of the Lodge was due entirely to his Lordship's exertions, that it should be named the "Ferrers" Lodge.

By the month of August the petition had been prepared, and was in the hands of Lord Ferrers, but owing to a lengthy absence of his Lordship from Leicestershire during the autumn, the difficulty in obtaining Brethren to guarantee the cost of furnishing the Lodge, and differences of opinion with regard to the name by which it should be known, the petition was not completed and forwarded to London until January 11th, 1859.

As a compromise it was decided that the Lodge should be called the "Ferrers and Ivanhoe," thus combining the name of the Ferrers family with the old Masonic name and the interesting associations of Ivanhoe.

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\* Father of the present Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland.

† No. 728 Dublin.

The petitioners for the Warrant, which was recommended by the Worshipful Master and officers of the "John of Gaunt" Lodge, Leicester, was signed by the following Brethren, viz. :—

Ferrers,	"John of Gaunt," 766 Leicester.
Edward Mammatt,	"Abbey," 907 Burton-on-Trent.
Richard Warner,	"Royal Sussex," 446 Repton.
Tilleman Hodgkinson Bobart,	"Royal Sussex," 446 Repton, and "Abbey," 907 Burton-on-Trent.
John Redfern,	"Royal Sussex," 446 Repton.
William Mason,	"Royal Sussex," 446 Repton.
Henry T. Bobart,	"Abbey," 907 Burton-on-Trent.
Richard Stone,	"Derbyshire," 143 Buxton, "Tyrian," 315 Derby, and "Abbey," 907 Burton-on-Trent.
Frederick Goodyer,	"John of Gaunt," 766 Leicester.
William Millican,	"John of Gaunt," 766 Leicester.
William Sylvester Bithrey,	"John of Gaunt," 766 Leicester.

(The whole of the Lodge Nos. on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England were altered in the year 1863).

The petition was favorably received by the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, and a Warrant was duly granted, dated February 4th, 1859, for a Lodge to be designated the "Ferrers and Ivanhoe," No. 1081, to meet at the Town Hall,\* Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on the Monday on or after the full moon of every month. Earl Ferrers was designated the first Master, Richard Warner the first Senior Warden, and T. H. Bobart the first Junior Warden.

By the first week in March the room had been prepared, the Lodge furniture, etc., procured, several candi-

\* The founders had a very great objection to holding the Meetings at an Inn.—"Freemasons' Magazine," Oct. 15th, 1859, p. 295.

dates were waiting for initiation, and all the Brethren were anxious to commence work at once. It had been arranged, pending the arrival of the Warrant, to open and work the Lodge under a Dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master, and to postpone the consecration of the Lodge until later in the year. Indeed, the Dispensation had already been signed by Lord Howe, and all were looking forward to an immediate commencement of Masonic work, when the sad news of the sudden death of Earl Ferrers, the Worshipful Master designate of the Lodge, fell like a thunderbolt upon the Ashby Brethren, and for a time all arrangements in connection with the opening of the Lodge were necessarily suspended.

The deeply lamented Brother, Washington Sewallis Shirley, Viscount Tamworth, Earl Ferrers, belonged to a distinguished Masonic family. The fifth earl was Grand Master of England in 1762, and many members of the family subsequently held high office in the Craft during the eighteenth and early part of the nineteenth centuries. The late Brother was born in 1822 and succeeded his grandfather as ninth earl in 1842. He was initiated into Masonry in Ireland, joined the "John of Gaunt" Lodge, Leicester, in September, 1858, and was appointed Provincial Junior Grand Warden of Leicestershire in January, 1859, in which capacity he took part in the laying of the foundation-stone of Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, the month following. He returned to his seat at Staunton Harold, and died there, from a sudden epileptic seizure, on Sunday morning, March 13th, at the early age of thirty-eight.

This melancholy event rendered vacant the office of Worshipful Master of the "Ferrers and Ivanhoe" Lodge. The Brethren therefore met together, and resolved to

petition the Grand Master to confer the office upon Bro. Edward Mammatt. The petition was granted and the Warrant was endorsed as follows:—

“In consequence of the death of the Earl Ferrers which occurred previous to the consecration of the Lodge, Bro. Edward Mammatt, one of the Petitioners, was appointed by the M.W. Grand Master to be the first Master.

Freemasons' Hall, London, 31st March, 1859.

Wm. Gray Clarke, G.S.”

The first meeting of the “Ferrers and Ivanhoe” Lodge was held, under the dispensation referred to, on Friday, April 15th, 1859, Bro. Edward Mammatt presiding, when three candidates were initiated, one of whom was a serving brother to act as tyler of the Lodge. By-laws were also adopted, of which the following are worth noting for comparison with those of the old “Ivanhoe” Lodge.

4. The annual subscription shall be sixteen shillings and sixpence.
6. The fee for Initiation shall be four guineas and for Joining ten shillings and sixpence.

The Lodge continued to meet through the summer of 1859, with the exception of the month of June, nine gentlemen being initiated and two Brethren received as joining members. In the meantime arrangements were being completed for the consecration of the Lodge, which took place on October 6th, 1859, at a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, presided over by Earl Howe, the Provincial Grand Master. The Brethren went in procession, without Masonic costume, from the Town Hall to Trinity Church, where a sermon was preached by the Prov. Gd. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev.

J. Owen Picton, B.A., of Leicester, and on their return to the Town Hall the consecration ceremony and installation of Bro. Edward Mammatt as Worshipful Master, were carried out by Bro. William Kelly, D.P.G.M., in the presence of a large assembly of Brethren.

The Worshipful Master appointed the following Brethren as the officers for the first year of the Lodge's existence, viz. :—

Bro. Richard Warner,	S.W.
„ T. H. Bobart,	J.W.
„ Rev. John Denton, M.A.,	Chaplain.
„ H. T. Bobart,	Secretary.
„ John Redfern,	S.D.
„ William Mason,	J.D.
„ W. M. Bobart,	I.G.
„ William Canner,	Tyler.

Bro. Francis Hamp was subsequently elected the first Treasurer of the Lodge.

An Oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. Owen Picton, B.A., of Leicester, the Prov. Gd. Chaplain, for which he received the hearty thanks of the Brethren.

A banquet was subsequently held at the “King's Head” Hotel, under the presidency of Earl Howe, Prov. Grand Master.

By a singular coincidence—it might almost be called a fatality,—as Lord Ferrers did not live to be installed into the Chair of the Lodge he had worked so earnestly to found, so his successor, Bro. Edward Mammatt never attended the Lodge after his installation. He died after a painful illness lasting six months, on April 23rd, 1860, at the age of fifty-three years. As Bro. Edward Mammatt did so much for Freemasonry in Ashby, the following

account, partly taken from the *Freemasons' Magazine* of 1860, seems worthy of being placed on record.

“Bro. Edward Mammatt, F.R.S.A., who at the time of his decease was Worshipful Master of the “Ferrers and Ivanhoe” Lodge, No. 1081 Ashby-de-la-Zouch, was highly distinguished, both as a man and a Mason. Initiated in the “Royal Sussex” Lodge, No. 446 Repton, in January 1830, he subsequently became the first Worshipful Master of the “Ivanhoe” Lodge, No. 631 Ashby-de-la-Zouch in May 1836, first Worshipful Master of the “Ferrers and Ivanhoe,” No. 1081 in October 1859, and Junior Grand Warden of the Province of Leicester. Although deprived of his sight, by an accident, at the early age of five years, he, through the fostering care of his parents, so improved the means of instruction afforded him as to qualify himself for the society of the learned. He was a proficient in all he undertook. His knowledge of music was profound, and his skill as a musician and composer was great. He held the position of organist at the parish Church of Ashby-de-la-Zouch for upwards of thirty years. His lucid and interesting lectures on sound, electricity, geology, pneumatics, astronomy, etc., will be remembered with pleasure by all who heard him. His habits of business, combined with great mental powers and energy of character were extraordinary, while his talents were varied and facile. He composed a poem of considerable talent, and invented a machine to assist the blind in writing, for which he received the thanks of the Society of Arts. He was firm in friendship, courteous in manner, kind and charitable in disposition, of the nicest sense of honor, and his great powers of mind were always exercised in the cause of benevolence.” Such a man was the first installed Master of the “Ferrers and Ivanhoe” Lodge.

The experienced guiding hand of the Worshipful Master being thus early withdrawn from the new Lodge, it is not surprising that differences of opinion soon arose, that the members divided into two opposing factions, and the very existence of the Lodge was threatened. One of the members gave great offence to the others by claiming the rank of a Past Master in the Lodge, although he had only "passed the chair" sometime before in order to qualify for the Royal Arch. More contentions followed, and when the election for Worshipful Master came round in March, both Wardens were candidates for the office. As a result of the ballot each received an equal number of votes, a casting vote in favour of the Senior Warden being given by the Acting Master. Much quarrelling ensued, much correspondence with the Grand Secretary and many interviews with the Deputy Prov. Gd. Master, as the result of which the Senior Warden, who was already an Installed Master, resigned the office to which he had been elected, and the Junior Warden was chosen Master for the ensuing year.

Difficulties of a financial character also beset the infant Lodge, for in November, 1860, the Derby Brother who had supplied the Lodge furniture, wrote pressing for payment of his account. The treasurer having no funds to meet the demand, it was decided to borrow the money, and the Worshipful Master and Wardens were authorized to give a lien on the said furniture as security for the amount. The double loss of Earl Ferrers and Bro. Mammatt seems alone to have been the cause of these difficulties, as all financial as well as other matters in connection with the Lodge, had been practically left in their hands to arrange.

The records of the Lodge have been carefully preserved. They are contained in four Minute-books, as follows:—

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| 1. April 15th, 1859, to April 30th, 1872.        | } Bound in<br>one volume. |
| 2. June 14th, 1872, to June 17th, 1891.          |                           |
| 3. September 15th, 1891, to December 20th, 1904. |                           |
| 4. January 24th, 1905, to date.                  |                           |

The Minute-books have been well and carefully kept, and give strong evidence of the zeal, enthusiasm and Masonic knowledge of the various secretaries, whose duty it has been to record the proceedings of the Lodge, while the details of the Masonic ceremonial are given much more fully than is customary in most Lodges.

In reading through the various Minute-books of the Lodge for the past fifty years, there are several features so prominent therein, that they cannot be overlooked, but deserve to be recorded here.

One of the most noticeable characteristics of the Lodge meetings, was the harmony and good feeling which always prevailed. With the sole exception of the unfortunate experience of the first year of the Lodge's existence, to which reference has already been made, the harmony of the Lodge seems never to have been disturbed throughout the whole of the fifty years. The unanimity with which candidates were elected and resolutions passed, is most noteworthy, and bears testimony to the excellent fraternal feeling which was always maintained, and to the determination on the part of the members, to work together for the permanent good of the Lodge.

Another prominent feature which is exhibited upon almost every page of the various Minute-books, was the exemplary attention to the various portions of the

Masonic ceremonial. Almost without exception, when a candidate had taken a degree, the Charge and T.B. lecture belonging to the degree were given, so that the newly-admitted Brethren of the "Ferrers and Ivanhoe" Lodge obtained a far better knowledge of the Masonic ritual, than was frequently the case in larger, older or more celebrated Lodges. In addition to this, the Lodge was generally opened and closed in all degrees at each meeting, and when no particular ceremony was before the Lodge, the various sections of the Lectures were worked by the members, for their mutual enlightenment and improvement. This exemplary practice was rendered possible, in some measure, by the continued attendance and commendable zeal of the Past Masters of the Lodge, for although they had passed the chair, they still continued constant in their attendance at the meetings, and by their knowledge and example stimulated and instructed the less experienced Brethren in the proper discharge of their Masonic duties.

The third in the list of specially noteworthy characteristics of the "Ferrers and Ivanhoe" Lodge was its zeal in the cause of Charity. Again and again the minutes record a most generous support of the Masonic charities, and at the present time two members of the Lodge have respectively fifteen stewardships and one hundred and sixty-three votes, and five stewardships and seventy-seven votes to their credit, while the Lodge has twenty-two votes in perpetuity. This is a record of which any Lodge may well be proud, and affords a noble example which might with advantage be followed by many other members of the Craft.

The Masonic duty of hospitality was also never neglected by the Lodge. The minutes record visitors at

almost every meeting, principally from the adjacent towns of Leicester, Derby, Repton, Burton-on-Trent, Swadlincote, Coalville and Nuneaton, while occasionally Brethren from America or from the Colonies were welcomed and hospitably entertained by the members.

Of course, with so comparatively modern a Lodge, there were no obsolete Masonic customs therein to which attention might now be called, no peculiarities of working or procedure, which might prove of interest to the Masonic fraternity generally. Such notes therefore as can be extracted from the minutes will be chiefly of interest to the Ashby Brethren themselves, except where they bear valuable testimony to a strong attachment to the principles of the Craft, and to a determination on the part of the members to exhibit the distinguishing characteristics of Freemasonry upon all occasions. This indeed should serve as an example, not to the Leicestershire Craft only, but to all Masons everywhere.

### Annals of the Lodge.

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1859.—*January 11th.*—The Petition for the “Ferrers and Ivanhoe” Lodge forwarded to the Grand Secretary. A copy of the document is entered on the Minutes.

1859.—*February 4th.*—The Warrant of the Lodge signed and issued to the Ashby Brethren. A copy appears in the Minutes.

1859.—*March 13th.*—Death of Earl Ferrers, the Worshipful Master designate of the Lodge.\*

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\* *Vide* ante p. 60.

- 1859.—*April 15th.*—First Meeting of the Lodge under Dispensation, Bro. Edward Mammatt presiding. Three candidates initiated, one of whom was W. M. Bobart, aged 19 years, son of the Junior Warden designate of the Lodge. By-laws passed, a copy of which appears in the Minutes.
- 1859.—*July 18th.*—The Rev. John Denton, incumbent of Trinity Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, initiated.\*
- 1859.—*October 6th.*—A special Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire held at Ashby for the Consecration of the “Ferrers and Ivanhoe” Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master, Earl Howe, presiding. Bro. Edward Mammatt installed as the first Master of the Lodge.
- 1860.—*April 23rd.*—Bro. Edward Mammatt died, after six months illness, aged 53.†
- 1860.—*June 4th.*—Bro. T. H. Bobart installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge by Bro. Wm. Kelly, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. For some years Bro. Kelly paid frequent visits to the Lodge, exercising a watchful care over its affairs, and showing anxious solicitude for its welfare.
- 1860.—*October 1st.*—The following Brethren presented to the Lodge the several officers’ jewels—Brothers T. H. Bobart, P. Dicken, George F. Brown, John Denton, Samuel Love, Francis Hamp, C. F. Hawkins, John Goodman, John Redfern, and E. Sylvester (425); Bro. H. T. Bobart presented a square and compasses at the same time. These are the first of many gifts to the Lodge.

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\* *Vide* p. 69.

† *Vide* ante p. 63.

1861.—*June 24th.*—Bro. William Mason installed into the Chair of the Lodge by Bro. Samuel Collinson, P.M. of the “Tyrian” Lodge, No. 315 Derby, there being as yet no member of the “Ferrers and Ivanhoe” Lodge capable of carrying out the duties of Installing Master.

1862.—*June 16th.*—Bro. Edward Frederick Mammatt, son of the late Bro. Edward Mammatt, initiated by dispensation, being only nineteen years of age. He occupied the Chair of the Lodge in 1869, was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 1879, and died, deeply lamented, early in 1891.

1862.—*June 16th.*—Bro. the Rev. John Denton, M.A., Vicar of Trinity Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, installed as Master of the Lodge by Bro. Wm. Kelly, D.P.G.M. For many years this Brother was one of the most enthusiastic, capable and hard-working members of the Lodge, and probably much of its prosperity was due to his tireless labours on its behalf. After occupying the Chair for two successive years—June, 1862, to June, 1864—Bro. Denton became Secretary in 1865, and again from 1868 until his death in 1903, a period of 35 years. He was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 1862, and for many years represented the Lodge on the Provincial Committee of General Purposes.

1862.—*July 14th.*—One of the members “excluded” permanently from the Lodge by the unanimous vote of the Brethren.

1863.—*August 3rd.*—Letter read from the Grand Secretary notifying the change of the Lodge Number

from 1081 to 779, which No. it has borne ever since.

- 1863.—*November 2nd.*—By-laws revised. Annual subscription reduced to half a guinea.
- 1863.—*December 2nd.*—The Marquess of Hastings elected as a candidate for Initiation, but for some unrecorded reason he never attended. This nobleman was Henry Weysford Charles Plantagenet, the 4th Marquess. He was the grandson of Lord Moira, afterwards 1st Marquess of Hastings, who was Acting Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England from 1790 to 1812. The 4th Marquess died in 1868 without issue, when the title became extinct.
- 1864.—*February 15th.*—Authority and sanction given for the formation of a Lodge of Instruction in connection with the “*Ferrers and Ivanhoe.*”
- 1864.—*May 2nd.*—A Fund of Benevolence started, with Bro. John Redfern, P.M., as almoner, each member of the Lodge to subscribe two shillings and sixpence annually thereto.
- 1865.—*February 13th.*—Lodge Banner purchased at a cost of nine guineas, of which sum six guineas were paid from the Lodge funds, and the balance collected among the Brethren.
- 1865.—*December 4th.*—Five guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the first of many similar votes.
- 1866.—*March 5th.*—Letter read from Bro. Thomas Joyce, initiated in the Lodge in September, 1864, residing at Zifta on the Nile, stating that “*Freemasonry is flourishing and progressing in Egypt.*”

- 1867.—*January 21st.*—Annual subscription increased from half a guinea to fifteen shillings.
- 1868.—*May 11th.*—Bro. Samuel Ebenezer Johnson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., the present senior member of the Lodge, initiated. Bro. Johnson occupied the Chair of the Lodge in 1875, and has been a subscribing member for upwards of forty years.
- 1869.—*January 4th.*—The Worshipful Master, Bro. the Rev. Samuel Smith, D.D., P.P.G. Chaplain, Vicar of Whitwick, announced to the Brethren in open Lodge, that “he had changed his name, and that henceforth instead of ‘Smith,’ his surname would be ‘Pyemont.’” Bro. Pyemont resigned his membership of the Lodge in October, 1871, on account of ill-health, and died at Pau in March, 1875.
- 1869.—*March 8th.*—The Rt. Hon. Sewallis Edward Shirley, 10th Earl Ferrers, of Staunton Harold, initiated in the Lodge. He was installed Worshipful Master in 1870, succeeded Bro. Wm. Kelly as Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland in 1873, and has now ruled the Province for thirty-five years. His Lordship’s membership of the “Ferrers and Ivanhoe” Lodge has always been highly esteemed by the Brethren, and its appreciation was enhanced by the frequent attendance of the R.W. Brother, and by assistance cheerfully rendered by him from time to time in the regular ceremonial work of the Lodge.
- 1870.—*May 16th.*—The Lodge put into mourning by the death of the Provincial Grand Master, Earl

Howe, which took place at Curzon House, London, on the 12th inst.

- 1871.—*March 13th.*—A portion of the sections of the First Lecture worked by the Brethren. Some sections of the Lectures were often worked when no suitable candidates presented themselves.
- 1871.—*October 30th.*—The day of meeting of the Lodge changed from Monday to Tuesday after each Full Moon.
- 1871.—*November 28th.*—Bro. Walter Stott Allen, of the “Athelstan” Lodge, No. 1333 Atherstone, joined the “Ferrers and Ivanhoe.” He was installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1876 and was appointed Prov. Junior Grand Warden in 1883. He was also Treasurer of the Lodge for seven years, 1877 to 1884. He is also a P.M. of the “Carnarvon” Lodge, 1739 Swadlincote, and P.P.G. Supt. of W. of Derbyshire.
- 1872.—*January 30th.*—“It was suggested that the Lodge of Instruction established by the Lodge in February, 1864 (in conformity with the Constitutions) should be resumed, and held immediately after the closing of the regular Lodge.”
- 1872.—*June 14th.*—The Tyler, Wm. Canner, resigned on account of ill-health; he died before the next Meeting of the Lodge, at which a sum of money was collected for his wife and family, and his son, James Canner, was elected Tyler in his stead.
- 1872.—*October 22nd.*—Bro. Richard Dalgleish initiated in the Lodge. He was installed Master in 1877 and was appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works in 1875.

1873.—*March 18th.*—Announcement made in the Lodge that Bro. the Rt. Hon. Earl Ferrers had been appointed Provincial Grand Master in succession to Bro. W. Kelly, resigned.

1873.—*June 10th.*—Bro. Alfd. Balmforth, another old member of the Lodge, initiated; he was installed Worshipful Master in 1878 and is still on the Lodge Roll.

1874.—*April 7th.*—The sum of £20 subscribed by the Lodge and individual Brethren, to the Fund for placing a stained glass window in S. Peter's Church, Leicester, in memory of the late Provincial Grand Master, Earl Howe.

1874.—*June 30th.*—Earl Ferrers, the Prov. G.M., installed Bro. Henry Blood into the Chair of the Lodge, and subsequently presented to the Brethren the very handsome Master's Chair used for the first time on this occasion. The Chair bears the following inscription :

“ Presented to the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 779, by the Rt. Hon. The Earl Ferrers, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, as a Memorial of his year of office as W. Master.”

1875.—*May 25th.*—Initiation of Bro. John Hassall, who was Master of the Lodge in the year 1882, and Senior Grand Warden of the Province in 1894. He is also a P.M. of the “Carnarvon” Lodge, No. 1739, Swadlincote, and P.P.S.G.W. of Derbyshire. This worthy Brother has served more Stewardships for the Central Masonic Charities than any one else in the Province, fifteen in all, viz. :

Two for the Royal Masonic Institution for  
Girls,  
Seven for the Royal Masonic Institution for  
Boys,  
Six for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Insti-  
tution.

He possesses no less than 163 votes in his own name. This record deserves the highest praise.

1875.—*June 29th.*—Half-yearly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge held under the Banner of the “Ferrers and Ivanhoe” Lodge, the Prov. G.M., Earl Ferrers, presiding. The following resolution was passed at this meeting, viz.:—  
“That the W.M., the Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge be a Committee for considering the expediency of procuring the Town Hall, where the Lodge now meets, or some other room or building, to be set apart by the Lodge as a Masonic Hall.” Many meetings were held, and many temporary agreements made with the various lessees of the room now used by the Lodge, but no permanent arrangement was come to for several years. After June, 1879, the room in which the Lodge was held was always designated “the Masonic Hall” in the minutes.

1876.—*March 14th.*—The Tyler, Bro. James Canner, resigned and was succeeded, in March, 1877, by Edwd. Louch, who retained the office until his death in 1906, a period of nearly thirty years.

1877.—*March 5th.*—Bro. William Alfred Musson initiated. He was Worshipful Master of the Lodge for two years, 1883 and 1884, and was appointed Junior Grand Warden of the Province in 1888.

- 1877.—*April 3rd.*—The sum of ten guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to which twenty guineas were added by individual Brethren.
- 1877.—*May 29th.*—Bro. Samuel Love, who had held the office of Treasurer of the Lodge for nine years, resigned on account of ill-health, and Bro. W. S. Allen was elected to succeed him. Bro. Love died before the meeting in October.
- 1878.—*January 22nd.*—A new set of officers' collars purchased, also jewels to complete the set.
- 1878.—*March 19th.*—Five guineas voted to the Masonic Girls School, and a similar amount added by five of the Brethren.
- 1878.—*May 21st.*—New By-laws adopted. Initiation Fee, five guineas; Joining, one guinea; Annual Subscription, seventeen shillings and sixpence. At this time the Lodge had forty-two subscribing members.
- 1878.—*June 19th.*—The Parish Church of Ashby undergoing at this time the process of restoration, it was resolved that the Lodge undertake the provision of a pulpit. Donations from the Brethren up to this time, including £50 from Earl Ferrers, amounted to £120, to which ten guineas were added from the Lodge funds. The vicar, Bro. John Denton, P.M. and Secretary, expressed his heartfelt thanks for the proposed gift to the Church.
- 1878.—*November 13th.*—A new harmonium, procured at a cost of twenty guineas, used in the Lodge for the first time, and gave the greatest satisfaction. The Lodge became annual subscriber of two

guineas to the Leicestershire Masonic Charity Association.

1879.—*June 20th.*—Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland held at Ashby, under the auspices of the “Ferrers and Ivanhoe” Lodge; Earl Ferrers presided.

1880.—*February 24th.*—Bro. W. Carrick Crofts, a Past Master of the Lodge being Provincial Charity Steward for the year, the Brethren subscribed nearly ten guineas towards his list.

1880.—*June 16th.*—The Brethren invited to inspect the new pulpit, which the Freemasons of Ashby, at a cost of about £140, had erected in the Parish Church. The following inscription appears upon a brass plate fixed to the pulpit—

“This pulpit was presented to the restored Parish Church of Ashby-de-la-Zouch by the Right Worshipful Brother, the 10th Earl Ferrers, Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland, and the Brethren of the ‘Ferrers and Ivanhoe’ Ashby-de-la-Zouch Lodge of Freemasons, A.D. 1880.”

1881.—*January 18th.*—Chairs and Secretary’s table of polished birch purchased at a cost of over thirteen pounds.

1881.—*May 10th.*—Initiation of Bro. N. J. Hughes Hallett, who afterwards became Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire.

1882.—*March 7th.*—The following resolution was carried by acclamation—

“This being the first meeting of the ‘Ferrers and Ivanhoe’ Lodge of Freemasons since the dastardly attempt made on Friday last on the

life of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Lodge loyally desires to express its humble and hearty thanks to the G.A.O.T.U., for the merciful preservation of Her Majesty from the cowardly attempt made on her life.”

1882.—*June*.—Bro. W. S. Allen, Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, took up a list of one hundred guineas.

1883.—*September 18th*.—Agreement entered into with the Market Hall Company “to take from that Company for the exclusive and unrestricted use of the Lodge, the Masonic Hall . . . at £21 per annum.” The Brethren subscribed £37 for the repair and decoration of the room. Bros. Mammatt, Musson and others presented engravings, photographs, etc., of a Masonic nature for its adornment.

1884.—*January 15th*.—The annual subscription of Members increased to one guinea per annum.

1884.—*April 8th*.—“This being the first meeting of the Lodge since the lamented death of our illustrious Brother, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, 4th son of Her Majesty the Queen, who was past Grand Warden of England and Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire—the members of the ‘Ferrers and Ivanhoe’ Lodge desire to record in their minutes, their loyal and respectful sympathy with Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, and also their sorrow, that one so beloved, and such a distinguished member of this Order as the Duke

of Albany, should be taken away at the early age of thirty-one, thereby ending a life of unusual promise to the nation generally and to their ancient Order particularly.”

1884.—*May 13th.*—The Hon. Paulyn Francis Cuthbert Abney Hastings initiated by the Prov. Gd. Master, Earl Ferrers. This Brother is a direct descendant of Lord Moira, who occupied so prominent a position in the Fraternity a century ago, and was also so intimately connected with Ashby. Bro. the Hon. Paulyn Hastings was Master of the Lodge in 1891, and Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 1892.

1886.—*February 16th.*—The Lodge presented a silver salver to Earl Ferrers on the occasion of his marriage. “The salver was massive and of handsome design, and with the arms of Earl Ferrers and the Masonic emblems of the Lodge, bore the following inscription—engraved in the centre, ‘Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 779, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Presented, with all good wishes by members of his Mother-Lodge to their R.W. Bro. Sewallis Edward, 10th Earl Ferrers, P.M. 779, Prov. G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland, on his marriage with the Lady Ina Maud White, October, 1885.’”

1886.—*May 18th.*—Bro. Geo. Bullen, P.M. of the “Abbey” Lodge, No. 432 Nuneaton, who was elected a Joining Member of the “Ferrers and Ivanhoe” in January, 1886, accepted the office of Treasurer of the Lodge, and with the exception of the years 1900 and 1901, when he was occupying the chairs of S.W. and W.M.,

he has been re-elected annually for the past twenty-three years. He was appointed Provincial Junior Grand Warden in 1900.

- 1887.—*March 8th.*—By-laws revised; annual subscription increased to twenty-five shillings.
- 1887.—*November 29th.*—Bro. George Bullen presented a pair of large Globes to the Lodge. Bro. E. Simpkin, I.P.M., announced, that thirty-seven members of the Lodge had paid subscriptions to him towards the Imperial Institute, erected in London in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee.
- 1888.—*March 27th.*—The sum of ten guineas collected among the Brethren for the Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed to the credit of the Lodge.
- 1888.—*October 16th.*—Bro. E. Simpkin, P.M., received the thanks of the Lodge for having painted and beautified the Masonic Hall at his own expense.
- 1889.—*June 29th.*—Five guineas subscribed by the Brethren to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Also one guinea to the fund for the restoration of Peterborough Cathedral.
- 1891.—*January 27th.*—Bro. John Hassall elected to represent the Lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. His list amounted to £76.
- 1891.—*February 5th.*—Death of Bro. E. Mammatt, P.M., Organist and Charity Steward of the Lodge. On February 24th the Brethren attended the Lodge in mourning and passed a vote of condolence and sympathy with his family. "He was justly esteemed and beloved by every

member of the Lodge, and by the Craft at large, of which he was a distinguished member."

- 1891.—*June 17th.*—Bro. Wm. Kelly, P.P.G.M., visited the Lodge on the occasion of the Installation of Bro. the Hon. Paulyn Hastings. Bro. Kelly, who was seventy-seven years of age, and had been a member of the Craft for fifty-three years, consecrated the "Ferrers and Ivanhoe" Lodge in 1859—thirty-two years previously. He was accorded a most hearty and affectionate welcome. The Treasurer's accounts for the past year showed a balance in hand of £41, which indicated the financial prosperity of the Lodge at the time.
- 1891.—*October 5th.*—The Provincial Grand Lodge met under the banner of the "Ferrers and Ivanhoe" Lodge, W. Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., presiding.
- 1891.—*November 17th.*—An alms-box provided to receive the contributions of the Brethren to the Charity Fund of the Lodge. Five guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 1892.—*January 12th.*—Expressions of regret at the death of Col. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, entered on the Lodge minutes.
- 1892.—*February 9th.*—The Lodge in mourning for H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., Prov. G. Master of Berkshire, P.G. Warden, the eldest son of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master.
- 1892.—*March 15th.*—The Officers and Members of the Lodge signed the petition for the "Gracedieu" Lodge about to be established at Coalville; the

W.M. designate of the new lodge, the Hon. Paulyn Hastings, and all the petitioners with one exception, were members of the "Ferrers and Ivanhoe."

1892.—*June 22nd.*—Abstract of Accounts affixed in the minute-book, showed a balance in the Treasurer's hands of nearly £20.

1892.—*September 6th.*—The One Hundredth initiation in the Lodge—Bro. George German—took place on that day.

1893.—*January 3rd.*—Bro. Canon Denton, Almoner of the Lodge, warned the Brethren against assisting "wandering Masons who make a trade of Masonry, going from place to place soliciting help." He added that "that day a Mason had applied to him for assistance (Henry Roberts, of 560) on whose Grand Lodge Certificate there were 87 endorsements of having received aid from various Lodges in different parts of England."

1893.—*January 31st.*—The Lodge subscribed three guineas to the fund being raised in the Province for a Testimonial to Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, Prov. Gd. Secretary for the last eight years.

1893.—*November 22nd.*—Alteration in days of meeting to "the Tuesday in each month (excepting the month of October) which is on or nearest the full moon, from September to June inclusive." "The Installation on the 4th Wednesday in October."

1894.—*March 20th.*—Five guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.—A similar sum

was voted in the following May, in order to secure another vote for the Lodge.

- 1894.—*September 18th.*—The Lodge in mourning on account of the death of Bro. Wm. Kelly, Past Prov. Gd. Master, who had been a member of the Order for fifty-six years. An expression of deep regret was entered on the minutes.
- 1894.—*December 11th.*—The Lodge decided to support the Kelly Memorial Fund. Five guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 1895.—*February 12th.*—Committee formed to confer with the Urban District Council with reference to the tenancy of the Masonic Hall.
- 1896.—*November 17th.*—The Lodge considered the question of “Arrears.” The sum of £128 was owing by members for four years and upwards; by March, 1897, thirty-five pounds had been paid.
- 1896.—*December 22nd.*—The sum of £7 10 0 voted to the widow of a deceased Past Master of the Lodge, the Prov. Charity Fund voting £10 and the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund £40. The widow was subsequently elected an annuitant of the R.M.B.I., being tenth on the list with 4319 votes.
- 1897.—*January 29th.*—The “Hastings” Lodge of Instruction revived.
- 1897.—*February 16th.*—Five guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. At this meeting the names of four members were erased from the Lodge-roll for non-payment of dues; two more were similarly dealt with at the next meeting.

- 1897.—*June 14th.*—Four members of the Lodge, Bros. R. Porter Keates, W.M., Jno. Hassall, P.M., W. S. Allen, P.M., and Thos. Jesson, P.M., were present at the Masonic Festival held in the Royal Albert Hall, London, in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of the reign of Queen Victoria.
- 1897.—*July 30th.*—Emergency meeting of the Lodge for laying, with Masonic honours, the Foundation Stone of the New Cottage Hospital at Ashby-de-la-Zouch. This building was the magnificent gift to the town and people of Ashby, of Bro. Edward Ison, P.M. of the "Ferrers and Ivanhoe" Lodge, and of his wife. Bro. Ison was initiated in 1863, installed Master in 1872, and died in 1900, aged 61. The stone was laid by Earl Ferrers, Prov. Gd. Master, and was the first occasion on which the members of the Lodge had taken part in a public Masonic procession and ceremonial.
- 1897.—*December 2nd.*—Three members of the Lodge were present at the Masonic Service in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in celebration of the Bi-Centenary of the opening of Wren's great masterpiece. Many thousands of Masons were present. At the following meeting of the Lodge two guineas were voted to the Cathedral Decoration Fund.
- 1898.—*April 5th.*—Ten guineas voted to the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. John Hassall, the Lodge Steward, took up a list of one hundred and seventy guineas, of which sixty came from the "F. and I." Lodge.

- 1898.—*November 29th.*—The Lodge in mourning in consequence of the death of the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master.
- 1898.—*December 27th.*—Five guineas voted to the Kelly Memorial Fund.
- 1900.—*April 17th.*—Five guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The question of Arrears again before the Lodge.
- 1900.—*September 11th.*—The Lodge forwarded to Bro. John Hassall, P.M., an expression of its sincerest condolences on the fatal accident to his son Arthur. Five guineas voted to the fund being raised by the Grand Lodge, to relieve the distress of loyal Masons, occasioned directly by the war in South Africa.
- 1900.—*October 24th.*—Presentation of a gold Secretary's Jewel, costing ten pounds, to W. Bro. Canon Denton. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented to W. Bro. Canon Denton, P.M., W.M. 1862-1864, P.P.S.G.W. Leicestershire and Rutland. In grateful remembrance of his valuable services as Secretary of 779 for over a quarter of a century. 1900." After the death of Canon Denton in 1903, his widow presented this jewel to Bro. N. J. Hughes Hallett, afterwards D.P.G.M. of Derbyshire. Bro. John Hassall, Charity Steward, announced that the Board of Benevolence had granted thirty pounds to the widow of a late member of the Lodge.
- 1901.—*February 5th.*—The Lodge and the Brethren in mourning in consequence of the death of Queen Victoria. A resolution, expressing sorrow at the

melancholy event, was passed and entered on the minutes.

- 1901.—*April 2nd.*—Five guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 1901.—*July 17th.*—The following six members of the Lodge attended the Installation, at the Royal Albert Hall, of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, as Grand Master of the Order, viz. :—Bros. R. Porter Keates, P.M., S. E. Johnson, P.M., W. S. Allen, P.M., John Hassall, P.M., Dr. C. R. Williams, P.M., and George Bullen (P.M. 432), S.W.
- 1902.—*June 24th.*—Resolution entered on the minutes expressing sorrow at the serious illness of the King, which had necessitated a postponement of the Coronation.
- 1902.—*September 16th.*—Five guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 1903.—*September 8th.*—The Lodge mourned the death of W. Bro. Canon Denton, which occurred on June 12th. The following resolution was passed and entered on the minutes, viz. : “That the Brethren of the ‘Ferrers and Ivanhoe’ Lodge desire to place on record their sincere grief at the death of W. Bro. Canon Denton, who for a period of thirty-eight years held the important office of Secretary of the Lodge, and at the great loss the Lodge has thereby sustained, and wish to express their deep sympathy with Mrs. Denton and family.”
- 1905.—*March 21st.*—Twenty guineas subscribed by the members of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

- 1906.—*March 13th.*—Five guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.
- 1906.—*September 4th.*—Vote of condolence passed and forwarded to the family of Bro. Edward Louch, the Tyler of the Lodge, who had died since the last meeting. He had fulfilled the duties of the office since March, 1877, a period of nearly thirty years.
- 1906.—*November 27th.*—Election and initiation of Tom Neale, as Tyler and Serving Brother.
- 1907.—*January 29th.*—The Lodge passed a resolution of regret at the retirement of Bro. S. S. Partridge from the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Also congratulations to Bro. E. Holmes on his succeeding to the said office.
- 1907.—*February 26th.*—Five guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 1907.—*April 30th.*—Resolved “That at all meetings of the Lodge the Charity-Box be passed round the Lodge, and the offertory taken be placed at the disposal of the Lodge for charitable purposes.”
- 1907.—*June 25th.*—Resolution of condolence and sympathy with Earl Ferrers, Prov. Gd. Master, on the death of his wife, passed and transmitted to his Lordship.
- 1907.—*September 24th.*—The Worshipful Master announced a liberal response by the Brethren to his appeal on behalf of the “Partridge Testimonial” Fund.
- 1907.—*October 23rd.*—The Lodge in mourning on account of the death of Bro. the Hon. Paulyne Hastings, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. A vote of condolence passed and transmitted to the family of the deceased Brother.

1908.—*January 21st.*—Five guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

1908.—*September 8th.*—Resolved “That every facility in the Lodge’s power be afforded to Bro. J. T. Thorp, in the preparation of his “History of the ‘Ferrers and Ivanhoe’ Lodge.”

A full list of all the members of the Lodge for the whole fifty years, as well as the Masters and Wardens for the same period, is given in the Appendix.

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## CHAPTER IV.

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**The Royal Arch in Ashby.****“St. Augustine’s” Chapter.****No. 779.**

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THE Royal Arch in Ashby, as in most other small towns, has had a somewhat chequered career, at one time enjoying considerable prosperity with a constant succession of new members, at another suffering from a lack of interest, and lapsing into comparative stagnation.

As an indication of the vicissitudes through which “St. Augustine’s” Chapter has passed, it is sufficient to state, that the Minute-book commenced in 1847 has been in use up to the present time, while the Attendance register, which was begun at the same time, will suffice for many more meetings.

The Warrant of “St. Augustine’s” Chapter No. 779, which is attached to the “Ferrers and Ivanhoe” Lodge, was originally granted to the “John of Gaunt” Lodge No. 766—now 523—Leicester, on the petition of the following members of that Lodge, viz. :—William Kelly as Z., Edmund Robert Crouch as H., William Williamson as J., Earl Howe, Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., Rev. Octavius F. Owen, Richard Allen, William Turner and Richard Leyburn Burn. The Warrant was dated February 3rd, A.L. 5847, A.D. 1847, scarcely twelve months after the issue of the Lodge Warrant, and was signed by Zetland Z., Yarborough H., Rowland Alston J., William H. White E. and John McMullen N.

Although the Warrant was dated February, 1847, the Chapter was not consecrated for nearly five months, the delay being probably due to the difficulty of obtaining the services of a competent Companion to perform the ceremony.

The Warrant was subsequently endorsed as follows:—

“The within-named Chapter was consecrated with solemn ceremonies on Thursday, 24th June, 1847, by Companion John Savage (No. 25), P.Z. 7 and 206, and Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, assisted by Companion William Kelly, P.Z. 348, and Companion Thomas Brook Miller, P.Z. 348.

John Savage, P.Z. 7 and 206.

William Kelly, P.Z. 348.

T. B. Miller, P.Z. 348.”

The first Principals of the Chapter were Wm. Kelly, E. R. Crouch and Wm. Williamson, followed in 1848 by Sir F. G. Fowke, Richd. Allen and Hy. Harding. In spite, however, of the Chapter being ruled by such distinguished and enthusiastic Companions, who would reasonably be expected to command success, it did not receive the support hoped for by the founders, and it soon became evident, that there was not room for two Chapters to work side by side in Leicester, with any assurance of the prosperity of each.

As early as the year 1853 the Prov. Gd. Superintendent, Sir F. G. Fowke, recommended the amalgamation of the two Chapters, and on November 21st of that year the Chapter of “Fortitude” attached to “St. John’s” Lodge appointed a Committee to discuss the matter with the members of “St. Augustine’s.” The consideration of the subject was renewed from time to time, until, in

1856, a union having been arranged, the whole of the Companions belonging to "St. Augustine's" Chapter were elected joining members of the Chapter of "Fortitude," and for about three years the minutes were headed "The United Chapters of 'Fortitude' and 'St. Augustine' attached to 'St. John's' Lodge No. 348." The Dispensation approving the amalgamation, dated April 22nd, 1856, and signed by Sir F. G. Fowke, Prov. Gd. Supt., is still preserved in the minute-book of the Chapter of "Fortitude." Part of the furniture, etc., belonging to "St. Augustine's" was thereupon transferred to the older Chapter, and the surplus robes, etc., were eventually disposed of in 1865, for the sum of twelve pounds, to the members of a newly-formed Chapter at Truro.

On the resuscitation of the "Knights of Malta" Lodge in Hinckley in 1858, it was hoped that "St. Augustine's" Chapter would be attached thereto, it being deemed undesirable that the Warrant should leave the Province. Efforts made with this object in view did not prove successful, and another year passed, during which the arrangements for the establishment of a Lodge in Ashby-de-la-Zouch, which had been in hand for some time, were brought to a successful issue by the grant of a Warrant for the "Ferrers and Ivanhoe" Lodge. The opportunity of securing a Warrant for a Royal Arch Chapter in addition to the Lodge Warrant, was eagerly seized by the Ashby Brethren, and at the first meeting of the Lodge for work, on April 15th, 1859, it was unanimously resolved to accept the transfer of the Warrant of "St. Augustine's" Chapter, and attach it to the "Ferrers and Ivanhoe" Lodge. This transfer was also approved by the continuing members of "St.

Augustine's" Chapter, by the members of the "John of Gaunt" Lodge and by the Supreme Grand Chapter, whereupon the Warrant was endorsed—

"Upon the Petition of the Members of the Saint Augustine's Chapter No. 766, held at Leicester, and with the consent of the John of Gaunt Lodge No. 766, the concurrence of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge No. 1081, held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and the sanction of the Grand Superintendent of the Province, the Supreme Grand Chapter has granted permission for the Saint Augustine's Chapter to be henceforth attached to the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge No. 1081.

Free Masons Hall, London, 3rd August, 1859.

Wm. Gray Clarke, E."

Thus ended the connection of "St. Augustine's" Chapter with the town of Leicester, after a fitful career of twelve years.

The time and attention of the Ashby Brethren were apparently fully occupied for some time in establishing and consolidating the Lodge, so that for a period of four years no attempt was made to commence working the Royal Arch. At length, on April 14th, 1863, the Brethren of the "Ferrers and Ivanhoe" Lodge, who were Royal Arch Masons, met at the Town Hall under the presidency of Comp. Wm. Kelly, and elected the following as Principals for the ensuing year, viz.:—Wm. Kelly as Z., John Redfern as H., and T. H. Bobart as J.

During the next succeeding five years the Degree made little or no progress, very few meetings being held during that period. Comp. Wm. Kelly officiated as First Principal on each occasion and the Principals elect were always installed in the Chapter of "Fortitude," Leicester.

On the installation of Comp. Rev. John Denton as First Principal on May 21st, 1869, matters improved somewhat, as he brought to the affairs of the Chapter the same zeal and energy which characterised his work in the Lodge. The enthusiasm, however, was only short-lived, for in the succeeding seven years—1870 to 1876—meetings were very rarely held, although in 1872 Earl Ferrers joined the Chapter and was elected Principal Sojourner.

From 1877 onwards the Chapter has held its meetings much more regularly, although the attendance, except on special occasions, has never exceeded ten or twelve members. The ceremonies, nevertheless, have been continuously worked by the local Companions, without any but occasional assistance from Leicester, and at the present time, the Chapter, although a small one of only twenty-six members, possesses officers fully competent to work the beautiful Royal Arch ceremony, and Principals or Past Principals who at every exaltation can impressively render the Lectures appropriated to each of the chairs.

May the present prosperity long continue!

A list of the Principals of "St. Augustine's" Chapter from 1847 to the present time is given in the Appendix.

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## Appendix.

### The "Ivanhoe" Lodge, No. 631.

#### LIST OF MEMBERS.

Edward Mammatt, Gent <sup>n</sup> , Ashby, 446 Repton ...	Founder	May 30th, 1836
*George Mueliston, 446 Repton ... ..	"	"
*Rowland Ordish ... ..	"	"
*Leonard Pidcocke, Attorney, 315 Derby ... ..	"	"
Robert Chaplin, Architect, Ashby, 446 Repton ...	"	"
Nicholas Wm. Ingle, Surgeon, Ashby, 446 Repton...	"	"
Rev. Thomas Carson, Clergyman ... ..	"	"
Francis Pidcocke, Attorney, Ashby, 446 Repton ...	"	"
Peter Fearnhead, Attorney, Ashby, 576 Nottingham	Joined	"
Richard Warner, Schoolmaster, 348 Leicester ...	"	"
John Buller, Gent <sup>n</sup> , Ashby, 221 Bristol ... ..	"	"
Francis Roulstone Tunnicliffe, Gent <sup>n</sup> , Ashby ...	Initiated	May 30th, 1836
Thomas Cape, Mercer, Ashby ... ..	"	"
William Henry Woodhouse, Gent <sup>n</sup> , Ashby ... ..	"	"
Henry Pilkington, Gent <sup>n</sup> , Ashby ... ..	"	"
Samuel Beadsmore, Printer, Ashby ... ..	"	June 13th, 1836
*Benjamin Broadhurst, Ashby (Serving Brother) ...	"	"
*John Mammatt, Gent <sup>n</sup> , Ashby, 446 Repton ... ..	Joined	"
Henry C. Dewes, Grocer, Ashby, 315 Derby ... ..	"	"
*Rev. John Heyrick Macaulay, Repton, 446 Repton .	"	"
*Edward B. Knight, Coleorton ... ..	"	June 28th, 1836
Thomas Smith Kirkland, Surgeon, Ashby, 348 Leicester ... ..	"	"
John Buller, Jun <sup>r</sup> , Gent <sup>n</sup> , Ashby ... ..	Initiated	Sep. 28th, 1836
Alfred M. White, Gent <sup>n</sup> , Ashby ... ..	"	"
Thomas Bradford, Plumber, Ashby, 446 Repton ...	Joined	Dec. 27th, 1836
*George Land, Ashby (Serving Brother) ... ..	Initiated	"
William Wright, Mercer, Ashby ... ..	"	Mch. 16th, 1837
*Mark Snelson, Ashby, 446 Repton ... ..	Joined	Dec. 14th, 1837
*Thomas Samuel Shaw, Farmer, Harley Hall ...	Initiated	Jany. 17th, 1838
*George Fowler, Gent <sup>n</sup> , Ashby ... ..	"	Feb. 15th, 1838
*Andrew Murcott, Wine Merchant, Hinckley ...	"	Mch. 21st, 1839
*Capt. Wm Heyrick Macaulay, Madras Army ...	"	"
Perry Dicken, Surgeon, Ashby ... ..	"	Jany. 16th, 1840
*Joseph Boyer, Swepstone ... ..	"	Dec. 10th, 1840
*Charles Nevill, Farmer, Cauldwell ... ..	"	Mch. 26th, 1841

The Brethren whose names are marked with \*, were never registered in the books of the Grand Lodge as members of the "Ivanhoe" Lodge.

# "Ferrers and Zvanhoe" Lodge,

No. 779.

## LIST OF MEMBERS,

WITH DATE OF INITIATION OR JOINING.

*F.* Founder.

*J.* Joining Member.

Names in italics are those of present Members.

<i>J.</i> Abney, W. W. ... ..	1859	<i>J.</i> Cockin, T. A. ... ..	1863
<i>J.</i> Adlington, Jon. Wm. ... ..	1862	Colton, Wm. ... ..	1875
Alcock, Wm. ... ..	1867	Cooper, Ar. Edwd. ... ..	1889
Alcock, Wm. Barrs ... ..	1875	<i>J.</i> Cooper, Wm. Field ... ..	1881
Aldam, Wm. Edwin ... ..	1875	Crofts, Alf. ... ..	1868
<i>J.</i> <i>Allen, Walter Stott</i> ... ..	1871	Crofts, Wm. Carrick ... ..	1863
Arnold, Geo. ... ..	1869	Cruttenden, John ... ..	1875
<i>J.</i> Arnold, Robt. ... ..	1865	<i>J.</i> Cuyler, Rev. F. S. ... ..	1874
<i>J.</i> <i>Atkinson, Saml. Ernest</i> ... ..	1906		
		<i>Dalglish, Richd.</i> ... ..	1872
<i>Balmforth, Alf.</i> ... ..	1873	Danbury, Rev. J. W. S. J. ... ..	1890
Beard, John ... ..	1863	Daniel, John Read ... ..	1872
Beck, Thos. ... ..	1878	Denton, Rev. John ... ..	1859
<i>J.</i> Bellamy, R. R. ... ..	1880	Dewes, Geo. ... ..	1873
Bindley, Jno. Riles ... ..	1859	Dewes, Hy. ... ..	1869
<i>F.</i> Bithrey, Wm. Sylvester ... ..	1859	<i>J.</i> Dewes, Wm. P. ... ..	1877
Blakiston, Wm. Edwd. ... ..	1866	<i>J.</i> Dicken, Perry ... ..	1859
Blood, Hy., Junr ... ..	1868	<i>Dunstan, M. E. G.</i> ... ..	1905
<i>F.</i> Bobart, Hy. T. ... ..	1859		
<i>F.</i> Bobart, T. H. ... ..	1859	Eley, Alf. ... ..	1876
Bobart, Wm. Matthews ... ..	1859	<i>J.</i> Eley, Arthur ... ..	1875
<i>J.</i> Boden, Fras. Gardiner ... ..	1879	<i>J.</i> Evans, Rev. C. W. L. ... ..	1894
<i>J.</i> Brend, Fred. Wm. ... ..	1894	Evatt, John Green ... ..	1874
Brown, Geo. Fowler ... ..	1859		
Brown, Hy. ... ..	1887	<i>Farmer, Geo.</i> ... ..	1890
<i>J.</i> Buck, Alphæus B. ... ..	1895	Faulkner, Edwin ... ..	1868
<i>J.</i> Bull, Geo. Jas. G. ... ..	1887	<i>Ferrers, Earl</i> ... ..	1869
Bullen, Ebenezer ... ..	1878	<i>J.</i> Field, David ... ..	1875
<i>J.</i> <i>Bullen, Geo.</i> ... ..	1886	<i>Ford, Hy. John</i> ... ..	1906
Burkitt, Geo. Ormesby ... ..	1890	Fowler, Geo. ... ..	1866
Burkitt, Jno. Colley Smyth ... ..	1889		
		<i>J.</i> Gardiner, Rev. G. E. ... ..	1870
Campion, Rowland ... ..	1873	Gardner, Robt. Hy. ... ..	1898
Canner, Jas. (Tyler) ... ..	1872	<i>J.</i> Garnar, Jno. Hy. ... ..	1867
Canner, Wm. (Tyler) ... ..	1859	<i>Garratt, Chas. Thos.</i> ... ..	1892
<i>J.</i> Carnley, Walter F. ... ..	1893	Gassiott, Fred. S. ... ..	1864
<i>J.</i> Carson, Hy. ... ..	1859	<i>German, Geo.</i> ... ..	1877
Chamberlain, E. J. M. ... ..	1878	German, Geo., Junr ... ..	1892
Champion, Francis B. ... ..	1888	<i>German, Harry</i> ... ..	1894
<i>Champion, Jno. Robt.</i> ... ..	1896	Goodman, John ... ..	1859
Chaplin, Clifford W. ... ..	1865	<i>F.</i> Goodyer, Fred. ... ..	1859
<i>Charrington, Francis</i> ... ..	1882		

Hall, W. A. Fitzwilliam	...	1880	<i>Neale, Tom (Tyler)</i>	...	1906
Hallett, N. J. Hughes	...	1881	<i>Orchard, Geo. Dean</i>	...	1886
J. Halliday, Thos.	...	1885	J. Outram, Jos.	...	1861
Hamp, Francis	...	1859	Padwick, Wm. Guy	...	1876
<i>Hassall, John</i>	...	1875	<i>Partridge, Robt. Wilson</i>	...	1901
<i>Hassall, Harry Stuart</i>	...	1902	J. Peake, Hy. Johnstone	...	1889
Hastings, Hon. Paulyn F. C. A.	...	1884	Preston, Benj. Brown	...	1873
J. Hawkins, Chas. T.	...	1859	<i>Price, Jno.</i>	...	1888
J. Heward, Thos. H.	...	1883	Pringle, J. C. R. D. W.	...	1884
J. Houghton, Lambert	...	1887	Quarrell, Wm. Hy.	...	1893
Hurst, David	...	1876	Radford, Hy. Bowyer	...	1863
Ison, Chas. Fred.	...	1888	Ragg, Wm.	...	1890
Ison, Edwd.	...	1863	F. Redfern, John	...	1859
James, Alf.	...	1904	Richardson, Jno. W.	...	1886
<i>Jennings, Walter E.</i>	...	1903	Ridgway, Edwd. C.	...	1863
<i>Jesson, John Fisher</i>	...	1905	J. Robinson, Harold P.	...	1888
Jesson, Thos.	...	1883	Robinson, Richd.	...	1875
Johnson, C. J. B.	...	1876	Scott, Richd.	...	1877
<i>Johnson, S. Ebenezer</i>	...	1868	J. Shaw, Jas.	...	1872
J. Johnson, Wm.	...	1876	J. Shelton, Geo. Eric	...	1908
J. Jones, Jno. Thos.	...	1872	<i>Shields, Jno. G.</i>	...	1891
<i>Joyce, Sherard</i>	...	1899	Simpkin, Edwd.	...	1880
Joyce, Thos.	...	1864	Singlehurst, Wm. Edwd.	...	1889
Joyce, Wm.	...	1880	<i>Slater, Wm Marshall</i>	...	1902
J. Keates, Richd. Porter	...	1890	Smith, Hy. Etherington	...	1861
J. Knight, E. Forster	...	1900	Smith, Rev. Saml.	...	1863
J. Kyle, Wm.	...	1892	Snelson, Jos. Halford	...	1861
J. Lawton, Robt.	...	1905	<i>Spencer, Geo.</i>	...	1893
Lewin, Alf.	...	1869	St. Aubyn, Jas. Piers	...	1860
<i>Lewis, Chas. Jno.</i>	...	1897	Stevenson, Hy.	...	1875
J. Lewis, Hy.	...	1866	J. Stokes, Thos.	...	1867
Lewis, Richd. Geo.	...	1869	F. Stone, Richd.	...	1859
<i>Lloyd, Rev. L. W.</i>	...	1891	J. Strong, Rev. Robt.	...	1860
Louch, Edwd. (Tyler)	...	1876	Taggart, Thos. B.	...	1866
Love, Saml.	...	1859	J. Taverner, Geo. Alex.	...	1875
<i>Mack, Rev. T. H.</i>	...	1908	Taylor, Jno. Money	...	1903
F. Mammatt, Edwd.	...	1859	J. Thompson, Thos. Wm.	...	1903
Mammatt, Edwd. Fred.	...	1862	Thomson, Edmund Jno.	...	1882
<i>Mander, Percy Geo.</i>	...	1906	Thomson, Jos. Dawson	...	1878
J. Martin, Geo.	...	1904	J. Timms, Alfd. Hy.	...	1896
F. Mason, Wm.	...	1859	Timms, Jno.	...	1863
<i>Mellor, P. H.</i>	...	1904	<i>Tucker, Hy.</i>	...	1906
<i>Metcalf, Jno. Wm.</i>	...	1892	J. Tuckfield, Jos.	...	1881
F. Millican, Wm.	...	1859	J. Turner, Jno.	...	1890
J. Mitchell, Geo. J.	...	1864	Vinrace, Jas.	...	1864
J. Moore, Rev. Chas. Thos.	...	1901	F. Warner, Richd	...	1859
<i>Moore, Gerald Hy.</i>	...	1903	Webb, Jacob	...	1874
J. Morris, Trevor	...	1864	Whitmore, Fred. J.	...	1902
Morris, Trevor, M.D.	...	1870	J. Wilkins, Wm.	...	1883
Musson, Edwin Frank	...	1882			
<i>Musson, Wm. Alf.</i>	...	1877			
Murton, Geo.	...	1884			

<i>Williams, Chas. Robt.</i> ... .. 1883	<i>Woodward, Wm.</i> ... .. 1859
<i>Williams, Geo.</i> ... .. 1878	<i>Woolley, Hy. Slater</i> ... .. 1886
<i>Williscroft, Thos.</i> ... .. 1890	<i>Wootten, John...</i> ... .. 1886
<i>Wood, Rev. R. A.</i> ... .. 1875	<i>Wright, Jno. B.</i> ... .. 1892

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SUMMARY OF MEMBERS,

1859-1909.

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Founders ... ..	10
Initiates ... ..	125
Joining Members ... ..	51
Total ... ..	<u>186</u>

Remaining on the Roll in 1909 ... .. 42



## PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

## "Ferrers and Ivanhoe" Lodge,

1859-1909.

	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
1859	Edwd. Mammatt	Richard Warner	T. H. Bobart
1860	T. H. Bobart	Wm. Mason	H. T. Bobart
1861	Wm. Mason	Rev. John Denton, M.A.	G. F. Brown
1862	Rev. John Denton, M.A.	P. Dicken	Saml. Love
1863	Rev. John Denton, M.A.	H. E. Smith	W. M. Bobart
1864	G. F. Brown	Francis Hamp	W. Carrick Crofts
1865	H. E. Smith	W. C. Crofts	John Beard
1866	Saml. Love	Rev. S. Smith, D.D.	E. F. Mammatt
1867	W. C. Crofts, M.D.	John Beard	E. F. Mammatt
1868	Rev. S. Smith, D.D.	E. F. Mammatt	Edwd. Ison
1869	E. F. Mammatt	Earl Ferrers	J. H. Garnar
1870	Earl Ferrers	J. H. Garnar	Edwin Faulkner
1871	J. H. Garnar	Edwd. Ison	Edwin Faulkner
1872	Edwd. Ison	Edwin Faulkner	Hy. Blood, Jun.
1873	Edwin Faulkner	Hy. Blood, Jun.	S. E. Johnson
1874	Hy. Blood, Jun.	S. E. Johnson	Walter S. Allen
1875	S. E. Johnson	Walter S. Allen	Richd. Dalglish
1876	Walter S. Allen	Richd. Dalglish	Alfd. Balmforth
1877	Richd. Dalglish	Alfd. Balmforth	George Dewes
1878	Alfd. Balmforth	George Dewes	Jacob Webb
1879	George Dewes	Jacob Webb	Alfd. Lewin
1880	Jacob Webb	Alfd. Lewin	John Hassall
1881	Alfd. Lewin	John Hassall	W. A. Musson
1882	John Hassall	W. A. Musson	R. R. Bellamy
1883	W. A. Musson	R. R. Bellamy	E. Bullen
1884	W. A. Musson	E. Bullen	Edwd. Simpkin
1885	E. Bullen	Edwd. Simpkin	Francis G. Boden
1886	Edwd. Simpkin	Francis G. Boden	E. J. Thompson
1887	Francis G. Boden	E. J. Thompson	C. R. Williams
1888	E. J. Thompson	C. R. Williams	Thos. Jesson
1889	C. R. Williams, M.B.	Thos. Jesson	Hon. Paulyn Hastings
1890	Thos. Jesson	Hon. Paulyn Hastings	G. D. Orchard
1891	Hon. Paulyn Hastings	G. D. Orchard	John Price
1892	G. D. Orchard	John Price	John Turner
1893	John Price	John Turner	H. J. Peake

## WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

1894	John Turner
1895	J. C. S. Burkitt
1896	R. Porter Keates
1897	T. Williscroft
1898	Geo. Farmer
1899	Rev. L. W. Lloyd
1900	W. H. Quarrell
1901	Geo. Bullen
1902	Major G. German
1903	C. J. Lewis
1904	S. Joyce
1905	Rev. C. T. Moore
1906	Rev. C. T. Moore
1907	H. S. Hassall
1908	W. E. Jennings

## SENIOR WARDEN.

H. J. Peake
R. Porter Keates
T. Williscroft
Geo. Farmer
Rev. L. W. Lloyd
W. H. Quarrell
Geo. Bullen
Capt. Geo. German
F. W. Brend
S. Joyce
Rev. C. T. Moore
H. S. Hassall
H. S. Hassall
C. J. Lewis, P.M.
P. H. Mellor

## JUNIOR WARDEN.

J. C. S. Burkitt
T. Williscroft
Geo. Farmer
Rev. L. W. Lloyd
W. H. Quarrell
Capt. Geo. German
Capt. Geo. German
F. W. Brend
C. J. Lewis
Rev. C. T. Moore
F. J. Whitmore
J. Money Taylor
J. Money Taylor
W. E. Jennings
J. F. Jesson

## “St. Augustine’s” R.A. Chapter.

### PRESIDING PRINCIPALS.

1ST PRINCIPAL.	2ND PRINCIPAL.	3RD PRINCIPAL.
1847 Wm. Kelly	E. R. Crouch	Wm. Williamson
1848 Sir F. G. Fowke	Richd. Allen	Hy. Harding
1849 Sir F. G. Fowke	Richd. Allen	Thos. Cooper
1850 Richd. Allen	Thos. Cooper	Hy. Kinton
1852 Earl Howe	Hy. Kinton	Edwin Clephan
1855 Hy. Kinton	Edwin Clephan	Wm. Hardy
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1863 Wm. Kelly	Jno. Redfern	T. H. Bobart
1864 Jno. Redfern	T. H. Bobart	Rev. Jno. Denton
1865 T. H. Bobart	Rev. Jno. Denton	G. F. Brown
1869 Rev. John Denton	G. F. Brown	H. E. Smith
1870 G. F. Brown	H. E. Smith	Saml. Love
1872 H. E. Smith	Saml. Love	E. F. Mammatt
1875 Saml. Love	E. F. Mammatt	W. C. Crofts
1877 E. F. Mammatt	W. C. Crofts	E. Faulkner
1878 W. C. Crofts	E. Faulkner	W. S. Allen
1879 E. Faulkner	W. S. Allen	Hy. Blood, Jun.
1880 W. S. Allen	Hy. Blood, Jun.	S. E. Johnson
1881 Hy. Blood, Jun.	S. E. Johnson	A. Balmforth
1882 S. E. Johnson	A. Balmforth	Thos. Halliday
1883 A. Balmforth	Thos. Halliday	W. A. Musson
1884 Thos. Halliday	W. A. Musson	Jno. Hassall
1885 W. A. Musson	Jno. Hassall	Jos. Tuckfield
1887 Jno. Hassall	Jos. Tuckfield	E. Simpkin
1888 Jos. Tuckfield	E. Simpkin	Jacob Webb
1889 E. Simpkin	Jacob Webb	F. G. Boden
1891 Jacob Webb	F. G. Boden	C. R. Williams
1892 F. G. Boden	C. R. Williams	Geo. Bullen
1893 C. R. Williams	Geo. Bullen	Thos. Stacey
1894 Geo. Bullen	Thos. Stacey	R. P. Keates
1895 W. A. Musson	R. P. Keates	Saml. Morley
1896 R. P. Keates	Saml. Morley	J. C. S. Burkitt
1897 Saml. Morley	J. C. S. Burkitt	G. D. Orchard
1898 J. C. S. Burkitt	G. D. Orchard	W. F. Carnley
1900 G. D. Orchard	W. F. Carnley	F. W. Brend
1901 W. F. Carnley	F. W. Brend	W. H. Quarrell
1902 F. W. Brend	W. H. Quarrell	J. M. Whitehouse
1903 W. A. Musson	J. M. Whitehouse	W. D. Stapleford
1904 J. M. Whitehouse	W. D. Stapleford	F. W. Brend
1905 W. A. Musson	J. M. Whitehouse	Rev. C. T. Moore
1906 W. A. Musson	Rev. C. T. Moore	J. M. Whitehouse
1907 Rev. C. T. Moore	W. A. Musson	T. N. Wilson
1908 Rev. C. T. Moore	T. N. Wilson	S. Joyce













