

THE HISTORY OF THE MOUNT LODGE

(926 E.C.)

No. 14 G. L. I.

(1862 TO 1962)



Masonry Lives to Help & Helps Men to Live

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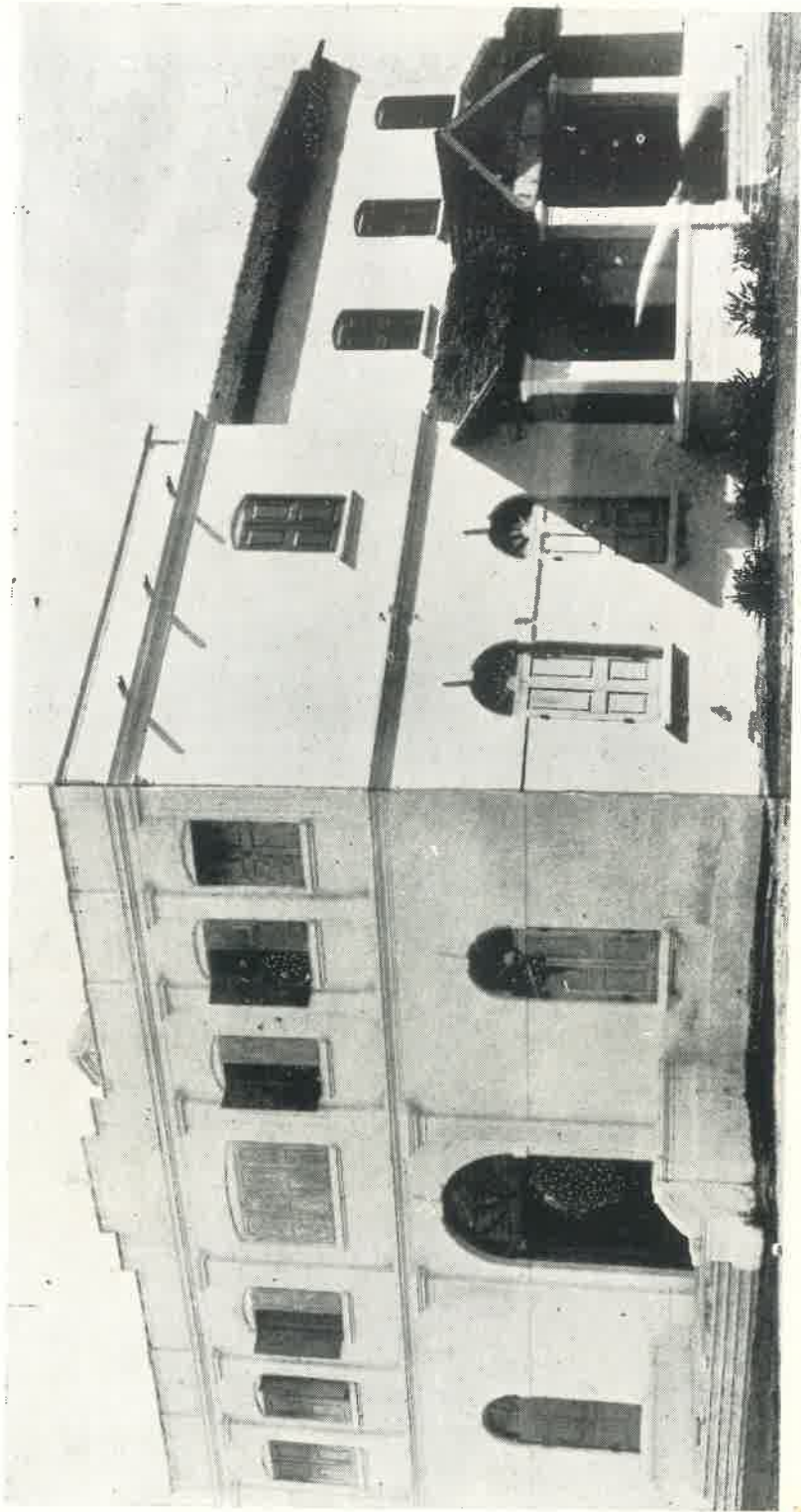
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DEDICATED

To All Brethren, Past and Present
OF LODGE MOUNT
With Special Reference To

1. Wor. Bro. J. R. Magreth,
The First Master
2. Wor. Bro. Rajah of Venkatagiri,
The donor of the 1st floor
of the Building
3. Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. Sir C. M. J. Moore,
The only District Grand Master
from Lodge Mount
4. Wor. Bro. T. A. Srinivasan,
Member, Centenary Committee
who was called to the Grand Lodge
above recently and
5. Wor. Bro. T. S. Chintamani,
Worshipful Master



This building of the Mount Lodge is on the site which was granted to the Lodge in freehold by the Secretary of State for India by an indenture dated 28th January 1902 to be held by the lodge in perpetuity.



*Wor. Bro. Yachandra Govinda Krishna Raja
of Venkatagiri, Worshipful Master of Mount
Lodge in 1918 to whose munificence we owe
the first floor of the lodge building.*



Major General His Highness Dr. Sir Seyed Raja Ali
O.C.E., K.C.S.I., I.R., Fawad of Kanpur

Grand Master
Of the Most Excellent and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted
Send greeting :

Know ye that the Mount
Lodge No. 926 on the roll of United
Grand Lodge of Ireland/the Grand Lodge of United
We by the authority and under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of India vested in us for that purpose do hereby
the said Lodge shall be constituted into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the title or denomination of M.C.
No. 14 on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of India.

By virtue of this Warrant the said Lodge shall be deemed to be a Foundation Lodge of the Grand Lodge of India,
The original Charter/Warrant of the said Lodge issued by the United Grand Lodge of England/the Grand Lodge
of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland was dated 23rd August 1862

The said Lodge shall come under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of India with effect from the date of issue of
The said Lodge shall return its original Warrant to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge concerned for such
Warrant etc, under the Grand Lodge of India.

The said Lodge to meet at Freemasons' Hall, St. Thomas Mt. (Madras) the First Saturday
empowering them in the said Lodge when duly congregated to make, pass and raise Freemasons according to the ancient
ages and stations throughout the known world. And further that the Master, the Senior Warden and the Junior
shall continue to hold the said Lodge and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed
member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge and who must previously have duly served as Warden in a
office. And we do require you the said Master and Warden to take special care that all and every said Warden and
made Masons and that you and they and all the other members of the said Lodge do observe, perform and keep th
contained in the Book of Constitutions and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge
successors Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being and we do enjoin you to make such
of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or
Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all su
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
to us or our Successors Grand Masters or to our Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year a
your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Warden who shall have joined the sam
pable thereon. It being our Will and intention that this our Warrant of Constitution shall continue in force so long o
to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge and you the said Master and Warden are further required
may be to send us an Account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these Presents.

33332 under our hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at New Delhi this 24th day of November
3rd September 1883 S.C.

L. M. B. ...
Grand Secretary





*The Most Wor. Bro. Bhogilal Chimanlal Shah,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of India*

Reginald Ashby, Grand Master.

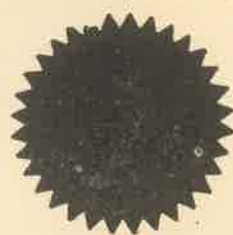
To The Worshipful Master, Wardens, Other Officers and Members of the
Mount Lodge No. 14 G.I.A. and All Others whom it may concern.
Greeting:

WHEREAS it appears by the Records of the Grand Lodge that on the Twentyfourth day of August 1862 a Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named, authorising and empowering them and their regular Successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Bromsworth Hall, St. Thomas, Mount (Machak) which Lodge was named the Mount Lodge and then numbered 1228 on the Register of the United Grand Lodge of England AND WHEREAS in consequence of the alteration made in the number of Lodges in the year 1863 the said Lodge became and stood on the Register as No. 226 meeting at the Bromsworth Hall, St. Thomas, Mount (Machak) AND WHEREAS this Lodge opted to join the Grand Lodge of India on its inauguration and now stands on the Register as No. 14 G. I. A. under the title or denomination of the Mount Lodge

AND WHEREAS satisfactory proof has been produced of the uninterrupted existence of the said Lodge for one hundred years dating from the Twentyfourth day of June 1862 AND WHEREAS the Brethren composing the said Lodge desire to be permitted to wear a commemorative Jewel and have prayed our sanction for that purpose

NOW KNOW YE that We having taken the Petition into our consideration have acceded to their request and in virtue of Our Prerogative DO HEREBY GIVE AND GRANT to all and each of the subscribing members of the said Lodge being Master Masons permission to wear in all our Masonic Meetings suspended to the left breast by a tri-colour Ribbon of the approved colours of the Grand Lodge not exceeding one inch and a half in breadth a JEWEL or MEDEL of the pattern or device that we have already approved as a CELESTIAL JEWEL. But such Jewel shall be worn only by those Brethren who are bonafide subscribing Members of the said Lodge and for so long only as they shall pay the stipulated Subscription to the funds thereof and be duly returned as such to the Grand Lodge of India.

GIVEN at New Delhi this Fourth day of August 1962 corresponding to Ten fourth day of Shrawana 1882



BY COMMAND of the MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, PROCEAL CHANDRANATH SHARMA, J.P., &c., &c., &c.,
W. D. S.
By Grand Secretary.



*Most Wor. Bro. H. H. The Nawab of Rampur, Past Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of India*

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE CENTENARY

OF

LODGE MOUNT

926 E.C.

14. G.L.I.

1862

1962

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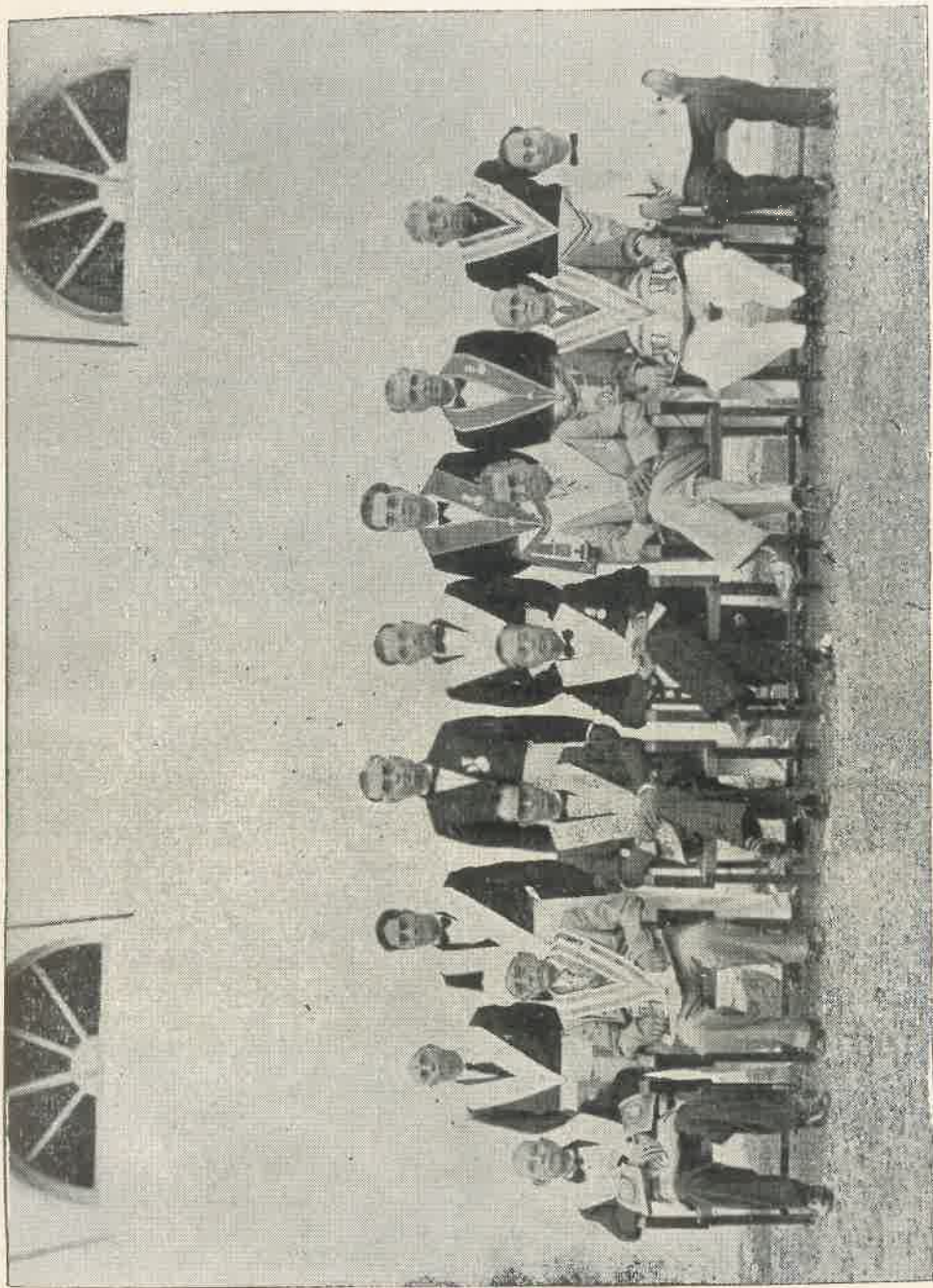
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WOR. BRO. P. N. SUNDARARAJAN. P. A. R. G. I. G.

WOR. BRO. K. S. SRINIVASAN. CONVENER.

25TH AUGUST 1962.

A Centenary tablet was fixed to the lodge building and was unveiled in connexion with the Centenary.



Members of the Century Committee.

FOREWORD

In a fast changing world where "Isms" are proliferating and the Psalmist's span of three score and ten is proving more proverbial than real, it is not given to many - be they individuals or institutions - to live 100 years of useful existence. The MOUNT LODGE is happily an exception to this; for having been constituted in the year 1862, this lodge now completes ten full decades of continuous working and is indeed the first to do so in this REGION—and quite justifiably celebrates its Centenary on 25—8—1962.

It gives me particular pleasure coupled with a feeling of pride to be asked to write this FOREWORD.

I am an Honorary Member of Mount Lodge. I have had opportunities to visit this lodge situated in picturesque surroundings on innumerable occasions and to attend many installations there and can therefore claim some personal knowledge of its achievements in the past.

The celebration of the Centenary of a LODGE is an occasion for jubilation. But it is also an occasion for a recount of its past achievements, for drawing lessons from past experiences and for planning carefully for the future.

The popular concept of an institution is that it only requires a band of people to start it, whereafter it will function smoothly on its own for eternity. This is quite wrong. Institutions have their teething troubles and their own vicissitudes in which respect they are in no wise different from humans and this is particularly the case where the institution concerned is one founded on the basis of Religious Truth and Virtue and devoted to serving fellow-creatures, supplying their wants and relieving their necessities—all these and more, without expecting any material recompense. Freemasonry is precisely such an Institution.

At the time of its constitution in 1862, the Mount Lodge also suffered to some extent by reason of Freemasonry being regarded as the close preserve of Europeans—an attitude entirely out of tune with basic principles of Freemasonry. It took some time to erase this erroneous concept and to realise that Freemasonry, based as it is on mutual confidence, support and trust, cannot but transcend barriers of caste, colour and creed. What the other problems were which confronted this lodge and how it has solved them are graphically described in the attached narrative compiled by the Members of the Centenary Committee. To them the lodge owes its thanks.

A study of the History of this LODGE will not only reveal the many valuable lessons which it contains for the generality of other Lodges, but also shows the extent to which the present generation of Freemasons are, and future Freemasons will be, indebted to that bond of unselfish and utterly devoted men who founded this lodge, nurtured it during its infancy, protected it in times of adversity and succeeded eventually in placing it on a solid and substantial footing. To follow and emulate their

illustrious example and foster and propagate the spirit of Freemasonry will be the fittest tribute to them. While comparisons are always invidious, it must be admitted that an outstanding member of this Lodge was the Rajah of Venkatagiri, whose memory is one to be cherished with gratitude. His services to the District Grand Lodge of Madras and to his own Lodge in particular, were truly exemplary.

Mount Lodge has opted for the Grand Lodge of India. It is one of the oldest Lodge in the Indian Constitution. Brethren of the Grand Lodge of India are not a little proud of this opportunity to be associated with its Centenary Celebrations. I have no doubt a day will come when the Grand Lodge of India will have to play an important part in upholding the ancient traditions of the craft in this part of the world and take its rightful place in the comity of Grand Lodges.

With a glorious past as their stimulus and with our great leaders as their guide, the Brethren of the Mount Lodge will be the torch-bearers of tomorrow, always bright and shining and bringing credit to themselves and reflecting it on others.

May the Mount Lodge grow from strength to strength, disseminating to an ever widening circle of Masons the principles and examples of our noble Order.

S. T. SRINIVASA GOPALA CHARI

Regional Grand Master.

1st. August, 1962. }
Madras. }



*R. Wor. Bro. S. T. Srinivasa Gopala Chari P. Dy. G. M.
Regional Grand Master*

INTRODUCTION

Writing the history of an institution is no easy task, especially when a lot of research has to be made as to how the Institution came into existence. An appreciation of the present and a striving for the future cannot be completely successful unless coupled with adequate knowledge of the past.

While we have irrefutable evidence duly confirmed by the Grand Lodge of England as to the uninterrupted existence of the Mount Lodge for the past one hundred years, we do not have the details as to its foundation or the founder members. The name of the ruling Master for the year 1863 is not available. Probably the First Master Wor. Bro. John Richard Margreth continued as Wor. Master till he was succeeded by the first Senior Warden Bro. B. L. Gordon. Again it is not explainable how there were two Masters for the year 1865 in the persons of Wor. Bro. H. J. Shaw and Wor. H. T. Rogers. There is some confusion in the dates of their holding the Mastership of the lodge. A careful reconstruction in consultation with the Grand Lodge of England is necessary.

There is also evidence to show that though the warrant of the Lodge Mount, 926 E.C. was issued in 1862, the lodge has been existing under another banner from 1797 onwards having an interrupted existence till 1862 when that warrant was surrendered, and the lodge was reconstituted under a new name. We have referred to this in another appropriate place, and if the above be correct, we will be nearly one hundred and sixty four years old.

Evidence is lacking as to the details of the working of the lodge from 1862 to 1898. The minutes books for this period are not available, but during the period the Provincial Grand Lodge, and afterwards, the District Grand Lodge were keeping detailed notes of the working of the lodge; and the minutes of their half yearly meetings are sufficiently informative to provide us with material for the history of this period. It was then usual for each lodge to send a detailed report of its working every year to the Provincial or District Grand Lodge, which was incorporated in or formed part of the appendix to the printed minutes of the meeting of the District Grand Lodge.

For compiling the history of the Mount Lodge for this period reliance on the minutes of the monthly meetings is not sufficient. The early volumes of the Madras Masonic Journal were helpful to some extent. Some correspondence of brethren of those days also helped in compiling the history. Special mention must be made of the letter dated 24—8—1943 from Wor. Bro. W. H. Murch to Bro. V. Samuel which gives a clear idea of the interest taken by the brethren during the first quarter century of the existence of the lodge.

Valuable information was gathered from the Indian Masonic Review and the Madras Masonic Review for the years 1889 to 1899; and Bro. C. H. Malden's "History

of Free masonry on the Coast of Coromandel' was very helpful in determining the age of the lodge and other relevant information.

The minutes of the meetings were accurate and well kept for most periods but lacked important information during some periods. For instance the collection and contribution to the D.G.L. building fund of Rs. 15,900/- under the stewardship of Wor. Bro. S.A.K. Jelani was left out. We had to trace it from the District Grand Lodge records.

During the first fifty years of the existence of the Lodge, Masonry was in its infancy in this part of the country and therefore more importance was paid to the social side of Masonry and the festive Board—military brethren seem to have treated the lodge more as a Club for "Social Intercourse". But during the subsequent period, with the predominance in the lodge of Indian brethren, Indian philosophy had its due impact and the lodge played a vital role in the development and spreading of Masonic studies.

If the task of the Historian in compiling the early history of the Lodge has not been easy, the writing of the History of the later period has been made very difficult by the fact that it concerned the life and activities of living brethren. We have tried to record all the important events during the century without fear or favour and if any omission of the contribution of any brethren has occurred, it has not been intentional.

The minutes deal only with the proceedings inside the Temple and do not contain a record or even a summary of proceedings outside the Temple nor refer to the post prandial speeches made by members and visitors. Such a record would have shed some light on the extent to which the lodge helped in the promotion of friendship and social intercourse, not only among the brethren of Mount Lodge but between them and brethren of other lodges.

But it is certain that at almost every meeting visitors were present and most of them stayed for dinner. At one time non-masons also used to be permitted to attend the dinner. Upto 1948 when prohibition was introduced, drinks used to be served at the dinners to such Brethren as desired to have them, which however increased the cost of dinner. Expenses of the installation dinners were on most occasions borne by the newly installed Master, except in cases where the Wor. Bro. could not afford it. From 1950 onwards the brethren who were initiated in the lodge contributed to the stewards fund a sum of Rs. 50/- each which greatly helped to reduce the cost of the dinner and refreshments.

We have not referred to the several changes in and amendments to the bye-laws. We have not given a full or even partial list of hundreds of cases of brethren or relations of deceased brethren in distress to whom the lodge has, as a part of masonic duty, extended monetary or other relief or assistance. Suffice it to note that the lodge was always liberal in its contributions to charity. The support given to the Grand and District Grand Benevolent funds was very regular.

HISTORY OF THE MOUNT LODGE

CHAPTER I

1862 TO 1898

“ At thine Shrine O Masonry
Shall admiring nations bend
In future time thy sons shall see
Thy fame from Pole to Pole extend
To unknown world Thy Heav'n born light dispense
And systems own thy sacred influence ”.

The Mount Lodge 926 E. C. (now No 14 G. L. I.) was constituted by a charter granted on the 23rd August 1862 by the Earl of Zetland, the then Grand Master and Earl DeGray and Ripon, Dy. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Lodge was situate at St. Thomas Mount, a Military Cantonment about 9 miles, from Madras, on the Madras-Chingleput road and the constitution, consecration and coming into existence of this Lodge were due to the enthusiasm evinced by Brethren of the Craft at this Military Centre. For a long time it consisted only of Brethren from Military ranks who were Foreigners on service in India.

The Lodge has had an uninterrupted existence for the past one hundred years. The Lodge has worked continuously, but it is to be regretted that the minutes-books of the Lodge from the date of its Constitution to April 1899 are missing. But sufficient evidence can be gathered from the books and records of the District Grand Lodge and from various journals and reports regarding the working of the Lodge during this period. The period of 37 years from 1862-1899 must however be regarded as very important, as the Mount Lodge naturally, played a very significant part in the progress, and development of Freemasonry in this part of the Country.

At the time of inauguration of the Lodge Mount, there were only a few Lodges in South India. Lodge Mount though just outside the city was for all purposes treated as a City Lodge. The only other lodges then existing in the city were Lodges Perfect Unanimity No. 150 and Universal Charity 273. As years passed, the prestige of Freemasonry rose and more and more lodges were consecrated and commissioned.

John Richard Magreth was the First Master of this lodge. He was installed in the eastern chair on a local warrant on the 24th June 1862 by the Dy. District Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Macdonald Richie. The consecration of the Lodge and the installation of the First Master seemed to have taken place at the house of Wor. Bro. Magreth himself. Bro. B. L. Gordon and Bro. H. Mcleod were its first Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The local warrant is dated 21st June 1862, while the Grand Lodge warrant is dated 23rd August 1862.

War. Bro.
Magreth

From the report of a communication of the District Grand Lodge of January 1883, it is evident that the lodge Mount shifted to an independent habitation of its own. In congratulating the Lodge of Perfect Unanimity in acquiring a large building of its own, the Rt. Wor. the District Grand Master remarked that "in this respect he was glad that the Lodge P. U. was following the foot steps of Lodge Mount by purchasing a building of its own".

The "Indian Masonic Review" of November 1897 states "we are sorry to hear that Lodge Mount is now without a home. The premises in which the lodge met had become so dilapidated that to save them from falling down, they had to be pulled down. The brethren are making strenuous efforts to rebuild, but they are few in number and cannot hope to raise sufficient funds without outside assistance. An appeal is therefore made to all Masons for help which appeal we would earnestly commend. We hear also that it is intended to get up a sweep stake in aid of the building fund.

A new building was constructed as is evident from a slab at the southern side of the ground floor, commemorating the names of the brethren who were chiefly responsible for its rebuilding. They were Wor. Bros. Major C. H. N. Hitchins, John Wicker, Lt Col. Wilmot, R. Bonner and Bros. Lt. Col. H. H. Demla, Lt. Col. E. R. Etches.

The lodge was rebuilt in A. D. 1898. The lodge at its first meeting in the new building thanked Major Hitchins and the Committee for the building of such a "magnificent structure as a lasting monument of the Mount Lodge." In recognition of the services rendered by Major Hitchins a portrait was voted for him. This was the first portrait to adorn the lodge building.

The Indian Masonic Review of May 1898 states that the brethren of the Lodge Mount 926 E. C. deserve every congratulation for their plucky grappling with the difficulties that seemed likely at one time to overwhelm them. It only seems to be yesterday that the lodge building was tumbling about their ears, and now they have got a brand new Temple, sufficiently far advanced to hold their installation therein. Bro. Etches who has designed and superintended the erection of the building and whose valuable services in this direction were gratuitous, promised to forward us a sketch of the ground plan and Wor. Bro. Capt. Hitchins a description of the building, both of which will appear in a future issue."

From the annual report of subsequent years it will be seen that the building was valued at Rs. 4,500/- and the furniture in it over Rs. 1,000/-. There is nothing available in the records to show how the money for the building was made up. But it looks as if the brethren of the lodge conducted two lotteries and realised some substantial amounts. While the result of the first lottery was satisfactory, Major Hitchins regretted about the affairs of the second one. This can be inferred from Bro. Hitchins remarks at the meeting of the Lodge held on 2—8—1889, when he, as President of the building fund transferred all

Wor. Bro.
Hitchins

the records and the balance of Rs. 64—14—3 to the lodge. At the said meeting all the correspondence with regard to the building was read in the open lodge.

On 7—10—1906, the then District Grand Master, Lord Amphill, in his speech referred to the lodge building in the following terms :—

It speaks well for the spirit of the brethren of the Lodge that a Hall of this size was erected. I am glad to learn that the present building is free from encumbrances and is the sole property of the lodge.

From the records of the District Grand Lodge it will be seen that in 1898 the District Grand Lodge had put forward a scheme for a Joint Masonic Temple for the whole of the various Lodges and Chapters in the City of Madras including Lodge Mount. But Lodge Mount intimated to the District Grand Lodge that they were too far away from Madras to join the proposed scheme. It is to be remembered that in 1898, communication to the Lodge Mount from the City was not as easy as now, and that most of the members of the Lodge were local residents of St. Thomas Mount.

Every Lodge has its ups and downs and the formative period of the first few years of a Lodge is a period of trial and tribulation to its organisers. The Lodge must be specially thankful to the Rt. Wor. District Grand Master Macdonald
 ups and downs Ritchie for the great personal interest he took in the affairs of the Lodge during this period.

At the meeting of the District Grand Lodge on 10—4—1865 there was a complaint that Lodge Mount was the only Lodge that failed to have communications with the D. G. L. for a considerable time and the Wor. Master of the Lodge who was then present at the meeting "apologised for the remissions of the Lodge which laboured under peculiar difficulties in that the Secretary and Treasurer who are to prepare the returns have been constantly changing since the formation of the Lodge and prayed for indulgence to set the matter right".

At the meeting of the D. G. Lodge held on 18th August 1867, the District Grand Master reported that the Mount Lodge continued to be inactive but that he had every reason to believe that it would soon be at work again; and later at the D. G. L. meeting in 1869, said - "I am happy to be able to be of assistance in the reorganisation of the Lodge Mount on 10th November 1869, and I have every reason to believe that under the able control of Wor. Bro. Gordon, one of the Past Masters, it will soon regain its former high position.

But the same District Grand Master was very much perturbed at the working of the Mount Lodge when on 31—1—1872 he said "there is only one Lodge that may be considered as not working satisfactorily and that Lodge is entirely dependent on Military men who are constantly on the move so that at one time the Lodge is in full work while at another it has scarcely members enough to work the first degree".

At the D. G. L. meeting dated 25—2—1900, the Rt. Wor. the District Grand Master reported "that Lodge Mount was almost broken up". The Wor. Master and some Officers have gone to War in China and the Secretary, Bro. Honner, has, I understand, gone to the Nicobar islands."

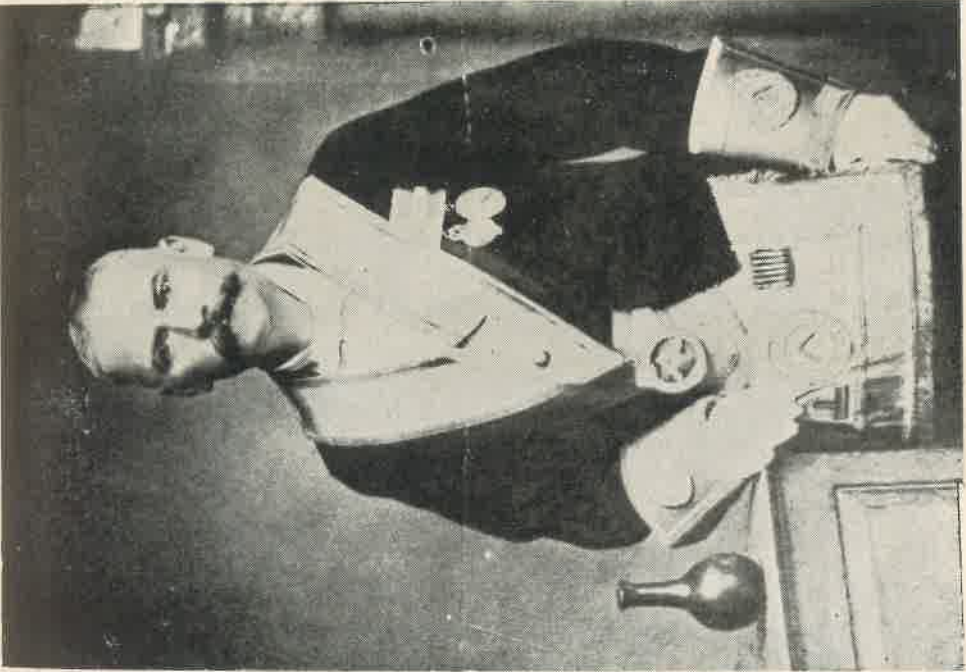
In spite of the above adversities, caused by reasons beyond the control of the Brethren, the Lodge has every reason to be jubilant over its work and the progress made during this period.

It is interesting to note that in 1867 the District Grand Lodge took part in laying the corner stone of the Presidency College, Madras. The Mount Lodge participated and was represented on the occasion by its Master Wor. Bro. Corner Stone of A. J. Filgate and Bros. Capt. C. E. Reid and Capt C. W. Brenton. Presidency College An emergency meeting of the District Grand Lodge was held for the purpose on 6—2—1867 at the P. W. D. Buildings, Chepauk. A procession including the above mentioned Brethren of Mount Lodge went to the site and was received by his Excellency the Governor. After the lowering of the upper stone, the District Grand Master proved the just form and position of the corner stone in the usual traditional manner and then His Excellency the Governor gave the three knocks on the said stone. The District Grand Master poured corn, wine and oil over the stone with proper ceremonies. The Dy. D. G. M. inspected the plans and signified his acceptance of the same. Thus it is not only interesting but refreshing to note that at the laying of the foundation stone of the Presidency College, this Lodge took a prominent part along with the Lodge of Perfect Unanimity No. 150 and Lodge Universal Charity No. 273. Many Brethren of this Lodge were of this ancient institution.

From the records of the D. G. L. the interesting information is available that Wor. Bro. Charles Scott, a member of this Lodge was the secretary of the District Grand Lodge from 1865 to February 1868. Wor. Bro. Scott was Charles Scott much interested in Freemasonry and had prepared and published a Masonic Calender, the best of its kind in India at the time, thus indicating a keen desire to labour for the good of the craft".

Another brother of this Lodge Wor. Bro. J. T. Greaturox took over as D. G. Secretary in 1868 and continued as such for 33½ years, until he resigned on 31st August 1901. In 1873 the Dt. Grand lodge voted a Gold Secretary's jewel to J. T. Greaturox be presented to Wor. Bro. Greaturox for the excellent manner in which he discharged his duties as Secretary. The Jewel was actually Greaturox students presented on 5—2—1875.

Another contribution to the D. G. L. by this Lodge was in Wor. Bro. R. W. Cunliffe who was a regular member of this Lodge. In appointing Wor. Bro. Robert Cunliffe as Dy. D. G. M. at the convocation of the D. G. L. held on 19th December 1882, the D. G. Master observed that Wor. Bro. Cunliffe was known and esteemed as a zealous and good Mason".



War. Bro. C. M. J. Moore



War. Bro. Farlow

During this period Wor. Bro. C. M. J. Moore was a member of this Lodge. He was the Ruling Master of this Lodge in 1882. He rose to be the Deputy District Grand Master in 1886 and continued to hold that Office until November 1888. Col. C. M. J. Moore (afterwards Sir. C. M. J. Moore) had the rare honour and privilege of installing two Governors of this Province as District Grand Masters. Sir C. M. J. Moore installed Lord Connemara as D. G. M in 1888. The installation meeting was held in the Government House, Madras. On the said occasion the District Grand Lodge voted a Past Deputy District Grand Master's Jewel to be presented to Rt. Wor. Brother Moore. A Portrait of the said Brother was unveiled in the District Grand lodge. At the retirement of lord Connemara in 1891, Sir C. M. J. Moore succeeded him as the District Grand Master of the District and continued as such till 1901, when he retired giving place to Lord Ampthill, Governor of Madras. For 15 years he was in-charge of this District, he attended every D. G. L. communication except only on those occasions he was out of Madras. It is pleasant to note that a brother of lodge Mount not only occupied its own Eastern Chair but rose to the position of D. G. M. occupying the same with distinction for 15 years and had the honour to install two Governors of this Province as D. G. Ms. This lodge has every reason to feel proud of this unique achievement.

At the D. G. L. meeting on 19th March 1879, the District Grand Master Rt. Wor. Bro. Saunders, referring to Mount lodge observed thus :—

“Mount lodge is increasing in numbers and prosperity, having 31 members on its active list and seven in the absentee list. There were 12 regular meetings and four emergent meetings during the year attended by the principal Officers of the lodge. The balance in favour of the lodge is Rs. 703--2--3, but there is no Fund of Benevolence though Rs. 125/- was voted for charities and a similar sum to the D. G. L. Charity fund.”

In 1880, the D. G. lodge made a reference to Mount lodge and said “The lodge has thirty six members on its rolls and its financial condition is satisfactory. It has qualified itself for the life Governor of the Madras Masonic Institution 1880 Wor. Bro. Cunliffe, the Wor. Master was ordered to Rampa and Wor. Bro. Carson carried on his duties in his absence. Now the Eastern Chair is occupied by. Wor. Bro. Grading. There were 8 Initiaticns, 8-passings and 5 Raisings, 20 Affiliations and 16-resignations. The arrears of subscriptions are a trifling and the Master reports it will be recovered shortly”.

In 1880, the District Grand Lodge ranked the Mount Lodge in South India on its own, apart from the ranking by Grand Lodge (926) and Mount Lodge was the 7th in the list of Lodges.

From the proceedings of the D. G. L. on 16--1--1885 it is noticed that Mount Lodge had admitted to its rolls the First Indian Bro. S.V. Indian Brother Rajagopalachari.

A meeting was held on Saturday 6—12—1890 for installing Bro. G. E. Hodges as Wor. Master. But it was found that there were only two Past Masters present, who could not form a quorum to open a lodge of Installed Masters to install the Master—elect. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment (Dinner at 8-30 P. M.) and the two Brethren were despatched to Madras to fetch a ruling Master or Past Master.

The Lodge resumed labour at 11-50 P. M. but as no Master or Past Master turned up it was resolved that Bro. Hodges be installed at Lodge "John Miller", Royapuram on Monday 8—12—1890 by special dispensation from the D. G. M. The Lodge was closed at 15 minutes past midnight and Brethren dispersed. While so, the two trusty brethren made a diligent search for a Master or past Master at Madras and at last succeeded in prevailing upon Wor. Bro. C. J. H. Ellis, who very good naturedly consented and accompanied them. They met on the way one of the Past Masters and a few brethren who were returning after closing the lodge. Wor. Bro. Ellis was obliged to return!

A Meeting of the Mount lodge was subsequently held by special dispensation on 8—12—1890 in the premises of the lodge John Miller No. 1906 at Royapuram when Bro. G. E. Hodges, who was initiated in 1888, was duly installed in the Eastern chair. This was the First and last time that the installation of the Wor. Master of lodge Mount took place outside the lodge premises. Wor. Bro. Hodges died in September 1891 at the tender age of 31, after an attack of Cholera. On 21—10—1891 a funeral service was held in the lodge premises in memory of Wor. Bro. Hodges and Wor. Bro. Cole.

Another incident worth mentioning happened at the meeting held on 5—4—1890. One Brother brought to the notice the conduct of another Brother that evening in disturbing the harmony of the lodge during the ceremony of Initiation and proposed that he be dealt with under Article 209 of the Book of Constitutions. The proposal duly seconded and carried, the Brother was excluded for the remainder of the meeting.

From the proceedings of the D. G. L. dated 21—2—1887 it is found that Bro. G. Subba Rao was excluded for non-payment of dues to the lodge. In 1891 Mount lodge ranked first in the ceremonial work among the lodges with 34 ceremonies to its credit. The strength of the lodge was 34 during this period. During this year Mount lodge contributed to the Indian Charitable Famine Relief Fund through the D.G. lodge.

Thus, it will be seen that during the period 1862 to 1899, the Mount lodge has created history and made solid contributions to the cause of Freemasonry in South India. Its members in spite of several adversities peculiar to this Military lodge, tried to keep aloft the flag of Freemasonry. They may be said to have well and truly laid the foundations of a super structure which certainly reflected honour on their endeavours.

CHAPTER II

1899 To 1908

“ Small souls enquire—Belongs this man
To our own race or class or clan.
But large - hearted men embrace
As brother all human race ”.

The ten years from 1899 to 1908 were a very critical period in the History of the Lodge. This was mainly due to the membership of the Lodge being held by Military Brethren and the frequent transfers wholesale of regiments from the Station, resulting in the paucity of brethren to carry on the work of the Lodge.

The Lodge is very much indebted to Wor. Bro. Temple for his careful management of the Lodge during this period. Wor. Bro. Temple was the Master of this Lodge for more than 4 years. He left India finally on 4—10—1908. Wor. Bro. Temple and the Lodge expressed its appreciation of his great work to Freemasonry in general and to the Mount Lodge in particular to which he was so devoted. His devotion to the Mount Lodge is evidenced by his continuing as an absentee member of the Lodge for a long time even after his leaving the shores of India.

The available minutes of the meetings during this period especially till 1903, show that due to the transfer of various regiments to other Stations, several well known brethren had to sever their connections with the Lodge, with the result that there were no brethren except Wor. Bro. Temple to occupy the Eastern Chair. During this period, some of the meetings had to be proceeded with, without a qualified Master. At the meeting of the 1st January 1902, Bro. S. Anjera occupied the Eastern Chair while at the meeting of 5th November 1902, Bro. Fitch, Junior Warden acted as Master. These Brethren were not qualified to occupy the Eastern Chair!

But the brotherly feeling prevailing in the whole District was so keen that Wor. Brethren from the City Lodges were willing to help the brethren of the Mount Lodge in their difficulty in conducting the proceedings of the Lodge. Several Wor. Brethren of Lodge St. George and other City Lodges occupied the Eastern Chair during the year 1901 till a Master was duly elected.

The Services of Wor. Bro. Cranshaw to Mount Lodge during this period are noteworthy. In 1902, Wor. Bro. Cranshaw was requested by Wor. Bro. Temple to visit the Lodge and assist in carrying on the work of the Lodge until Wor. Bro. Cranshaw such time as a Master was elected in the place of Wor. Bro. Temple. It was found by Wor. Bro. Cranshaw that not only was the Wor. Master about to leave India but that the Junior and Senior Wardens were also leaving and further no Past Master or Wardens were available to carry on the work of the Lodge or eligible to stand for election at the March Meeting. Wor. Bro. Cranshaw therefore joined the lodge to avoid the grave danger of the lodge closing down and going in to abeyance for a time.’ He was installed as Master in April 1903. At this

time the total on the rolls was about fourteen resident and seven absentee brethren. The Rt. Wor. the D. G. Master referred to this event at the D. G. L. Meeting on 27-8-1904 and stated "now, Mount lodge appears to have taken a new life".

It is interesting to note that throughout this period there were visitors from the City Lodges, for every meeting of the Lodge. They not only attended the meetings but took active part in the ceremonies conducted by the lodge.

At the meeting held on June 1899, Bro. Peglar was the candidate for passing. He was announced and received in due form but unfortunately had to be passed out immediately having been stung by a scorpion! Dr. B. A. Dalma was also passed out to attend on him. He was passed at the next meeting on 5th July 1899.

At the lodge meeting dated 5th July 1899 when the Secretary forgot to bring with him the minutes book, the Wor. Master ordered that the minutes be read at the next meeting. This was the only occasion in the lodge when such a thing happened.

In 1899, the District Grand Master Rt. Wor. Sir. George Moore presented a Portrait of himself to the lodge and it was kept in the lodge room. The Brethren of the lodge thanked him for the presentation.

At the meeting held on 4-4-1900 Bro. Col. Dalma was installed as the Master of the lodge. In the month of June scarcely within two months of the installation, Wor. Bro. was ordered to proceed to China and the charge of the lodge fell on Wor. Bro. Temple. Wor. Bro. Dalma died shortly afterwards while in active service at China during military operations. During the same period the Senior and Junior Wardens resigned and except the Secretary and the two Deacons, all Officers were absent throughout the year.

The first Indian Brother of Military Rank to be installed as Wor. Master of the lodge was Lt. Col., Chatterjee. Almost immediately after talking over, he was transferred to Belgaum. But the Wor. Bro. took three months leave and worked the lodge till November. This speaks well for the keen interest and untiring zeal of the Wor. Master in the working of the lodge.

In 1906 during the Mastership of Wor. Bro. Parsons the date of the meeting was changed from the 1st Wednesday to the 1st Saturday of each month. During this year the Rt. Wor. D. G. Master visited the Lodge. There were 28 ceremonies during the year and the membership was 38.

At the meeting of 7th August 1907, a young brother of hardly a few months' standing, to the surprise and pleasure of the brethren present explained the tracing Board of the First Degree so lucidly that it received the acclamation of the lodge.

At the meeting of the lodge held on 8-10-1904 there is a reference to, Wor. Bro. Cranshaw being authorised to represent the lodge at the "Smoking Concert".

According to Rt. Wor. Bro. S. T. Sreenivasa Gopala Chari the "Smoking Concert" is a social held by the D. G. L. on the night prior to the District Grand Lodge meeting.

Up to December 1906, the summons for the meetings of the lodge did not contain the names of the members and addresses of the W. M. and the Wardens. At the meeting held on 2—12—1906 the lodge resolved to print them at the back of the summons.

In December 1906 the Banking Firm of Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co closed its doors and failed, resulting in a loss to the lodge of Rs. 609-0-9. In 1904, the cantonment Committee called upon the lodge to put up a wall round its building. The lodge applied for exemption on the ground that the building was not used as a place of residence but only for the purpose of meeting once a month. In March 1908 the cantonment wrote back saying that the wall might be constructed at the lodge's convenience. At the meeting dated 5—8—1905, the lodge authorised Bro. Gnanaprakasam to build a Mud-wall around the lodge and subsequently a hearty vote of thanks was voted to Bro. Gnanaprakasam for the work.

At the meeting of 3—10—1907 Bro. Thurley was thanked for the gift of tracing boards to the lodge. A premises Committee was also formed to look after the lodge.

During this period jewels were presented not only to Past Masters but also to Secretaries for meritorious work done.

The lodge voted a past Master's jewel to Wor. Bro. Kilpatrick but before it could be presented he had left for Belgaum. The lodge then sent the jewel to Lodge Victoria at Belgaum to be presented to Wor. Bro. Kilpatrick.

During this period of ten years the recording of the minutes requires special mention. Secretaries maintained the minutes with scrupulous care for details. There were marginal notes, enabling easy reference and especially during the Mastership of Wor. Bro. C. H. Parsons, the minutes of meetings were recorded with particular neatness and in great detail.

A careful perusal of the minutes and other records of the period shows that the the lodge functioned well, that the Past Masters took great interest in the lodge and that the number on the rolls had increased and that there was marked improvement in the admission to the lodge of non-military Brethren Indian as well as Foreign.

Another interesting incident happened at the meeting held on 3—3—1906. Sgt. Beale was proposed and duly seconded as being a fit and proper person to be made a Mason, but due to the continued absence of the Brethren supporting his candidature, his name did not appear on the summons. In the meanwhile Sgt. Beale got orders of transfer but was anxious to be initiated in the lodge. After consulting the Brethren present the Wor. Master declared that "a state of emergency" had arisen and acting under rule 185 of the B of C included the name of Sgt. Beale in the days summons as a candidate for initiation.

It is worthwhile to mention another incident which took place at the meeting of the lodge on 3—3—1906. A joint ballot was taken to admit George Passway, Sgt. Williams Beale, and George Stagg which proved foul.

The Wor. Master then ordered that separate ballots be taken and the ballot for Bro. Stagg proved foul again. The Wor. Master found that the newly made Brethren in their ignorance did not ballot properly and some of them inadvertently used the wrong balls, Therefore he explained at length the proper procedure for exercising the franchise. After this, one newly

Ballot. made brother confessed that inadvertently he had not exercised his vote in the proper manner and that was why the ballot of Bro. Stagg was not clear. The Wor. Master, after consultations with the Brethren present at the meeting, ordered a rebalot of Bro. Stagg which was found to be clear. The ballot for others was also favourable and all the three were initiated together.

On the 7th December 1905, a special meeting of the lodge was held at which the D. G. M. Rt. Wor. Bro. Lord Ampthill and his officers were present. Lord Ampthill. This Chapter can be best closed by setting forth his address in extenso as reflecting the exact condition of the lodge during these ten years.

“Wor. Master, I am well aware of the difficulties which lodge Mount had had to confront from the day of its consecration in 1862. Since then, it has been constantly struggling owing to frequent transfers of military members of the lodge. That is a difficulty felt by every military lodge, more particularly in India. But that a lodge should be maintained all these years in spite of exceptional vicissitudes which in a small military station like St. Thomas Mount where troops are suddenly and constantly transferred, to my mind speaks volumes for the influence of Freemasonry, for I don't think that any other institution would have maintained in the face of such difficulties. Three years ago your finances were at a low ebb, but thanks to the energy and spirit of Wor. Bro. Temple and Wor. Bro. Cranshaw your immediate P. M. and by your own endeavours, the lodge has been rescued from a state of despondency and raised to its flourishing condition, which I hope and trust, will long continue.”

Lord Ampthill also gave some wholesome advice which will be of guidance to all Masonic lodges at all times. He said “perhaps I may remind you that the most important thing that you should be careful about is the person whom you admit. Our ceremonies are symbolised and throughout emphasise the fact of the duty of the Masters that they should never throw open the lodge to an outsider. The first question asked is “what is the first care of every Mason”, the answer is “to see the lodge properly tyled”. That, I take it for granted, is symbolic of the duty to safeguard Freemasonry against admission of men who are unworthy of the privileges and who would be a discredit if they were admitted”.

CHAPTER III

1908 TO 1913

“Question not but love and labour,
Till your goal be won.
Helping every feeble neighbour,
Seeking help from none,
Life is mostly froth and bubble,
Two things stand like stone,
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in your own ”.

This period of five years is an important period in the history of the Lodge in that it transforms from a military lodge to a mainly civilian lodge so that the continued existence of the Lodge thereafter is completely assured. This was not the result of any planned approach but was due more to accident. **The Transformation.** The Lodge is very much indebted to Wor. Bros. H. P. Williams, Marsh and Webster for the achievements during this period. The progress was continuous, there was a steady and substantial increase in the strength of the Lodge and improvement in its finances. On every occasion the festive board was full and a Bohemian spirit seems to have marked the assemblages at the dinner table. All were happy and everything was well.

The spirit of the life that then existed in the Lodge is best reflected by a letter, dated 24—8—1943, received from W H. Murch by Bro. V. Samuel, which for proper appreciation is set out below in extenso :

“ In early days motor cars were not in common use. We, members of the Lodge residing at Madras on the 1st Saturday of every month hired carriages and drove out to Mount in a stylish procession of 12 or more pairs of horse—drawn **Old Memories.** carriages and those owning their own “turnouts” also followed. After passing the Marmalong Bridge, racing of the conveyances to be the first to arrive at the Lodge was indulged in to the consternation of bullock carts and villagers. On the journey we sought out other Masons from their bungalows and insisted upon their coming with us as guests. In those times non-Masons were permitted to be present at the dinner and usually the festive board gave welcome to over 100 for drinks and food. In any installation over 200 sat for the banquet held under a huge tent erected in the compound. We did not have the upper storey of the building, which was later built. The milder guests would not depart until 2 a.m. on Sunday morning while the “full flavoured” stayed to demolish all the remaining food and liquids (we used to have large stock) returning to Madras in the daylight to be in time for breakfast; and others spent the Sunday at the Military Mess as guests of Military members (Mount was originally a European Military Lodge) for Lunch and Dinner and games of tennis, billiards and cards etc. I have on several occasions, during the hot months of May to July in evening dress and (with an overcoat cycled from Egmore to this lodge to attend the meetings. We were Indian and European members, great, good, cheerful and hospitable crowd in days when a rupee purchased what Rs. 15/- cannot give to-day. Pardon this dissertation-remiscences of “Mount” Lodge being happy memory of hundreds of Indian friends and brother Masons ”.

There was no prohibition then and drinks were not so costly as now.

On 31—3—1902 the membership stood at 44. In 1908-1909 there were 28 ceremonies and in 1909-10 it went up to 36 and in 1910-11 it was 34 but in 1911 to 1912 it was 43. Several emergency meetings were held to cope with the situation.

From the minutes book for 1908 it is found that the Wor. Master took powers under rule 185 of B of C and initiated Bro. Herbert Aubrey on 1—8—1908. He was passed to the Second Degree a week later at the emergency meeting held on 8—8—1908 and raised to the 3rd degree on 15—8—1908.

At the time of the April meeting in 1908, Mrs. Barlett, wife of Bro. P. Barlett of Mount Lodge, presented the Lodge with a new banner, embroidered by herself and the lodge proposed a vote of thanks to her.

From the minutes of the Meeting held in October 1908, it is found that His Excellency the Governor's chauffeur was proposed as a fit and proper person to be made a Mason, and Francis Smith, clerk in the Governor's house also held the same honour.

At one of the meetings in 1908 Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. J. H. Baker, referring to the impending departure of several Military brethren from St. Thomas Mount, said "Mount Lodge was losing the valuable services of its Military brethren owing to the batteries being transferred and he felt sure that brethren of the Mount Lodge wish the departing brethren (4 in number) success in their undertakings."

In December 1908, the District Grand Lodge admonished Lodge Mount for having balloted for and admitted a joining member when his name **Admonished.** had not been included in the summons of the Meeting and warned the Lodge against such irregularities in future.

The annual report for 1908-09 referring to the work of the Wor. Master H. P. Williams states, "that he had the best year of Office. He has been exceptionally keen on his work and has had a more successful year than the mere figures of this report indicates. A Past Master's jewel was voted for him".

The Annual Report for 1909-10 states "That the work of the Lodge was most satisfactory and it is worthy to note that the lodge attained second position for the work in the District Grand Lodge of Madras during the half year ending 31—10—1910. It is note-worthy that the members had paid all their dues and subscriptions promptly.

An interesting incident is referred to in the minutes of the Meeting dated 3rd June 1911. A "loving cup" was presented to the P. D. G. M. Wor. Bro. H. Brady, and he thanked the lodge for the same.

The annual report of the lodge for 1911 12 can be said not only to assess the work of the lodge for that year but to be symbolical of the work of the lodge during the whole period under review.

The Committee noted with pleasure the creditable manner in which the lodge worked during the period under review. There were regular banquets after each

meeting and on an average 25 brethren sat for the Banquet. The bye-laws were revised and approved by the lodge and duly confirmed by the Grand Lodge of England. The Charity fund was the highest on record so far. The committee had no hesitation in saying that the period under review was a record one in the History of the Lodge.

While so, one is unable to understand the reference to a passage in the inspection report of Wor. Bro. Higgs, Dy. D. G. M., the inspecting Officer for the year 1911. In his report he stated thus: "I visited the Mount Lodge for the installation meeting. In the Lodge I found Masonic spirit prevailing and good work done. Some trouble threatened the Lodge Mount, but I am pleased to know it has been covered by good feeling of brethren and I have reason to believe that matters in that lodge are now proceeding smoothly and harmoniously. I took part in the installation ceremony of the lodge". There is however no indication about the nature of trouble either in the minutes or other available records of the lodge.

Another incident worthy of mention is the circular of the District Grand Lodge dated 11—11—1911, read at the meeting of the lodge warning brethren of the existence of a spurious Masonic Lodge in Tinnevely named "Oriental Star", and informing the Brethren that anyone attending any of meetings of or admitting the members of the said lodge will render themselves liable for the severest Masonic penalties.

In the year 1912 the byelaws were amended to the effect that the election of the Wor. Master, Treasurer and Tyler should be in October and the installation of the Wor. Master in November instead of April and May respectively.

Though the installation of Wor. Bro. Webster was included in the summons of the 4th May 1912, curiously enough the lodge resolved that the installation was unnecessary and the existing Officers should continue in their Offices till the installation of a new Master under the new bye-laws.

In 1911 Wor. Bro. Webster reported to the District Grand Lodge thus "the numerical strength of the lodge is the same (48) but the military members for whose benefit the lodge was first instituted have decreased in number to three. During this period the lodge attracted the attention of the most prominent citizens in various walks of life and they sought admission to the lodge T. Prakasam, V. Thiruvengadathan Chetty, M. D. Devadoss and Paul Apparswami are some of them.

In October 1912, Bro. M. Sreenivasa Mudaliar was elected Master and installed in the Eastern Chair at the November meeting. He was the first Indian Master outside the Military rank to preside over the destinies of the lodge.

Sreenivasa Wor. Bro. Higgs the Dy. D. G. M. was present at his installation
Mudaliar. and his speech on the occasion sums up the remarkable progress
 the lodge had made by then. He said "the presence of so many
 from the District Grand Lodge was more an indication of the esteem in which
 Lodge Mount was held as one of the lodges. The lodge was to be congratulated on its
 sound financial condition. The investment of the balance is a good idea. The inten-
 tion of putting up an upper storey was very desirable. The lodge had its ups and
 downs. It had now entered an era of financial stability. The bye-laws were excellent
 and a model for other lodges to copy. The rule that an Enquiry Committee should be
 formed to enquire in the antecedents of a candidate before admission was excellent as
 the greatest care has to be exercised in admitting person to membership. The lodge
 had an excellent record and came up to all that could be expected of a lodge."

CHAPTER IV

1913 TO 1917

"Live while you live" the Epicure would say,
and seize the pleasure of the present day :
"Live while you live" the sacred preacher cries,
and give to God each moment as it flies :
Lord in my view let both united be,
I live to pleasure when I live to thee."

While during this period of five years the Lodge was progressing steadily, increasing in membership, showing perfection in performance of the ceremonies, and receiving visitors regularly at the lodge meetings and subsequent Banquets, unfortunately several unhappy events happened which caused great distress to those who ruled the lodge during this period. The said events were unhealthy and their happening so quickly after the lodge passed into the control of Civilians was a matter of great concern. At a meeting held in November 1913, Rao Sahib T. Hari Rao, who was the First Indian to be Secretary of the lodge was voted with a Secretary's jewel for his valuable work during 1912. But before it could be presented, the lodge discovered that the said Brother had failed to account for a sum of Rs. 742-10-9, and he had to admit in open lodge that he was liable to pay the said amount. Therefore the presentation of the Secretary's Jewel was post-poned. The amount was never repaid, the said Brother resigned in 1915, and it was resolved that the presentation of the Jewel be cancelled.

In 1915, a similar incident came to light in that Wor. Bro. M. Sreenivasa Mudaliar, failed to account for a sum Rs. 200/- paid to him by Bro. Solaiappa Chetty as donation at the time of his initiation for purchasing some chairs for the lodge. The receipt of this sum was not brought to the notice of the lodge at all. It seems to have been made good subsequently by recoveries from the Wor. Brother.

Again there was a sum of Rs. 550/- due from Wor. Bro. W. H. Murch to the lodge for which he had executed a Promissory note. After a long time however this amount had to be written off as unrecoverable.

It is found from the minutes of the meeting of the lodge dated 5th July 1914. that a joint Ballot was taken for the admission of Bros. G. Narasimhalu and V. A. Muthiah Thevar which proved negative. On taking separate Ballots, the Ballot for V. A. Muthiah Thevar was again found unfavourable.

Subsequently he was repropounded and initiated in the lodge nearly nine years later on 3rd March 1923. He held several Offices and became Wor. Master of the lodge in 1931. He managed the affairs of the lodge with conspicuous ability and is even now a member having been a Free Mason of this lodge for a continuous period of 39 years. For his continued membership for more than 25 years, the Brethren of the

Muthiah
Thevar.

lodge mount honoured him by presenting him with a Souvenir in the form of a Silver Cup in 1961.

An interesting interpretation of a rule in the bye-laws took place at the July meeting in 1913. The question of exclusion of Bros. A. Subba Reddy and H. G. Prince Wright came up for discussion. As the Brethren had sent in their resignation as early as 5-1-1931 and 24-2-1931, Bro N. Rajagopalan felt the injustice of voting for the exclusion of the Brethren. The Wor. Master and some other Brethren felt that the resignation unaccompanied by payment of dues could not be accepted, and that the Brethren should be treated as continuing members and excluded. Subsequently, however, the Brethren of the lodge accepted the resignations.

Another event of note was in the matter of election on 3rd May 1913 of Bro. Rajamannar Chetty as a Joining Member. The said brother was duly elected and admitted, but it was found later that the proposal and the agenda containing his ballot, did not mention his address and occupation. The name and address did not appear in the summons. After very long discussion, it was voted that the omission was not so vital as to vitiate the ballot.

In 1915, the lodge started a building Fund for putting up the upper storey. Subscription to the extent of Rs. 750/- were promised and actually Rs. 265/- was collected in the first instance.

The most important event of this period was the admission into the lodge as a member of the Rajah of Venkatagiri who was initiated in the lodge on 7-7-1917. The Rajah of Venkatagiri's contributions to Free masonry in general and to Mount Lodge in particular deserve clear and detailed mention.

CHAPTER V

1917 TO 1937

Hence midst the ruins of three thousand years,
Unhurt, unchanged, Free Masonry appears;
Her Towers and Monuments may fade away,
Her truth and social love never decay.

The period from 1917 to 1937 may rightly be called the Raja of Venkatagiri period. The Raja deserves this signal honour for what all he has done for the Mount Lodge.

Shortly after his initiation on 7—7—1917 he was made the senior Warden of the lodge in November 1917 and elected Worshipful Master in 1918. He continued as a member till his death on 17—6—1937.

While still a member of the lodge his son the Kumara Raja was admitted into the lodge on 3—4—1926. He became Senior Warden in 1929—30 and continued as a member of the lodge till Oct. 1954.

The construction of the upper story which was engaging the attention of the lodge ever since 1913 fructified with the help of the Raja of Venkatagiri. From the minutes of the meeting dated 2—3—1918 it is found that the estimate for the building of the upstairs was Rs. 10,500/- and that the lodge intended to meet the demand by contribution of Rs. 2,500/- from the lodge funds and Rs. 2,000/- from the contribution of the Raja Sahib and the balance of Rs. 6,000/- by issue of interest-free debentures on the lodge property.

At the election meeting of the Master in 1918, the Raja Sahib not only confirmed the promised donation of Rs. 2,000/- to the building fund but also agreed to advance a further sum of Rs. 6,000/- as a loan towards the construction of the First floor of the lodge.

As the issue of the debentures did not prove a success, Raja Sahib subscribed the whole of the balance amount as a loan towards the construction of the building. But there is no record to show that the repayment of this loan was ever demanded, or made. Thus the upper storey of the lodge building was practically a gift by Raja Sahib.

During the construction in 1919, the meetings of the lodge could not be held in its own building, and by a special dispensation granted on 18—1—1919, the meetings were held from 1—2—1919, to 1—11—1919 in the temporary Masonic Hall in Commander-in-Chief Road, Egmore, Madras.

Additional funds amounting to nearly Rs. 3,065/ were contributed by several Brethren including Bros. S. Singaram, T. S. Varadachariar, and the Zamindar of Uthukuli.

The annual report of the lodge ending 1—10—1921 records that “the construction of the first floor of the Temple having been finished last year, the lodge is now in possession of a fine and adequate building for which our most grateful thanks are due to the Brethren whose liberality enabled the realisation of this long cherished project, among whom prominent mention must be made of Wor. Bro. Raja of Venkatagiri”. On 6—9—1921, a bromide enlargement of his photo in full regalia was ordered to be placed in the lodge.

The first installation meeting held in the new building was that of Wor. Bro. Jeelani Sahib in November 1919. In 1933 during the Mastership of Benjamin the building was completely electrified. The installation meeting of the lodge on 9—11—1933 was the first meeting of the lodge to be held in the newly electrified building. In the next year the lodge compound was fenced with reinforced concrete pillars and barbed wire and was provided with doors also fixed to the gate.

After the building of the upper storey, the brethren thought of occasionally letting the ground floor on rent, making sure it was free for the use of the lodge during the evenings of the meetings.

Thus on 6th August 1927 a Recreation Club took the ground floor on a rent of Rs. 40/- a month.

Again at the meeting of 15th December 1927 the lodge let the ground floor to Toc-H on similar terms.

It was at about this time that the District Grand Lodge was also planning the construction of the new Freemasons hall. So much so, at the installation meeting of the Raja Saheb, he announced a personal contribution of Rs. 15,000 towards the construction of the FreeMasons Hall. On that occasion, Rt. Wor. Brother L. E. Buckley D. G. M. congratulated the lodge on having elected a member of the landed aristocracy of India to the Chair, and accepted the generous offer of the Wor. Master of Rs. 15,000/- towards the construction of the Masonic Temple at Madras and stated “that some part of the building (he could not say which particular part) would be named after the generous donor to commemorate the occasion”. This grateful promise however seems to have been entirely forgotten and the undertaking of the D. G. M. was never carried out.

The foundation stone of the new D.G.L. Masonic Hall was laid in the traditional manner by Lord Willingdon for which a special District Grand Lodge meeting was held at the site. Brethren of the Lodge Mount also took part in the ceremony. In his opening address the D. G. M. referred in particular to the “most magnificent contribution” made by the Wor. Bro. Raja of Venkatagiri. The ceremony was impressive and its solemnity and dignity had been enhanced by the presence of His Excellency the Governor.

After the ceremony was over Wor. Bro. the Raja of Venkatagiri entertained the Brethren to dinner. The District Grand Master moved a very hearty vote of thanks to Wor. Bro. Raja of Venkatagiri for his generous hospitality in entertaining the District Grand Lodge and their guests after the ceremony.

On the said occasion the D. G. M. remarked that "the Raja's hospitality was typical of his kindness and they all felt very grateful to him for putting the finishing touch to the success of the function this way. The resolution was carried with acclamation.

On 27-2-1925 the FreeMasons Hall was duly opened by the then Governor, and at the function the Mount Lodge was represented by Wor. Bros. M. Savarimuthu Pillai, S. V. Devadasan, V. E. Naicker and A. H. Chowriyappa. At this meeting of the D. G. L. held that evening the D. G. M. acknowledged with grateful thanks the munificence of the Raja of Venkatagiri as an individual brother making a donation of Rs. 15,000 to the D. G. L. building fund.

At the entrance to the District Grand lodge, near the stair-case, there is a donor's board in which the principal donations by individual Brethren are inscribed, and that by the Raja of Venkatagiri heads the list of such donations. This is the only monument recognising his great contribution.

On this occasion a further contribution to the construction of the FreeMasons Hall made by the Mount Lodge should not be left unnoticed. Under the able Stewardship of Wor. Bro. S. A. K. Jeelani, the Mount Lodge collected and paid a handsome contribution of Rs. 15,900 to the D. G. L. There is another Board near the stair-case recording the donations from individual lodges towards the cost of the Hall and therein is found the name of Lodge Mount No. 926 E. C., and its steward for this purpose Viz. Wor. Bro. S. A. K. Jeelani Sahib with the contribution of Rs. 15,900 made by this lodge. This lodge ranks third in the list of contributions by individual lodges.

During the year 1921 the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Duke of Connaught and Stratham visited this District and there was a well attended meeting of Free Masons to receive him at the Banqueting Hall (now Rajaji Hall) Madras. Lodge Mount was represented at this colourful ceremony by Wor. Bro. T. C. Adikesavalu Pillai.

In 1927 the Grand Lodge Deputation headed by the Right Worshipful Brother Lord Cornwallis visited India. During their visit to India D. G. L. decided that the deputation should be received at the meeting of Lodge Carnatic in which all the lodges with their respective Officers should take part in the ceremony of raising a Candidate. The Grand Lodge deputation witnessed the ceremony and signified their appreciation thereof. Mount Lodge was represented by its master Wor. Bro. E. A. Baynes and its Officers who took part in raising the lodge to the third degree. An album consisting of the photographs of the Brethren of the lodge was kept in the District Grand Lodge premises for inspection by the deputation.



The Ruling Masters of Madras Lodges when a Grand Lodge Deputation was led by Lord Cornwallis in 1927. Top right is Wor. Bro. E. A. Bayne of Mount Lodge.

On the menu card of the dinner on that occasion is found the Crest of Mount Lodge and all other lodges and there is also an Appendix to the menu card giving a complete list of the Past Masters of all Lodges. As far as the Mount Lodge is concerned, the names of all Past Masters is listed except that for a few years.

It will be remembered that in 1912, the Bye-laws were amended whereby an Enquiry Committee was constituted whose function it was to see that the Brethren to be admitted were fit and proper persons to be made masens. The idea is that once the Enquiry Committee approved the candidate, the candidate ipso facts passed through the ballot.

During this period however several persons seeking admission to the Lodge, though duly recommended by the Enquiry Committee failed to be approved in the open lodge. That the "Black-balling" unfortunately indulged in many of these cases was improper is evidenced by the fact that the same Brethren were admitted to the lodge later and served the lodge truly and well. The case of Wor. Bro. V. A. Muthiah Thevar has already been cited. On 6-4-1918 the Zamindar Appa Rao was Ballotted for initiation. The first ballot was unfavourable. Suspecting some unintentional error, the W. M. ordered a fresh Ballot which again proved nnfavourable. The lodge felt some Brethren had violated the Bye-law 13 by intentional Black-balling on personal grounds and not in the interests of the lodge. After five months, the Zamindar was again proposed, balloted for favourably and initiated on 7-9-1918.

The Wor. Bro. V. Thiruvengadathan Chetty, Partner of the well known firms of Hoe & Co., Printers, Madras was the Master for the year 1921-22. On 3-12-1921, there were five candidates to be ballotted for initiation. The lodge resolved on a collective ballot for all the five candidates but it proved unfavourable. It was regarded as invalid and a fresh collective ballot was taken. It also proved likewise. There upon the lodge resolved on an individual Ballot for each candidate.

Wor. Bro. Farlow then withdrew from the Ballot the names of three out of the five candidates observing that certain of the Brethren appeared to come into the lodge with the set purpose of "black-balling" the candidates not because there was anything against them (i. e. the Candidates) but owing to some personal or fancied grievance against the lodge. He said the conduct of such Brethren was un-Masonic, as they should have intimated their objections, if any, to the W. M. or the proposers before hand.

The candidates were worthy men, and he had received information in confidence that this incident was likely to happen. In spite of Wor. Bro. Farlow's remonstrance, the next candidate, was also black-balled, though Bro. Terry even informed the lodge before proceeding to ballot that the Candidate belonged to a Masonic family and the W. M stated that he appeared to be a fit and proper person to be received into the Fraternity. The W. M. then withdrew the names of the remaining Candidates from the ballot.

The Dy. D.G.M. was present at the regular meeting of the lodge on 3-9-1922. He said "The Mount Lodge" was one of the oldest and most honourable lodges in

the District with a distinguished past record and history. Of late, a spirit of discord seemed to have crept in the matter of admissions into the lodge. He pointed out that when there was a Committee of Enquiry it was not proper for any member to exercise the right of black-balling and warned the members that any lodge which continued to work in disharmony would end in disruption and closing of the lodge.

On 7—2—1925, a ballot was taken for T.Sami Pillai which proved unfavourable in the first instance. The Wor. Master felt that the Brethren failed to understand the procedure of balloting and explained at length the proper procedure. Another Ballot was taken which also proved unfavourable. On 3rd October 1925, Bro. T. Sami Pillai who was proposed and favourably balloted for was initiated in the lodge.

The Inspection Report for 1925 by Wor. Bro. H. W. Barker refers to this bad habit of "black-balling" the candidates. He states in the Report that a strange and disquieting event took place in the very presence of the Inspecting Officer. Ballot was taken for admitting a Candidate, but it proved unfavourable. The candidate was present in the building. The Inspecting Officer rightly advised that "with a view to avoiding the indignity of rejection and consequent possible or even probable ill-feeling, all members of the lodge should exercise great caution in recommending a candidate for initiation and suggested a thorough enquiry by the Enquiry Committee of the Candidate before being put for balloting.

Masonry depends very much upon the character of those who are its leading spirits. During this period in Mount Lodge, Freemasonry flourished under the leadership and care of two good and true men, Wor. Bro. G. Devasahayam Adikesavalu and Wor. Bro. T. C. Adikesavalu Pillai. Wor. Bro. Devasahayam was initiated in the Mount Lodge on 1—6—1904 and became the worshipful Master of the lodge in 1913—14. Wor. Bro. T. C. Adikesavalu Pillai was initiated on 4—3—1916 and became the Worshipful Master of the lodge in 1920—21. Afterwards both the brethren held with distinction for several years either the Office of Secretary or Treasurer and did yeoman service to the lodge.

During the long period from 1923 when Wor. Bro. T. C. Adikesavalu Pillai was the Secretary of the lodge, the minutes of the lodge were written with great precision and contain full details of the proceedings of the lodge with details for the ceremonies performed. All the inspecting Officers without any exception, commended the good work of Wor. Bro. Pillai. In 1925 Wor. Bro. Barker, Inspecting Officer, expressed that — "the minutes are recorded in an excellent manner. It reflects great credit on the Secretary Wor. Bro. T. C. Adikesavalu Pillai who carried on the work of the lodge excellently".

The annual report of the lodge for 1925 contained the following: "Wor. Bro. T. C. Adikesavalu Pillai as Secretary of the lodge did his duties with his usual zeal and ability. The books were maintained by him very well and correctly". The Committee recommended that a Bromide enlargement of his photograph be made and kept in the lodge premises in appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him as Secretary.

The same can be said of Wor. Bro. Devasahayam also. Every Inspecting Officer had always something good to say of these Brethren. Both the Brethren were presented with jewels. Their bromide enlargements were kept in the lodge. In 1929 the lodge very correctly decided to recognise their services by voting them Souvenirs, which were presented to these brethren by the Rt. Wor. Bro. T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer at the installation meeting on 2—11—1929.

The lodge conferred a signal honour on Wor. Bro. Devasahayam by making him an Honorary member of the lodge on 1st Feb. 1936 when he resigned his regular membership. Wor. Bro. T. C. Adikesavala continued as member till 27—11—1942 when his resignation was recorded.

The services to the lodge of Wor. Bro. Farlowe an Engineer by profession and Wor. Master in 1914—15 require special mention. He was an ideal Free mason highly proficient in masonic rituals and practice and served the lodge in many capacities with conspicuous ability, especially as its Secretary between 1919 to 1921. A Secretary's jewel with three bars to commemorate each year of his Office as Secretary was voted to be presented to him though unfortunately it was not actually presented. He died on 27—2—1922 and in deference to his wishes several times expressed earlier, the value of the Jewel was kept at the disposal of Mrs. Farlowe to be dealt with as she might deem fit and proper.

Bro. S. A. K. Jeelani, who was the Wor. master, between 1919—20 was a worthy Mason. He did a lot to enhance the prestige of the lodge. The lodge in recognition of his services, unveiled an enlarged photograph of his in the lodge. As a gesture of gratitude for this signal honour the Wor. Bro. transferred four of his shares in the Indian Bank to the lodge and requested the lodge to present a jewel or gold medal once in three years to a worthy Brother whose attendance to the Lodge was most regular. What actually happened to this endowment is not traceable.

During this period Dr. M. Jagadeeswaran, a dental Surgeon practising in Triplicane was a member of the lodge. He was initiated on 6-4-1918. He attended the lodge regularly and continued as such for several years. He was a good Mason but in his over enthusiasm he became a controversial personality. He acted as a regular stormy petrel and disharmony developed in the lodge.

At the meeting dated 5-6-1920, the Wor. Master charged him with unseemly conduct in that before the commencement of the meeting on 1-5-1920 he openly declared in the presence of several Brethren that he was going to black-ball a candidate for initiation. Several other charges detailing his unmasonic behaviour were also levelled against him. He seemed to have charged almost every brother with some misconduct or other without verifying whether the charges were correct.

As Bro. Jagadeeswaran would offer neither an explanation nor an apology the subject was adjourned to the meeting to be held on 3-7-1920. In the meanwhile Wor. Master referred the matter to D.G.L. and received instructions to place the matter

before the lodge. It was only then that Bro. Jagadeeswaran withdrew all his allegations and the lodge dropped further proceedings.

But Bro. Jagadeeswaran does not seem to have changed much even with the passage of years. For at the meeting of the lodge on 2-7-1932, and 5-11-1932, he seems to have animadverted in stormy language to certain Past Masters in arrears and even suggested filing of suits against them for the recovery of the arrears. He was a member of the lodge till 1932. On 3-12-1932 he was excluded under byelaw 26 and Rule 210 of the Book of Constitutions.

One of the outstanding members of Lodge Mount is Bro. S.V. Devadasan. The lodge cannot forget his services to the cause of Freemasonry in general and Mount Lodge in particular. Originally a member of lodge Salem he joined Mount Lodge on 2-12-1916 and continued to be a member there of till his death 40 years later in 1956.

He was the Wor. Master of this lodge during 1923-24. The annual report states, "the Wor. Master discharged his duties exceedingly well and with fervency and zeal and was ably assisted by his Officers and Past Masters who evinced much interest by their regular attendance, and participation in the ceremonies."

A most conspicuous example of the way in which Older Brethren and particularly the Past Masters have been helpful in the management of the lodge is afforded by the life of Wor. Bro. S. V. Devadasan. Till his end, he was an active member and was punctual in his attendance. Even during the years 1942 and 1943, when due to the scare of War, attendance was at its lowest ebb, Wor. Bro. Devadasan never missed a single meeting. He was very good at the rituals especially in the ceremony of Raising. Above all he was a kind and good man and a true Christian. He never found fault with anyone and had only a kind word for even his worst enemy, but it is doubtful if he had any enemy.

During the time Wor. Bro. S.V. Devadasan was the Senior Warden of the lodge Bro. G.T. Austin, who was the Wor. Master left for England without being able to complete his term of Office. He took it upon himself to make alternative S. V. Devadasan. arrangements without consulting the past Masters and the Brethren. His letter to the lodge is worth quoting:

"The guidance and welfare of the lodge must be handed over to the safe keeping and wise judgment of my Past Masters. According to the constitution and custom, the charge of the Mount Lodge devolves on my Senior Warden, a faithful and most zealous brother, Bro. S.V. Devadasan. But not being an Installed master, he cannot occupy the Eastern chair to conduct ceremonies and certain other work of the lodge so that it is necessary for me to call upon our Past Masters to take upon themselves a share in the responsibilities of the work, while it is also essential that one of them should become my representative to open and close the lodge in due form and conduct such other duties as may be required in my absence."

I, therefore, requested Wor. Bro. W.H. Murch, the oldest past master then attending, to accept the responsibility of occupying the Eastern Chair until my return or until my Successor is appointed, to occupy my place on all Committees and act on my behalf".

This delegation of powers by Wor. Bro. Austin was resented by the lodge, and though Wor. Bro. S.V. Devadasan was willing to step aside in favour of Wor. Bro. Murch, the lodge took up the matter and passed a resolution as follows;—

“The appointment made in para 4 of the letter is invalid being opposed to the Constitutions and in derogation of the rights of the Senior Warden in charge, the I.P.M. and other past masters ranking above Wor. Bro. Murch.” Accordingly Bro. S.V. D. vadasan was in-charge of the lodge till he was elected and installed in November 1923.

Wor. Bro. S.V. Devadasan's signal contribution to Freemasonry in general and to this Lodge in particular was in his studies on Masonic subjects. He read a number of papers on several Masonic subjects in the Lodge and before the Masonic Study circle and several of them have been published in the Madras Masonic Journal.

In recognition of his services to Freemasonry the Grand Lodge conferred on him the rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer in 1954. On his death two years later in 1956 the Lodge passed the following resolution :

“This Lodge places on record its great sorrow at the demise of Worshipful brother S. V. Devadasan who was one of the oldest and most beloved Brethren”; and in appreciation of the great services rendered by him to the lodge a portrait of his was presented to the lodge and unveiled by the D. G. M. Rt. Wor. Bro. T. V. Muthukrishna lyer on 3-8-1957,

On 2nd April 1927, the Lodge passed a resolution that in view of the undesirable and insulting manner in which Bro. K. H. Knight behaved at the Dinner table on 5-3-1927 he be directed to resign his Membership of the Lodge. But Bro. K. H. Knight tendered an apology which was considered at the Permanent Committee meeting of 4-5-1927. In view of several incorrect statements contained therein, Bro. K. H. Knight was again directed to tender an unqualified apology which he did.

Wor. Bros. S.W. Samuel who was initiated in the lodge on 3-2-1923 was elected to the Eastern Chair on 1929-30. He continues as a subscribing member of the lodge having a record of unbroken membership for the past 39 years.

In recognition of his membership for a continuous period of more than 25 years, the lodge in 1961 honoured him by the presentation of a Silver Cup. He is the Oldest living member and the Centenary Committee has resolved to present a S. W. Samuel. Souvenir at the Centenary celebrations of the lodge. His regard and steadfast adherence to the Lodge Mount is remarkable. He had held different offices before he became Wor. Master in 1929-30. He discharged his duties as Treasurer of the Lodge for a period of 5 years with “conspicuous ability and zeal.” He was one of the two Masons who was able to play the organ (the other being Bro. A.H. Chowryappa) and whenever he had no other office, he was appointed as the organist of the lodge.

One event worth mentioning is the initiation of Bro. A. G. Appaswami in Mount Lodge in 1933. Bro. Appaswami was the personal clerk of the then Revenue Member of the Government of Madras, Rt. Wor. Bro. Archibald Campbell the then D.G.M. Sir Archibald honoured the occasion not only by his presence but also by delivering the charge after initiation and also stayed for dinner.

During 1934-35, Wor. Bro. T.G. Damodara Mudaliar was the Master of the Lodge and in recognition of his services to the lodge his portrait was presented by Bro. Nathamuni Naidu. Bro. Nathamuni Naidu's son Bro. C. N. Ramanujam was initiated in the lodge on 5-8-61 and is now a subscribing member.

Wor. Bro. T.S. Varadachari was installed as Worshipful Master on 7-11-36. He displayed much zeal and enthusiasm and showed considerable keenness in the conduct of the business of the lodge. The Permanent Committee in the T.S. Varadachari. Annual Report placed on record its high appreciation of the excellent manner in which the ceremonies were conducted by him.

He was an ardent Mason who always insisted on word perfection in the performance of the ceremonies.

On 6-2-1937, Bro. Rose a candidate for passing did not answer the questions put to him at his qualifying examination for promotion to the Second Degree. He was passed out and was re-examined at the next meeting on 6-3-1937. For a similar reason the passing of Bro. P. Sreenivasan was passed over for a time, and he was admitted to the Second Degree only after he satisfied the Wor. Master as to his proficiency in the first degree.

During his Mastership, Wor. Bro. Varadhachari was employed in Coimbatore, but his interest in Freemasonry was so keen that he never failed even on a single occasion to come to Madras for the monthly meeting,

Wor. Bro. T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer writing about the Wor. Bro in his inspection report states ;—

“ It speaks well indeed for the enthusiasm of Bro. Varadachari for the Craft, that he should have made it possible for him to go over to Madras from Coimbatore for almost all meetings. At the meeting I attended, he raised a candidate to the Third degree in an impressive manner. I must congratulate the Wor. Master on the great improvement done in this direction.”

Wor. Bro. T. S. Chintamani who has the rare luck, honour and privilege to preside over the destinies of this Lodge now in its year of Centenary, is the worthy son of the late Wor. Bro. T.S. Varadachari.

Wor. Bro. T.S. Chintamani jointed the lodge during the mastership Wor. Bro. R.V. Krishna Iyer in 1939 and had the rare privilege of being initiated in this Lodge on

6—5—1939, by his own father. This was the First occasion when in this Lodge a father was given the proud Privilege of initiating his own son as a Brother of the Lodge.

It was during the Mastership of T. S. Varadachari that the Lodge suffered irreparable loss in the death of the Raja of Venkatagiri.

Thus ends a great period during which Brethren vied with one another in giving their very best to promote the interest of Mount Lodge.

Masonry exercises a purifying, unifying, levelling and ennobling influence. And whatever our feelings may be we are proud to be members of this great and noble organisation which has survived the ravages of time and will continue to exist for ever. To all Brethren of the lodge who were members during this period our grateful thanks are due, for it was in this period that the Mount Lodge has established on firm foundations and started its onward march to the glory and honour of Freemasonry,

CHAPTER VI

1938 TO 1942

O! There is never a sorrow of heart,
which shall lack a timely end:
If but to God, we turn and
Ask of him to be our friend:

Wor. Bro. M. J. Santhanakrishna Pillai was the Wor. Master during 1937—38. He managed the affairs of the lodge with conspicuous ability and was assisted in his work by Wor. Bro. Benjamin as Secretary and Wor. Bro. V. A. Muthiah Thevar as Treasurer. During this period Wor. Bro. M.J.S. Pillai supplied the long felt want of the lodge by presenting a valuable organ. This is even now working in perfect order and finds a place to the right of the Senior Warden's Chair.

He was succeeded by Dewan Bahadur Wor. Bro. R.V. Krishna Iyer as Master for the year 1938-39; From 1938 onwards, he was the main guiding spirit of the Lodge being entirely responsible for its destinies.

Never at any time were his services more valuable than now, when, after 100 years of existence, the lodge is on the brink of losing its magnificent building (by the proposed land acquisition proceedings for expansion of the aerodrome) and R.V. Krishna Iyer. receiving instead a sizable compensation. To safeguard all these by proper investments, all the Brethren jointly look to him only for guidance with the sure hope that he will find ways and means of safeguarding the interests of the lodge. Under his able guidance, we are sure we will be in possession of as magnificent a building as we have now.

He was first initiated in lodge Salem on 27-5-1910. He was a founder member of lodge Cauvery 3848. He was a member of lodge Carnatic having joined it in 1913 but resigned from the lodge in 1918. He was also a member of lodge Justitia from 13-9-1924. He came to lodge Mount on 4-3-1933 and the honour of bringing him to this lodge belongs entirely to Wor. Bro. Devadasan. Wor. Bro. R. V. Krishna Iyer has been a Mason for the past 53 years, and a subscribing member of this lodge for over 29 years.

In recognition of his continued membership of this lodge for more than 25 years, Mount lodge honoured him in 1961 by presenting him with a Souvenir in the form of a Silver Cup.

Wor. Bro. R. V. Krishna Iyer took the Eastern Chair for the first time in 1938-39. This signal honour was conferred on him again on 1952-53. At the installation meeting in 1939, a Past Master's jewel was presented to him and at the installation meeting of 1953, the lodge voted for and presented a Bar to the Past Masters' Jewel.

During his Mastership on both the occasions he ruled the lodge firmly and well. At his second installation, the Rt. Wor. Bro. T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer congratulated

R.V. Krishna Iyer on his having been elected a second time and his accepting the Office of Master and stated that the lodge under his guidance would have enhanced prestige.

Wor. Bro. G.A. Daniel was the Worshipful Master. during 1939-40 but had to leave Madras for Nagpur shortly after installation and during his absence, Wor. Bro. R.V. Krishna Iyer as the I.P.M- was in-charge of the lodge, and carried on his duties with zeal and enthusiasm. The Permanent & Audit Committees in the annual report expressed its great indebtedness to him for such service.

Worshipful Bro Sir Alexander Macdougall was made an Honorary member of the lodge during the mastership of Wor. Bro. R. V. Krishna Iyer in 1938-39. Sri Alexander never failed to attend the lodge while he was in Madras, and took an active part in the deliberations and proceedings of the lodge. It is sad to note, that he was carried to the Grand Lodge above during the Mastership of Wor. Bro. R. V. Krishna Iyer in 1952-53.

The Brother who ruled over the lodge during 1941-42 was Wor. Bro. T. N. S. Raghavachari. It was during his mastership the district grand lodge held its meeting on 22nd August 1942 not only under the banner of our T. N. S. Lodge, but in our Temple at St. Thomas Mount. This was the second time that the D. G. L. had its meeting in the premises of Mount Lodge. This event cannot easily be forgotten, for it was only on this occasion that while the D. G. L. meeting was going on an explosion occurred in the aerodrome very near the lodge compound fence. The D. G. M. Rt. Wor. Sir George Boag who was addressing the meeting continued unperturbed. It was found after the meeting that the explosion was the result of a mishap to a plane which was found burning. Brethren were witnesses of the dying members of the illfated plane nearby.

CHAPTER VII

1942 TO 1950

“Onward and all earth shall aid us
Ere our peace flag be unfurled
Masonry at last shall conquer
and its altar shall be the World”.

During the period 1942 to 1950, the work of the lodge was so phased as to make the Brethren of the lodge realise their true Masonic duties - towards God, our neighbour and ourselves - harmonising them into one whole. Brethren were paying special attention to the Ceremonies and attempting to achieve word perfection in performing them.

Distinguished Masons from other lodges also visited the lodge and took part in its ceremonies. These constant visits by distinguished Brethren had one great effect on the lodge viz. that the Brethren began to feel that they were part of a great fraternity and to know Brethren of other lodges. For this, the credit is entirely due to Wor. Bro. S. Soundararajan and the Wor. Masters who succeeded him.

In this connection mention must be made of the visits to this lodge, by the Rt. Wor. Bro. T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer, Wor. Bros. M. S. Tirumalai Iyengar, P. Appu Nair, R. P. Iyer, P. Venkataramana Raju, H. Price, G. W. Bonn, R. A. Watson, P. Rama Rao, C. K. Ranganathan, C. Kunhiraman and several others.

At a meeting held on 8th January 1944, Alexander Macdougall, an Honorary member of the lodge took the Eastern Chair and conducted the ceremony of raising Bros. C. S. Vidyasankar and Jiten Bannerjee, the entire ceremony inclusive of the presentation of the working tools being most impressively performed in pin drop silence and grave solemnity.

The untiring work during this period of Wor. Bros. T. A. Sreenivasan and S. Soundararajan in the cause of Free Masonry in general and of the Lodge Mount in particular drew unstinted praise from Rt. Wor. Bro. T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer when he pinned to their breasts the Past Master's jewel at the Installation meeting in 1951. He said this honour was too small for the meritorious service rendered by them to the lodge and called them the “two great pillars” of the Mount Lodge.

They were indeed the guiding spirits behind the activities of the lodge from 1943 to 1961 whether they occupied any office or not. They always stood watch over the affairs of the lodge and would not hesitate to give expression to their views to correct the erring brethren.

Wor. Bro. T. A. Sreenivasan was initiated in the lodge on 3—10—1936, and ever-since that date till his death in December 1961, he was holding some Office or other. He was the Wor. Master in 1942—43, Secretary of the lodge for five years, Treasurer for two years and Director of Ceremonies for 5 years.

In his address at the installation of Wor. Bro. T.A. Sreenivasan in November 1942, referring to arrears of subscription, the D. G. M. Rt. Wor. Sir George Boag observed :

T. A. Sreeni- " It is no kindness to a brother to let him run up arrears till he
vasan has difficulty in clearing them. The true kindness is to compel him to
 pay regularly and promptly and the Master should not hesitate to enforce
 the bye -laws of the lodge in cases of persistent default".

The lodge had lost some funds when in 1937 the Travancore National and Quilon Bank went into liquidation. Wor. Bro. T. A. Sreenivasan took the necessary steps to collect the dividends declared by the Liquidators, which remained unpaid for a long time.

Wor. Bro. S. Soundararajan who was initiated 3 months earlier on 18—7—1936, was the Wor. Master in 1943—44, Treasurer of the lodge for four years and Secretary for two years. He collected and husbanded the lodge funds, made careful investments of them in Government Bonds and fixed deposits. S. Soundara- He let the ground floor of the lodge premises for rent to Mount Services
rajan Club and others and made sufficient money with which he improved the
 lodge premises. In 1945—46, Wor. Bro. S. Soundararajan also presented to the lodge
 eight chairs valued at Rs. 500/- These chairs adorn the dais even now. His services to
 the lodge to improve its financial condition were noteworthy.

In recognition of the services of Wor. Bros. T. A. Sreenivasan and S. Soundararajan, Wor. Bro. P. N. Sundararajan presented their bromide enlargements in full regalia to the lodge in 1950, during the Mastership of Wor. Bro. Jiten Banerjee. Sir Alexander Macdougall unveiled the Portrait of T. A. Sreenivasan and very Wor. Bro. S. T. Srinivasa Gopala Chari that of Wor. Bro. S. Soundararajan.

The remarks of Wor. Bro. S. T. Sreenivasa Gopala Chari on this occasion cannot be forgotten when he said :

" The significance of the days function was three fold : In the first place, it was a just recognition of the solid work done by the two Brethren, as well as an interpretation of that service to Brethren outside the Mount Lodge. Secondly it served as an incentive to younger Brethren to emulate the example of these worthy Past Masters and finally the Portrait must serve as a constant reminder to Past Masters to continue their good work in the cause of Masonry and of the Mount Lodge.

Both T. A. Sreenivasan and S. Soundararajan were unostentatious their services to the lodge were many and varied and they enjoyed the confidence of their fellow members. They were indeed true Masons in every sense of the word".

In recognition of their uninterrupted Membership to the lodge for 25 years, the lodge in 1961 presented each of them to a Souvenir in the form of a "Silver Cup".

Bro. S. Soundararajan had the rare privilege of conducting the initiation ceremony on 4—9—1948 of his son Wor. Bro. K. S. Sreenivasan who continues as a Member of the lodge, following the footsteps of his father.

In 1942, the Inspecting Officer noticed a serious irregularity in giving effect to the mandatory Provisions of Rules 148 of the Book of Constitutions. In March and April 1941, Bros. Brusheen and Cannel automatically ceased to be members of the lodge under the 3 years' rule and yet their names were continued in the register of the lodge till July 1942.

One event of note was the election of the Treasurer for 1943—44. In October 1943, Wor. Bro. N. Rajagopalan was elected Treasurer, but was not invested at the Installation meeting. Some Brethren questioned the validity of the election as Wor. Bro. N. Rajagopalan was in arrears in payment of subscription, and therefore was not entitled to hold office. The matter was referred to the D. G. lodge who upheld the objection but observed that since Wor. Bro. N. Rajagopalan had paid all the arrears subsequently he would be entitled to stand as a candidate in the fresh election. At the re-election held in December 1943; Bro. N. Rajagopalan declined to stand for election.

Another incident which cannot be by-passed is the alleged irregularities in the Ballotting of Wor. Bro. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai for admission as a joining member during the Mastership of S. Soundararajan.

The irregularities reported were that at the meeting on 4th December 1943, the Secretary reported that the papers of Bro. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai were not in order, as a clearance certificate and the Grand Lodge certificate had not been produced. But on the Junior warden K. S. Venkataraman vouching for the two documents, the Wor. Master, after consulting all the Brethren present especially Wor. Bro. M. V. Mannasah, ordered the ballot to proceed. During the first ballot there were three black balls but yet the Junior warden passed the ballot as clear, while the Senior Warden V. Samuel announced the ballot as unfavourable and the Wor. Master agreed with the Senior Warden. A Fresh ballot was ordered and the Junior Warden again reported that the ballot was clear, while the Senior Warden declared and the Wor. Master agreed that the Ballot was unfavourable again.

On the advice of Wor. Bro. M. V. Mannasah a third ballot was ordered by the Master, which was found clear in spite of the presence of one Black Ball, as according to the rules of the lodge two Black Balls are required to disqualify a candidate for initiation or joining. Wor. Bro. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai was declared elected as joining member. A complaint having been received regarding the election, the D.G.L. held an enquiry which resulted in the findings of the D. G. L. that the election of the candidate was vitiated (1) by the non-production of necessary certificates required by Rule 185 and (2) by a third ballot having been held when two had proved unfavourable. The lodge was fined Rs. 25/- by the D. G. Lodge. The election however not set-aside. The Brethren felt that the punishment meted out under the circumstances was excessive.

Wor. Bro. V. Krishnamurthy was the Wor. Master in 1944—45, having been installed in the Eastern Chair in November 1944. He was ably supported by Wor. Bro. S. Soundararajan. During his Mastership Rt. Wor. Bro. T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer was elected as an Honorary member of the lodge on 7—4—1945, On that occasion the Mount Lodge presented the Rt. Wor. Bro. with a Souvenir in the form of a gold ring with the crest of the Mount Lodge engraved on it. This was presented to the Rt. Wor. Bro. by Wor. Bro. Chowrayappah who was the oldest member of the Lodge then.

In 1946, the Brethren of the lodge made several donations for improvement for the furniture of the lodge. Bro. V. Nagiah paid Rs. 500/- Bro. Nandlal Batevia Rs. 300/- Bro. Jiten Banerjee Rs. 100/- and Bro. D. K. Tehrani Rs. 100/- New Chairs were made, and all Old furnitures were repaired and painted.

Wor. Bro. K. G. Veeraraghavan was initiated in the Lodge on 3—2—1940 and became the Master of the Lodge during 1946—47. He was installed in the Eastern Chair in November 1946. Rt. Wor. Bro. T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer stated at the installation meeting on 11th November 1945, that he was pleased to find that Wor. Bro. K.G. Veeraraghavan, the Senior Warden who could have been elected to the Chair even in the previous year, but stood aloof and allowed Bro. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai to be elected unanimously, thereby showing a truly Masonic spirit.

Wor. Bro. K.G. Veeraraghavan is cosmopolitan in outlook, very popular with the Brethren of the Lodge and is an enthusiastic Mason. He is very good at the rituals, especially that of Raising.

He was the Secretary of the Lodge for a continuous period of five years from 1955 to 1960 and is the Secretary now during the Centenary Year.

The minutes recorded by him are very well written, with special attention to details of the several incidents and with marginal headings for easy reference. The minutes of the Permanent Committee meeting have for the first time been recorded in great detail by him and it has helped the compiling of this history.

Wor. Bro. Veeraraghavan was succeeded by Bro. N. Rangachari as Wor. Master and was installed on 1st November 1947. In congratulating him on his elevation, the D.G. Master referred to his zeal and enthusiasm in Freemasonry but deservedly uttered a word of caution to him against excessive zeal. The D.G.M. further observed that the Master of a Lodge was really a servant and that he should enforce obedience by love and not by authority. Wor. Bro. N. Rangachari was the Secretary of the Lodge for some time and maintained what is called an "incidents file", but for which the compiling of the History of the Lodge for the past hundred years would have been very much handicapped. During this period the lodge warrant which was in a dilapidated condition was replaced by a new warrant of confirmation and this was presented to the Lodge by the D.G.M. at the July 1948 meeting.

The lodge's attachment to truth was best illustrated when on 7—2—1948, in spite of the duty of Masons to abstain from every topic of political discussions in the

lodge, it carried a resolution expressing its sorrow and grief at the assassination of the Mahatma Gandhi on 30-1-1948, and its sense of the great loss sustained by this country on account of his tragic death. Without doing any other business on that day except passing the minutes of the previous regular meeting it adjourned; and the dinner arranged for the day was also cancelled. It was a fitting and patriotic tribute which the lodge paid to the Father of the Nation, the Great Apostle of Truth and Non-violence. Curiously enough, the minutes of the meeting mentions that Bro. Samuel who took part in the proceedings remarked that he had learned on good authority that Mahatma Gandhi was a Mason though unattached for a long time. Later on the Inspecting Officer Wor. Bro. S.T. Sreenivasa Gopala Chari had occasion to question the correctness of this averment.

The meeting notified for 5—6—1948 was adjourned for want of quorum. It is not clear why there was no quorum as the minutes signed by Wor. Bro. N. Rangachari contains a mere cryptic statement to the effect "5th June meeting not held for want of quorum."

Wor. Bro. Rangachari installed Wor. Bro. V. T. S. Raghavan on 8—11—1948. At that time the latter was permanently employed in Pondicherry. In his zeal for Freemasonry, he made it a point to come all the way from Pondicherry for every monthly meeting.

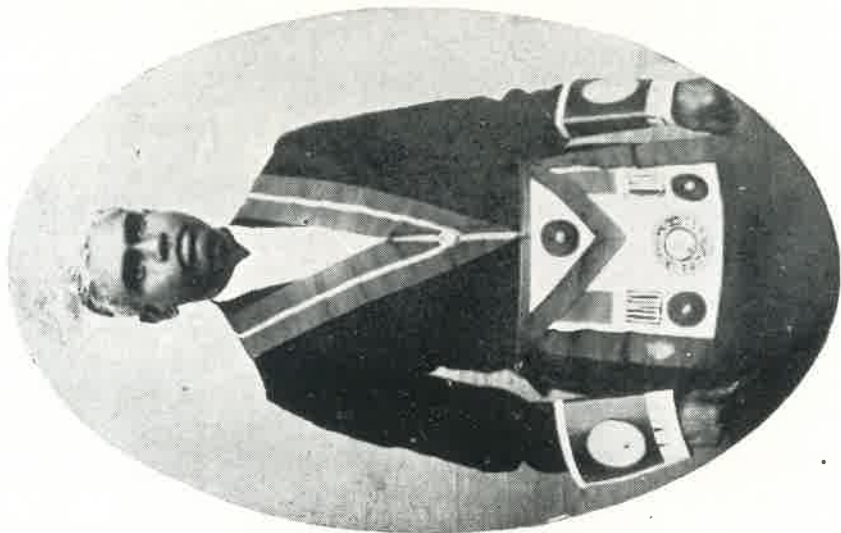
Bro. Jiten Banerjee was installed as Wor. Master the next year on 5th November 1949. Of him the D. G. Master said; "there cannot be a truer man and Mason."

Jiten Banerjee During his Mastership the portraits of Wor. Bro. N. Rangachari and Wor. Bro. V. T. S. Raghavan were unveiled in the Lodge. In unveiling the Portraits of V. T. S. Raghavan the D.G. Master said "He had twenty-three years of Masonic service and he had been a live-wire in Freemasonry." During his year of Office as Wor. Master, Jiten Banerjee made a contribution of Rs. 300 to the Stewards fund followed by Rs. 100 by his Senior Warden and Rs. 125 by his Junior Warden.

In his inspection report on 2—10—1948, the Wor. Bro. Sreenivasa Gopala Chari remarked: "In passing, I noticed that the gavel and working tools were rather crude and reminiscent more of operative Masonry. It should not be difficult for the Lodge to have a more elegant set, like what we have in some City Lodges. The two Pillars also require to be fitted with Canopies."

Again in his supplementary Report dated 8-11-1948, the Wor. Bro. stated this: "the best reward for the Inspecting Officer is the satisfaction that he derives on seeing that suggestions made by him bonafide for instruction and improvement in Freemasonry have been seriously received and promptly given effect to. The want of appropriate tools has been remedied by a gift from the enthusiastic Bro. P. N. Sundararajan, the new Junior Warden. It was indeed a generous gesture of his to have taken up my suggestion seriously. The canopies have also been fitted over the two Pillars,

Thus ends a period in the history of the Lodge which proves that only by perfect co-operation and selfless work can success be achieved.



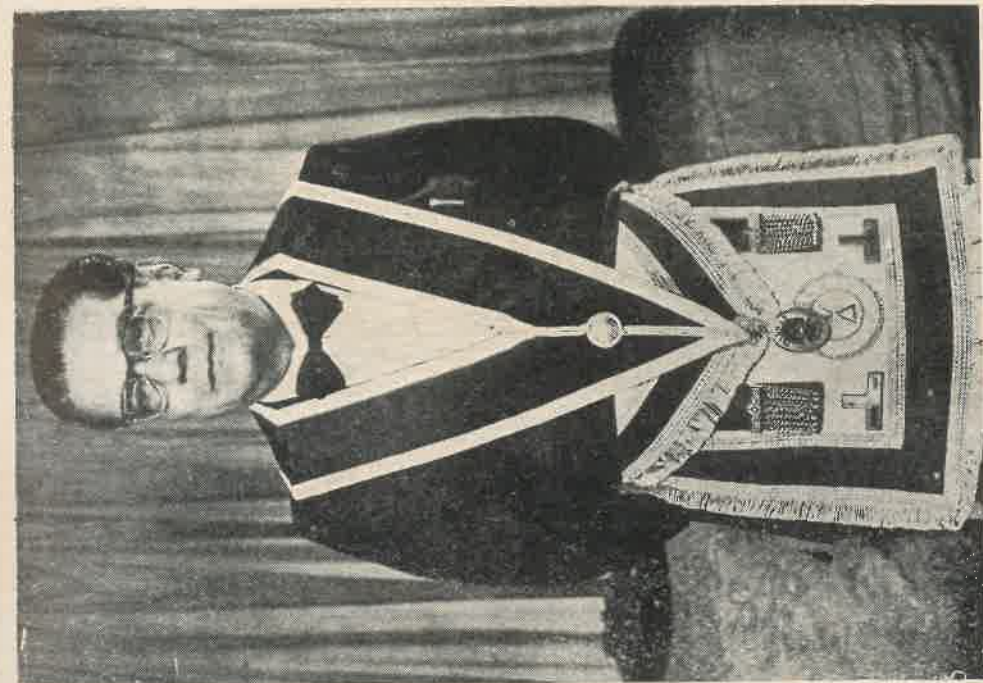
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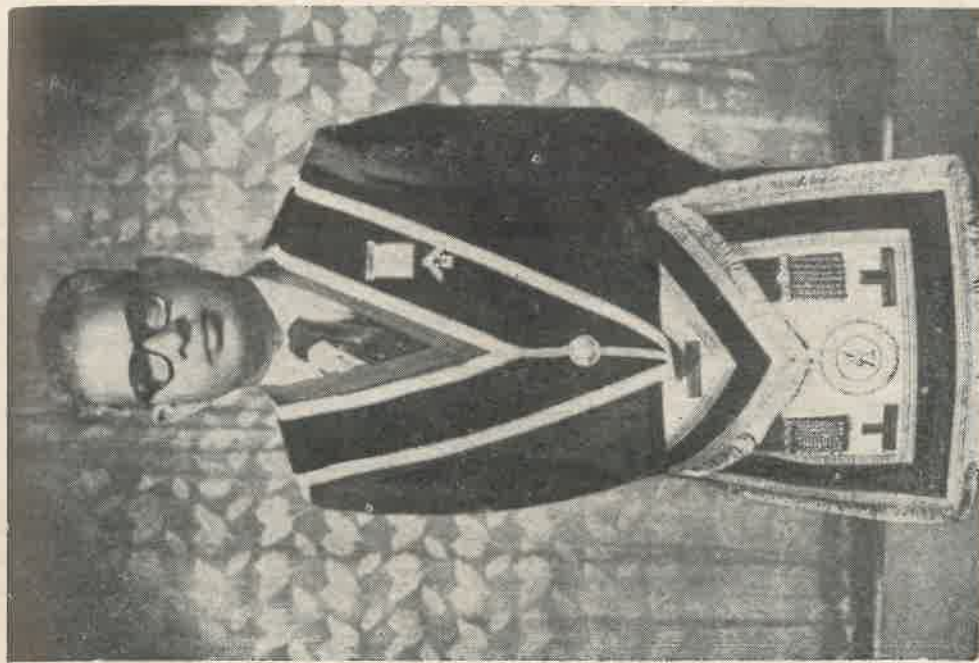
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Wor. Bro. Jiten Bannerjee P.A.R.G.D.C



Wor. Bro. P. N. S. Ramana, P. R. G. St. Br.

CHAPTER VIII

1950 - TO 1961

“We can't all be captains
We have got to be crew
There is something for all of us here
It is not by size that you win or that you fail
Be the best of whatever you are”.

During this period there was all round progress, especially as the younger brethren came forward increasingly to carry on the work of the lodge. Past Masters slowly receded to the background allowing a free hand to the younger brethren and contending themselves with offering advice and guidance when sought for. Parts of the rituals which were in the exclusive domain of those who had passed the Eastern Chair were now done by younger brethren so that when they come to occupy the Eastern Chair, they were better fitted to perform the ceremonies and to manage the affairs of the lodge with perfection. A true spirit of co-operation and brotherhood developed among the members of the lodge and after all this is the real object of Freemasonry.

In this connection, the names of Wor. Brethren K. S. Srinivasan, S. P. S. Rajan M. K. Sreedharan and Bros. R.S. D'Monte, S. K. Ramanujam and Watts deserve special mention. It is a delight to see these Brethren do any part of any of the ceremonies in the lodge. The period begins with the Mastership of Wor. Bro. P. N. Sundararajan. He was installed on 4—11—1950. Reporting this, the Madras Masonic Journal said “There was a very large gathering of Masons present both at the meeting and at the dinner that followed which was sufficient evidence of the popularity of the newly installed Master”. Wor. Bro. P. N. Sundararajan was initiated into Freemasonry on 1—4—1944, the ceremony of initiation having been performed by Rt. Wor. Bro. T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer.

After the installation Wor. Bro. P. N. Sundararajan presented and unveiled a full size coloured Photograph of Rt. Wor. Bro. T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer, in full regalia.

On the said occasion, Rt. Wor. Bro. T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer referred to the fact of his having been present at every installation meeting of Mount Lodge for the past 30 years except on very few occasions only.

The annual report for the year 1950—51 is a creditable record of the achievements made during this one year and created a record in many respects.

The increase in the strength of the lodge is a record one with 17 initiations during the year followed by 13 passings and 9 raisings which drew praise from D.G.M., who congratulated the lodge on the excellent condition to which the lodge had been brought up.

Again, this was the first year on the record of the lodge when it reported "NIL" arrears. This is no mean achievement and the credit for the same in its entirety goes to Wor Bro P. N. Sundararajan and Bro. K. S. Srinivasan who together went round to the Brethren from door to door and collected all the arrears.

The same process was adopted again in the year 1959 during the mastership of K. S. Srinivasan, and the result was equally successful so that when Wor. Bro. K. S. Srinivasan laid down Office as Master, he was able to bring the arrears to Nil.

In 1950—51, it was determined that a banquet should be held on every evening when there was a candidate for initiation to give him a true picture of the lighter side of Freemasonry, and to give him an opportunity to give vent to his feelings on his becoming a member of the lodge. This needed funds, and the candidates were willing to make a voluntary contribution of Rs. 50/- each to the Steward's fund. This continues even now, and it has become a levy sanctioned only by custom. This has made it possible to meet the Steward's bills without difficulty. This is the only lodge where candidates contribute to the Steward's fund at their initiation.

The financial position of the lodge became so very sound that it was possible for the lodge to make some necessary improvements. A bath room with latest sanitary fittings was attached to the Retiring Room in the lodge and urinals were provided in the verandah for which purpose a septic tank was built in the compound.

The lodge passed a resolution on 6—10—1951 to make a donation of Rs. 2,000 to the Madras Nursing Home project for a bed in the proposed Nursing Home, and paid a sum of Rs. 1,000/- at once. Subsequently the balance was paid in equated instalments of Rs. 100/- each and finally a balance of Rs. 671/- was paid in a lump sum on 28th January 1960, and the District Grand Lodge issued a certificate acknowledging the Mount Lodge as one of its founder members during the Mastership of Wor. Bro. E. W. W. King.

Wor. Bro. P. N. S. Raman was installed in the Eastern Chair in November 1951, and on that occasion the D. G. M. presented Wor. Bro. P. N. Sundararajan a Past Master's jewel voted by the Lodge earlier.

After the meeting and before the dinner, the portraits of Wor. Bros. P. N. Sundararajan and Jiten Banerjee were unveiled by the D. G. M. and Wor. Bro. S. T. Srinivasa Gopala Chari respectively.

Wor. Bro. P. N. S. Raman's period as Master is noteworthy, in that it was during his time that brethren of Mount Lodge formed and inaugurated the Mount Masonic Study circle with Wor. Bro. P. N. Sundararajan as President and Bro. K. S. Srinivasan as Secretary.

The Brethren of Mount Lodge have every reason to congratulate themselves on the unique distinction they have obtained in being the first in the District

to start a Study Circle which was inaugurated on 19—1—1952 by Rt. Wor Bro T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering.

A band of selfless young brethren animated by a desire to learn more about Freemasonry and probe into its secrets formed the nucleus of this Study Circle. Wor Bro Raman paid a tribute to the zeal and enthusiasm of Wor Bro P. N. Sundararajan and K. S. Srinivasan in their efforts in starting the Study Circle with the co-operation of the brethren of the lodge particularly the Juniors.

Rt. Wor Bro T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer said on this occasion : " I have attended a number of meetings in my Masonic career far too numerous to count; but I consider that this is a unique occasion. It is a healthy sign of the times that the spirit of enquiry is abroad among the younger members of the fraternity. To my knowledge there has not been a Study Circle of this sort in the District. The credit of inaugurating a Study Circle goes to this lodge which has shown a wonderful revival of late. I have great pleasure in informally inaugurating the Study Circle '.

Wor Bro P. N. Sundararajan then presented the first paper entitled the "PRACTICAL WAY" dealing with the spiritual significance of the three Degrees in Freemasonry. Brethren present took part in the discussion that followed.

At the next D. G. L. meeting held at Mysore, the D. G. M. stated "I am very glad to find that the Masonic Study Circle formed by the members of the Mount Lodge and inaugurated by me in January of this year is working well indeed. **Unique one** There are now 150 members on its rolls. Its transactions are printed and available at a nominal price of annas two each. The papers published are instructive and thought-provoking and the Institution is a unique one of its kind at any rate in this part of the country and it has reason to be proud of its achievements so far".

The Study Circle met regularly for two years, held a number of seminars and its proceedings found a regular place in the Madras Masonic Journal. The Membership of the Study Circle was open to Brethren of all lodges, but unfortunately the Study Circle became dormant due to lack of enthusiasm of the Brethren of other lodges. The younger brethren of the Mount Lodge are attempting to revive this Institution which will be on its legs soon.

Wor Bro P. N. S. Raman handed over the gavel to Wor Bro R. V. Krishna Iyer who became the Master for the second time during 1952—53 and got the addition of a bar to his already acquired Past Master's jewel and in his turn he passed on the gavel to Wor Bro D. K. Tehrani who, with the able assistance of Wor Bro P. S. Jambu Ramaswami as Treasurer and Bro K. S. Srinivasan as Secretary managed the affairs of the lodge remarkably well indeed. It was during his Mastership that the D. G. M. unveiled the Portrait of Wor Bro R. V. Krishna Iyer on 6—2—1954.

During this period Wor Bro S. V. Devadasan was conferred the rank of past Grand St. Bearer in recognition of his services to Freemasonry.

The lodge was inspected during this period by Wor. Bro. K. Srinivasa Rao on 4—9—54 and he was struck by the manner in which records were preserved and minutes written by the Secretary Bro. K. S. Srinivasan whom he described as the "chip of the old block". He had no complaint to make against the lodge or its working, but it was difficult for him to countenance bye-law 25 of the Mount Lodge and his remarks about this are interesting to read. He states "Another bye-law which caught my attention as being unusual is bye-law 25 which runs as follows :

" If any visitor should disclose what passes in the lodge, he shall not be allowed to visit it again and shall be reported to his own lodge for so doing "

" Rather awkward on visitors ! After all visiting Brethren have taken the same oaths and are mindful of their obligations as much as the members of the lodge itself and I feel sure that the lodge does not and will not do anything out of the way to feel nervous about, in which case this bye-law appears to be superfluous "

Bro. S.P.S. Rajan was installed in the Eastern Chair in November 1954 and his character, conduct and work were well epitomised by the Rt. Wor D. G. M., when he said, " your transparent sincerity of purpose and deliberate and measured manner of rendering the rituals show that you will work the ceremony with understanding and precision." In the discharge of duties, he was ably assisted by his Secretary Wor Bro P.N.S. Raman.

The gavel was then transferred to the hands of Bro. V. Kunjithapatham who after an active year of service, well supported by the immediate Past Master and Brethren of the Lodge safely passed over the same to Bro S.T. Narasimhan and finally it went to the safe keeping of Wor Bro P.A. Krishnawami. Bro K. S. Srinivasan, who ought to have been in the Eastern Chair then, stood aside in deference to a desire expressed by Wor Bro P. A. Krishnaswami himself that he be allowed to occupy the Eastern Chair in his Mother Lodge.

During this period between 1954 to 1957, the electric system was changed over from D.C. to A.C., and several brethren came to the rescue of the lodge presenting a number of useful articles. Wor Bro S. T. Narasimhan gave two tube lights and Wor Bro V. Kunjithapatham one fan and two dining tables, Wor Bro Jiten Banerjee one fan and a Mirror, Bro N. Krishnan gave one ceiling fan and S. Sundaramurthy and C. Bangaswami together another A.C. Fan.

Bro E. Cooper who was the sergeant of Kings Institute at Guindy was initiated in this lodge on 5—5—1917 and became its Junior Warden in 1922. He was a serving brother and tyler of the lodge for more than 33 years. He was called away to the Grand Lodge above in 1957 after 40 years of devoted service to Freemasonry. He died full of love and regard, having served Mount Lodge till his death. In his memory Wor Bro P. N. Sundararajan presented the lodge with a portrait of his which was unveiled on the 4th August 1962 by Wor Bro C. W. Stephenson His name which will ever be fresh in the memory of brethren of Lodge Mount.



Wor. Bro. P. N. Sundararajan, P.A.R.G.I.G.



Wor. Bro. K. Easwara Iyer

Bro. Krishnaswami passed on the gavel to the safe keeping Bro. K.S. Srinivasan who was unanimously elected Wor. Master for the year 1958—59. **K.S. Srinivasan** He was installed on 1—11—1958, by his father Wor. Bro. S. Soundararajan.

The Rt. Wor D. G. Master congratulated the installed Master on his elevation to the Eastern Chair and the good fortune of having been installed by his father Wor Bro S. Soundararajan. He exhorted him to follow the footsteps of his father who had earned a reputation for his goodness and smartness.

At the regular meeting held in the following February, a new banner was made and unfurled with the Blessings of the Rt. Wor D.G.M. who was present on the occasion. The old banner was consigned to safe custody. A group photo of the Brethren with the new banner was taken on the occasion.

During this period Wor Bro K S. Srinivasan took steps to instal in the Lodge a well designed Board containing the names of all the Past Masters of the lodge from 1862.

During his Mastership, there was an improvement in the summons of the meetings in that the maxim "Masonry lives to help and helps men to live" was inserted above the Crest and continues to find a place there even now.

During the year a steel almirah was purchased for keeping the records and other valuable properties of the lodge. Wor Bro K. S. Srinivasan presented the Lodge with a Master's collar.

The year of Office of Wor Bro Srinivasan was highly successful. He took to heart the advice given by the D.G. Master at his installation directing him to turn his attention to the arrears of subscription. In October he along with his Treasurer Bro V.R. Selvaraj, and Bro. S.K. Ramanujam visited all the Brethren in arrears in the City and collected all the arrears so that during his Mastership he was able to show 'Nil' arrears. This is the Second time that the lodge got this distinction. In fact the accounts showed a collection of advance subscription to the extent of Rs. 329 paid by several brethren.

On 1st July 1958, Brethren of Mount Lodge led by the ruling Master K. S. Srinivasan paid their respects to Rt. Wor Bro. T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer on the occasion of his "Sathabishekam" and presented him with a Souvenir in the form of a gold ring engraved with the letter "M"

In recognition of his services as Wor. Master, a Past Master's jewel was voted and presented to Wor. Bro. K.S. Srinivasan at the meeting held on 7th November 1959 and his portrait was unveiled by Wor. Bro. Nawaz on 4th August 1962.

Wor. Bro. K.S. Srinivasan in his turn handed over the gavel to Wor. Bro. E.W.W. King during whose term of Office the D. G. I. gave the certificate declaring the Lodge as a Founder Member of the Madras Masonic Nursing Home. At the October meeting Wor. Bro. S. P. S. Rajan paid a tribute to Wor. Bro. E. W.W. King for his services to the Lodge and the able manner in which he ruled the Lodge during the year.

**Madras Masonic
Nursing Home**

Bro. M. K. Sridaran was installed in the Eastern Chair in November 1960. During the year the Lodge received several useful gifts from the Brethren: Bro. A. Subramania Rao presented a ceiling fan to the Lodge, while Bro. M. Rajagopalan and C.V. Subbu contributed another.

A reading of the minutes of the year 1960-61 gives the impression that the Lodge was not confined to activities strictly Masonic and in its attempt to "please one and all" were passing resolutions not strictly connected with Masonic activities. Restraint increases prestige and help to maintain the dignity of the Lodge. Another resolution passed by the lodge during the period which is intriguing is that the design of the summons should be changed.

It has already been pointed out that during the Mastership of Wor. Bro. K. S. Srinivasan, on the summons, above the lodge crest was printed the maxim "Masonry lives to help and helps men to live." The summons for the installation meeting of Wor. Bro. T. S. Chintamani contained the warning on the top of the summons in the form of a saying attributed to Dr. Oliver. "Be very cautious whom you recommend as a candidate. If you have a good Lodge, keep it select." This was omitted in the subsequent summons. How it came to find a place in one summons and how it came to be omitted in subsequent summons is not discernible from the records of the minutes of the Lodge.

During the period under review the arrears of subscription were considerably reduced. Furniture to the value of Rs 634.29 were purchased in addition to several presentations. The old wooden furniture gave place to steel equipment and the Lodge began to put on a new and elegant look in keeping with the "new steel age."

In recognition of the services to the Lodge by Wor. Bro. M. K. Sridharan, a Past Master's jewel was voted for him.

At the meeting on 4—11—1961 Wor. Bro. M. K. Sridharan installed Wor. Bro. T.S. Chintamani as Wor. Master of the Lodge and this installation is significant in that Bro. T. S. Chintamani was installed in the Eastern Chair as the 100th Master and it was the last installation meeting of the Lodge while under the English Constitution, and it was the last time that Rt. Wor. Bro. T. V. Mathukrishna Iyer was present as the ruler of the District over this Lodge. The summons of this meeting carried the information that the Regional District Grand Lodge of South India would be inaugurated on 9—12—1961.

In the minutes of the meeting on 2—12—1961 is recorded a new procedure adopted by the Permanent Committee for the first time in its hundred years of existence. The Permanent Committee presented to the Lodge budget estimates for 1961-62 recording both the estimated income and expenses.

At the meeting held on 7th April 1962, Wor. Bro. T. N. S. Raghavachari, Bor. Master of the Lodge in 1941-52 was balloted for as a joining member. At the same meeting he took the Eastern Chair and initiated his son, R. Dwarakanath, in a solemn and impressive ceremony.

The ruling Master Wor Bro T. S. Chintamani said on that occasion that "it was very fitting that Wor. Bro. Raghavachari should have initiated his son, K. Dwarakanath, into Freemasonry. The Wor Master recalled the fact that he himself had been initiated by his father, Wor T. S. Varadachariar and that Wor Bro K. S. Srinivasan was also initiated by his father Wor Bro S. Soundararajan. Bro Dwarakanath should consider himself peculiarly fortunate to have had this unique privilege."

The Lodge cannot forget its special dept of gratitude to Wor Bro Jambu Ramaswami who joined the lodge on 3-5-1947. He is a veteran Mason. He has been a mentor of the Lodge on all points of Masonic practice. He shouldered the responsibility of managing and controlling the finances of the lodge and did the work wisely and well when he held the office of the Treasurer. His contribution to Masonic Studies is noteworthy by the many papers he read in the Lodge and in the Mount Masonic Study Circle, many of which appeared in the Madras Masonic Journal. A learned and unostentatious figure, he continues to be a respected member of the Lodge,

Thus full of honours we now pass on to make preparations for celebration of the Centenary of the Lodge.

CHAPTER IX

UNDER THE MOUNT LODGE BANNER

“ And not by Eastern windows only
When day-light comes, comes in the light.
In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly
But West-ward look, the land is bright ”.

After completing the upper storey of the lodge in 1919, the Brethren of the lodge were anxious to invite the D. G. L. to hold its meeting under the Mount Lodge Banner at Mount Lodge itself. Therefore at the regular meeting held on 4—12—1960, the following resolution was passed :—

“ That the Rt. Wor. D. G. M. be requested to hold the next meeting of the D.G.L. under the banner of Lodge Mount and that the Wor. Master do send
D. G. L. Meeting a hearty invitation to Rt. Wor. the D.G.M. and Officers of the District Grand Lodge ”.

In communicating this to the D.G.M. the Secretary, Wor. Bro. T. C. Adikesavelu Pillai said—“ Please permit me to point out that the D. G. L. of Madras has not held its meetings under the banner of Lodge Mount to the memory of anyone here. While Lodge Mount is considered to be a mofussil Lodge for some purposes, yet it is virtually a Madras Lodge as it is within easy approach from Madras, and most of its members are resident in Madras. Now that the new building of the Mount Lodge has been completed and can easily accommodate at least 150 persons in the hall upstairs, the lodge as well as myself should feel proud if the Rt. Wor. D.G.M. will kindly order the District Grand Lodge to meet under the banner of the lodge.

I may be permitted to point out that by doing so the difficulty existing in the present temporary premises of the D. G. L. of keeping out Master Masons who are all anxious to attend the D. G. L. meeting may be obviated ”.

Rt. Wor. Bro. E. Buckley, the D.G.M. readily conceded the request of the lodge by holding the District Grand Lodge meeting under the Banner of the Mount Lodge at the Masonic Temple at St. Thomas Mount on 12—3—1921.

At the meeting, the D.G. Master said “Finally I should like to thank the Master and Brethren of the Mount Lodge for all the trouble they had taken, for the arrangements made by Brethren to receive the Dt. Grand Lodge. I have no doubt that the brethren residing at Madras highly appreciate this ”.

After the meeting the D.G.L. dinner was held at the ground floor of the lodge and was well attended.

In the annual report the lodge for 1920-21, it is stated that “ the lodge had also the honour and distinction of having the regular meeting of the D.G.L. for the first half year held under its banner in the new Temple ”. Wor. Bro. T. C. Adikesavelu Pillai was the Master of the lodge during this year.

On 16th February 1929, the D.G.L. again held its meeting under the banner of the Mount Lodge but at the Free Mason's Hall. The D.G. Master was Rt. Wor Bro A.Y.G. Campbell. For this purpose the Mount Lodge held an emergency meeting at the Freemasons Hall.

Again in February 1938, Rt. Wor. Bro. Sir George Boag the D.G.M. directed a meeting of the D.G.L. to be held under the banner of the Mount Lodge and it was held on 19th February 1938 at the Free Masons Hall. An emergency meeting of the Mount Lodge was held for the purpose. Wor Bro M. J. Santhanakrishna Pillai was the Wor Master at the time.

At the end of his address Sir George Boag stated : "I wish to express my gratitude to the Master and Brethren of the Lodge Mount for their invitation the Dt. Grand Lodge, to meet under their banner. We recognise and appreciate all the trouble and inconvenience in which they have been involved".

At the same meeting Sir Alexander MacDougal, President of the Board of General Purposes stated thus :

"I am also happy to inform that the lodge under whose banner we are meeting to-day have redeemed their long promise and completed their subscription to the Premises fund of the District Grand Lodge. This year they have sent me as President of the Premises Committee the handsome sum of Rs. 400/-".

Again on 22nd August 1942, while Sir George Boag was still the D.G.M., the D.G. lodge held its meeting under the banner of Lodge Mount in the Mount Lodge premises itself. This is the Second time that such a meeting was held in the premises of the Lodge Mount. During this year Wor Bro T. N. S. Raghavachari was the Wor Master.

This occasion is made memorable by an incident which happened during the meeting. There was a loud explosion outside the lodge, while the D.G.M. was addressing the members, yet he proceeded on, unperturbed. It was found after the meeting that the explosion was caused by a mishap to a plane in the aerodrome, near the lodge. The ill-fated plane was found burning.

The D.G. lodge met once again under the banner of the Mount Lodge, in Feb. 1955 but at Free Masons Hall, Egmore, when Rt. Wor T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer was the District Grand Master. Wor Bro S. P. S. Rajan was the Master of the lodge and an emergency meeting of the lodge was held for the purpose at the D.G.L. premises at Egmore.

CHAPTER X

THE HONORARY MEMBERS

“GOD give us men, a time like this demands,
Men who possess opinions and a will,
Men whom desire for Office will not kill,
Men whom spoils of Office will not buy,
Men who have the Honour and who will not lie,
Tall men, sun crowned who live above the fog,
In public duty and private thinking”

Brethren of the Lodge Mount were always in the search for true friends. They had always wanted to associate with the leading freemasons of the District.

The amendment to the Bye-laws creating a class of honorary members made it possible to fulfill this desire by admitting distinguished members of the Craft as Honorary Members. Rt. Wor. Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell was the D. G. Master of this District from 1922. He was the D. G. Master for over 12 years. All these years, he unreservedly devoted himself to the service of the Craft and the promotion of its welfare in every possible direction. It was while he was the District Grand Master that the District Grand Lodge premises “the Freemasons Hall” was built and dedicated to Masonry. He always insisted upon our ceremonies being conducted with precision and dignity, solemnity and intelligence. It was under his administration, that the study of Free Masonry was seriously inculcated to us. Lectures on Masonic topics were rarities before his time. Sir Archibald took part in ceremonies in the Mount Lodge on several occasions.

Wor. Bro. P. M. Sivagnanam was a great Mason. He was the Dy. District Grand Master for a period of more than 20 years. He was an embodiment of Free Masonry. Initiated in Lodge Carnatic on 21—9—1889 he became its Wor. Master in 1896. He was one of the founders of Lodge Justitia. He was Wor. Master of Lodge Carnatic for three terms. In his life and actions he illustrated that next to love of God man's duty is to love his fellow men. He led a consistent Masonic life and set a very high standard of efficiency in Masonry for others to follow. He was a familiar figure at our installation Meetings and took an active part and abiding interest in the welfare of our lodge. He was “The Grand Old Man of Free Masonry in South India”, who dedicated his life to Free Masonry.

The Lodge at the regular meeting held on 4th March 1933 elected both of them as Honorary members and thereby honoured itself.

* At a meeting held on 1—2—1936 Wor Bro G. Devasahayam, a Past Master of the Lodge with over 23 years of standing was conferred the well merited honour of being elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge in consideration of the very many

valuable services rendered by him as Wor Master, Treasurer and Secretary for a number of years. He is the only brother of this Lodge to attain this unique distinction during the past 100 years.

At the installation meeting held on 7th November 1936, Rt. Wor Bro Sir George Boag, District Grand Master was elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge.

Sir George Boag ruled this District for a period of nearly 13 years. The continued progress of Free Masonry throughout the District for the past few years, its improved standards and the prevailing harmony is largely due to Sir George Boag. All his leisure he devoted to Masonry. "His devotion to duty, his zeal for the promulgation of the true spirit of Freemasonry throughout the District and the firm yet kindly and benevolent discipline he exercised over the Lodges and Brethren of the District earned for him the lasting love of the Brethren, besides considerably enhancing the prestige and dignity of the fraternity in the District". His penetrating intellect, clear insight, and mastery of details, coupled with his genial manners and kindly disposition stood him in good stead and made his tenure of office as D. G. M. one of unqualified success.

On 4th March 1939, Wor. Bro. Sir Alexander MacDougal was elected Honorary member of the Lodge. Wor. Bro. Sir Alexander is a name to conjure with in the Masonic District of Madras. He rendered signal service to the craft from 1923 to 1939 when he was the President of the Board of General Purposes. Possessed of a fund of humour, dynamic energy, unerring instinct, unfailing tact and courtesy and a persuasive eloquence, any task undertaken by him was assured of success. During these long series of years he has been bounteous in his gifts to "Free Masonry" as he has been a persistent and successful beggar in its cause.

Freemason's Hall, Egmore, is a monument to his enthusiastic and untiring services in the cause of Free Masonry in this District. He was warm, loyal and constant in his friendships. Incidentally Rt. Wor. Bro. S. T. Srinivasa Gopala Chari was an intimate friend of Sir Alexander. Both had great respect for each other. After retirement Sir Alexander visited India often and whenever he was at Madras he made it a point to attend the Mount Lodge meetings.

At the meeting on 5-6-1948 (during the Mastership of Wor. Bro. N. Rangachari) which was adjourned for want of a quorum, one of the Brethren present was Sir Alexander Macdougal.

Rt. Wor. Bro. T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer was elected Honorary member of the Lodge during the mastership of V. Krishnamurthy. Brethren affectionately call him "Muthanna." He is the first Indian to hold this exalted Office in the District of Madras. It is needless to dilate on his Masonic career. Suffice it to say, that in every branch of Masonic activity he has a record of which any Mason could well be proud. His accession to the high office of D. G. M. was historic. It synchronised with the grant of Independence

to our country. He infused new life and energy into Freemasonry and made it a living force in South India.

He attended almost all the Installation meetings of Lodge Mount for the past 40 years and was a constant visitor to the Lodge on many occasions. He has also taken part in the ceremonies, initiation, passing or raising of candidates.

On the eve of his election as Honorary Member, brethren of the Lodge presented him a Souvenir in the form of a Gold ring with the Crest of Lodge Mount engraved on it.

The last in the list of our Honorary Members in this Century is no other than Rt. Wor. Bro. S. T. Srinivasa Gopala Chari. He was elected Honorary Member of the Lodge at the regular meeting held on 7-7-1960. He was born on 15th February 1883. He was initiated in Lodge Rock on 27 November 1908. He joined Lodge Carnatic in 1909, was a founder member of the Lodge Justitia and became its Master in 1915. In 1925 he became District Grand Secretary which office he filled with distinction for nearly 35 years till 1959, when he became the President of the Board of General Purposes. In July 1960, he was appointed the Deputy District Grand Master.

The year 1930 marked an epoch in his masonic life. In that year he had the unique honour of receiving Grand Rank from all the three Masonic bodies at the same time. (in the craft, mark and chapter).

As a Freemason for the past 54 years, the Rt. Wor. Bro. has without any ostentation endeared himself to one and all the brethren of this District.

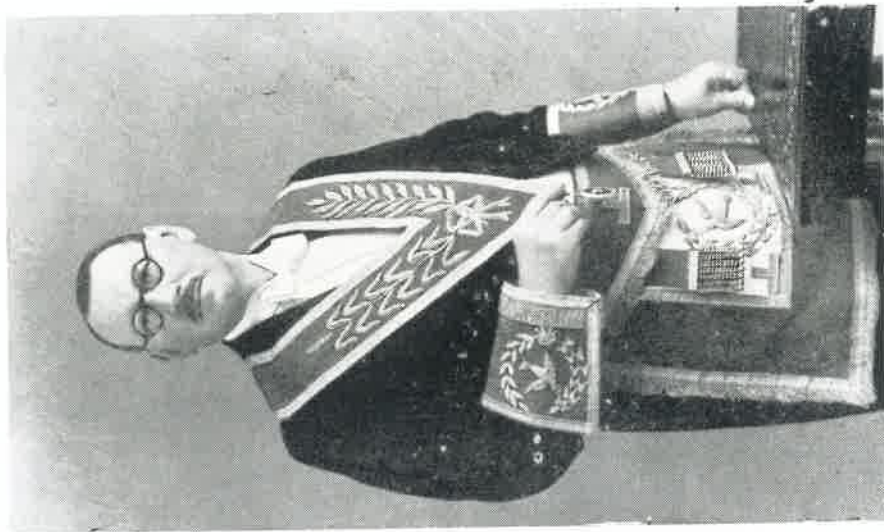
Whatever progress Masonry has made is largely due to the great and laborious service rendered to it by this distinguished and worthy brother. Now he leads the Indian Constitution in this Region, having been appointed as Regional Grand Master for Southern India in December 1961. He has just started on the new road, and his duties and responsibilities are onerous. He has to build up a firm and lasting foundation to the newly formed Regional Grand Lodge of South India and we all pray that G. A. O. T. U. may preserve him well to carry on his allotted task and complete his work.



R. Wor. Bro. Sir Archibold Campbell D.G.M. (Hony. Member)



*R. Wor. Bro. P. M. Sivagnana Mudaliar, Dy. D.G.M.
(Hony. Member)*



*R. Wor. Bro. Sir Alexander McDougal
(Hony. Member)*



*R. Wor. Bro. Sir George Boag D.G.M.
(Hony. Member)*



R. Wor. Bro. T.V. Muthukrishna Iyer, D.G.M. (Hony. Member)

CHAPTER XI

TOWARDS THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

So many Gods - so many Creeds,
So many paths that wind and wind,
When just the art of being kind,
Is all that the world needs.

The formation of the Grand Lodge of India was mooted as early as 1895. The *Indian Freemason* writing about this topic of the time states "We are inclined to think the question of an Indian Grand Lodge is a decade at least from the point of discussion and as long again from that of definite action. Because fifty percent of Indian Freemasons are not settlers in the country, an influx of Indians and Anglo-Indians with progressive tendencies might awaken to the idea of an Indian Grand Lodge, but it will take time".

It took another fifty five years for the idea to come to the surface. As per the direction of the D.G.L. contained in their circular dated 3—1—1948, a special meeting of Lodge Mount was held on 7th February 1949 to read and discuss the circular received from the District Grand Lodge and pass a resolution as to whether we are in favour of setting up a Sovereign Grand Lodge of India and if so are we for the sovereign lodge to be patterned after the model of the Grand Lodge of England or prefer the Australian model. The Lodge voted for setting up of a sovereign lodge of India on the pattern of Grand Lodge of England. It is significant that the circular to lodges was under the joint auspices of all the District Grand Lodges of Bengal, Bombay, Madras and the Punjab.

On 4—3—1961 another circular letter of the District Grand Lodge to all the Masters of the lodges in the district about the proposed formation of Grand Lodge for India was received.

In the summons of the lodge meeting of 1-4-1961, it was an item on the agenda—"that this lodge do opt to join the proposed Grand Lodge of India on its inauguration."

Wor Master M. K. Sreedharan after some discussion hinted on the advisability of an unanimous decision whatever that decision be and at the instance of the Brethren present postponed the proposal to the meeting on 6—5—1961.

At this meeting, after discussing the "Pros and Cons" in detail, the Wor. Master proposed and the I. P. M. seconded that "this lodge do opt to join the proposed Grand Lodge of India on its inauguration". Voting slips were distributed and the ballot was taken and the resolution was carried by a large majority. A communication intimating the decision of the Lodge was sent to the District Grand Lodge.

A Steering Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Sir Harold Williams to advise the three Grand Masters on the setting up of the Grand Lodge of

India. They performed their task with utmost fidelity and care, expeditiously and efficiently and submitted a report of recommendations which were all accepted by the Grand Masters of England, Scotland and Ireland.

The fraternal spirit and generous gesture of the three Parent Grand Lodges was evidenced by the presentation by them of the Regalia of the Most Wor. Grand Master and the Banner of the Grand Lodge.

On 24—11—1961, the Grand Lodge was inaugurated in New Delhi, and the function was attended by several Brethren from Mount Lodge. Wor Bro V. Kunjithapatham and Bro M. Rajagopalan gave a short resume of the function at the meeting of the lodge held on 2nd December 1961. The inaugural meeting of the Grand Lodge of India was held in the Hotel Asoka at New Delhi where arrangements had been made for over 1500 Masons to be seated in the Hall. They described how an occasional lodge was first opened by Rt. Wor. Bro. Large, District Grand Master of Bengal under special sanction of the Grand Lodge of England. Grand Masters of Ireland, Israel and Pakistan were received and saluted. Representatives of the three Constitutions had come to Delhi for this purpose with their Officers. They took a leading part in the Constitution and Consecration of the Grand Lodge and in the installation of the First Indian Grand Master. The Dy Grand Master of England, representing the Grand Master, the Earl of Scarborough, installed the Grand Master of India. The Grand Master of India invested his Officers. The ceremonies were conducted with great solemnity and dignity and everyone present felt it an experience in the life time. On a rough estimate brethren had to give over 100 salutations, a rather exhausting ordeal, but denoting the presence of so many masonic dignitaries under one roof. The whole ceremony lasted over six hours.

On the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of India, the Warrant of Mount Lodge 926 was surrendered to the Grand Lodge of England with the request that the same be cancelled and returned for safe keeping of the lodge. This is now awaited. At the same time a new warrant was issued by the Grand Lodge of India. The lodge is registered as 14 in the Register of the Grand Lodge of India.

At the meeting held on 2—12—1961 Wor. Bro. M. K. Sreedharan, the Immediate Past Master placed the new warrant in the safe keeping of the ruling Master Wor Bro T. S. Chintamani to be transmitted pure and unsullied to his successor. The banner was altered to suit the new set up and in the place of 926 E. C., 14 G. L. I was embroidered and the new banner was placed in the lodge at the said meeting duly saluted by the brethren of the lodge.

The Regional Grand Lodge of South India was inaugurated on 9—12—1961 and Rt. Wor Bro S. T. Srinivasa Gopala Chari was installed as the Regional Grand Master of Southern India at an impressive ceremony at the Freemason's Hall and one of the officers invested on the occasion was Wor Bro R. V. Krishna Iyer of Mount Lodge who became the Regional Grand Senior Warden.

On this occasion of change over to the Indian Constitution after one hundred years of existence under the banner of the Grand Lodge of England, our feelings are

naturally some what mixed. The decision to join the new order was wise and welcome and no doubt in the interests of this lodge and the craft in this country. At the same time it is sad to realise that it entails for us a severance of happy relationship which has extended over many years. This "Parting" if it may be so called, gives us grounds for sadness as well as gratitude.

Our future will be determined by how the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India progresses. Its task may be difficult in this formative stage and it may have to encounter many obstacles but we are sure, under the able direction of Rt. Wor S. T. Srinivasa Gopal Chari, it will all be gracefully met and overcome and that under his auspices we will be able to derive the strength and support and importance to carry on our allotted work. We do not entertain any apprehensions or doubts nor need we feel strange.

"Freemasonry with all its manifold and ever multiplying individual component bodies, constituted in different lands under different forms of government and by men of different talents, habits, apprehensions has continued to exist and spread its principles and tenets as it has hitherto done and will continue in future to win and command the unmixed and unabated admiration of the thinking world by its singular examples of conduct, reciprocity, unanimity and success. For after all, is it not still "The Old Wine" but in a new bottle under a new label only.

Magnanimity and high mindedness should characterise our relations towards our Brethren to whatever constitution they belong. Truth begets truth, and good will radiates good will.

CHAPTER XII

“LEST WE FORGT”

“That God who ever lives and loves,
One God, one law, one element,
And one far off divine event
to which the whole creation moves”.

On this happy occasion we cannot forget the yeomen services rendered to the lodge by Bros. Sarngapani and Selvaraj as Treasurers. Bro. Sarngapani will complete his age of sixty years in October 1962. He was initiated in the lodge on 2—1—1952, and has been the Treasurer of the lodge from 1954 to 1957 inclusive, when he was made the Junior Warden. He was Senior Warden in 1960 and was again elected as treasurer during the centenary year. Bro Selvaraj was initiated 1—9—1956 and was the Treasurer of the lodge for three years from 1958 to 1960 inclusive. Both these brethren have taken great pains to collect funds for the centenary celebrations. For the past eight years they have been collecting funds and accumulating them carefully, so that we are able to celebrate the centenary with ease of mind. In these days of prohibitive costs the services of these two brethren in this direction are noteworthy

We cannot also forget the services to the lodge by Bro M Rajagopalan and Bro R. K. Nagraj. Both are live wires and their services allround have been appreciated by all brethren, especially the new members. Their sincerity of purpose and actions have always endeared them to the brethren of the lodge.

The then Wor Bro S. T. Srinivasa Gopala Chari in his Inspection Report dated 14th October 1948 on his visit to Mount Lodge on October 2nd 1948 referring to the initiate of the evening Bro M Rajagopalan, stated.

“ I happened to remark how desirable it would be if some of the affluent members of the Lodge could see their way to donate to the lodge one or more chairs of the new pattern and I was not a little pleased when the new initiate of the evening Bro M. Rajagopalan, took up the suggestion seriously by and announced a donation equal to the cost of 6 new chairs”. These armchairs are among the furniture now.

Lests we forget, we must notice in the lodge summons, the crest of the lodge and and the motto of the Lodge Mount.

The summons of the meeting of the earlier years contained only the notice of the meeting and agenda with the names of the Wor. Master and Secretary mentioned therein. The crest of the lodge then was an open compass on a square—the symbol of opening the lodge in the third degree with the motto of the lodge “MONTES UNDE AUXILIUM” below the symbol.

On 2—12—1906 the lodge resolved to change the summons by adding thereto the names and the addresses of the Wor. Master and the Wardens. It was resolved

to print the names of the members of the lodge on the back of the summons. It also contained a memo of account with the attention of brethren drawn to Byelaw 25 of the lodge and Article 210 of the then Book of Constitutions.

On 20—3—1909 the crest of the lodge was changed. Though the symbol of the third degree continued to be the main feature, the new crest was enclosed on a board held on the left hand of the Patron Saint, the right hand pointing to the symbol. This continues to be the crest of the lodge even now.

The summons in the early days was always well designed, striking and attractive with the border symbolical carrying the figures of the working tools of operative as well as accepted masons, and all other symbols of the lodge. Subsequently this was given up. The summons now printed, while more informative, is plain and simple and carries the maxim "Masonry lives to help and helps men to live".

The lodge motto is "*Montes Unde Auxilium*" and means "The Hills from whence cometh my help". "Rock" and "Hills" are often used as symbols of God. The motto is taken from the three Latin words of the first verse of Psalm, (2). The Psalmist asks "where shall my help come" and he himself answers in the next verse "from the Lord who made Heaven and Earth".

Before we conclude, we cannot forget to mention two important events connected with our lodge. In the early periods there were several lodges working in St. Thomas Mount from time to time, and Brethren took genuine interest not only in the craft but also paid attention to the several side degrees.

The brethren of Mount Lodge opened a lodge for Mark Masters called the Mark lodge of St. Thomas Mount which was warranted in 1882 and numbered 306. From our records as well as the *Indian Masonic Review* of the period, it is found that Bro A. Hosie was the Wor Master in 1889, and on 17th May 1890, Bro Rajagopalachari was installed as Wor Master under special dispensation as he was not a Master in the craft.

At the meeting of Lodge Mount (craft) dated 1—9—1884, Bro J. Wisken said with reference to the St. Thomas Lodge of Mark Masters attached to Lodge Mount that Bro J. Balfour, former secretary of the lodge, had handed over the warrant and books etc. to the District Grand Secretary, Wor Bro Greatorex who promised to return the warrant should sufficient number of Master Masons apply for them.

On 7th March 1896, the Mark Lodge was revived due to the efforts of Bro T. L. Ormiston. The three surviving members were Col. Moore, Drake and Brockman. Bros. Aitchins, Kilpatrick, Scanlon, Dammlex and L. Ship were balloted for favourably and advanced. On 16—3—1896 Bro Balfour was installed as Wor Master.

In 1899 the lodge was closed and the warrant returned as there were only three members.

No lodge of Royal Arch Mariners was ever attached to Lodge Mount. But Lodge Mount gave its support to the Royal Arch Chapter Madras 1906 E. C., attached to Lodge

John Miller 1906, ever since its inauguration. Brethren of Lodge Mount were companions of Chapter Madras ever since 1883. On 1—10—1883 two brethren from Lodge Mount were exalted. On 1—10—1888 Wor Bro Hosie was installed. On 14—8—1889 the Zamindar of Challapalli who was a brother of Mount Lodge was exalted. It looked as if Chapter Madras was attached to Mount Lodge and during the diamond jubilee of Chapter Madras in October 1943, the majority of the companions in Chapter Madras were from lodge Mount. It is also to be noted that the late Bro K. S. Venkataraman of Lodge Mount compiled the History of Chapter Madras on the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee wherein he stated :

“It is not known when and how Chapter Madras got attached also to the craft Lodge Mount 926 E.C. But practically from the earliest years of its existence it had exalted candidates from Lodge Mount. Now it has become the usual practice to have the representatives of the two lodges in the three principals' chairs and other offices. It is happy to find cordiality and feelings of real companionship prevailing among the companions of the two lodges John Miller and Lodge Mount.

The summons of Lodge Mount dated 17—8—1936 contained the following :—

“Brethren are informed that the degree of Royal Arch Mason is the completion of the M.M. degree for which every Master Mason is eligible. Brethren desirous of joining a chapter may apply to the Scribe E of Chapter Madras for the necessary forms”.

From 1943 onwards all the summons issued by the lodge contained the following :

“Brethren are reminded of the Royal Arch Chapter Madras 1906; E. C. associated with this lodge.”.

CHAPTER XIII

THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

“ May our work begun in thee
Ever blest with order be ;
And may we when our labours cease
Part in harmony and Peace ”.

The dinner card on the installation of Wor. Bro. P. N. S. Raman in November 1951 carried the words “ we are ninety now, ten years more for a century ”. The brethren were then put on notice of the approaching centenary. From then on at every installation meeting the brethren were reminded of this fast approaching event.

At the installation meeting in 1959, a centenary committee was constituted with Bro. A. Sarngapani as the convener.

At the meeting held on 5—12—1959 it was resolved to constitute a Centenary Fund to be made out of liberal donations made by brethren and the amount received as rent for the ground floor hall. It was further resolved that a sum of Rupee One should be paid by each subscribing member per month as contribution to the centenary fund till the centenary celebrations are over. At a later date this subscription was increased to Rs. 2 per member per month.

At the installation meeting held on 5—11—1960, Rt. Wor Bro S. T. Sreenivasa Gopala Chari referred to the approaching centenary of the lodge which was to be celebrated in 1962 and made his own contribution of Rs. 50/- to the centenary fund. He also thanked the brethren for electing him as an honorary member of the lodge.

At that meeting the centenary committee was reconstituted consisting of S. W. Samuel, V. A. Muthiah Thevar, R. V. Krishna Iyer, T. A. Sreenivasan, S. Soundararajan, P. S. Jambu Ramaswami, K. G. Veeraraghavan, P. N. Sundararajan, K. S. Sreenivasan, M. Rajagopalan, V. R. Selvaraj, and M. K. Sreedharan. Wor. Bro. K.S. Sreenivasan was also made the convener of the Committee. The Wor. Master, Senior and Junior Wardens as well as the Secretary and Treasurer of the lodge were ex officio members.

The Committee immediately took steps to find out whether they were eligible to celebrate the centenary.

The Past Masters went through several records and satisfied themselves that the lodge had a continued and un-interrupted existence from 1862 onwards.

In fact there is sufficient evidence to prove that the lodge was in existence from 1790 onwards and further research may vouch to this fact. In 1790 during the period John Sykes, Attorney-at-Law was the Provincial Grand Master, a lodge was formed in St. Thomas Mount. Again in 1798 “ the Lodge of Unity, Peace and Concord No. IX ” and “ Perfect Harmony and Social Friendship No. IV ” were formed and were working in

St. Thomas Mount. In 1800 "Perfect Harmony and Social Friendship" went into abeyance, but after a period it was shifted to Seringapatam under a movable warrant. There is reason to believe that lodge "Unity and Concord" continued to function at St. Thomas Mount though with interruptions and must have been the predecessor to Lodge Mount under a new warrant 926 E.C. In his book "the History of Freemasonry on the Coast of Coromandel" Bro. C.H. Malden states that Lodge Mount used to meet at St. Thomas Mount from 1862 onwards, and in 1863 it acquired a premises of its own. Its local warrant was dated 21-6-1862, but the Grand Lodge warrant was dated 23rd August 1862. Lodge Mount first bore the Grand Lodge number 1228 in 1832; but was numbered 926 in 1863. In the Provincial and District Grand Lodge, Mount Lodge was numbered XV in 1846, IX in 1864 and VII in 1881. According to Malden, the age of Mount Lodge would be 130 years. A research will be useful to determine the actual age of the lodge. But the evidence of continued existence for the past one hundred years from 1862 is irrefutable.

We are unable to understand how in considering our request for the issue of a centenary warrant to the Grand Lodge of India, the Regional authorities had reason to doubt the continued existence of the lodge from 1862. In forwarding our application the Regional Grand Secretary wrote: "since some of the earlier records are missing, Mount Lodge may not be in a position to produce evidence of unbroken existence for the past 100 years. Confirmation of the unbroken existence may, therefore, be obtained from the United Grand Lodge of England." This forwarding note was not, however, appreciated by the several Past Masters and the Brethren of the Lodge and it has been so recorded in the minutes of the lodge.

However, we are grateful to the Grand Lodge of England who expeditiously reported to the effect that records available showed that Mount Lodge was in continuous existence since its consecration in 1862 and is eligible to celebrate its centenary in 1962.

The Committee met several times and decided to celebrate the centenary in a fitting manner and passed the following resolutions that were accepted by the Lodge.

- (1) That a centenary jewel be made and presented to each member of the lodge on the occasion of the centenary. The design for the centenary jewel was sent to the Grand Lodge of India and duly approved.
- (2) It was decided to present a memento to the oldest subscribing member, Wor Bro. S. W. Samuel.
- (3) It was resolved to present all the Brethren present at the centenary meeting with "Mount Lodge Centenary Ball-point pen."
- (4) It was agreed that the portrait of Rt. Wor Bro S.T. Sreenivasa Gopala Chari presented to the lodge by Wor. Master T. S. Chintamani be unveiled on the occasion.
- (5) It was decided to compile the History of the lodge and to include therein all the photos of the members past and present as are available and such other photos as are found necessary and suitable.

(6) That the history of the lodge be dedicated to all brethren of Lodge Mount past and present with special reference to J. R. Magreth the First Master, Rajah of Venkatagiri the donor of the building, and Rt. Wor Sir C.M. J. Moore the only D.G.M. from Lodge Mount and Wor. Bro. T. A. Sreenivasan, a member of the Centenary Committee who was called to the Grand Lodge above recently.

(7) That a Centenary Memorial Tablet in white marble, containing all the necessary details and names of the members of the Committee be fixed to the building and unveiled on the centenary day.

(8) That a red carpet welcome be accorded to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Regional Grand Master on the Centenary day.

On 4—8—1962 at 5-30 p. m. at the Temple premises in Mount in the presence of a delightful gathering of distinguished masons, the portraits of Wor Bros V. Krishnamurthi, K. G. Veeraraghavan, S. P. S. Rajan, K. S. Srinivasan, E. W. W. King, T. S. Chintamani and Bro E. Cooper were unveiled.

CHAPTER XIV

"WE CONCLUDE"

Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wonderous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

This history will enable the reader to form his judgment of the work of Lodge Mount. It will show the several difficulties that arose in the course of the past hundred and odd years in the lodge and how they were dealt with and therefore will be instructive and will serve as a guidance for the future of Freemasonry in general.

The Lodge has been attempting during the past one hundred years to live upto the principles and tenets of Freemasonry. It has been attempting to maintain a high reputation in Freemasonry, not only spreading its gospel amongst its members; but also ensuring that the members, to the best of their ability carry out the principles in their daily life.

Almost all the members to the lodge were carefully chosen and all brethren who were admitted have reflected honour on their choice and were ornaments to the lodge.

The lodge devoted great care to the instruction of the candidates and trained them well. The ceremonies on all occasions were impressive and instructive. After becoming a Master Mason the brother was asked to carry on further research, receive further guidance, instruction and training to enable him to be an honourable member of the lodge and an ornament to society.

Brethren of the lodge when they assumed office of either Warden or Master lived upto the expectations and conducted the affairs of the lodge with ease and dignity.

Free Masonry is peculiarly suited to the Indian system of philosophy and Indian thought. "Therefore it took deep roots and spread wide. That was why during the past 40 years, the Mount Lodge was able to play a vital role in spreading freemasonry in this part of the country.

What more remains except to say that every mason should be proud of his Mother Lodge and of any lodge he joins. We are proud of our lodge, we are proud of our brethren, and we are legitimately proud of its past history that we will never disgrace it but do all that is in our power to maintain its glory and enhance its reputation.

We have built the Lodge not only for ourselves but for all those who shall pass under her banner in the years to come.

“ An old man, going a lone highway,
 Came in the evening, cold and grey,
 To a chasm, vast and deep and wide.
 The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
 The sullen stream had no fear for him,
 But he turned then safe on the other
 And built a bridge to span the tide.
 “ Old man ” said a fellow pilgrim near,
 You are wasting your strength when building here,
 Your journey will end with the ending day,
 You never again will pass this way,
 You have crossed the chasm deep and wide,
 Why build you this bridge at eventide ”.
 The builder lifted his old grey head.
 “ Good friend, in the path I have come ” he said
 There followeth after me today,
 A youth whose feet must pass this way,
 This chasm which has been naught to me
 To that fair haired youth may a pitfall be,
 He too must cross in the twilight dim
 Good friend ! I have built this bridge for him ”.

Nothing more remains but to look up our feelings of joy and exhaltation at the end of this successful journey in the safe repository of our hearts.

EPILOGUE

I heartily congratulate the Mount Lodge on its having achieved the unique distinction of having become a Centurion Lodge. By itself, it is a unique distinction. But the Mount Lodge has another credit added to it; most of the members of this Lodge are all residents of the City of Madras and they travel about ten to twelve miles to attend a Meeting of the lodge.

Among the earlier members of the Lodge was W. Bro Adikesavulu Pillai, who had rendered yeoman service to the Lodge. There are other members of the Lodge also, who had toiled hard for advancing the interests of the Lodge. Of these, so far as I can now recollect, only one is still alive—W. Bro S. Soundararaja Iyengar.

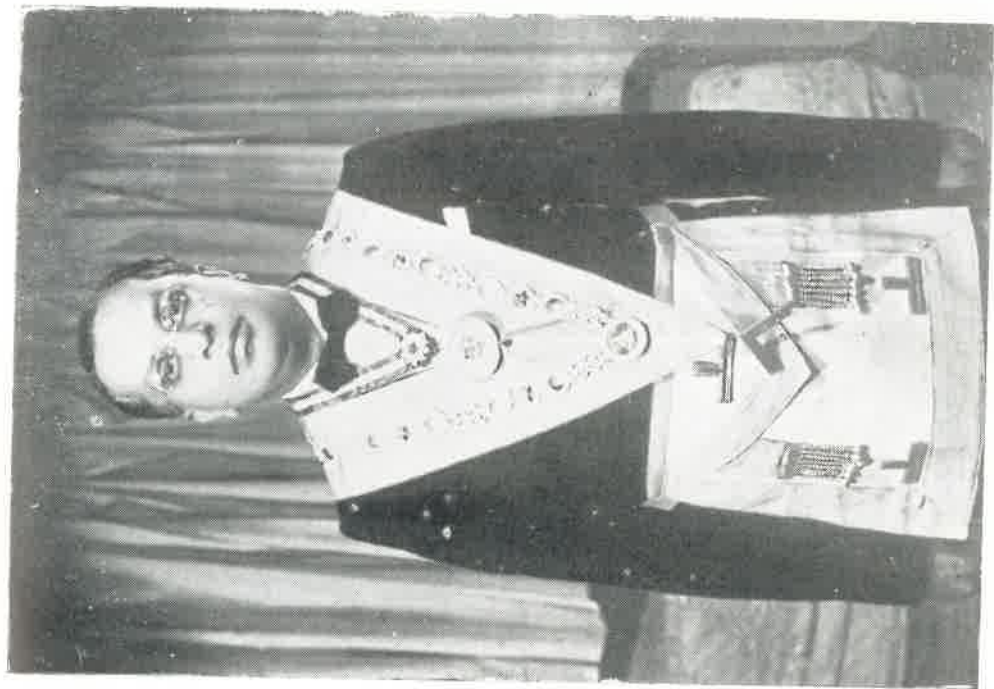
W. Bro P. N. Sundararajan must also be mentioned in the list of those who deserve meritorious mention for services rendered to the lodge.

I commend the services of these stalwarts to the present members of the lodge and I trust they will keep aloft the Flag of Freemasonry with even greater distinction than in the past.

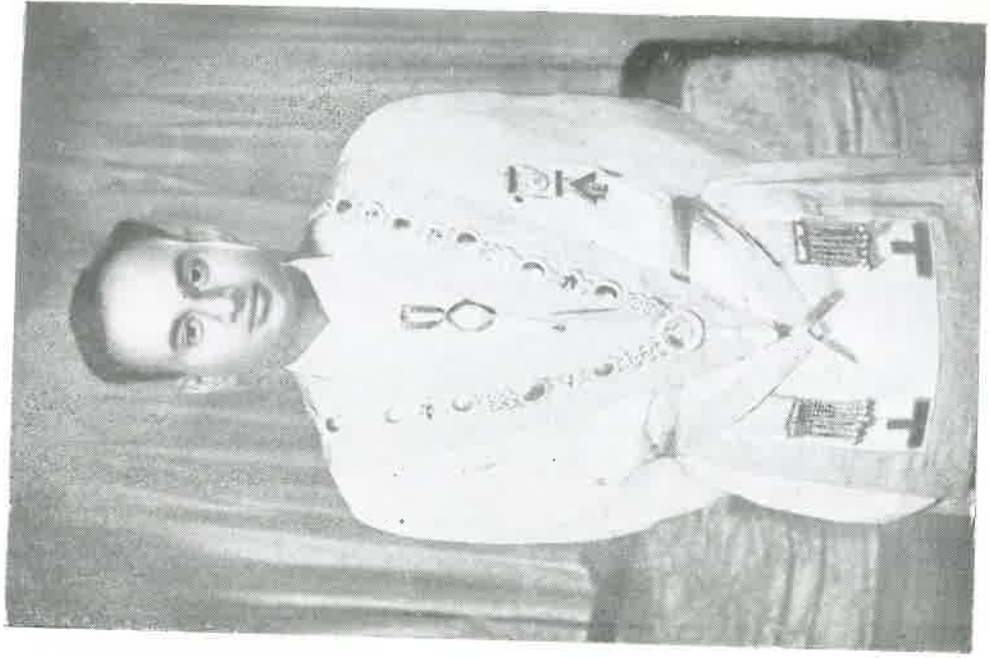
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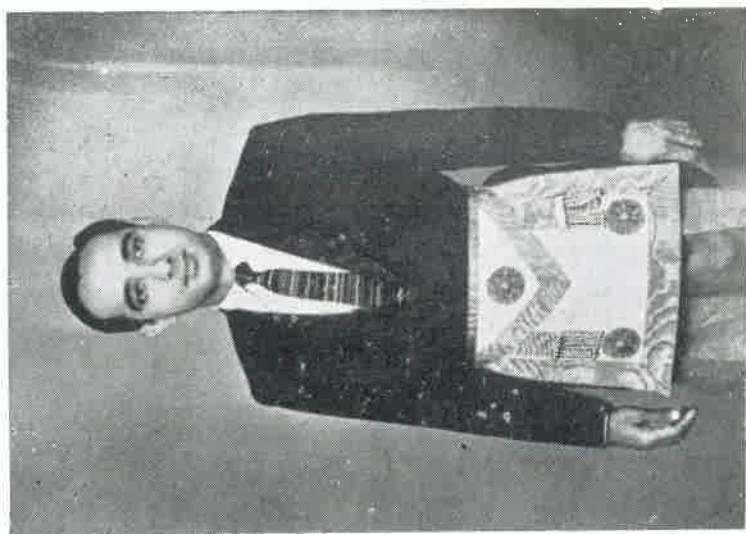
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Wor. Bro. late T. S. Varadachari and his son Wor. Bro. T. S. Chintamani, the Worshipful Master during the Centenary Year.



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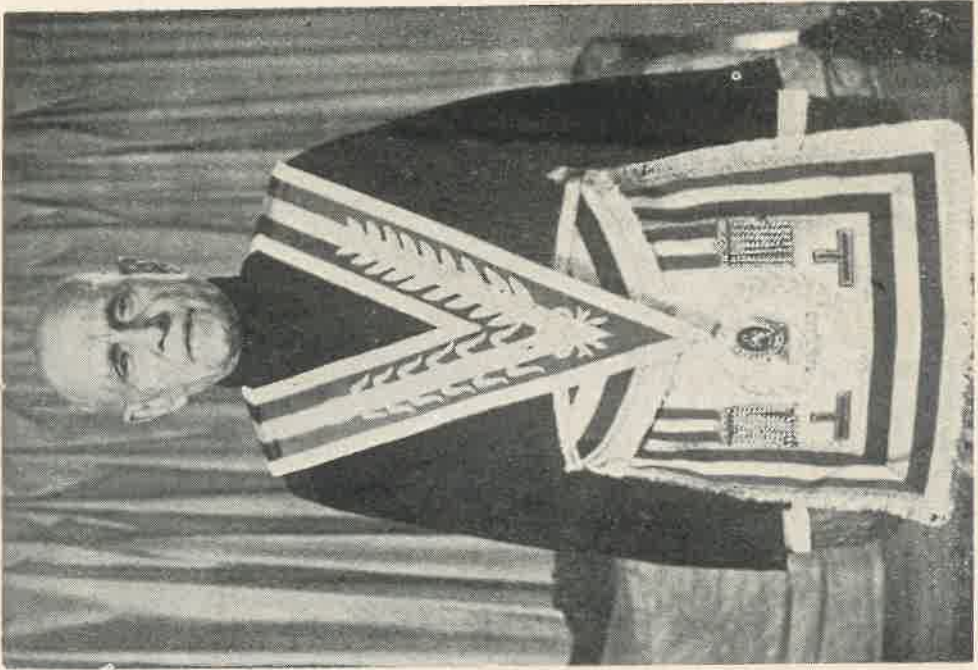
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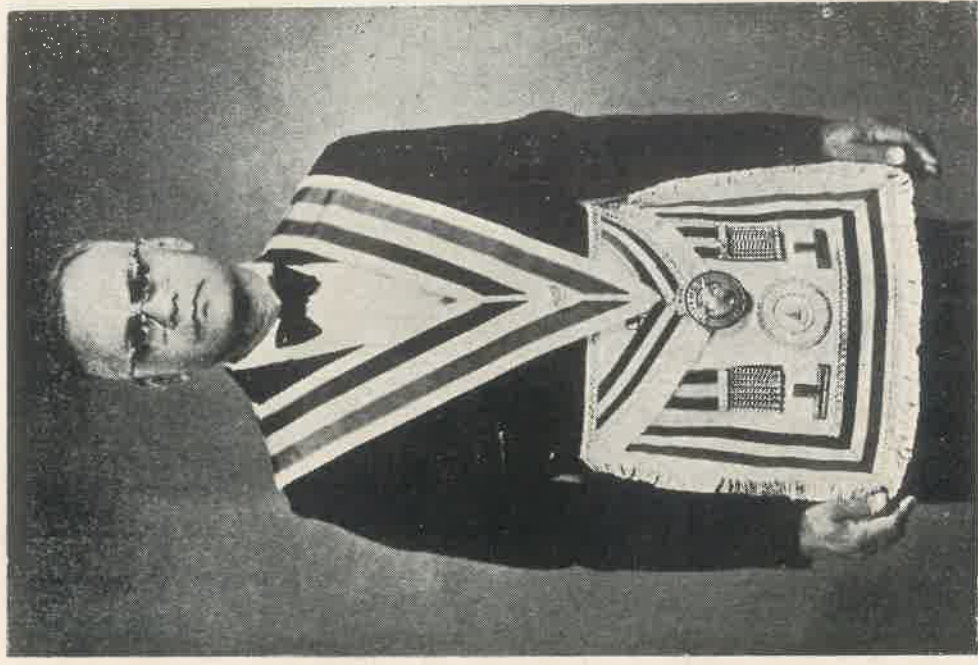
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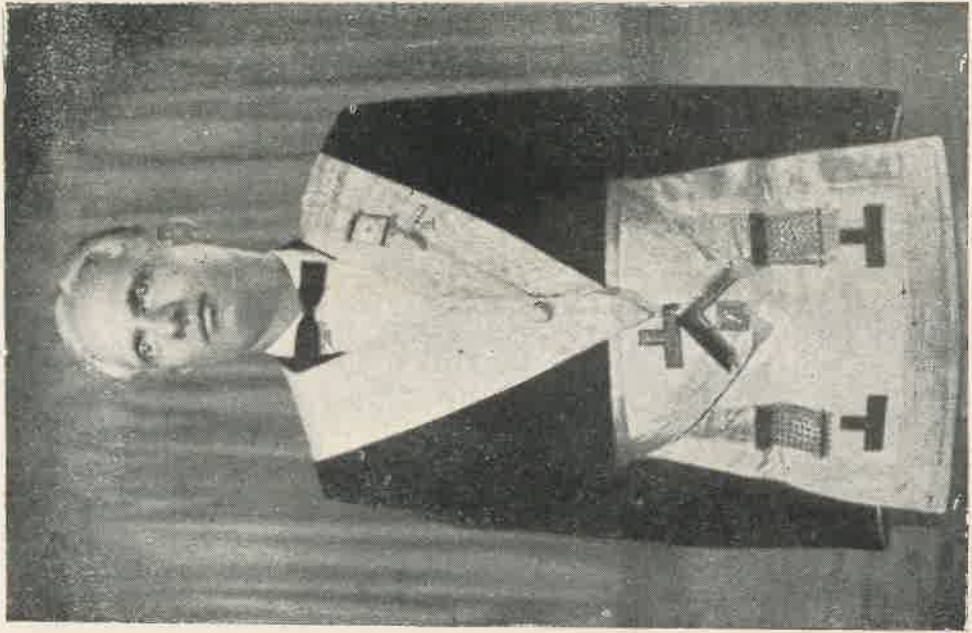
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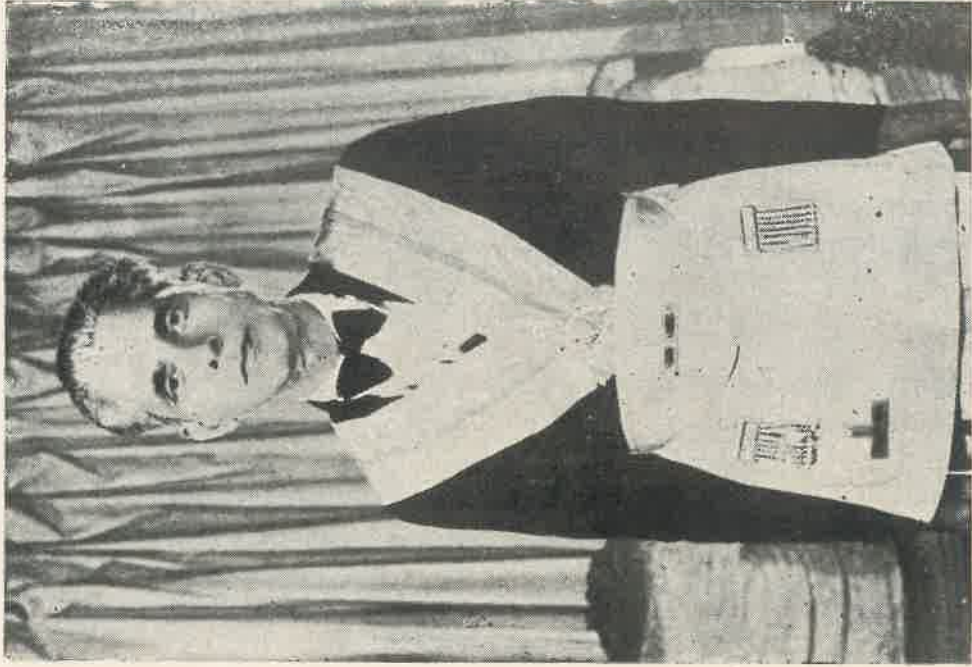
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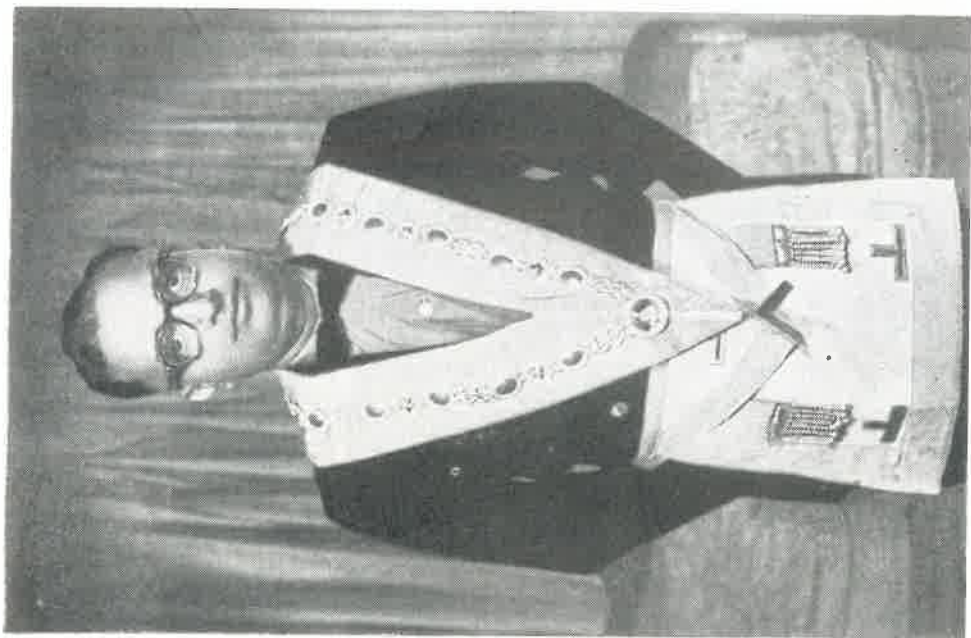
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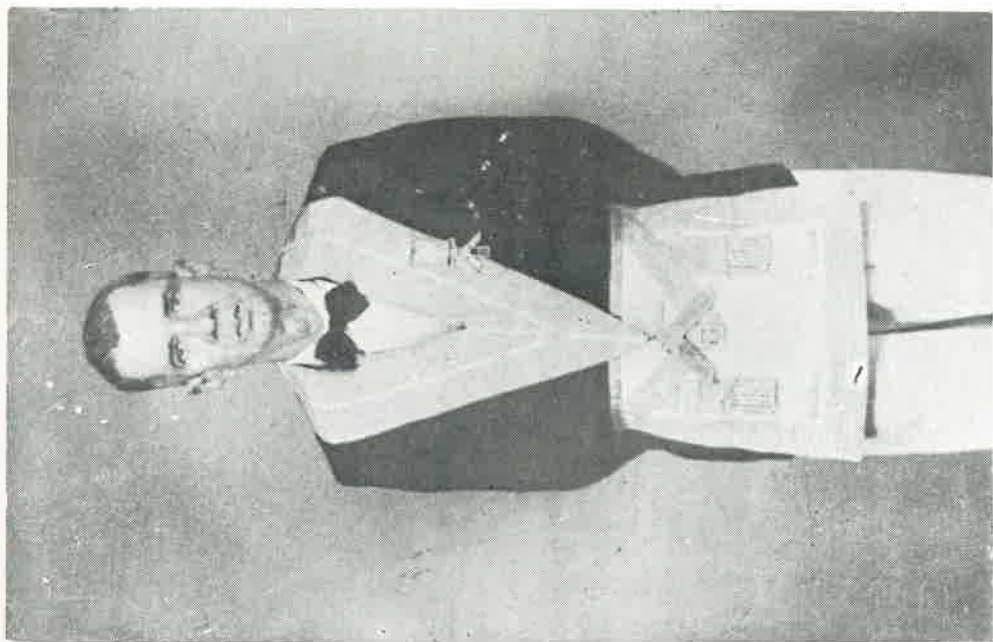
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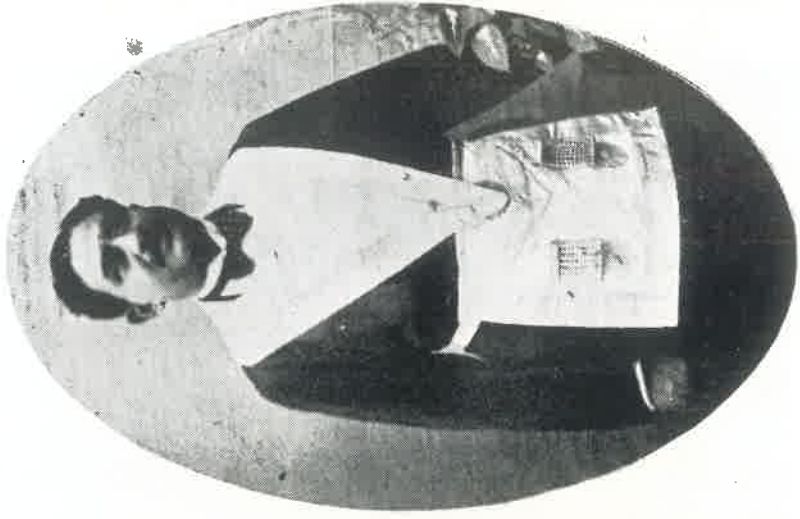
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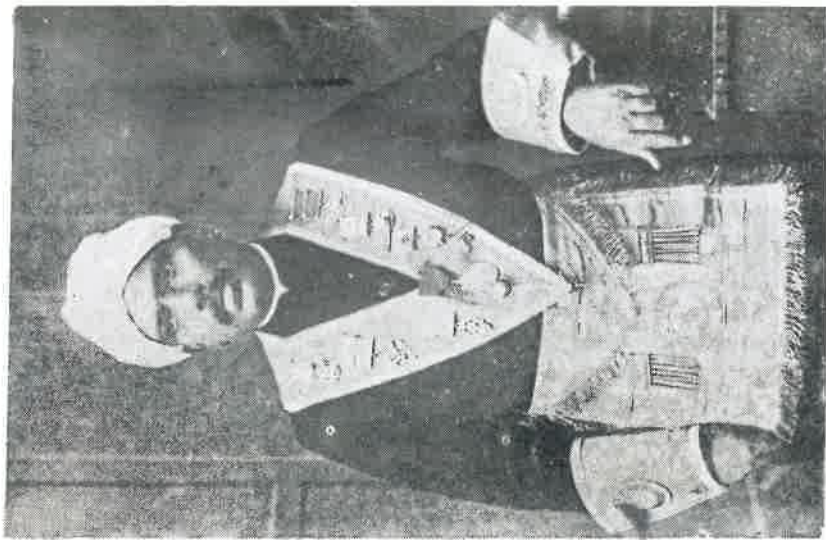
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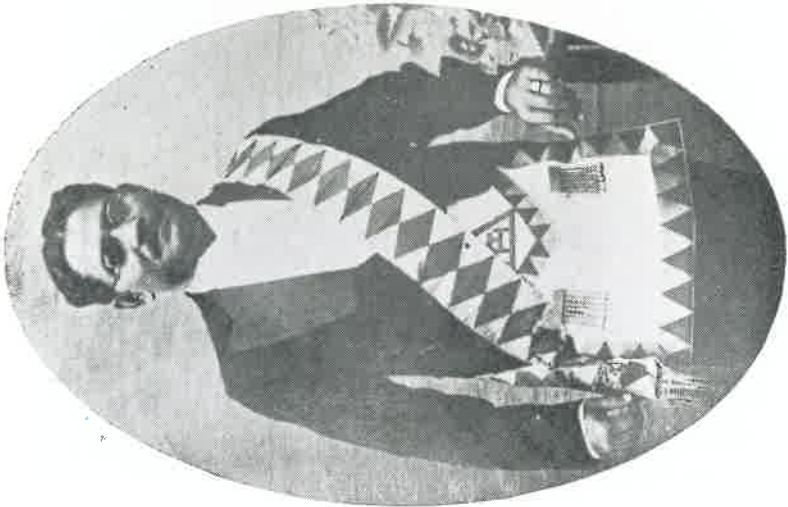
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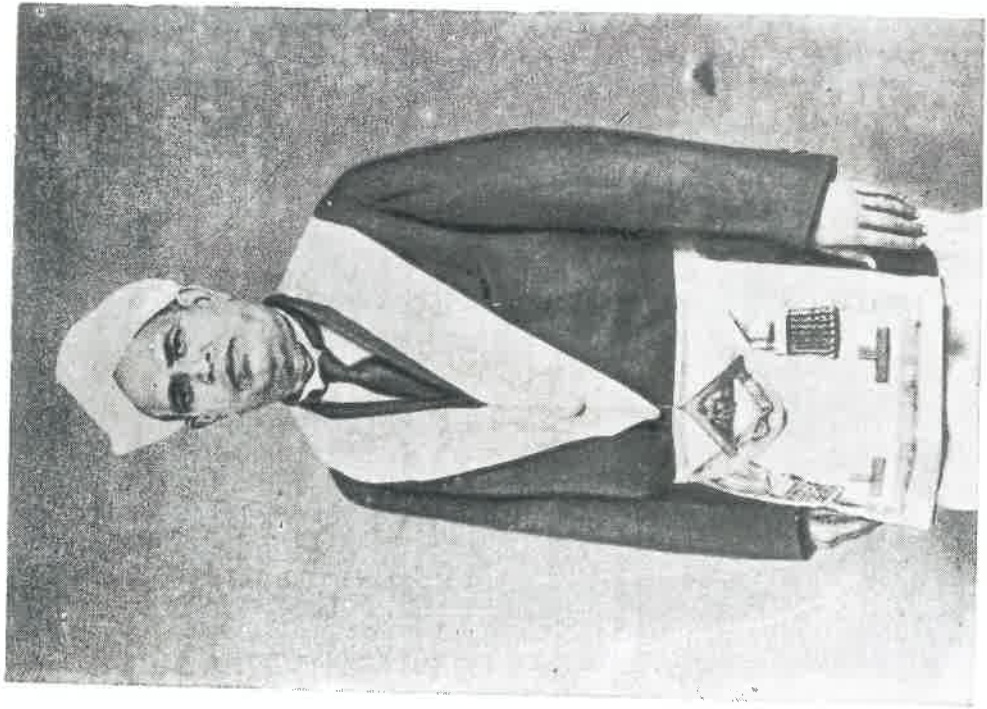
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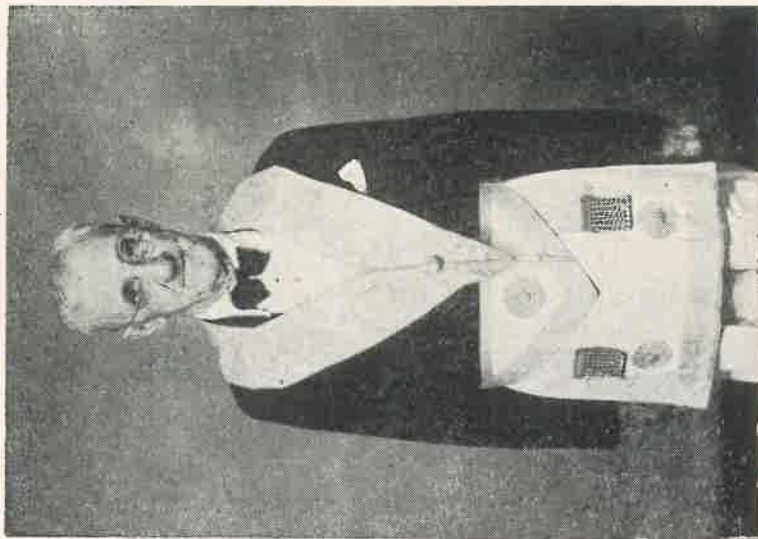
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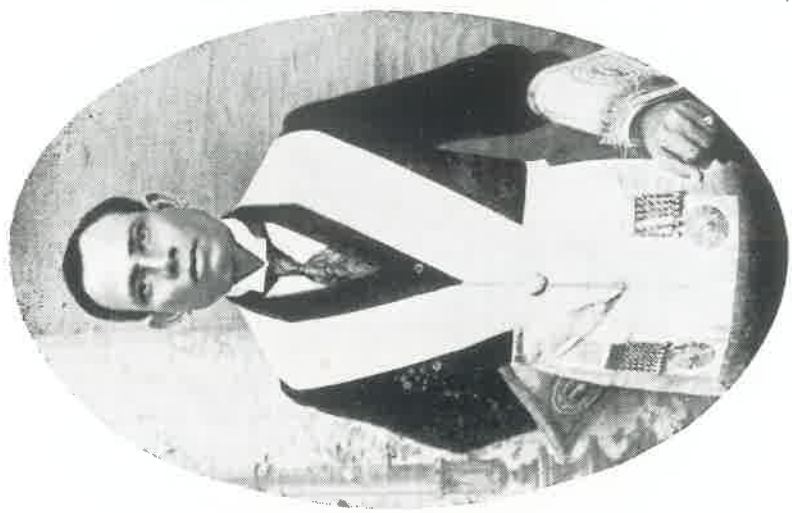
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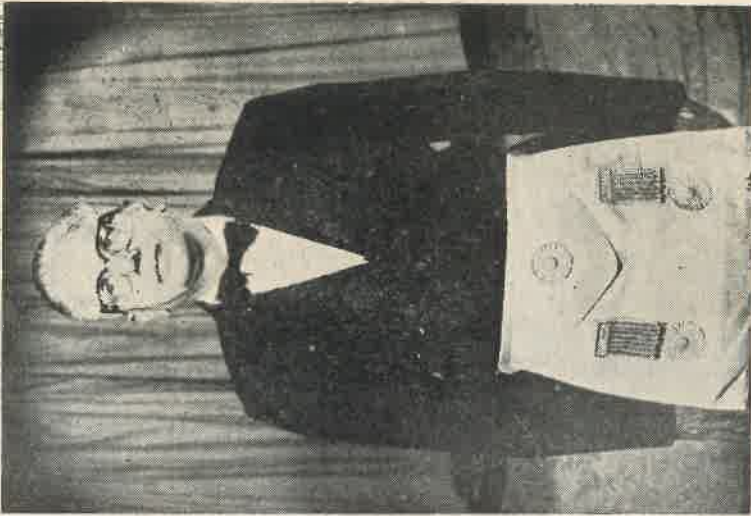
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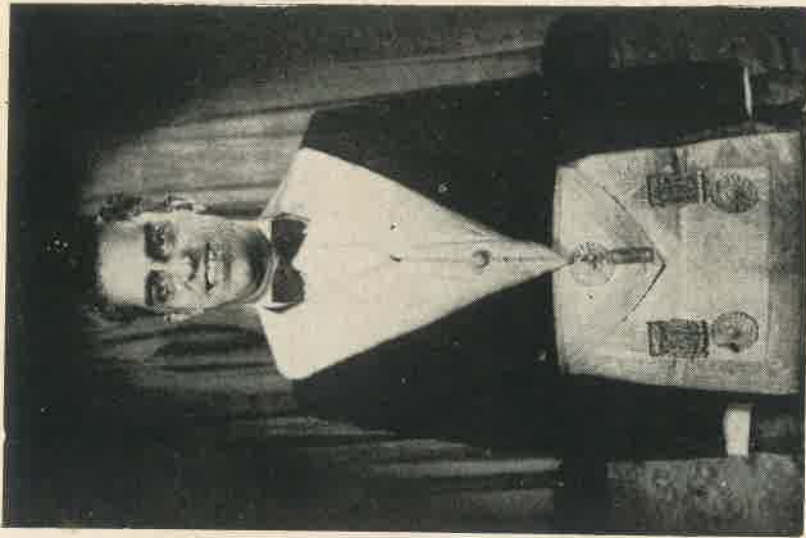
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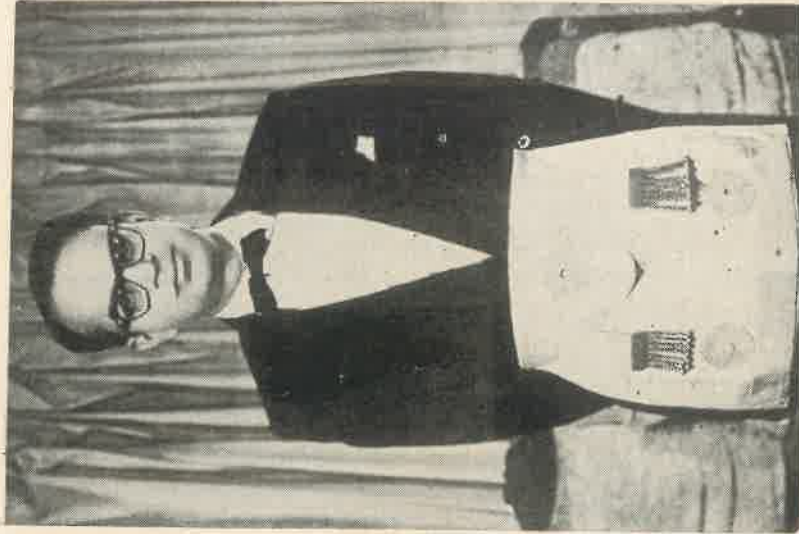
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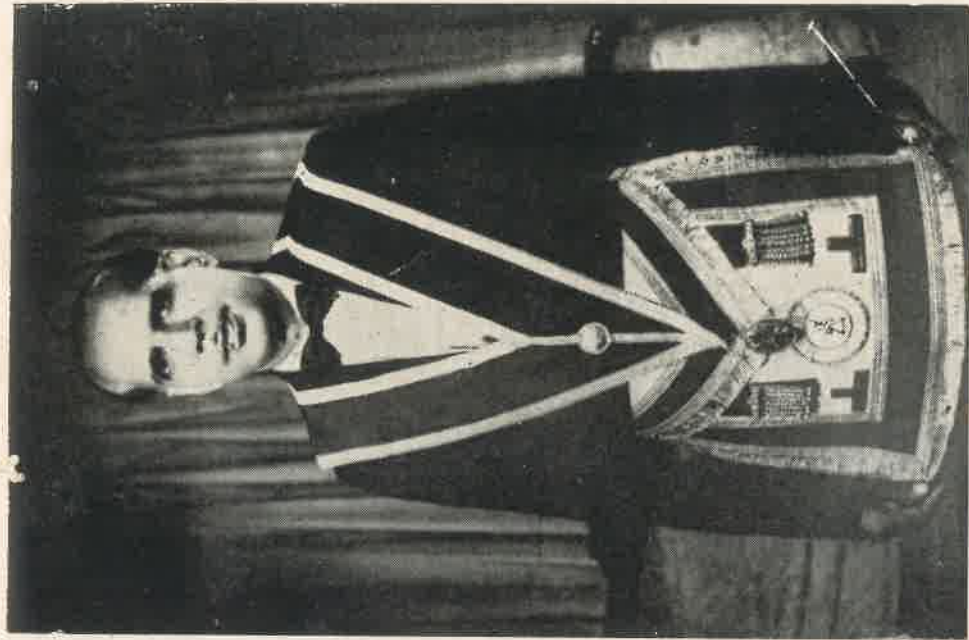
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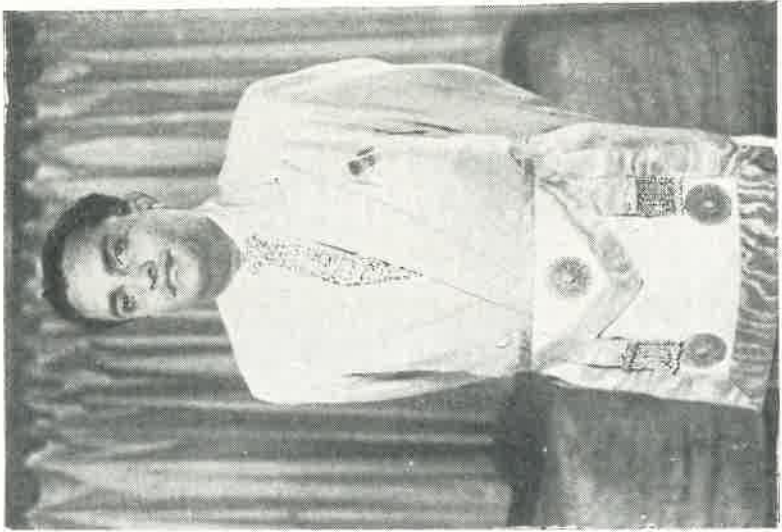


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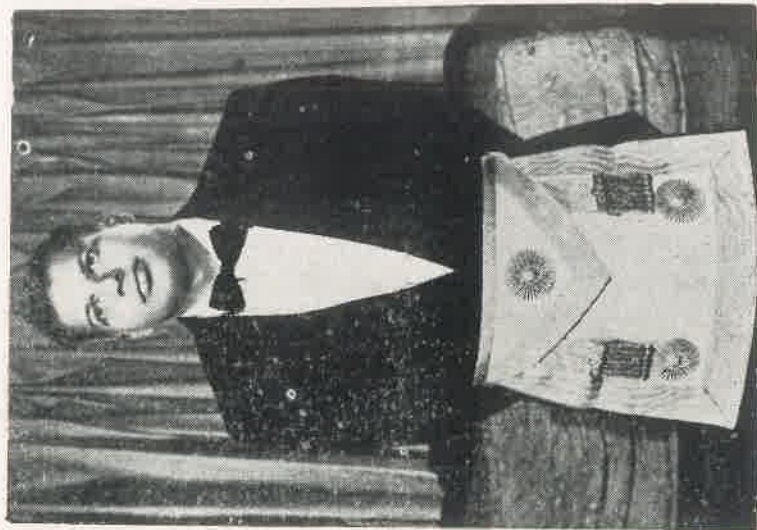
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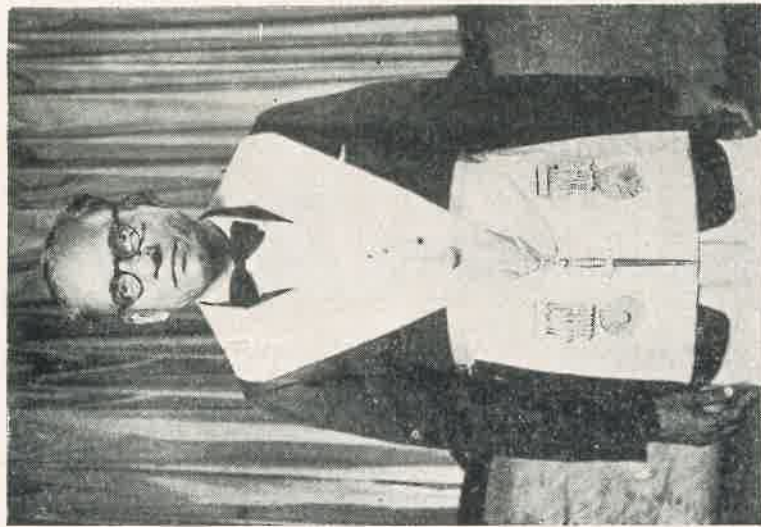
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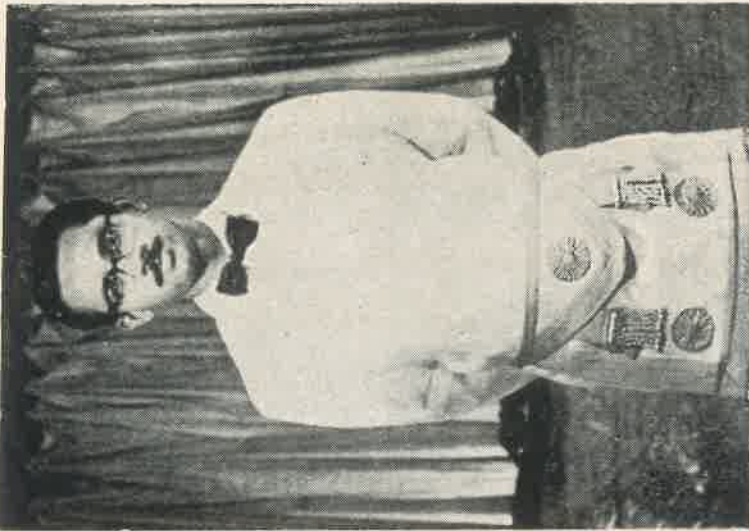
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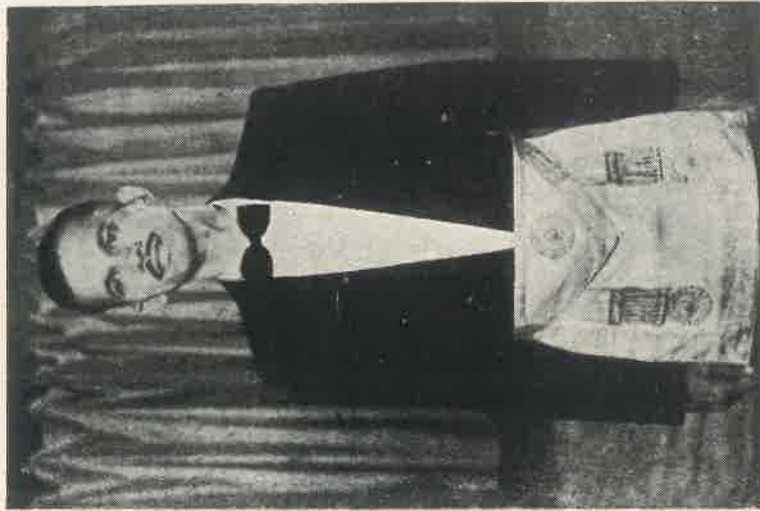
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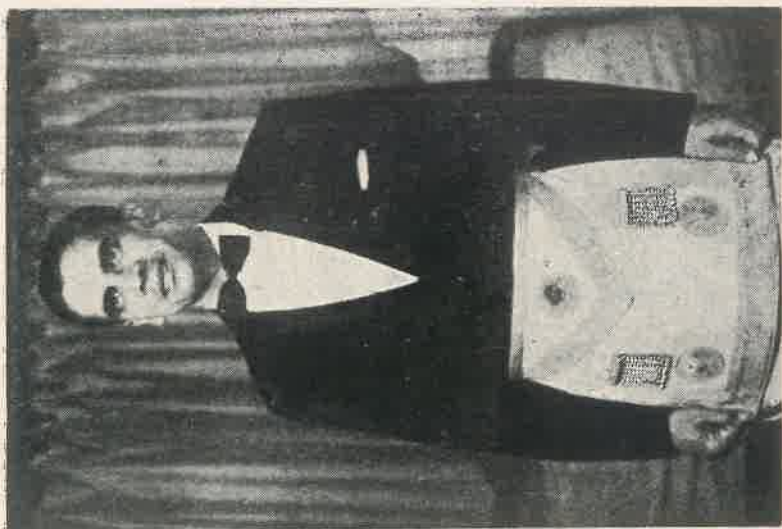
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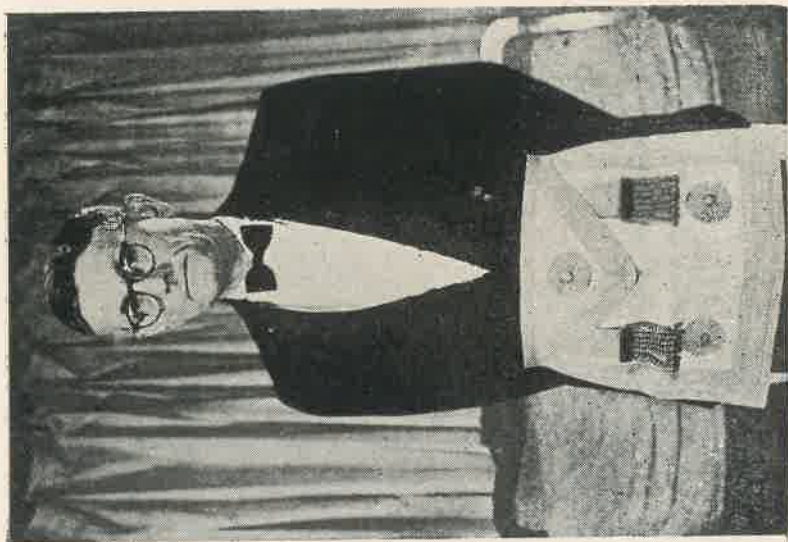
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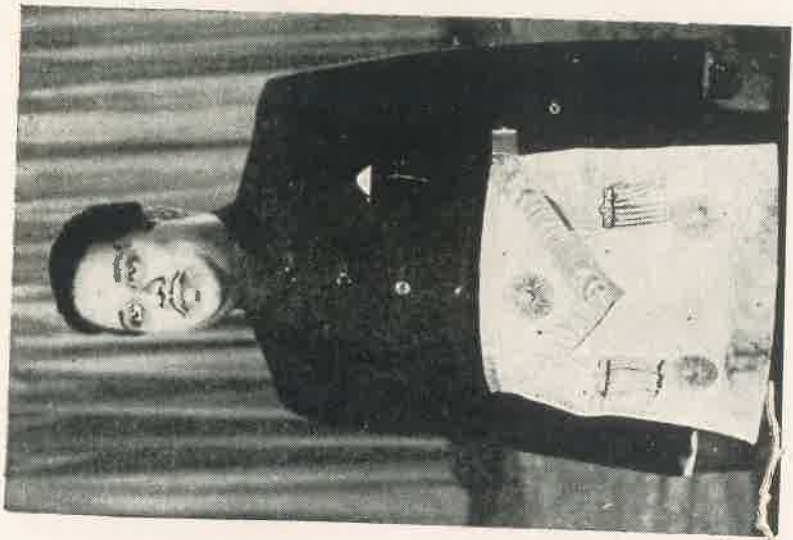
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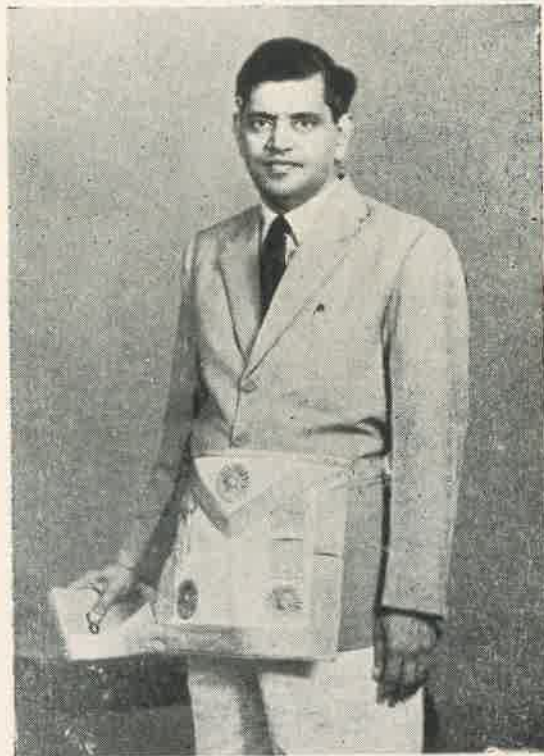
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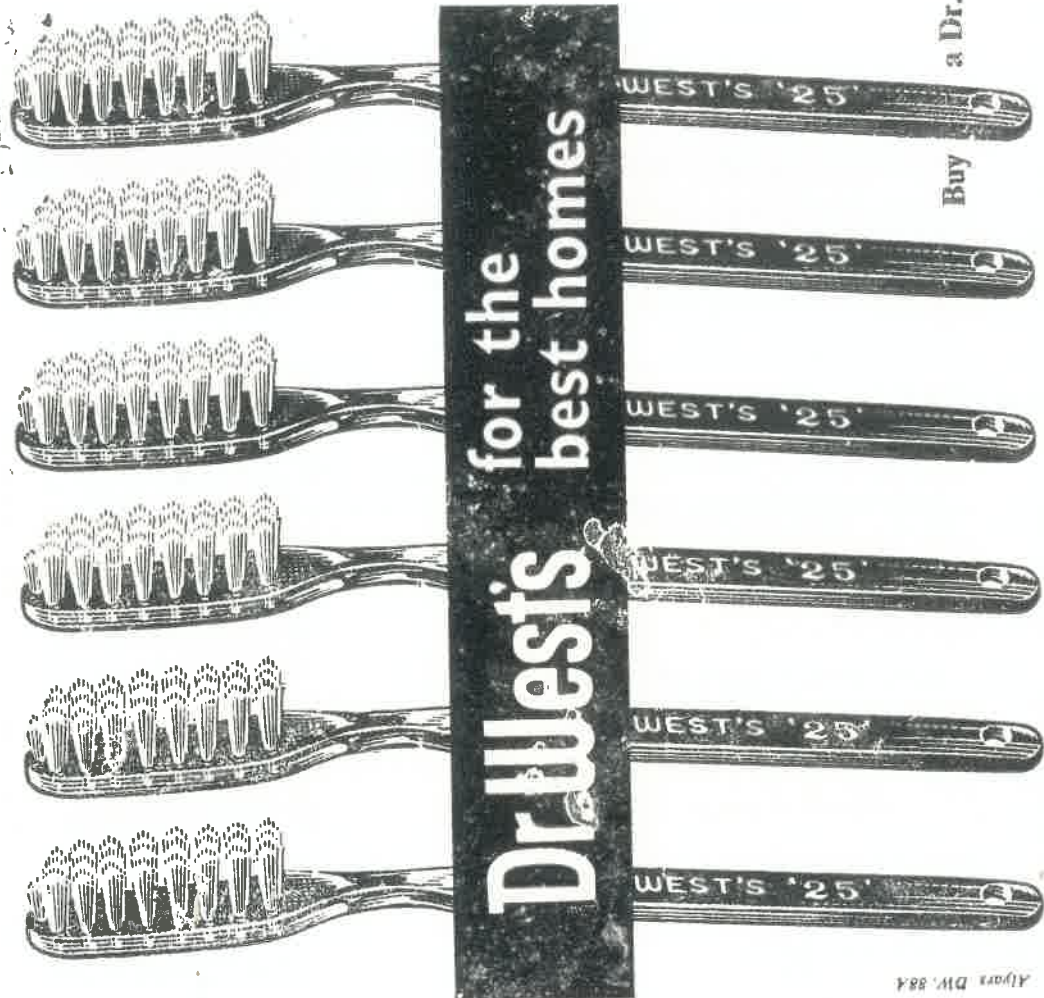
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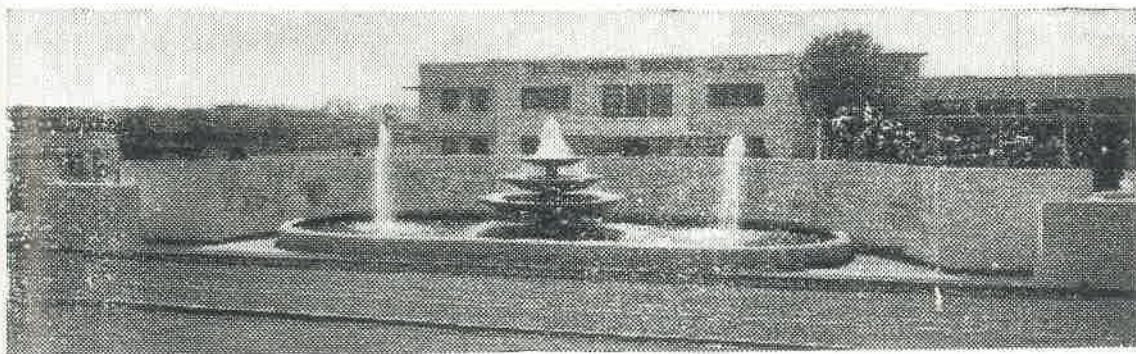
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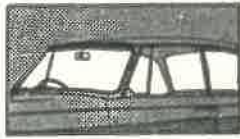
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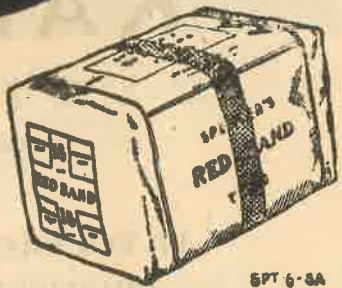


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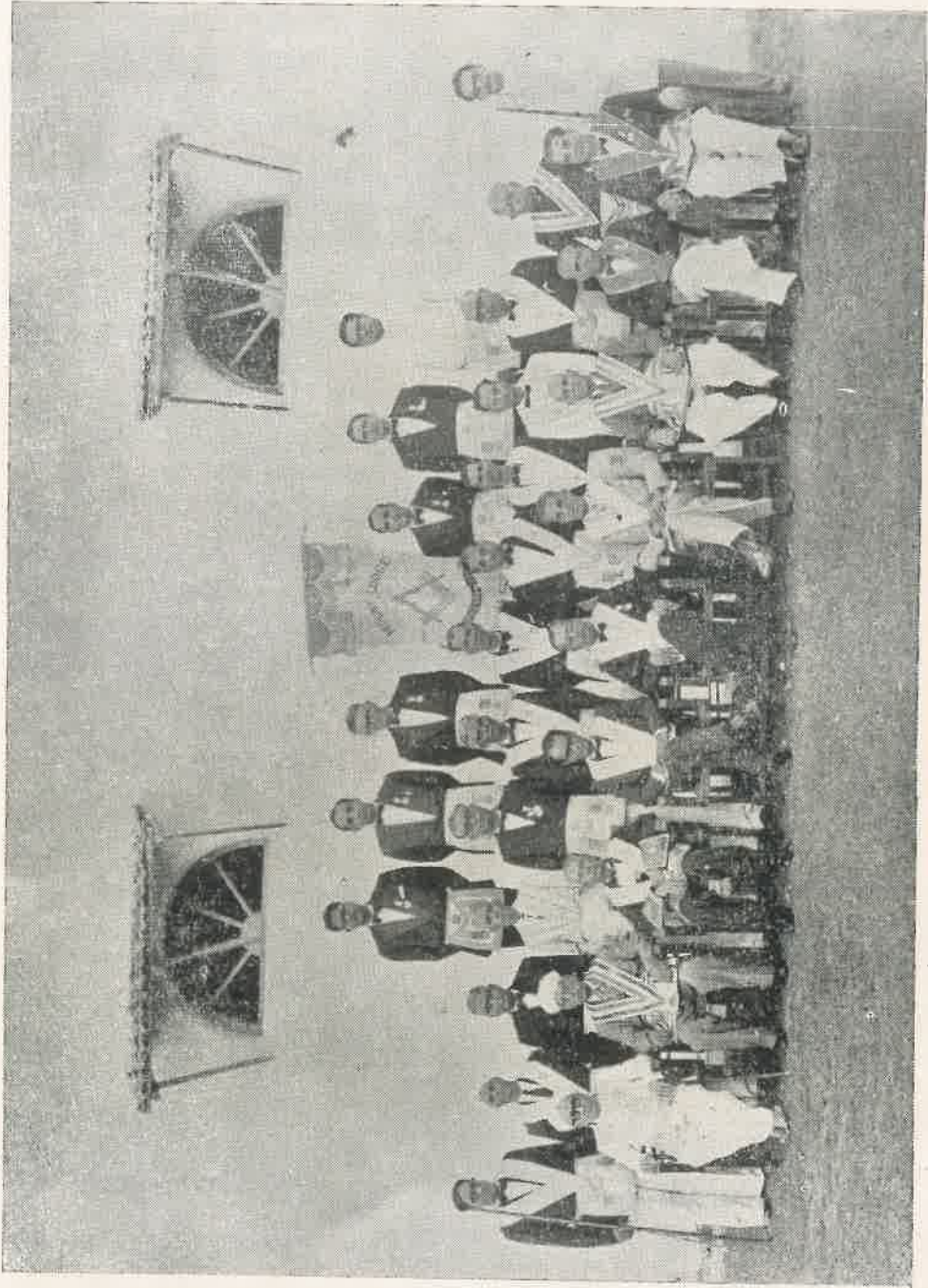
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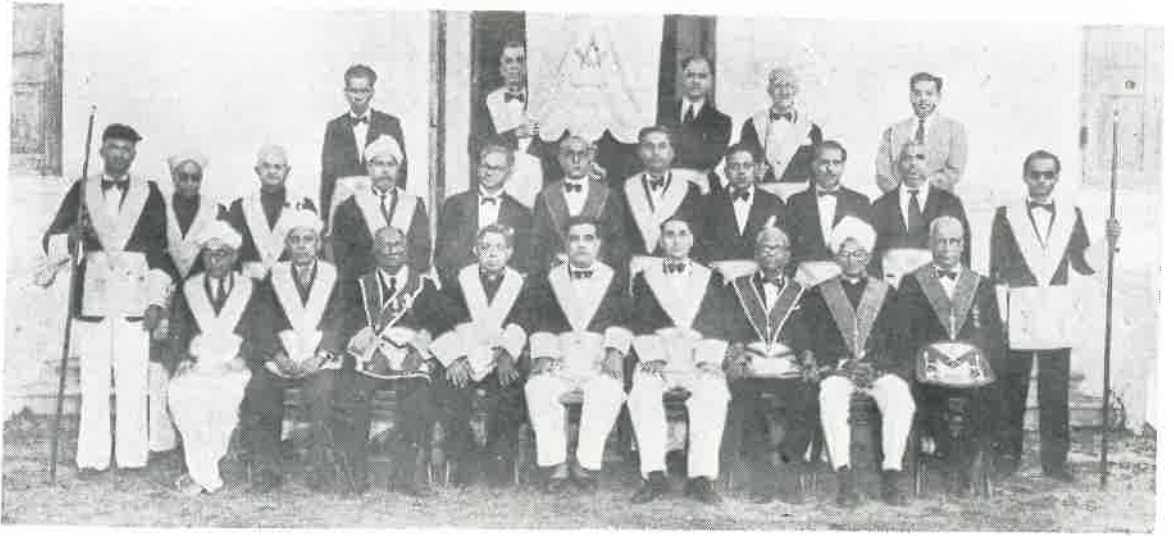
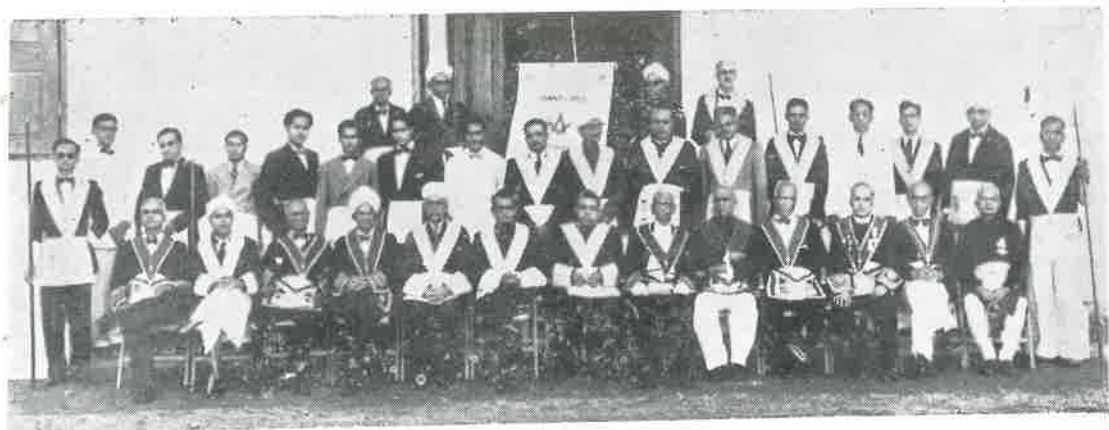


Photo taken during Wor. Bro. Jiten Bannerji's mastership



Wor. Bro. E. A. Bayne, Master of the Lodge in 1927 is seen with his officers



This photo was taken during the mastership of Wor. Bro. P. N. S. Raman



Lodge Mount 1920—21. Wor. Master Wor. Bro. T. C. Adikesavalu Pillai



Group photo taken when Wor. Bro. S. D. Devadasan was the Worshipful Master



Mount Lodge 1905—1906. Wor. Master - Wor. Bro. C. H. Parsons



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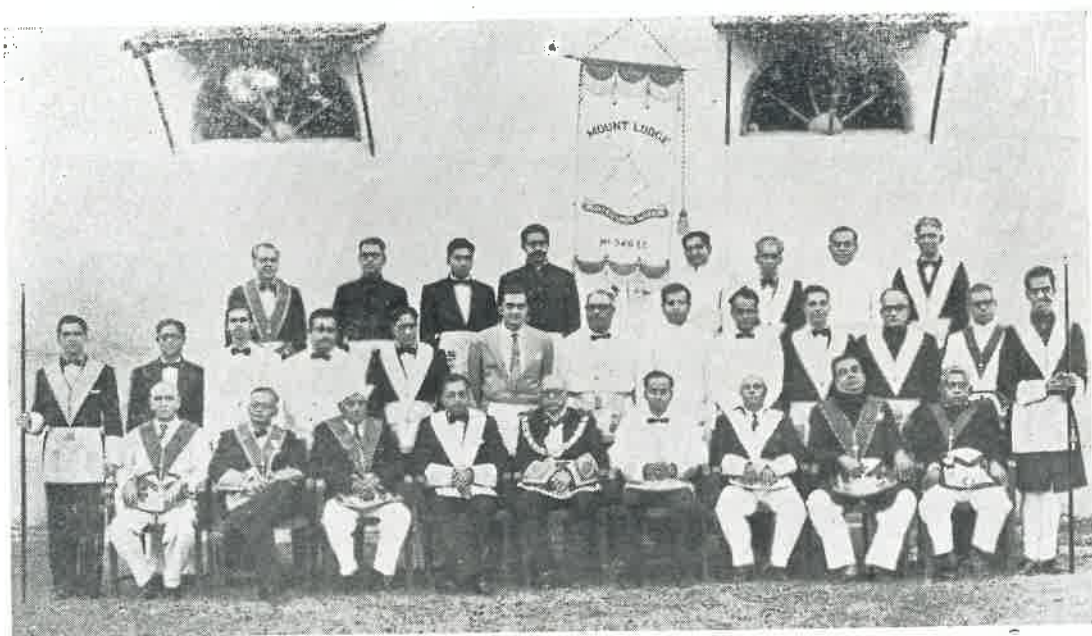
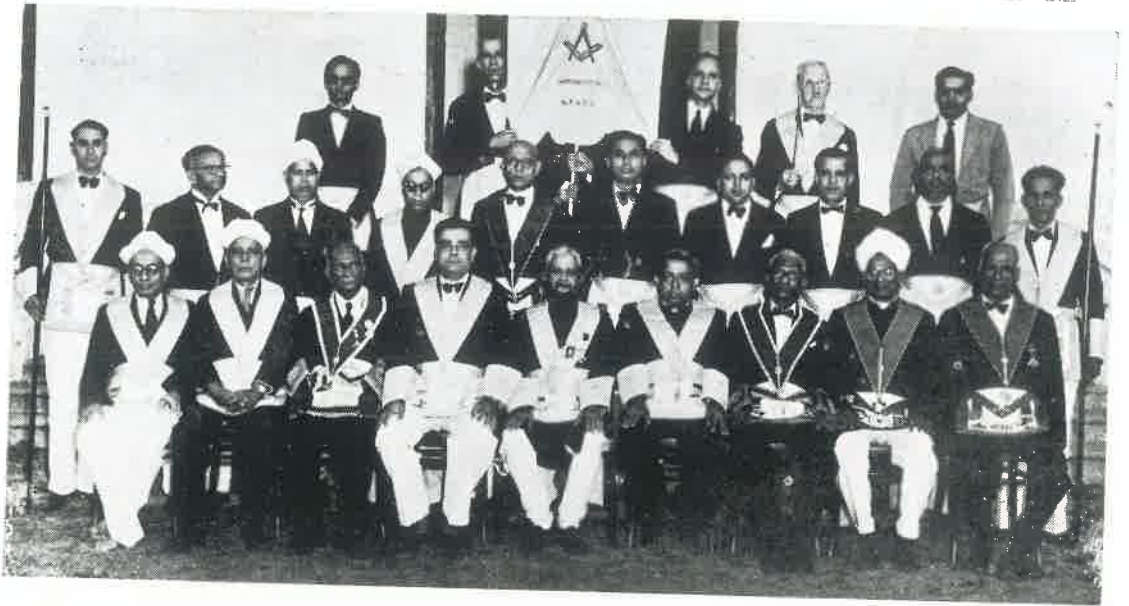


Photo taken on the occasion of the presentation of the new banner shows Wor. Bro. K. S. Srinivasan with his officers and the District Grand Master.



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Mount Lodge during the Rulership of Wor. Bro. Temple



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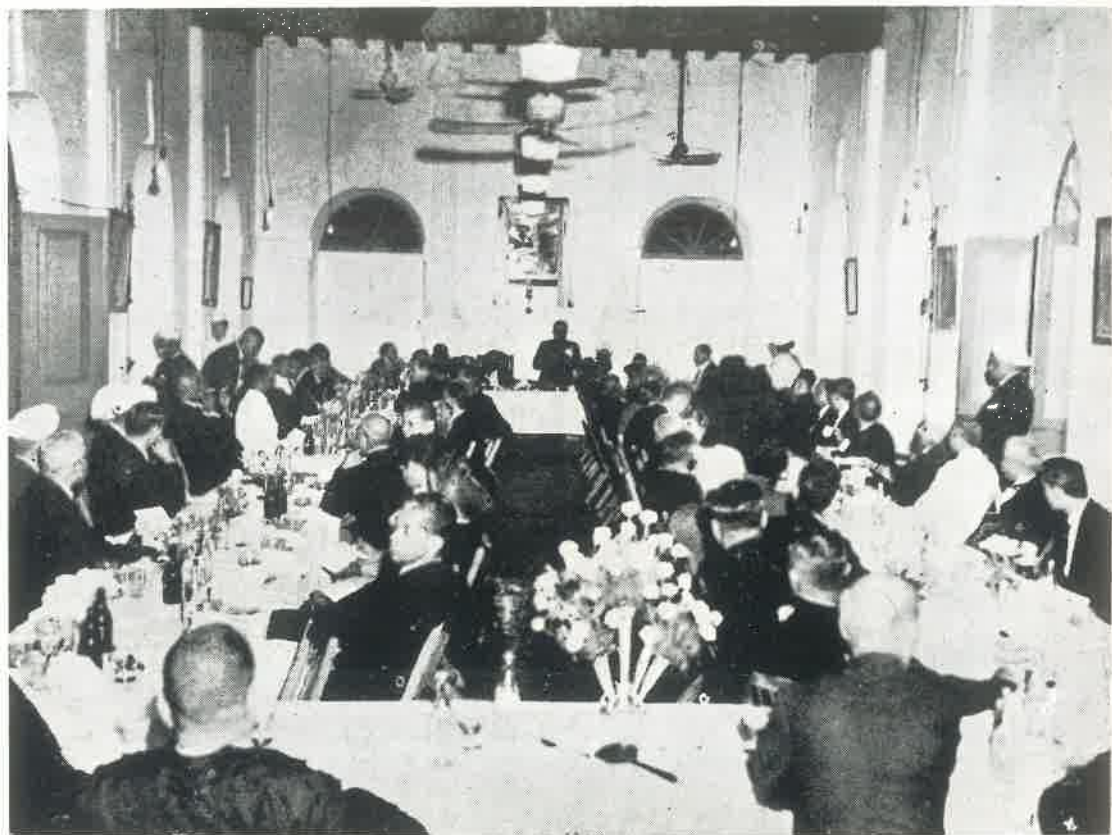


Mount Lodge 1911—1912. Wor. Master - Wor. Bro. Webster

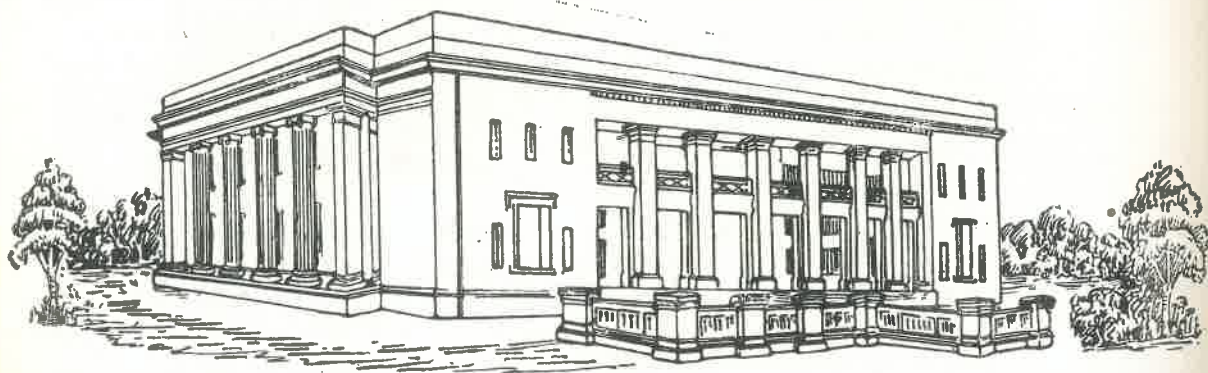
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During the mastership of Wor. Bro. P. N. S. Ramán, in Jan 1952, a masonic study circle was inaugurated by the Rt. Wor. the District Grand Master T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer, seen speaking at the top picture. Photo below shows Wor. Bro. P. N. Sundararajan, president of the circle addressing the brethren.



Wor. Bro. P. N. Sundararajan. at his installation in November 1950 unveiled the portrait of the District Grand Master, T. V. Muthukrishna Iyer.



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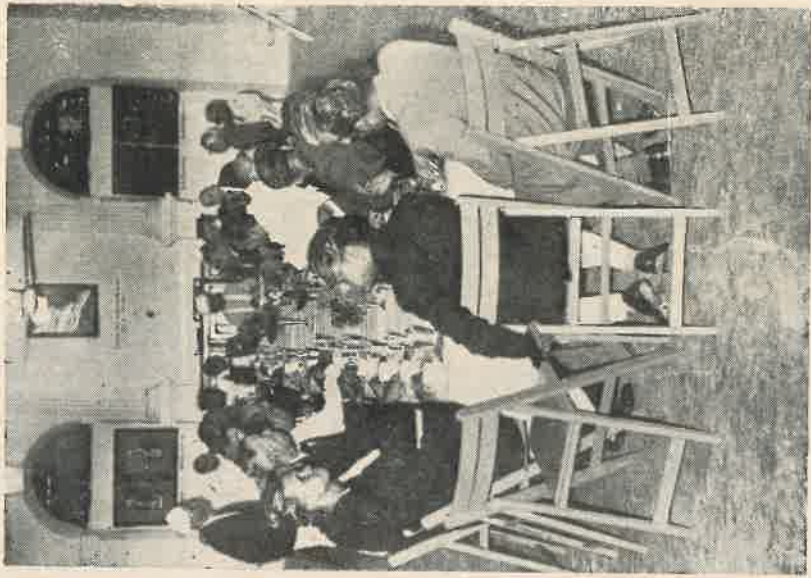
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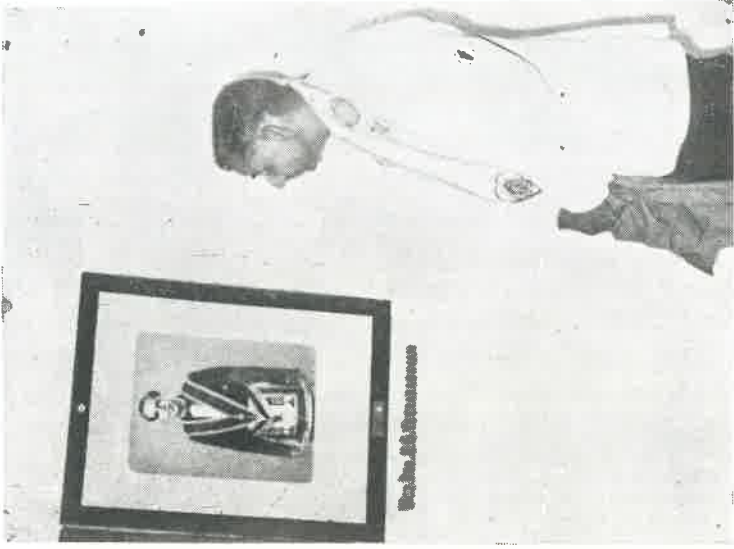
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Besides brethren of Mount Lodge, a very large number of friends and admirers from other lodges graced the occasion when portraits were unveiled on Aug. 4, 1962



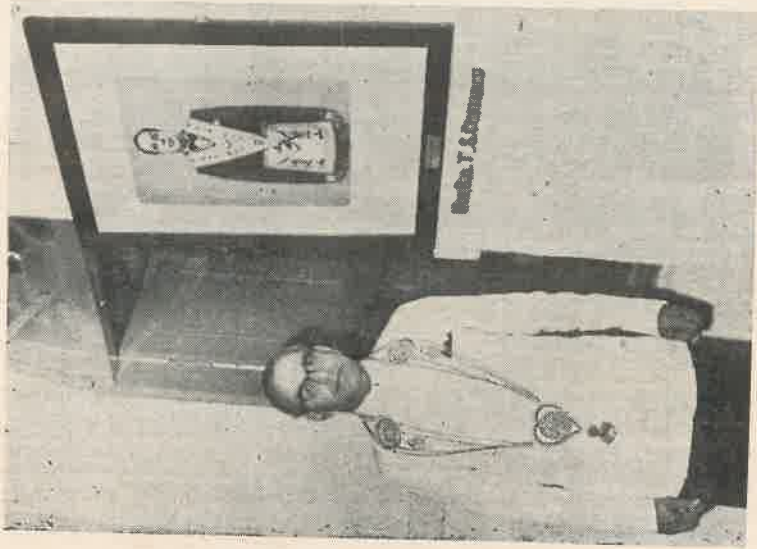
The portrait of Wor. Bro. K. Srinivasan, convenor of the centenary committee, was unveiled by the Assistant Regional Grand Master M. M. A. Nawaz. Our treasurer A. Sarnigapani is seen in the background.



The portrait of K. G. Veeraraghavan was unveiled by Wor. Bro. C. A. Ramakrishnan, President of the Regional Board of General Purposes.



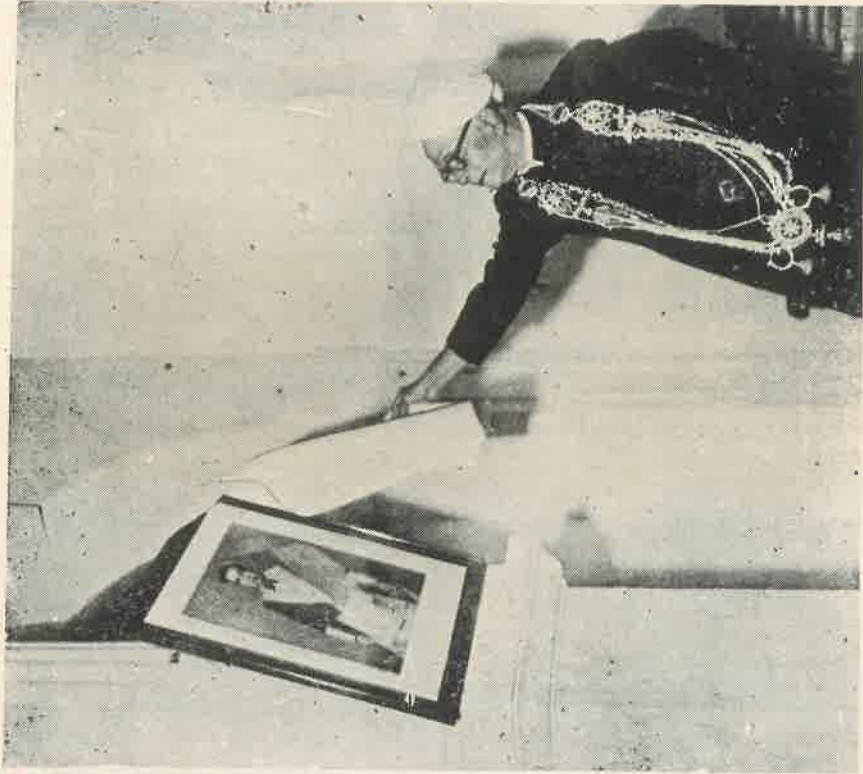
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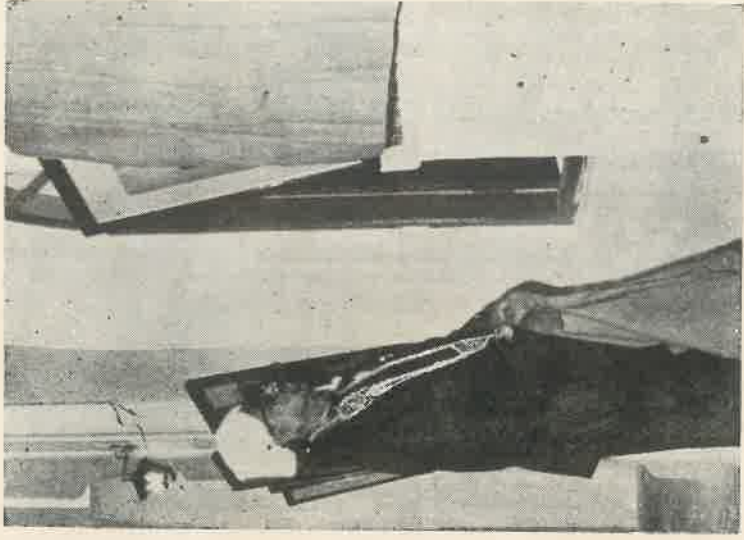
Wor. Bro. K. P. Ramaswami of Lodge Archibald Campbell is seen unveiling the portrait of the Worshipful Master, T. S. Chintamani



Wor. Bro. C. W. Stephenson had the unique pleasure of unveiling the portraits of two of our brethren E. W. King and E. Cooper



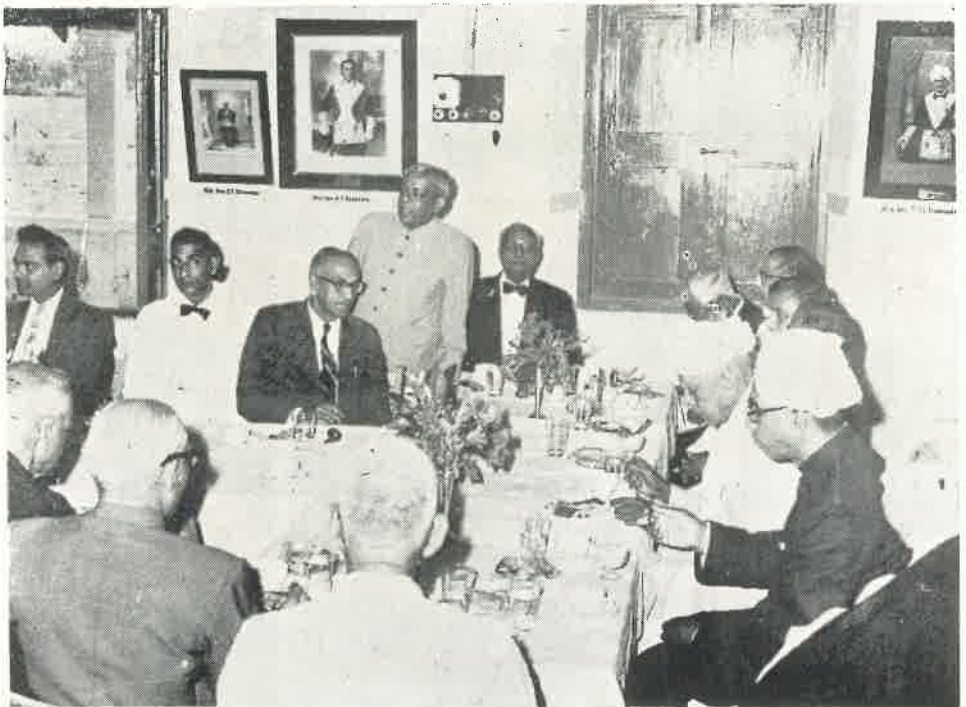
In Nov. 1951 the portrait of Wor. Bro. Jiten Banerji was unveiled by the then District Grand Secretary, Wor. Bro. S. T. Srinivasa Gopala Chari.



Wor. Bro. S. Amudachari, the district Grand Secretary is seen unveiling the portrait of Wor. Bro. V. Kunchikapadam.



Worshipful Brother C. Kunhiraman is seen unveiling the portrait of Wor. Bro. S. P. S. Rajan, one of our past masters and now assistant Regional Grand Secretary.



Wor. Bro. P. N. Sundararajan is seen welcoming the distinguished brethren of the district who had so readily consented to come down to Mount to unveil the portraits of our Past Masters.

APPENDIX I

ON THE LEVEL

“The rich man leaves his rank and state,
Outside the Mason's door ;
The poor man meets his true respect,
Upon the chequered floor,”

Whenever and wherever Freemasons congregate in lodges, they *meet on the level*. Princes, Presidents, Philosophers and statesmen, the learned and the unlearned, are only ‘Brethren’. Their distinctions and even their virtues, they may flaunt before the world, but in the lodge all inequalities are veiled. A prince is but a brother, and his lowliest fellow citizen greets him as an equal” (Indian Masonic Review).

For the past hundred years and more, eversince the foundation of Lodge Mount, it had always met on the level and inculcated this spirit of equality. Under its banner gathered men from Army, Navy and Air Force, Landed Aristocrats, Doctors, Lawyers, Engineers, Businessmen, Merchants, Industrialists, Architects, Ship-chandlers, Clerks, Sergeants, Officers and Assistants of well known commercial firms, rich and poor alike and have in the long run proved themselves worthy and distinguished in the craft.

We have added this useful appendix of the Members of the lodge from 1862 onwards. It is a fairly complete list.

Till February 1912, the lodges in South India, did not maintain a classified register of members. At the District Grand Lodge meeting dated 9th February, 1912, it was resolved that the District Grand Lodge as well as all the private lodges should maintain a register which would contain full information regarding the Masonic Career of each member of the lodge. From this register we are able to get a complete list of members as from 1912 onwards.

We have tried our best to gather the names of the members of the lodge from 1862 to 1912 from all available sources. The Madras Masonic Review and the Indian Masonic Review have been very useful for this purpose, Wor Bro S. Panchapakesan, Asst. Secretary of the District Grand Lodge gave his unstinted help and placed at our disposal the Register of the District Grand Lodge and the minutes of the D.G.L meetings from which we were able to get an almost complete list. On a modest estimate, we feel that the names of about 200 Brethren for the period upto 1912 would still be missing.

We are not able to find out the name of the Worshipful Master for 1863. But during our research we found that in most of the lodges, election of the Master was held twice a year, and the Master held office for a period of six months. The records of the Lodge of Perfect Unanimity and that of Universal Charity confirm this fact. We also noticed that the first lodge to be consecrated in the South was in the year 1752, though there is evidence of the existence of a lodge from 1742 onwards.

List of Brethren of Mount Lodge from 1862

S. No.	Regd. No.	Name	Occupation	I/J	Date
1		J. R. Magreth	Army	...	—
2		B. L. Gordon	Army	...	—
3		Harry Macloed	Army	...	—
4		H. G. Shaw	Doctor - Army	...	—
5		H. T. Rogers	Captain - Army	...	—
5a		J. F. Pibson	Army	...	—
6		B. H. W. Magreth	Captain - Army	...	—
7		B. D. Gordon	—	—	—
8		Boneford	—	—	—
9		Albert Foster Pater	—	—	—
10		B. Anderson	Army Engineer	...	—
11		A. J. Filgate	Army	...	—
12		C. E. Reid	Army	...	—
13		C. W. Brenton	Army	...	—
14		W. H. Clarke	Army	...	—
15		R. Cunliffe	—	—	—
16		J. C. Cloete	Captain - Army	...	—
17		Albert Baker	—	—	—
18		J. H. P. Anderson	Army	...	—
19		J. T. Greaturox	Businessman	...	—
20		R. W. Ogrady	—	—	—
21		S. Penny	Army	...	—
22		R. C. W. Campbell	—	—	—
23		E. A. Gibbons	—	—	—
24		J. W. Fairfield	—	—	—
25		J. W. Borthistle	—	—	—
26		R. H. Cunliffe	Col. Army	...	—
27		H. M. Hams	—	—	—
28		S. Holmes	—	—	—
29		J. E. David	—	—	—
30		R. Gooding	—	—	—
31		W. Monagham	—	—	—
32		B. Kernam	—	—	—
33		A. W. Rawlins	—	—	—
34		D. R. King	—	—	—
35		G. Hunt	—	—	—
36		W. P. Carson	—	—	—
37		G. W. Knox	—	—	—
38		G. Leslie	—	—	—
39		Wilmont	—	—	—
40		Thomas David Blair	—	—	—
41		R. Young	—	—	—
42		J. Muir	—	—	—
43		R. Soars	—	—	—
44		H. W. Mayne	—	—	—
45		H. Adutt	—	—	—
46		R. C. Maneaud	—	—	—
47		H. Fenner	—	—	—
48		J. W. Evans	—	—	—
49		G. V. Knox	—	—	—

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50		G. Dempster	...	—	—
51		W. McEntegert	...	—	—
52		J. A. Shearburn	...	—	—
53		J. Rose	...	—	—
54		T. Santhomas	...	—	—
55		C. J. H. Ellis	...	—	—
56		R. S. Johnson	...	—	—
57		William Herd	...	—	—
58		W. Green	...	—	—
59		C. M. J. Moore	...	Army	—
60		W. G. Rose	...	Army Surgeon	—
61		W. D. Gunn	...	—	—
62		H. W. Smith	...	—	—
63		A. R. Stuart	...	—	—
64		J. Mills	...	—	—
65		H. Parr	...	—	—
66		G. Blazey	...	—	—
67		A. Hosie	...	—	—
68		E. J. Black	...	—	—
69		W. Jones	...	—	—
70		W. Remington	...	—	—
71		R.R.E.Drake-Brockman	...	—	—
72		J. W. Evans	...	Surgeon - Army	—
73		Jas Grey	...	—	—
74		A. Cleverton	...	—	—
75		S. V. Rajagopalachari	...	—	—
76		W. H. Jones	...	—	—
77		H. W. Mayne	...	—	—
78		J. F. Tripp	...	—	—
79		G. S. Hope	...	—	—
80		Ralph	...	—	—
81		Dugham	...	—	—
82		G. Subbarao	...	—	—
83		J. Balfour	...	—	—
84		J. H. Webster	...	—	—
85		M. Kernam	...	—	—
86		W. Nott	...	—	—
87		J. Fairman	...	—	—
88		W. W. Hogg	...	—	—
89		Reef	...	—	—
90		W. H. Emby	...	—	—
91		G. E. Hodges	...	—	—
92		F. Osmond	...	—	—
93		J. Morries	...	—	—
94		H. Witchell	...	—	—
95		W. Ncrth	...	—	—
96	1	SR. YM. Prasadarao Naidu.	Zamindar	...	27-7-1888
97		H. M. Mitchell	...	—	—
98		R. W. Lyons	...	—	—
99		J. A. F. Cole	...	—	—
100		D. Mackey	...	—	—
101		Noble	...	—	—
103		W. H. Sweet	...	—	—

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104		T. D. Blair	...	—	—
105		G. E. Hodges	...	—	—
106		R. J. Menead	...	—	—
107		J. Edmunds	...	—	—
108		W. Cox	...	—	—
109		T. G. Sakhuram Naik	...	I	27— 7—1888
110		C. Manavala Naidu	...	—	—
111		V. Balaiah Naidu	...	—	—
112		N. Kuppusami Chettiar	...	—	—
113		A. Singannam Chettiar	...	—	—
114		J. Ruck	...	—	—
115		Subramani Iyer	...	—	—
116		T. M. Venkatasa sastry	...	—	—
117		O. Mackay	...	—	—
118		W. Reader	...	—	—
119		J. Westcott	...	—	—
120		A. Thompson	...	—	—
121		J. Harris	...	—	3— 5—1890
122		I. Peck	...	—	7— 6—1890
123		M. D. Billimoria	...	—	7— 6—1890
124		W. B. Trenholm	...	—	7— 6—1890
125		T. James	...	I	5— 7—1890
126		Singarachary	...	—	—
127		T. G. Turner	Head Clerk, Presidency Magistrate Court ...	—	—
128		John Alsen	...	—	—
129		A. Gilbert	...	—	—
130		N. Gaberiel	...	—	—
131		J. Olseon	...	—	—
132		T. V. Subbarao	Asst. Surgeon I. N. D. Cochin ...	—	—
133		J. Martin	...	—	—
134		C. Kilpatrick	...	—	—
1 5		L. Ship	...	I	1— 9—1894
136		C. Wade	...	I	1— 9—1894
137		T. L. Ormiston	...	—	—
138		R. M. Thurby	...	I	1— 9—1894
139		S. Montieth	...	—	—
140		J. C. Burn	...	—	—
141		E. M. Damle	Surgeon Major	...	—
142		C.H.M. Hitchins	Col. - Army	...	—
143		E. J. Taylor	...	—	—
144		G. Mower	...	—	—
145		E. R. Etches	Architect	...	—
146		H. Demonte	...	—	—
147		F.W. Giller	...	—	—
148		N, P. Adams	...	—	—
149		J. J. Bishop	...	—	—
150		Temple	Lt. Col. Army.	...	—
151		N. Chatterjee	Lt. Col. Army.	...	—
152		S. C. Venkatramiah	...	I	Mar. 1890
153		T. F. Dawson	...	—	—
154		R. F. Hudson	...	I	Mar. 1890

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155		C. T. Rolff	...	I	1892
156		Rajagopal Naidu	...	—	—
157		Sufdar Hussain Sahib	...	—	—
158		E. Flaherty	...	—	—
159		F. Osmond	...	—	—
160		R. Rangarao	...	—	—
161		E. Jones	...	—	—
162		West	...	—	—
163		R. J. Marshallrew	...	—	—
164		Rev. James sharp	...	—	—
165		R. S. Masden	...	—	—
166		J. Wisken	...	—	—
167		Burn	...	—	—
168		Thomson	Lt. Col., Doctor Army ...	—	—
169		Claderton	...	—	—
170		S. E. Pegler	...	I	3—5—1899
171		Warner	...	—	—
172		E. Bonner	...	—	—
173		Ram Narain Panday	...	J	1—11—1899
174		W.H. Vigne	—
175		J. Graham	...	J	1—11—1899
176		Edwards	Army	...	—
177		Rajah of Devakottah	...	—	—
178		M.V. Narayanaswami Pillai	...	—	—
179		Humpregs	...	—	—
180		Thurly	...	—	—
181		Cronch	...	—	—
182		Carter	...	—	—
183		S. D. Conner	...	—	—
184		Gurupatham	...	—	—
185	2	Raja Venugopal Bahadur	Zamindar	... I	5—10—1898
186		Lakshman Rao of Baroda	...	—	—
187		A. H. Robert	Sergeant	... I	5—7—1899
188		G. Mantell	...	J	2—8—1899
189		William Heale	Sergeant	...	—
190		T. Mantell	...	—	—
191		G. K. Green	...	J	3—1—1900
192		J. Taylor	...	I	1899
193		Brougham	...	—	—
194		E. Sueddon	...	—	—
195		N. S. Rajaram	...	RJ	4—10—1899
196		G. Mower	...	—	—
197		F. Blackburn	...	—	6—12—1899
198		R. L. Lavmore	Lt. Army	...	6—12—1899
199		T. Taylor	...	J	7—2—1900
200		W. Fitch	...	J	7—2—1900
201		S. Ainjer	Sergeant Army	... J	7—2—1900
202		Francis	" "	... J	2—7—1900
203		A. E. Stanley	...	J	2—7—1900
204		Thomas Butler	...	J	2—7—1900
205		Chandle	...	J	2—7—1900
206		W. P. Hall	Sergeant Army	... I	2—7—1900
207		J. Howlett	...	—	—

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208		Nicholson	—	I	2— 7—1900
209		Hall	—	—	—
210		T. H. Holdaway	—	I	1— 8—1900
211		Courtland Anderson	—	I	5— 9—1900
212		Lt. Col. Chatterjee	—	I	3—10—1900
213		F. W. Charles Wilson	—	I	5—12— 1900
214		A. H. Deane	—	I	do
215		Milfred Fredrick Scare	—	—	—
216		W. P. Macgowan	—	—	6— 3—1901
217	3	C. H. Parsons	Staff Sergeant	J	do
218		C. H. P. Livcilns	—	—	do
219		R. A. Gregory	—	J	3— 4—1901
220		T. Whitefield	—	J	do
221		C. N. Bazely	—	I	do
222		G. Garnett	—	J	1— 5—1901
223		H. C. Whitemarch Knight.	—	I	3— 7—1901
224		Lawrence George Hast	—	I	4— 9—1901
225		Hartwell James Simpson...	—	I	4—12—1901
226		Francis Thomas Morley	—	I	5— 2—1902
227		Cranshaw S.	—	J	4— 2—1903
228		P. L. Shenoy	—	J	1— 4—1903
229		Ererilt Broom	—	I	4—11—1903
230		G. Maurice Roberts William Hart	—	I	2—12—1903
231	4	G. M. Callaghan	Asst. Surgeon Army	I	3— 6—1903
232		G. D. Beaumont	—	I	3— 2—1904
233		V. Aravamudha Iyengar	—	J	6— 4—1904
234	21	V. S. Gnanaprakasam	Engineer	J	do
235		T. K. Jayaraman	—	—	4— 5—1904
236		E. Sampathuchetty	—	—	do
237		J. A. Beaumont	—	I	1— 6—1904
238		C. S. Venkatramiah	—	J	do
239	5	G. Devasahayam	Vakil High court	I	do
240		J. J. Holland	—	J	do
241		C. V. Dorairaj	—	J	do
242	6	B. F. Cavanagh	Horticulturist	J	7— 9—1904
243		W. T. Lissenberg	—	—	5—10—1904
244		W. Weldon	—	—	—
245	7	Joseph David	Land Lord	—	5—10—1904
246		D. Kamath	—	J	do
247		C. W. Aldrich	—	—	2—11—1904
248		James Shoriff	—	—	1905
249		A. S. Nailer	—	—	do
250		B. F. Gilbt	—	—	do
251		H. M. Mac Gaw	—	—	3— 5—1905
252		T. A. Broom	—	J	do
253	8	G. E. Farlowe	Engineer	I	do
254		J. Russell	—	I	do
255		C. A. Halles	—	J	5— 7—1905
256		A. Morrison	—	I	2— 9—1905
257		N. Coomarasami	—	—	—
258		Maurice Issac	—	—	—
259	9	M. Savrimuthu Pillai	Photographer	I	2— 9—1905

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260		V. P. Sreenivasacharu	—	—	16— 9—1905
261		Joseph Henry Barker	—	—	do
262		B. S. White	—	—	2— 9—1905
263		V. Sessa Iyer	—	—	—
264		C. H. Aldrich	—	—	4—11—1905
265		Frank Burnlet	—	—	do
266	10	H. P. Williams	Stationer	...	I
267	20	G. Stagg	Police Inspector	...	I
268		Passaway	—	...	I
269		Beale	—	...	I
270		R. R. B. Cullish	—	...	I
271		I. Crops	—	...	I
272		G. Neid	—	...	7— 4—1906
273		H. Bolete	—	...	5— 5—1906
274		S. Sandwell	—	...	do
275		Sam Cooper	—	...	2— 6—1906
276	11	F. R. Scott	Merchant	...	I
277		P. Barlett	—	...	I
278		W. H. Daniel	—	...	I
279		A. Wood	—	...	I
280		Meynwell	—	...	I
281		James Henry	—	...	—
282		Solomon David	—	...	3—11—1906
283		W. N. Joyce	—	...	—
284	12	J. Webster	Engineer	...	—
285		G. M. Skipp	—	...	4— 5—1907
286	13	V. Ramaswamy Iyer	Merchant	...	J
287		K. Rangachar	—	...	I
288		C. H. Atherstone	—	...	J
289		S. Smith	—	...	J
290		W. G. Edge	—	...	—
291		M. Arunachalam Pillai	—	...	J
292	14	W. H. Murch	Proprietor Murch and Segmour, Opt.	...	I
293		F. Wilford	—	...	J
294		F. Cross	—	...	I
295		F. Hulbert	—	...	I
296		F. Trutwein	—	...	I
297		W. H. Sutton	—	...	I
298		Velupillai Devasigamani Pillai	—	...	—
299	15	C. A. Fitz Herbert	Merchant	...	—
300		W. E. Edge	Merchant	...	—
301		H. Robinson	—	...	1— 2—1908
302		Rev. A. E. Stanely	—	...	—
303		V. Hutchinson	—	...	J
304		J. Birkhead	—	...	J
305		A. Chapman	—	...	J
306		R. L. W. Chitts	—	...	J
307		F. W. B. Mathews	—	...	J
308		J. R. Cooper	—	...	J
309		H. Aubrey	—	...	—
310	16	S. David	Merchant	...	I
					6— 6—1908
					1908
					5—12—1908

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311	18	T. Hari Rao	Financial Superintendent	...	5-12-1908
			Secretariat	...	do
312	17	Francis Smythe	Clerk-Govt. House	...	do
313	19	A.C. Parthasarathi Naidu...	Journalist	...	do
314		L. T. Edney	Chaffeur to H. E. Governor	...	7-10-1908
315		F. W. Gywnn	—	...	1909
316		J. E. Douglas	—	J	do
317	40	J. E. Whitehouse	Staff Sergeant	.. I	5- 6-1909
318	22	J. D. Samuel	High Court Vakil	...	do
319	23	Bazely	Chaplin	...	3- 7-1909
320		C. H. Bowden	—	I	1909
321		C. D. Sambandan	—	I	do
323	24	B. D. Gnanakkan	Professor	...	3- 7-1909
324	25	Alexander Packianathan	Planter	...	7- 8-1909
325	26	M. Sreenivasa Mudaliar	Manager, Presidency Post Office	...	4- 9-1909
326	27	R. H. Williams	Traffic Supdt. B. I. S. N. Co., Ltd.	...	6-11-1909
327		R. Sreenivasa Iyer	—	I	1909
328	28	N. Rajagopalan	Barrister-at-law	...	8- 1-1910
329	29	J. C. Gerrand	Furrier	...	do
330	30	C. Thangavelu Mudaliar	Asst. Supdt. Acct. Gl. Office	...	5- 3-1910
331	31	V. Ethiraj Naicker	Accountant	...	do
332		H. Spiers	—	J	1909-1910
332		H. E. May	—	J	do
333		R. Cutts	—	J	do
334		Rev. C. N. Barely	—	J	do
335		W. H. Crutchley	—	J	do
336		C. H. Pritchard	—	J	do
337		V. Sambasiva Iyer	—	J	do
338		H. H. Bikckrell	—	J	do
339		W. H. Warby	—	I	1910
340		A. W. Fumow	—	I	do
341	32	A. Subba Reddy	Police Inspector	.. I	3- 9-1910
342	33	T. S. Subramania Iyer	Principal — Teachers College	...	1-10-1910
343	34	C. A. Krishna Rao	Chief Draftsman, M.S.M. Railway	...	do
344	35	A. Sreenivasa Iyengar	Merchant	...	do
345	36	S. Nallasami Pillai	Merchant	...	5-11-1910
346		R. Blackmore	—	I	5-11-1910
347		N. E. Krishnamachari	(Rly. Police Inspector	...	2-12-1910
348	39	H. G. Princwright	Merchant	...	7- 1-1911
349		M. Morrison	do	J	1910-1911
350		G. King	do	J	—
351	38	K. R. Sitarama Iyer	High Court Vakil	...	—
352		V. A. Forbes	do	—	—
353		R. A. Mokie	do	—	—
354	41	F. A. Henbow	Merchant	...	1-7-1911
355	42	W. S. Sarney	Merchant	...	do
356	43	Paul Appaswamy	Vice Principal, Law College	I	2- 9-1911

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357	44	T. V. S. Ragavachari	Police Inspector	...	2-9-1911
358		M. D. Devadoss	High Court Judge	...	—
359	45	A. J. Tayler	Accountant	...	—
360	46	T. Prakasam	Barrister - at - law	I	4-11-1911
			Chief Minister	...	do
361	47	Abdul Sattoor	Asst. Surgeon	I	do
362	48	R. J. Thuraisingam	—	...	—
363		R. G. G. Berkley	—	...	—
364		S. E. Ranganathan	Professor of English	...	—
365		S. Krishnaswamy Iyengar...	—	...	—
366		R. Sreenivasa Iyengar	Vakil	...	2-12-1911
367	49	V. Damodaran Naidu	Merchant	...	2-12-1911
368		R. G. G. Buckley	—	...	2-3-1912
369		J. E. Donglas	—	...	—
370		B. Narayanaswamy Chetty...	—	...	—
371	50	John Walter Long	Sergeant R.F.A.	I	2-3-1912
372	51	J. Crawford	Do.	...	4-5-1912
373	52	M. Govindan Nair	Dy. Suptd. Police	...	do
374	53	G. R. Whyth	Sergeant R.F.A.	J	4-5-1912
375	54	A. Jayachandran Naidu	Contractor	I	1-6-1912
376	55	V. Thiruvengadathan Chetty	Merchant	I	6-7-1912
377	56	B. Mariswamy Chetty	—	...	do
378	57	Dravyam Soloman	Supdt. Abkari Dept	I	7-9-1912
379	58	T. Balakrishna odayar	Land Lord	I	5-10-1912
380	59	A. W. J. Payne	Police Inspector	...	7-12-1912
381	60	T. H. Holloway	—	I	do
382	61	Syed Abdul Rahim Jilani	Merchant	I	1-8-1900
383	62	C. Sollayappa Chetty	Merchant & Banker	...	4-1-1913
384	63	S. Rajamannar Chetty	Merchant	I	1-12-1913
385	64	C. T. Fredrick	Merchant	...	7-6-1913
386	65	S. Amirthanayagam	Electric Chargeman	I	5-10-1912
387	66	William Joshua	Asst. Engineer	...	5-7-1913
388	67	K. Doraisami Iyer	Dy. Collector	I	7-3-1914
389	68	A. Krishnasami Mudaliar	Inspector of Police	...	do
390	69	T. Sitapathi Ayer	Inspector of police	I	do
391	70	Mohmed Habibulla Sahib	Civil Asst. Surgeon	I	2-5-1914
392	71	M. S. Bavanandam Pillai	Mittadar	I	do
			Asst. Commissioner of Police	...	do
393	72	T. Sivarama Iyer	Mirasadar	J	do
394	73	D. Krishna Rao	Land-holder	I	1-8-1914
395	74	Granta Raugamannar Chetty	Land-holder	I	5-9-1914
396	75	Gibbon Frederic	Mirasadar	...	do
397	76	Richard Daniel Smither	Pensioner	J	5-12-1914
398	77	S. Subramania Sastri	Civil Engineer	...	6-2-1915
399	79	Albert Edward Barley	Clerk in Govt. Service	I	do
			Reserve Inspector of Police	...	do
400	80	George Tabor Auston	Supdt. Customs Preventive	J	3-4-1915
			—	J	1-5-1915

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401	81	George Williams	Madras Harbour		
		Watson	Official Measurer	J	1— 5—1915
402	82	Milford Fredric Sacre	Preventive Officer		
			Customs Madras	I	3— 5—1915
403	83	T. C. Adikesavalu	Head clerk Court of		
		Pillai	Small Causes	I	4— 3—1916
404	84	A. H. Chowryappah	Printer	I	do
405	85	T. S. Varadachari	Commercial Trader	I	3— 6—1916
406	86	Bryant John Forbes	Comml. Civil Service	J	2—12—1916
407	87	Mullaly Fredrick	Indian Police	J	do
408	88	W. Bro. S.V. Devadasan	District Forest Officer...	J	do
409	89	Dhanakoti Raju David	Merchant	J	do
410	90	T. V. Sessa Iyer	Instructor-Eng. College		
			Guindy	J	6— 1—1917
411	91	Wylde E. Freeman	M.S.M.Ry. Madras	J	3— 2—1917
412	92	S. K. Abdul Razak Sahib	Merchant	I	3—12—1917
413	93	S. A. Hussain Sahib	Merchant	I	do
414	94	P.N. Rangaswamy Iyengar..	Doctor	I	do
415	95	K. M. Verghese	Dy, Collector	J	7— 4—1917
416	96	S. K. Hussain Sahib	Rt. Dy. Collector	J	do
417	97	E. Cooper (P.W.)	Sgt. King Institute		
			Guindy	I	5— 5—1917
418	98	S. P. Ayyasami Mudaliar...	Dt. Board Engineer	I	do
419	99	T. Balarajurao Naidu	Dewan of Venkatagiri...	J	7— 7—1917
420	100	E. Edward Bowell	Port Trust Supdt.	J	do
421	101	Yachandra Govinda			
		Krishna Raja of			
		Venkatagiri	Zamindar	I	do
422	102	M. R. Ghadiale	Asst. Engineer	I	1— 9—1917
423	103	E. Venkatasubba Iyer	Merchant	I	do
424	104	Frederic Hallas	Staff Sergeant	J	1905
425	105	R. A. Srinivasa Iyengar...	Executive Engineer	I	2— 3—1911
426	106	S. V. Rathnam	Barister at Law	I	6— 4—1918
427	107	M. Jagadeeswaran	Dental Surgeon	I	do
428	108	N. V. Mclean	Inspector of Boilers	I	4— 5—1918
429	109	S. V. Appa Rao	Zamindar	I	7— 9—1918
430	110	S. A. Davis	Inspector steam		
			Boilers	I	do
431	111	G. Workman	Indian Defence Force...	I	5—10—1918
432	112	K. Rangaswami naidu	Tasildar	I	7—12— 1918
433	113	D. Chunilal Seth	Banker	I	do
434	114	Uthukuli Kumara			
		Zamindar Kalingarayar...	Zamindar	I	1—12—1919
435	115	Goddon Donald	Educationist	J	1— 3—1919
436	116	E. A. Baynes	Elecl. Engineer	I	5— 4—1919
437	117	A. C. Asirvadanadar	Medl. Practitioner	I	7— 6—1919
438	118	G. E. Sampath Chetty	Merchant	I	1— 5—1904
439	119	K. N. Kotnis	Office Manager		
			Bcmby Co. Ltd.	I	6— 9—1919
440	120	S. Singaram	Dubash, Best & Co.,	I	4—10—1919
441	121	J. B. Venkatachalapathy			
		Iyer	Silk Merchant	I	7— 8—1920
442	122	K. R. Singaram Chettiar ...	Merchant-Agent	I	do

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443	123	N. Rajagopalan	Bar-at-law	I	8— 1—1920
444	124	M. Chinniah	Head Acctt. I.G. Regn	I	21— 8—1920
445	125	F. W. Basker	Manager, S. I. Leather Co.	I	do
446	126	R. Franklin	Doctor	I	4—9—1920
447	127	A. B. Rajagopala Iyer	Merchant	I	do
448	128	F. A. Williams	Court-keeper Small Causes Court.	I	18— 9—1920
449	129	V. John	Telegraphmaster	I	do
450	130	P. Balakrishna Mudaliar	Merchant	I	2—10—1920
451	131	H.C.C. Hupt	Preventive Officer Customs	I	do
452	132	C. A. Walton	Inspector of Police	J	6—11—1920
453	133	C. S. Krishnaswami Iyer	L. Lord	I	4—12—1921
454	134	R. C. Hutchinson	Missionery	I	5— 3—1921
455	135	C. V. S. Sundaramurthy Pillai	Land Lord	I	do
456	136	F. A. Thomas	Mechanic	I	2— 4—1921
457	137	C. A. Parris	Telegraphist	I	do
458	138	K. Vasudeva Mudaliar	Life Insurance Agent	I	23— 4—1921
459	139	W. H. Terry	Engr. Telegraphs	I	7 — 5—1921
460	140	W. H. H. Chatterton	Dy. Collector	J	4— 6—1921
461	141	T.N.S. Ragavachari	King Inst. Guindy	J	do
462	142	W Yardly	Motor Engineer	I	do
463	143	F. M. Hogg	Supdt. M.S.M. Ry.	I	do
464	144	S. D. Luther	Medical Practitioner	I	5— 8—1922
465	145	T. M. Ayyadurai	—	J	2—12—1922
466	146	James Bhaskerdas	—	I	do
467	147	C. Floate	Mechanical Foreman	I	6— 1—1923
468	148	S. W. Samuel	Office Manager, M. E. S. Corpn.	I	3— 3—1923
469	149	Ge. O. Hara	Supdt. I.C.I. Ltd.	J	1923
470	150	V. A. Muthiah Thevan	Sub. Asst, Surgn	I	3— 2—1923
471	151	V. J. R. Asirvatham	Doctor	I	do
472	152	K. V. Narasimha Iyengar	Supdt. King Inst. Guindy	I	17— 3—1923
473	153	Annamalai C. S.	Paper Technologist	I	7— 4—1923
474	154	P. E. Devadasan	Educationist	I	do
475	155	H. Iast	Inspector Police	I	2— 1—1923
476	156	C. R. Vaandevvarao	High Court Vakil	I	7— 7—1923
477	157	M. Sanjeevarao	Engineer	I	4— 8—1923
478	158	J. M. Sterling	Medical Officer	I	do
479	159	Poonoose	Indian Army	I	6—10—1923
480	160	G. I. Benjamin	Doctor	I	do
481	161	V. Narayanasami	High Court Vakil	I	1—12—1923
482	162	T. M. Jambulinga Mudaliar	Land Lord	I	2— 2—1923
483	163	B. Ramaswamy Iyengar	Educationist	I	5— 4—1924
484	164	M. Tavamoni	Rly. Asst. Surgn	I	1— 3—1924
485	165	T. H. Huffton	Film Service	I	3— 5—1924
486	166	K. P. Janardhanarao	Suptd. of Police	I	do
487	167	D. Daniel	Dt. Board Engineer	J	do
488	168	K. Sukumaran	Educationist	I	5— 7—1924
489	169	K. H. Knight	Anglo Persian Oil Co., Works Clerk	I	2— 8—1924

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490	176	E. James	Military Sergt	I	6— 9—1924
491	177	C. Karunanidhi Naidu	Asst. Dupash S. I. Export Co.	I	4—10—1924
492	178	P. R. Palaniyandi	Dubash-Best & Co.,	I	do
493	179	G. May	Overseer-King Inst. Guindy	I	18—10—1924
494	180	J. Webster	Asst. Engineer Asiatic Petroleum co	I	do
495	181	E. V. Davis	School Master	I	17— 1—1925
496	175	C. Scott	Apprentice-Fitter and Turner 1st Battalion	I	2— 8—1924
497	182	C. Rangaswami Iyengar	Educationist	I	7— 2—1925
498	183	T. V. Gopaldaswami	High Court Vakil	J	4— 4—1925
499	184	Isacc Stephen	Dy. Suptd. Associated Printers	I	4— 7—1925
500	185	Vincent Henry	Senior Asst. Surgn.	I	5— 9—1925
501	186	Cyril George Conway	Civil Wireless Optr P&T.	I	3—10—1925
502	187	T. Sami Naidu	Land Lord & Sheoff Imperial Bank	I	do
503	188	Bro. Rajah of Venkatagiri	Zamindar	I	3— 4—1925
504	189	S. Perumalsami Naidu	Inspector of Police	I	do
505	190	T.G. Damodara Mudaliar	—	I	1— 5—1925
506	191	Syed Abdus Salam	Inspector of Police	I	1— 5—1926
507	192	M. J. Santhanakrishna Pillai	Asst. Govt. Exray Institute	I	5— 5—1926
508	193	M. S. Venkatrama Iyer	Sub. Asst. Inspector of Police	I	3— 7—1926
509	194	V. T. Srinivasaragavan	Electrical Engineer	I	4— 9—1926
510	195	Gnanamuthu A. Daniel	Secy. Y. M. C. A.	I	7— 5—1927
511	196	V. Nemberumal Chetty	Eng. Contractor	I	do
512	197	Nageswara Narayanan	Elec. Engineer	I	23— 9—1927
513	198	K. Ramakrishna Sarma	Artist	I	21— 1—1928
514	199	Herbert Black	Jockey - Trainer	I	4— 2—1928
515	200	C. Parthasarathy Mudaliar	Merchant	I	do
516	201	Charles Edward Sell	Clerk Holy Orders	J	5— 5—1928
517	202	T. K. Natesan	Civil Asst. Surgn Exray	I	6—10—1928
518	203	Y. Basaviah Naidu	P. W. Inspector	I	5— 1—1929
519	204	D. R. Annamalai	Asst. Lecturer in Surgery	I	do
520	205	Y. Suryanarayana Rao	Asst. Surgeon King Institute	I	19— 1—1929
521	206	V. Shanmukam Mudaliar	Office Supdt Medical Stores	I	2— 2—1929
522	207	P. T. V. Mudaliar	Contractor	I	do
523	208	Amarsingh	Executive officer Mount Cantt	I	4— 5—1929
524	209	A. Rajah Iyer	D. S. P.	J	6— 7—1929
525	210	S. K. Hattangadi	Civil Asst. Surgn	I	5—10—1929
526	211	A. Srinivasulu Naidu	Professor of Pathology, Medical College	I	9—10—1929
527	212	William James Wright	Jockey	I	1— 2—1930
528	213	Jonathan Edward David	Merchant	I	1— 3—1930

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529	214	P. O. Kosly Mudaly ...	Dy. Thasildar, Saidapet	...	
530	215	C. Totadri ...	Civil Asst. Surgeon	I	5-4-1930
531	216	Rev. P. A. Krishnaswamy...	Secy. Bible Society	I	3-5-1930
532	217	M. V. Manassel ...	Asst. Chrometall Co	I	5-7-1930
533	218	Archibald Edwin Pope ...	Chargemen S. Rly	J	7-3-1931
534	219	K. K. Srinivasa Pillai ...	Manager, New India Insurance Co.,	I	do
535	221	V. Kanakasabapathi ...	A. T. S., S. Rly.	I	1-8-1931
536	222	S.S. Suryanarayana Sastri...	Reader in Philosophy Madras University...	J	5-3-1932
537	223	S. B. Metha ...	Merchant	I	6... 8-1932
538	224	Syed Nyamathulla Sahib ...	Medical Practitioner	I	7-1-1932
539	225	R. V. Krishna Iyer ...	Secy. Legislative Council	I	do
540	226	A. S. Thiruvenkada Mdr. ...	Dubash. Gordon Woodroffe	J	4-3-1933
541	227	F. Jagannathan ...	Advocate	I	6-5-1933
542	228	T. K. Sundaram ...	Physician	I	do
543	229	A. J. Jesudasan ...	Proprietor, The Walter Laboratories, Madras ...	I	5-8-1933
544	230	A. Appadurai Pillai ...	Rtd. Director of Industries	I	do
545	231	D. R. ChristoDoss ...	Inspector of Police	I	2-9-1933
546	232	A. K. Srinivasaragavan ...	Principal, City College Madras	I	do
547	233	A. G. Appaswamy Ayyar...	Pvt Clerk to Archibald Campbell	I	2-12-1933
548	234	T. N. S. Ragavachari ...	Bacteriologist, King Inst. Guindy	I	do
549	235	V. Rama Iyengar ...	Physician	I	do
550	236	B. J. Rook ...	Jockey	I	6-1-1934
551	237	K. Manjunatha Rai ...	Surgeon Gl. Hospital Madras	I	do
552	238	T. S. Ramanujam ...	Contractor & Landlord...		3-2-1934
553	239	S. T. Rehenins ...	Dy. Spdt. of Police Mount		do
554	240	P. R. Palaniyandi ...	Duhash Best & Co.,	RJ	3-3-1934
555	241	P. Ramasami Chettiar ...	Engineer & Contractor...		5-5-1934
556	242	T. S. Varadachari ...	Asst. Manager Parry & Co.,		do
557	243	M. B. Kamalanathan ...	Asst. Officer M. S. M. Rly.		2-6-1934
558	244	K. Muthuswami Devar ...	Merchant		do
559	245	B. B. Metha ...	Diamond Merchant		23-6-1934
560	246	G. Kuriyan ...	Lecturer-University of Madras		do
561	247	L. Sankaran ...	Electrical Engineer		7-7-1934
562	248	K. G. Nair ...	Advocate		4-8-1934
563	249	C. Arumugam Pillai ...	Dental Surgeon		5-1-1935
564	250	V. N. Rangaswami ...	Engineer		2-2-1935
565	251	V. K. John ...	Bart-at-law		6-4-1935
566	252	C. Nathamuni Naidu ...	Medical Officer		4-5-1935
					1-6-1935

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567	253	T. V. Purushothaman ...	Merchant, Wine & Spirit ...		3— 8—1935
568	254	N. Krishnamurthi ...	Advocate ...	I	do
569	255	R. Ramaswami Mudaliar ...	Land Lord ...	I	5—10—1935
570	256	R. Ranga Ramanujam ...	Land Lord, Merchant ...	I	do
571	257	T. G. Loganathan ...	Cashier, Chartered Bank ...	I	7— 9—1935
572	258	A. K. Chandramani ...	Merchant ...	I	19—10—1935
573	259	S. S. Suryanarayan Sastri...	Reader in philosophy ...	RJ	7—12—1935
574	260	S. Kanthimathinathan ...	R.M.O. Vellore Hospital.	I	4— 4—1936
575	261	G. E. Cannell ...	Sergent Major, 1st Battalion ...		
576	262	C. K. Gurunadha Mdr. ...	Dubash Parry & Co. ...	I	18— 7—1936
577	263	S. Soundararajan ...	Metal Merchant & Banker	I	do
578	264	V. Samuel ...	Medical Practitioner ...	I	1— 8—1936
579	265	K. Manjunatha Rai ...	Asst. Surgeon ...	RJ	do
580	266	T. A. Srinivasan ...	Advocate ...	I	3—10—1936
581	267	C. N. Suganantha Mdr. ...	Banker and Merchant ...	I	do
582	268	S. Abdul Hussainyagh ...	Merchant ...	I	5—12— 1936
583	269	M. D. Ross ...	Merchant ...	I	do
584	270	P. Krishnakurup ...	Asst. Inspector of Excise.	I	2— 1—1937
585	271	K. E. Blyth ...	Jockey ...	I	21— 1—1937
586	272	M. H. Ramakrishna Rao ...	Mercantile Asst. ...	I	6— 2—1937
587	273	M. Achutha Naidu ...	Merchant ...	I	6— 3—1937
588	274	P. Srinivasan ...	Asst. Richardson Crudoss	I	do
589	275	P.N.S. Raman ...	Electrical Engr. ...	I	3— 4—1937
590	276	J. F. Appaji ...	Eng. Contractor ...	I	1— 5—1937
591	277	J. C. Mead ...	Medl. Practitioner ...	J	do
592	278	K. S. Seshadri ...	Accountant-Gibson & Co.	I	5— 6—1937
593	279	J. W. Brushneen ...	Sergent Gloucester Regiment ...		
594	280	T. V. Swami ...	Merchant ...	I	7— 8—1937
595	281	L. F. Malden ...	Manager, Kodak Ltd. ...	I	2— 4—1938
596	282	M. Raman ...	Rtd. Asst. Director of Survey ...	J	do
597	283	M.P.S. Jesunathan ...	Supdt. Secretariat ...	I	4— 6—1938
598	284	K.S. Anantharaman I.C.S....	Sub-collector, Rajmundry		2— 8—1938
599	285	M. Surya Rao ...	Asst. Secretary Madras Legislature ...		do
600	286	M. Arjunan ...	Doctor ...	I	3— 9—1938
601	287	V. Krishnamurthy ...	Doctor ...	I	11— 3—1939
602	288	T. S. Chintamani ...	Asst. Parry & Co. ...	I	6— 3—1939
603	289	K. Ramaswamy ...	Asst. Simpson & Co. Madras ...	I	6— 5—1939
604	290	P. T. Mudaliar ...	Asst. Collector of Military Acct ...	J	7—10—1939
605	291	K. Eswara Iyer ...	Merchant ...	J	6— 1—1940
606	292	K. G. Veeraraghavan ...	Alogologist King Inst. ..	I	3— 2—1940
607	293	K. S. Venkatrama Iyer ...	Advocate ...	I	do
608	294	A. R. Srinivasan ...	Asst. Commercial Union Assurance Co. ...	I	6— 4—1940
609	295	V. T. Srinivasaragavan. ...	Ele. Engineer ...	RJ	5—10—1940
610	296	T. M. Nasar ...	Exe. Officer Mount Cantt.	J	7—12—1940

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611	297	K. V. Sesha Iyengar	Advocate	I	6-12-1941
612	298	N. Rangachari	"	I	do
613	299	C. S. Vidyasankar	"	I	4-9-1943
614	300	Jiten Banerjee	Cine Director of Photography	I	do
615	301	Dinsha K. Tehrani	Sound Engineer.	I	6-10-1943
616	302	P. M. Narayanasami Pillai	Advocate & President, H.R.E. Board	J	4-12-1943
617	303	P. N. Sundararajan	Advocate	I	1-4-1944
618	304	M. Agarwala	Merchant	I	do
619	305	S. T. Narasimhan	Medl. Practitioner	I	6-5-1944
620	306	V. T. Srinivasaragavan	—	RJ	5-8-1944
621	307	K. M. V. Subramaniam	Acct. Bank of India	I	do
622	308	V. Nagiah	Cine Actor	I	do
623	309	K. Esvara Iyer	Merchant	J	7-10-1944
624	310	R. R. Setha	Piece-goods Merchant	I	do
625	311	V. Narasimhan	Chemist-Officer Textile	I	do
626	312	N.K. Thiruvarangam Naidu	Brass Merchant	I	2-12-1944
627	313	K. Ramakrishna Sarma	Artist	I	6-1-1945
628	314	Nandlal Batavia	Film Distributor	I	do
629	315	P. W. Nunn	R.A.F. Eng. St. Thomas Mount	I	do
630	316	Norman Victor Maclean	Army	RJ	3-2-1945
631	317	T. H. Webster	R.A.F. St. Thomas Mount	I	do
632	318	M.R.G. Thomas	"	I	do
633	319	S. Doraiswami	Merchant	J	10-3-1945
634	320	Pyarilal Burman	Medical Officer Indian Army	J	do
635	321	R. S. Mani	Film Producer	I	7-4-1945
636	322	V. Kunjithapatham	Merchant	I	4-8-1945
637	323	H.J. Careley	Navy Officer	I	do
638	324	Dr. K.R. Venkatasubba Iyer.	Medl. Practitioner	I	1-9-1945
639	325	Y. Varadarao	Film Producer & Director	I	6-10-1945
640	326	C. F. Neal	R.A.F. St. Thomas Mount	J	10-11-1945
641	327	P. R. Rama Iyer	Chief Executive, Gemini Studios	I	1-12-1945
642	328	A. S. Wellington	Engr. Naval Depot	I	5-1-1946
643	329	Dr. V. Rama Iyengar	Medl. Practitioner	J	do
644	330	Patnck Hupreys	Civil Engr.	I	2-2-1946
645	331	H. A. Clerk	Military Officer	I	do
646	332	T. G. S. Hill	Madras Race Club	I	2-3-1946
647	333	H. V. Shah	Diamond Merchant	I	do
648	334	Dr. R. Narasimhan	Medl. Practitioner	I	6-4-1946
649	335	K. C. Vinayakam	Merchant	J	4-5-1946
650	336	T. K. Sambamoorthy	Naval Officer	I	do
651	337	T. P. Ramanathan	Contractor & wine Merchant	I	do
652	338	S. P. Sundararajan	Senior Asst	I	6-7-1946
653	339	S. K. Sundaram	Land Lord & Merchant	J	5-10-1946
654	340	K. Palani	Dst. Probation Office	J	do

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655	341	K. V. Ramamurthy ...	Merchant ...	I	1-4-1947
656	342	Dr. P. Sheshagiri Rao ...	Medl. Practitioner ...	I	5-4-1947
657	343	M. S. Chowdari ...	Merchant ...	I	do
658	344	P. S. Jambu Ramasami ...	Rtd. Dy. S. P. ...	J	3-5-1947
659	345	V. Kanakasabapati ...	Rtd. Asst. Traffic Supdt... ..	J	2-8-1917
660	346	K. Subramania Iyer ...	Manager: Gramophone Co., Ltd., ...	J	do
661	347	M. Zainalabudin ...	Rtd. Civil Surgeon ...	J	1-11-1947
662	348	Ponnuranga Mudaliar ...	R. A. F. ...	J	3-4-1948
663	349	K. S. Srinivasan ...	Advocate ...	I	4-9-1948
664	350	M. Rajagopalan ...	Journalist & printer ...	I	2-10-1948
665	351	N. Narayanan ...	Electrical Engineer ...	I	do
666	352	James Walter Brushnen ...	Standard Motors ...	RJ	8-1-1949
667	353	N. T. Reddiar ...	Crescent Ins. Co., ...	I	5-3-1949
668	354	E. W. W. King ...	Merchant ...	I	do
669	355	R. Ranjan ...	Film Artist ...	I	2-4-1949
670	356	Lalchand Sahgal ...	Prudential Assnc. Co. ...	J	3-9-1949
671	357	V. K. John ...	Bar-at-law ...	RJ	3-12-1949
672	358	Bro. C. A. Das ...	Film Asst. ...	I	4-3-1950
673	359	M. S. Alluwalla ...	Indian Air Force ...	J	1-4-1950
674	360	M. G. Subramaniam ...	Retd. Me'e ologist ...	J	1-7-1950
675	361	C. G. Birch ...	Indian Air Force ...	I	2-12-1950
676	362	K. Jajodia ...	Merchant ...	I	6-1-1950
677	363	Cap. S. K. Srinivasan ...	Doctor ...	I	do
678	364	S. Viswanathan ...	Merchant ...	J	3-2-1951
679	365	R. N. Bbakshi ...	Indian Air Force ...	I	3-2-1951
680	366	T. C. S. Achary ...	Manufacturer & Industrialist ...	I	3-3-1951
681	367	J. N. Doshi ...	Merchant ...	I	7-4-1951
682	368	I. Narayanamoorthy ...	Asst. Cine Director ...	I	do
683	369	V. Rama Sarma ...	Cine Artist ...	I	7-4-1951
684	370	M. K. Sreedharan ...	Asst. Bombay Co.. ...	I	5-5-1951
685	371	Ft. Lt. Ravinandhan ...	Royal Air Force Flight Officer ...	I	2-6-1961
686	372	Madanlal Oberai ...	Army Officer ...	I	7-7-1951
687	373	A. S. David ...	Journalist ...	I	do
688	374	T. M. Nair ...	Prudential Ins. Co. ...	I	do
689	375	Rev. P. A. Krishnaswamy... ..	Secy. Bible Society ...	I	1-9-1951
690	376	S. Natarajan ...	Asst. Manager Pioneer Sports ...	I	do
691	377	Bro. S. Ramamoorthy ...	Film Director ...	I	6-10-1951
692	378	Bro. V. Raman (W.M.1444) ...	Chandler & Co. ...	I	do
693	379	Kalyana Sundaram, B ...	Advocate ...	I	3-11-1953
694	380	C. D. Deshbande ...	Manager, Chamiria Talkies ...	I	do
695	381	M. V. Kalyanasundarm ...	Advertiser ...	I	1-12-1953
696	382	A. Sarangpani ...	Hindustan Ins. Co. ...	I	5-1-1952
697	383	S. Ramamurthy ...	Asst. Kodak Ltd ...	I	do
698	384	Dr. P. Srinivasaragavan ...	Doctor ...	I	1-3-1952
699	385	R. K. Nagraj ...	Resident Asst. Cadburrys ...	I	2-8-1952
700	386	S. Ramasami ...	B. O. A. C. ...	I	4-10-1952

S. No.	Regd. No.	Name	Occupation	I/J	Date
701	387	S. K. Ramanujam	I. C. I. Ltd	I	7-3-1953
702	388	Suryaprakash Gupta	Merchant	I	5-7-1953
703	399	N. V. Rangachari	Medl. Practitioner	I	6-6-1953
704	390	F. K. Black	Jockey	I	6-2-1954
705	391	L. Lakshminarayanan	Merchant	I	3-4-1954
706	392	K. V. Ramakrishnan	Officer I.C.I.	I	1-5-1954
707	393	V. Subramaniam	Merchant	I	do
708	394	G. T. Watts	Drudger Engr. Port Trust	I	2-4-1955
709	395	M. G. Radhakrishnan	Merchant	I	7-5-1955
710	396	K. D. Carter	Rtd. Rly. Acct.	J	6-5-1955
711	397	S. T. Narasimhan	Medial Practitioner	RJ	1-10-1955
712	398	V. S. R. Chari	Garrison Engr.	I	7-1-1956
713	399	S. Sundaramurthy	Merchant	I	7-4-1956
714	400	C. Rangaswamy	Merchant	I	do
715	401	N. Krishnan	Merchant and Industrialist	I	7-8-1956
716	402	V. R. Selvaraj	Cashier Lloyds Bank	I	1-9-1956
717	403	P. A. Krishnaswami	Secy Bible Society	RJ	3-11-1956
718	404	T. K. Paul	—	EA	do
719	405	R. K. Nagraj	Representative Brit. Bisc.	RJ	do
720	406	K. Ajitsingh	Army Officer Major	I	7-5-1956
721	407	K. Nana Rao	Ele. Engineer	J	4-5-1957
722	408	V. Murthy Rao	Industrialist	I	4-6-1957
723	409	D. Balagopalan	I. A. S.	I	2-11-1957
724	410	V. R. Pandurangan	Asst. ICI.	I	7-12-1957
725	411	A. L. Morit	Asst. George Oakes	I	1-2-1958
726	412	V. Baskarrao	Merchant	I	do
727	413	S. E. Sinha	Engineer Century Flour Mills	I	do
728	414	R. S. D'Mont	Asst. B. & C. Mill	I	1-3-1958
729	415	M. Rajagopalan (P.W.)	Journalist	RJ	5-4-1958
730	416	P. T. Rajan	Share & Stock Broker	I	4-10-1958
731	417	S. N. Iyer	Manager, T. T. T. & Co., Bombay	I	6-12-1958
732	418	C. V. Subbu	Director, A. V. Thomas & Co.	I	do
733	419	P. S. Ramachandran	Br. Bisc. Co.	I	3-1-1958
734	420	V. L. Narasimha Kao	Merchant	J	7-2-1959
735	421	T. K. Lalith	Chief Air Pilot	I	do
736	422	R. K. Sarma	Journalist	I	do
737	423	R. Subramania Rao	Director, Bharat Trades	I	4-4-1959
738	424	H. W. P. Hamilton	Asst. Caltex	I	2-5-1959
739	425	T. S. Chintamani	Officer, Parry & Co.	RJ	do
740	426	V. C. Srinivasan (EA)	Merchant	I	4-7-1959
741	427	T. T. Vasu	Merchant	I	5-9-1959
742	428	T. D. Jayaseelan	Asst. Caltex	—	2-4-1960
743	429	B. S. Krishnamoorthy	Merchant	I	do
744	430	M. K. P. Rao	Asst. ICI Ltd.	I	4-6-1960
745	431	G. Natarajan	Medl. Practitioner	I	3-9-1960
746	432	G. G. Ramanathan	Officer, Parry & Co.	I	7-1-1961

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747	433	G. W. Saunders	Chief Pilot Instr.	I	7- 1-1961
748	434	D. P. Chandya	Asst. Nicholas of India Ltd.	I	do
749	435	K. G. Rajan	Ship Chandler	—	3- 6-1961
750	436	T. P. Chandya	Merchant	J	1- 7-1961
752	437	J. Ralph	Major-Army	J	do
753	438	C. N. Ramanujam	Propr. Broadway Talkies.	I	5- 8-1961
754	439	T. N. S. Ragavachari	Rtd. Director, King Institute-Guindy	RJ	7- 4-1962
755	440	R. Dhwarkanath	Asst. Tube products India Ltd.	I	do
756	441	K. Edwin	Engineer	I	do
757	442	R. V. K. M. Surya Rao	Officer, Parry & Co.	I	5- 5-1962
758	443	B. S. Venkatraman	Officer, Metal Box Co., of India Ltd.	I	do

APPENDIX II OFFICERS OF MOUNT LODGE FROM 1862-1962

Year	Wor Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Secretary	Treasurer
1862	J. B. Magreth	B. L. Gordon	Harry Macleod	do	do
1863	do	do	do	do	do
1864	B. L. Gordon	do	do	do	do
1865	H. J. Shaw	H. T. Rogers	do	do	do
1866	H. T. Rogers	A. J. Filgate	do	A. F. Pater	do
1866	A. J. Filgate	C. E. Reid	J. F. Pibson	do	do
1867	W. H. Clarke	C. W. Brenton	C. W. Brenton	do	do
1868	B. D. Gordon	Lt. P. Sanderson	do	do	do
1869	J. H. P. Anderson	R. W. O'Grady	do	do	do
1870	R. C. W. Campbell	E. A. Gibbons	S. Penny	do	do
1871	E. A. Gibbons	J. W. Borthiszie	J. W. Boothists	do	do
1872	J. W. Borthiszie	R. Gooding	R. H. Cunliffe	do	do
1873	B. Cunliffe	do	J. W. Fairfield	do	do
1874	A. M. Rawlins	D. R. King	do	do	do
1875	G. Leslie	C. Meneaud	G: Leslie	do	do
1876	D. R. King	W. P. Carson	Young	do	do
1877	W. P. Carson	do	R. C. Meneaud	do	do
1878	R. H. Cunliffe	do	J. McEntegart	do	do
1879	B. W. O'Grady	J. McEntegart	do	do	do
1880	W. D. Gunn	W. Green	H. Adutt	do	do
1881	W. G. Ross	C. M. J. Moore	G. M. J. Moore	do	do
1882	C. M. J. Moore	H. W. Smith	H. W. Smith	do	do
1883	H. W. Smith	do	H. W. Mayne	do	do
1884	H. W. Smith	do	A. R. Stuart	do	do
1885	R. R. E. Drake-Brockman	G. Blazay	H. Parr	do	do
			W. H. Jones	do	do
1886	G. Blazey	do	do	A. Clevorton	do
1887	G: Blazey	do	H. W. Mayne	J. F. Tripp	do
1888	A. Hoise	H. W. Mayne	J. F. Tripp	W. W. Hogg	do
1889	J. H. Webster	S. V. Rajagopala Chari	W. H. Emby	J. A. F. Cole	do
1890	J. A. F. Cole	do	R. W. Lyons	W. Nott	R. W. Lyons
1891	G. E. Hodges	R. W. Lyons	R. J. Meneaud	V. S. Rajagopala Chari	R. W. Lyons
1892	R. W. Lyons	A. S. Dunlop	T. S. Shakuram Naik	R. J. Meneaud	M. D. Billamoria
					T. G. Sukharam Naik

Year	Wor Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Secretary	Treasurer
1893	J. Temple	M. P. Adams	R. Edwards	T. G. Sukharamnaik	R. W. Lyons
1894	J. Wisken	J. Martin	J. Graham	G. Subbarao	do
1895	J. Graham	J. Ruck	G. Kilpatrick	L. Ship	Narayanauswami
1896	C. Kilpatrick	L. Ship	Lt. T. L. Ormiston	do	do
1897	C. Kilpatrick	Lt. Col. J. C. Burn	do	do	do
1898	C. E. M. Hitchens	F. W. Giller	E. R. Etches	B. J. Marshallrew	C. H. M. Hitchins
1899	J. Temple	E. M. Dalma	T. Mantell	J. Wisken	C. H. M. Hitchins
1900	E. M. Dalma	A. E. Stanley	S. Ainger	E. Bonner	A. H. Deane
1901	J. Temple	A. E. Stanley	Fitch	Wilson	N. Chatterjee
1902	"	Col. Chatterjee	T. Holdaway	W. H. Macgowan	A. S. Nailor
1903	S. Granshaw	Chatterjee	G. V. Dorairaj	C. M. Callaghan	"
1904	N. Chatterjee	C.H. Parsons	B. E. Cavanagh	W. H. Macgowan	M. Issac
1905	C. H. Parsons	C. F. Deane	W. H. Macgowan	A. S. Nailor	A. S. Nailor
1906	C. F. Deane	J. H. Barker	J. Webster	Phillip Barlett	"
1907	C. F. Cavanagh	W. H. Macgowan	E. S. Pegler	W. H. Murch	"
1908	J. H. Barker	H. P. Williams	F. W. B. Mathews J. W.	J. Webster	V. S. Gnanaprakasam
1909	H. P. Williams	W. H. Murch	J. Webster	C. H. Pritchard	H. H. Bicknell
1910	W. H. Murch	F. W. B. Mathews	M. Srinivasa Mudaliar	G. A. Fitcherbest	N. Rajagopalan
1911	J. Webster	G. Staggs	G. Devasahayam	" Hari Rao	"
1912	M. Srinivasa Mudaliar	G. A. Fitz Herbert	M. Savarimuthu Pillai	N. Rajagopalan	V. Thiruvengadathan
1913	G. Devasahayam	G. E. Farlowe	K. R. Seetharaman	M. Savarimuthu Pillai	Chetty
1914	G. E. Farlowe	T. Hari Rao	G. W. Watson	G. T. Auston	"
1915	V. S. Guanaprakasam	K. R. Seetharaman	S. A. K. Jeelani Sahib	R. D. Smiths	G. Devasahayam
1916	K. R. Seetharama Iyer	V. Thiruvengadathan Chetty	do		
1917	J. F. Bryant	Raja of Venkatagiri	T.C. Adikesavalu Pillai	G. E. Ferlow	Abbas Hussain Sahib
1918	Raja of Venkatagiri	T. Balaji Rao Naidu	T.S. Varadachari	"	S. A. K. Jeelani Sahib
1919	S.A.K. Jeelani Sahib	T.C. Adikesavalu Pillai	E. Bowell	"	Abdul Razak Sahib
1920	T. C. Adikesavalu Pillai	T. S. Varadachari	S. V. Devadasan	"	K. R. Seetharaman
1921	V. Thiruvengadathan Chetty	G. T. Auston	E. Cooper		A. H. Chowrayappah
1922	G. T. Auston	S. V. Devadasan	S. K. Abdul Razak Sahib	K. R. Seetharaman	K. N. Kotnis
1923	S. V. Devadacan	A. H. Chowrayappah	Sahib	A.H. Chowrayappah	do
1924	M. Savarimuthu Pillai	A. H. Chowrayappah	S.K.AbdulRazak Sahib	T.C. Adikesavalu Pillai	G. Devasahayam
1925	A. H. Chowriyappah	S.K.Abdul Razak Sahib	E. A. Baynes	do	do
1926	S.K.Abdul RazakSahib	E. A. Baynes	W. H. Terry	do	do
1927	E. A. Baynes	S. W. Samuel	G. J. Benjamin	do	do
1928	W H. Terry	"	do	do	do

1929	S. W. Samuel	Kumara Raja of Venkatagiri	do	T. C. Adikesavalupillai	V. A. Muthaia Thevar
1930	R. D. Smith	V. A. Mutha Thevar	V. J. R. Asirvatham	do	E. A. Baynes
1931	V. A. Mutha Thevar	T. V. Gopalaswamy	N. Rajagopalan	do	G. Devasahayam
1932	G. J. Benjamin	N. Rajagopalan	T. G. Damodara Mudaliar	do	T. C. Adikesavalu Pillai
1933	N. Rajagopalan	T. G. Damodara Mudaliar	M. J. Santhanakrishna Pillai	do	S. W. Samuel
1934	V. J. R. Asirvatham	M. J. Santhanakrishna Pillai	Y. Suryanarayana Rao	do	S. V. Devadasu
1935	T. G. Damodhara Mudaliar	T. S. Varadachari	R. V. Krishna Iyer	M. J. Santhanakrishna Pillai	T. G. Damodhara Mudaliar
1936	T. S. Varadachari	R. V. Krishna Iyer	G. A. Daniel	G. J. Benjamin	S. V. Devadasu
1937	M. J. Santhanakrishna Naidu	G. A. Daniel	M. V. Mannasah	do	do
1938	R. V. Krishna Iyer	M. V. Mannasah	T. N. S. Ragavachari	do	V. A. Muthaia Thevar
1939	G. A. Daniel	T. N. S. Raghavachari	P. O. Koshy Mudalal	T. C. Adikesavalu Pillai	T. C. Adikesavalu Pillai
1940	M. V. Mannasah	Y. Suryanarayana Rao	V. Saunel	do	T. A. Sreenivasan
1941	T. N. S. Raghavachari	P. O. Koshy Mudalali	T. A. Srinivasan	Y. Suryanarayana Rao	S. Soundararajan
1942	T. A. Sreenivasan	S. Soundararajan	V. Krishnamoorthy	V. Samuel	S. Soundararajan
1943	S. Soundararajan	K. V. S. sha Iyengar	K. S. Venkatraman	N. Ragavachari	T. G. Damodara Mudaliar
1944	V. Krishnamurthi	K. G. Veeraragavan	N. Ranghachari	T. A. Srinivasan	S. W. Samuel
1945	T. M. Narayanasami Pillai	F. N. S. Raman	T. S. Chintamani	do	do
1946	K. G. Veeraragavan	N. Rangachari	V. T. Srinivasa Raghavan	do	S. W. Samuel
1947	N. Rangachari	V. T. Srinivasaragavan	C. S. Vidyasankaran	S. Soundararajan	T. A. Srinivasan
1948	V. T. Srinivasaraghavan	Jiten Banerji	P. N. Sunderarajan	do	P. S. Jambu
1949	Jiten Banerji	P. N. Sundararajan	Dinsha K. Tehrani	N. Rangachari	Ramaswami
1950	P. N. Sundararajan	Dinsha K. Tehrani	S. V. Narasimhan	T. A. Srinivasan	do
1951	P. N. S. Raman	P. Sreenivasan	V. Kunjidepadam	do	S. Soundararajan
1952	R. V. Krishna Iyer	S. P. S. Rajau	K. S. Srinivasan	do	P. S. Jambu
1953	Dinsha K. Tehrani	do	C. A. Dass	K. S. Srinivasan	Ramaswami
1954	S. P. S. Rajan	V. Kunjidepadham	E. W. W. King	do	do
1955	V. Kunjithapatham	S. J. Narasimhan	T. A. Srinivasan	A. Sarangpani	do
1956	S. J. Narasimhan	K. S. Srinivasan	M. K. Sridharan	do	do
1957	P. A. Krishnaswami	E. W. W. King	V. Raman	do	do
1958	K. S. Srinivasan	M. K. Sridharan	A. Sarangpani	do	do
1959	E. W. W. King	S. Ramaswamy	S. K. Ramanujam	do	V. R. Selvaraj
1960	M. K. Sreedharan	A. Sarangpani	M. Rajagopalan	do	do
1961	T. S. Chintamani	S. K. Ramanujam	R. K. Nagraj	S. P. Rajan	do
				K. G. Veeraraghavan	A. Sarangpani

APPENDIX III

LIST OF PAPERS READ IN MOUNT LODGE IN 1934-1906

Date	Subject	Name of the Author
1933	Freemasonry, its origin and history ...	G. J. Benjamin
1933	Hindu interpretation of tracing boards ...	M. J. Santanakrishna Pillai
3— 6—1934	Life of St. John Baptist with special Reference to Freemasonry ...	Wor Bro S. V. Devadasan
1939	Freedom in Freemasonry ...	Wor Bro T. S. Varadachari
1942	What use is Freemasonry ...	do
1942	Incomplete Mason ...	W. Bro S. V. Devadasan
1942	Peace and Freemasonry ...	do
6— 2—1943	Excellences of charges to the Initiate ...	Wor Bro Sir Alexander MacDougal
1944	Significance and signs of Freemasonry ...	Wor Bro C. K. Ranganathan
6—10—1945	King Solomon and his life and its lessons ...	Wor Bro S. V. Devadasan
3— 4—1948	The three elements in Freemasonry ...	Wor Bro S. V. Devadasan
1— 5—1948	What is a Freemasons Lodge, why the Lodge is tyled, and why the candidate is prepared ...	Wor Bro P. S. Jambu Ramaswami
3— 7—1948	Significance of Two Pillars, The Masons Apron and the Three Columns ...	do
5— 8—1950	Freemasonry and its Future. Of what use is Freemasonry ...	Wor Bro S. V. Devadasan
1—12—1951	Inside the Temple ...	Wor Bro T. A. Srinivasan
26— 4—1952	Masonic Prayer ...	Wor Bro S. V. Devadasan
4—10—1952	Masonic Symbols and Emblems ...	Wor Bro P. N. Sundararajan
1952	Mysterious Centre ...	Wor Bro P. N. Sundararajan
1952	"The Deacons" ...	Wor Bro K. S. Sreenivasan
1955	Archaeology and our Grand Master King Solomon ...	Wor Bro S. V. Devadasan
6— 5—1957	The Significance of the 1st degree ...	Wor Bro P. A. Krishnaswami
5— 7—1958	The Ceremony of initiation ...	do
1960	Myth, Allegory and Symbolism in Freemasonry ...	Wor Bro P. S. Jambu Ramaswami
1960	Why masonry is styled as a Science and an Art	
	What is Roman Eagle, Garter and Golden Fleece ...	do