

## JOHN SALTER, MARINER.

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THE *London Graphic* says : “ The earliest record of the Salters Company is a deed dated the seventeenth year of Richard II. (1394), granting license to the Company of Salters to be a guild or fraternity in honor of ‘ the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Church of All Saints, commonly called Allhallows, Broad Street.’ ”

“ About half a century later Thomas Beaumont, an eminent citizen, left the company their first hall, and appointed by his will certain religious services to be performed by the priest, brethren, and sisters of the guild. Some years later an attempt was made to prove that the religious guild and the Salters Company were two distinct corporations, and that Beaumont intended to bequeath the property to the religious body exclusively ; but it was decided by law that the ‘ Religious Guild and the Salters Company were identical.’ ”

“ On the feast of the patron saint the brothers and sisters of the company met, and, after various religious services, high mass, processions, etc., dined together in the company’s hall. In some of the companies it was the rule that every brother should bring his wife or ‘ a maiden ’ to the feast—not to sit in a gallery, as is now the fashion, and look down upon their lords and masters feeding below, but to sit at the table and to take part in the feast.

“ There were some very singular ceremonies observed