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THE HEAT OF THE DAY.

(By Ill. Bro. K. R. H. MACKENZIE, IX^o. LL.D., 32^o.)

As this is the time of year when for several months the heat of the day is presumed to oppress us as Masons, and when, as a fact, there is a termination to labour for some months, it may not be unprofitable to gaze with a "long lingering look" at matters which affects all Masons, especially true Masons, nearly and dearly. "Properly speaking there is no night," say our lectures, and the heat of the day is equally recognised. By the time these lines meet the reader's eye, our Masonic "season" will be over. All Masonic sympathies will be boxed up (some will say), for the heat of the day presumes a selfish regard for self. But this is not so. Masonic sympathy will even survive commemorative banquets. It is necessary that the bow should be unstrung, and the pleasant summer lodges which so gracefully carry on our traditional work should gather together in inglenooks, and thus defy the heat of the day.

For the labours of real Masonry, co-existent with the Universe, although imperfectly co-efficient, are not and can never be terminated. Our noble science knows no night, but it recognises rest in the heat of the day. And then comes the true refreshment, the knowledge of things accomplished for the good of mankind, the desire to contrive that more shall be done when a period of repose has been enjoyed, and the full promise that refreshment shall be succeeded by healthful labour. But it is in the heat of the day—the Masonic day—that our finest perceptions, rendered more acute by rest, should endeavour to realise greater possibilities; for refreshment, however temperate, should rather stimulate the reflective faculties than lead

to gross repose. Although we may occasionally complain of *ennui* as mere mortals, no Freemason should ever suffer from it, and the heat of the day, therefore, should be a time of mental preparation for further education and mutual aid.

But before the full blaze of the sun rises upon us, there are certain dutiful amenities practised in all Lodges; the outgoing Worshipful Master is presented with a jewel; the incoming Master and Officers are cheered by the prospect of a larger sphere of useful good, and kindly thoughts prevail in every way. Unfortunately, the system of limiting presentations of a Masonic character to jewels, rings, clocks, tea-services, etc., is only too prevalent—another and far more endearing memorial of the heat of the day might be found in books, works of art, and pictures, and thus a variety might be introduced into the personal testimonials of regard presented to those who have borne "the heat and burthen of the day." Without in any way deprecating the ordinary practise, surely some variety in the spontaneous gifts of Lodges might be suggested? It is true that a Past Master's Jewel, nobly won, is no mean trophy, but as it may only be worn a few times, and is afterwards useless, except to the recipient, other prizes of a more general kind might be very gracefully adopted. In point of fact, accommodate the intended compliment to the tastes of the Brother to be complimented. Do not carry coals to Newcastle nor owls to Athens, do not give an old Past Master a second Past Master's Jewel, give him something else, no matter what so long as it be useful; and then, especially if it be something suggestive of further thought and emulation, he will receive it with some hope of using it hopefully in and for the cause of Masonry in general. Jewels are very



handsome and shine brilliantly, clocks keep time more or less accurately, coffee and tea services are very pretty, but more valuable, because more universally regarded, are objects of general utility, such as works of art, not necessarily inscribed with a few nugatory words of congratulation, books which others may healthfully enjoy and obtain inspiration from, even beyond that period Masonically known as the heat and burthen of the day.

Masonry is nothing unless it be educational, it is a mere mockery if it be not intended to meet every taste of a virtuous kind, and we, therefore, strongly recommend to our readers, in the most fraternal spirit, the solution of the problem of how to remunerate our brethren who have borne the heat and burthen of the day.

ANCIENT & ACCEPTED RITE.

SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

By Ill. Bro. JOHN YARKER, 33-96° (GRAND REPRESENTATIVE).

(Continued from our last.)

We may remark upon this resolution that the malcontents must have been in a sad minority, or they would have attended to arrest it; and whatever was the object they had otherwise in view, this must damn their cause with all right-thinking Masons. Their after conduct is only paralleled by the expulsion of the late Pope by the Grand Lodge of Italy; no one has yet been able to prove that Mastei Ferretti was ever made a Mason.

1865. Harry J. Seymour, having denounced the new Sickles-Van Ransellaer Council as "illegitimate and a fraud," and having declined to hold any communion with them until they were formally healed, he was on the 18th December, 1865, called upon by Sickles, Banks, Innes, and Thompson to shew cause why he should not be expelled, to which he made no reply; and expelled he was accordingly from a body to which he refused to belong. Sickles saw the ridiculous farce of which they had been guilty in imitating Van Ransellaer's transaction against Raymond, and endeavoured on the 8th and 21st January, 1866, to place Seymour upon a "Grievance Committee"—which application Seymour continued to treat with "silent contempt." They then adopted the following resolution:—"All action heretofore taken in expelling Members from either Council on account of former differences is hereby revoked."

The talent for American "smartness" seems to have lain with the Sickles-Van Ransellaer body, but their conduct must merit the contempt of all honest Masons, and will extend to all

those who support these proceedings, whether in America or England.

1867, 21st May. A meeting of the Cerneau Council was held, the following members being present:—Provost S. Haines, Jas. M. Turner, C. C. J. Beck, Neh. Peck, J. P. Solomon, W. J. Kay, W. P. Patten, Jno. Brown, J. Shipsey, Jno. Ellard, J. McGee, Thos. Picton, John Vanderbeck, sen., John Vanderbeck, jun., P. W. Neefus, J. Franklin Wells, Thos. T. May, Thos. M. Stanton, R. W. Dockson, E. A. Hodson, Jno. Hanna, Jas. Bliss, George B. Flanders, Thomas Bennett, Chas. J. Dodge, Fcs. Helmsley, Chas. E. Pine, H. J. Seymour, Acting S.G.C.

The following resolution was adopted, on the proposal of Haines and Turner, and signed by all the above named:—

"Whereas we, the undersigned Sov. and Dep. Gd. Ins. Genl. and S.P.R.S., having pledged our sacred obligations to maintain and support the Sup. Con. 33°, for the U.S.A., view with sorrow and regret the action of certain members of this Sup. Council in allying themselves with an illegal organisation, self-constituted as the Sup. Council of the Northern Jurisdiction; therefore be it resolved that we hereby *renounce* and *denounce* those who have violated their solemn pledges as unworthy of confidence in Scottish Masonry, and that we, from this time forth, will not and cannot recognise them or the body styling itself the Northern Jurisdiction as Masons of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite."

The result of all this was that things reverted to the state that they were in prior to 1860.

1867. The Grand Masters of the Grand Orient of Italy, Francisco de Lucca, 33°, and Guiseppe Garibaldi, 33°, acknowledged the reception of their patents from this S.C., and Ill. Bro. J. J. Crane, 33°, Pt. Gd. Master of State of New York, was made their representative to the S.C. 33°, and Hon. Member of the Gd. Orient of Italy.

1870. The Council held its meetings at the Mott Memorial Hall. E. B. Hays being incapable of acting as S.G.C., Harry J. Seymour was authorised to act.

1871. Jos. L. Perkins, N. P. Bowman, Jno. Bacon, Delos M. Bacon, F. J. Dalton, S. E. Kirkpatrick, S. C. Shurtleff were made 33°.

1872, 8th August. The following were the officers of the Council:—H. J. Seymour, Alex. B. Mott, Chas. de Costa Brown, F. J. Vogell, H. M. Clark, W. H. Van Every, Thos. T. May, W. P. Walton, A. F. Kibbe, &c., &c.

1879, 27th Decr. H. J. Seymour, Alex. B. Mott, Chas. de Costa Brown, F. J. Vogell, Wm. H. Peckham, Horatio W. P. Hodson, H. M. Clerk, W. P. Watton, Chas. F. Beck, Jas. M. Turner, Provost S. Haines, Danl. M. Van Cott, Wm. F. Ford, Theo. M. Leonard, Jos. A. Tierney, Jas. F. Fraser, Jno. G. Walsh, Peter J. Martin, Jas. Cooke, Jos. L. Perkin, Wm. Welch, Frazier W. Hurlburt, Wm. Youngblood, &c.,

&c. Most of these, the reader will see, are also 33° of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry.

1880. W. H. Peckham was elected Sor. G. Com., and H. J. Seymour Master of Ceremonies.

The position of the Cerneau Council is intrinsically strong, and, managed with prudence and integrity, there is no reason why it should not surpass its old fame. The ancient blight of the Scottish Rite has, however, fallen upon it. After a prosperous re-organisation, dissensions have occurred. Peckham has dissolved the Council and reconstituted it without the objectionable members; of these, Seymour is one, and we can only say that, whatever his faults may be, he possessed and transmitted a genuine authority. We hope that the good sense of both sides will prevent the repetition of the Northern Jurisdiction scandals of 1862-5.

In England the true allies of the Cerneau Council are the Royal Grand Council of Antient Rites, time immemorial, which has possessed a genuine authority in the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite since the close of last century, with branches, in Templar Alliance, at Bath, Bristol, Manchester, and various parts of Great Britain and Ireland.

(To be Continued.)

THE CHAPTER, SENATE, AND COUNCIL DEGREES OF THE ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE FURNITURE, CLOTHING, AND ACCESSORIES USED IN THE VARIOUS CEREMONIES.

(Continued from p. 38.)

6°.—KNIGHT OF THE SACRED ARCH.

Two chambers, if practicable, are required for working this degree, but if only one room is available a recess at the western end should be curtained off and darkened.

The first apartment is set out as the Chapter, with the Ark surmounted by the Shekinah at the eastern end, over which is an Arch supported by the two pillars J and B. The altar of O.B. occupies the centre of the Chapter, and in front of this the working tools are displayed. Banners with the insignia of the S.A. and those of the 12 tribes of Israel may be arranged on the walls or on standards. The special requirements are a cubic stone and a pedestal of white marble in the form of a double cube, say, 24 by 12, on which are cut certain hieroglyphics—a delta or triangular piece of brass, engraved with certain characters, and another of the same size, but with the centre removed, at the angles of which are engraved other characters. Nine key stones are also required, each bearing the name of an Arch in Hebrew characters or their English equivalents. Now, as the object of this essay is to enable young Chapters to save as much expense as possible, we may remark that wooden blocks of the required size and shape are

much less costly than stone or marble for the cubic stones, and the key stones may be cut out of stout paste board, and the deltas made also of thin rolled mill board covered with gilt paper, the design being drawn with Indian ink. The tools are s., p., c., t., sq., and c.—a coil of line. The characters on the stones and on the deltas will be forwarded to any Chapter on application to the G.S.G., as they may not be printed.

The insignia of the degree is a purple sash, with gold fringe—the jewel, two triangles of gold, intersected with a tau at foot.

7°.—KNIGHT OF THE SECRET VAULT.

No addition to the furniture is required in this degree, the 9 key stones (substitutes for Arches) being again used. The insignia is a crimson sash, with gold fringe, the jewel a golden compass open on the quarter circle. This concludes the degrees conferred in the college.

8°.—KNIGHT OF THE SWORD.

The sash is water green—The jewel a sabre, with emblems of mortality in gold and the letters L.D.P.

Requisites—a scroll of parchment.

9°.—KNIGHT OF JERUSALEM.

Sash, sky blue with gold fringe; jewel, a medal of gold—on one side, a hand holding a balance in equilibrium; on the reverse, a two-edged sword and two stars.

Requisite—a scroll of parchment; a cloth of white or drab drugget, about a yard square; a level and plumb; a vase containing a little gum camphor, and incense.

10°.—KNIGHT OF THE ORIENT.

Sash, black-edged with red; the jewel a heptagon of gold and silver—on one side at the angles are engraved the letters B.D.S.P.H.G.F.; in the centre a lamb in silver, resting on a book, from which hang seven seals, each bearing one of the letters. On the other face are two crossed swords, the points upwards, poising a balance in its equilibrium.

11°.—KNIGHT ROSE CROIX.

Sash, white with gold fringe; collar, red, richly embroidered in gold; the jewel a crowned compass, open on the quarter circle, between which a red cross, bearing a silver rose, at the foot of the cross a pelican in silver, feeding its young; the reverse an eagle in silver. In some Chapters an armet is worn, with the motto embroidered on it "Virtute et silentio."

The requisites for this degree are half a dozen or so of plain black collars; a black sash and veil of black stuff will also be required both in this and the Senate degrees; thirty-three candlesticks, usually of china, painted with roses and lilies—the cost about 4s. per dozen. Three small lamps, such as used for night lights, the glass of each being darkened on the outward face, leaving a letter transparent on each, F., H., and C. respectively. The easiest way of managing this is to cut the letter out of a piece of black calico, and paste the calico carefully on the glass shade—

burning a night light under it—the cost of these lamps is about 9d. each. They are placed on pedestals or columns as near the height of the face as practicable. A vase with a little salt saturated with spirit—emblems of mortality—a cubic stone, branch of myrtle; the letters F.N.C.I.H.I.R. cut out of gilt paper and pasted on card, and a quantity of roses (artificial), white and red, which may be formed into wreaths, circles, triangles, or arranged singly or in bouquets as taste dictates; a silver cup, with salver and salt dish, and a slip of paper bearing the initials of the Sacred Word. The altar should have seven steps in the form of a pyramid, and the most convenient arrangement we found was to get seven trays made, each one being two inches deep, but lessening in width and breadth about three inches on each of the three faces, thus allowing space for the candlesticks on each step. When in use they are simply inverted; out of use they go one within the other and so save room.

The banner of the degree is of white silk, with red and white fringe, on which is emblazoned a red cross; on it a white rose, a golden glory at the back of the cross; or the jewel of the degree may be depicted or embroidered on the banner.

The arrangements may be briefly described as follows:—The first apartment is hung with black, a recess being screened off to be disclosed at the proper moment.

The second apartment is as handsomely fitted and brilliantly lighted as the resources of the Chapter will allow.

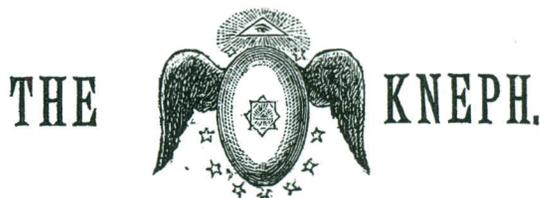
The opening portion of the ceremony of reception takes place in the first apartment, and the Sir Kts. present should wear black collars over their usual collar, and the sash and jewels should be concealed—or not put on until they are again in the Chapter Room.

The disposition of the furniture differs in many Chapters, some having the altar in the centre of the eastern end, with the chair of M.W. on the right and that of P.M.W. on the left; others place the throne in the centre and the altar on one side. The columns F.H.C., if present in the second apartment, should be festooned with roses, and the gilt letter affixed to the base. The remaining letters are arranged on the floor in front of the altar of O.B., each covered with a rose.

TO OUR READERS.—We have to apologise for an unavoidable delay in the publication of the July and August numbers. The unexpected retirement of our esteemed Bro. Dr. Mackenzie from the editorship rendered necessary an application to the Sov. Sanc. for their sanction in the course proposed and now adopted, and the discussion, references, and inevitable delay caused by correspondence with the several Chapters, occupied the best part of a month. We have now, however, the pleasure to state that with two exceptions all the Chapters have cordially agreed, and we may reasonably hope that no difficulty will, in future occur. We shall follow up the issue of the July number with the immediate publication of that for August.

Notices to Correspondents.

Communications for the Editor and all information respecting the degrees of the Rite, and applications for Charters for New Chapters, Senates, and Councils, should be addressed to the Grand Secretary General, 77½, Bishopsgate-street Within, E.C.



LONDON, JULY 1, 1881.

IN a letter just received from a very valued American Brother and correspondent, we find a passage which can scarcely fail to come home to the heart of every intelligent and educated Freemason throughout the world, and as it is so respectably vouched for by the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge within which the circumstance took place, we communicate it to our readers with great satisfaction. "Speaking," says our esteemed Brother, "of the wide-spread cement of the Craft, I am reminded of an incident in my own Lodge which strongly impressed upon my mind the universality of Freemasonry. When I was Senior Deacon we had one evening three candidates who were passed and raised together—one was an Italian born in Italy, the second a German born in Germany, and the third an American; one a Roman Catholic (a good Mason, nevertheless), the second a Jew, and the third a Protestant, and all three at present hold minor offices in the Lodge." Such a circumstance, although it may not be isolated, speaks far more for the real vitality of Freemasonry than a score of laboured and adulatory harangues. The simple and unobtrusive excellence of the Royal Art is best shown by such fruit. How many animosities of long years' endurance have not been allayed and ended by the glorious principles of Freemasonry? How much virulence might be conquered by a cheerful and patient study of its principles? The word brother as applied in a Masonic Lodge is no mere formula or fiction, it is a sacred truth enduring throughout life when rightly apprehended and thoroughly acted on. And the tie knows no interval of space when rightly interpreted. The Brother whom we have never seen and never may behold is still in every faithful acceptance of the word a true Brother, from whom we have a right to anticipate and no fear to receive both friendship and, if need be, gentle rebuke. In the present instance, the Roman Catholic, the Jew, and the Protestant, in this great institution of humanity, without clashing in opinion, have evidently been able to join in the honourable duties of Masonry to their own mutual advantage and the benefit of the brethren. So mote it be!

THAT the National Grand Lodge and Supreme Council of Tunis may be sufficiently acquitted of some recent charges made against it, is significantly proved by its recognition in a fraternal spirit by the Supreme Council of Belgium, and the acceptance by our distinguished Brother Hubert of the *Chaîne d'Union* of honorary rank therein. Under the changed political aspects of the Regency of Tunis it is desirable to speak with all reserve, but, although there may be many differences of opinion as to the French supremacy within the Bey's territory, it is quite certain that it cannot affect the position of non-political Masons in that region. It might even tend to some beneficial results by acting as a check upon projects apparently of a too ambitious nature. But the establishment of Masonic jurisdictions within the lines of Islam has never been found hurtful to Mohammedans, Jews, or Christians, and when properly understood, as in the case of the Knights of the Mediterranean Pass, has promoted rather than retarded the progress of the comity and amicability of nations. We shall watch with considerable interest the intentions of the Grand Orient in this region.

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WE draw attention with great satisfaction to the honourable conduct of the Craft in electing to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution our Bro. Matthew Cooke, whose declining years will now at length receive solace and comfort. This election is the more striking, as Bro. Cooke, rightly or wrongly, was frequently known to sustain with considerable vehemence opinions greatly at variance with those of many brethren, his contemporaries. But the noble spirit which actuates the Craft has generously merged the eccentricities of our learned Brother, and done justice to his many services in a most practical and useful manner, at a time, too, when relief and brotherly love was most needed. For we regret to have to state that Bro. Cooke, as a result of his careful and indefatigable labours, is now suffering from almost total blindness, brought on by a meritorious devotion to literary labour of many years' duration. We believe we are not transgressing the bounds of confidence when we state that the very Brethren who at times opposed Bro. Cooke in Masonic arguments, sometimes conducted with apparent acrimony, were among his most sincere supporters at the recent election. Let us hope he may live in lettered ease for years to come.

JEWELS FOR THE A. & P. RITE.—Members who may desire the Jewels of the various degrees are informed that they are to be had of the Grand Secretary General, on application, at the following scale of prices: Rose Croix 11°, Metal gilt, 21s. and 25s., Senate 20°, 21s., Council 30°, 25s., Eagles, 21s. and 25s. In silver, 10s. 6d. extra.—Grand Secretary General's Office, 77½, Bishopsgate-street Within, E.C.

In Memoriam.

With the deepest sorrow we chronicle this month the decease of Bro. John Monkman Collier, 32°, at the early age of 27 years. The sad event occurred on the 22nd June last, at his residence, Lofthouse in Cleveland, and we are assured that, although for years our Brother had been a great sufferer, "his end was peace." We hope to produce in our August number an obituary notice from the sympathetic pen of Ill. Bro. Dr. Mackenzie.

Reports of Masonic Bodies.

CRAFT MASONRY.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE, 1260.

A MEETING of this Lodge took place on 1st June, under the presidency of Bro. Orlando Le M. Latreille, W.M., assisted by Bros. Jabez Hogg, M.D., P.M., Treasurer, J. H. Southwood, P.M., P.Z., A. L. Rosenthal, S.W., H. Evans, J.W., C. Atkins, P.M., Sec., G. T. Salmon, S.D., F. Deeton, J.D., J. Mansell, I.G., Captain Heaton, D.C., and a large number of brethren. Among the visitors were E. Albert, P.M., P.Z., P.G.Pt., J. Cantle, P.M., Dr. Davies, 120, I.C., Jas. Hill, and others. The principal business of the evening was to pass Bros. S. H. Baker and Henry Hooker, and to raise Bros. Frank Taylor and William Renner, both ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M.; some other matters having been disposed of, Lodge was closed and adjourned. The brethren and visitors, to the number of thirty-three, subsequently sat down to a banquet, served in excellent style by Bro. Best. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to—that of the Grand Officers by Bros. Dr. Hogg and Albert, and that of the visitors by Dr. Davies. The W.M., in response to the toast of the W.M., proposed in a neat speech by Bro. Atkins, took occasion to remark that the hearty manner in which the toast had been received encouraged him to hope that his term of office would be the most pleasurable period of his existence, and he felt that he could go through the work with more confidence in the knowledge that he had the able assistance of the P.M.S. and Officers, and the entire goodwill of the brethren. In proposing the health of the P.M.S., the W.M. paid a graceful tribute to the services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. P. M. Southwood, services which could never sufficiently be acknowledged. Bro. Southwood replied in eloquent terms. The toast of the Officers brought up Bros. Dr. Hogg and Atkins, with eminently practical speeches. Previous to the Tyler's toast, Bro. Southwood gave "The Minstrel Boy." The proceedings were characterised with the utmost harmony and good feeling.

GREAT STANMORE, ABERCORN LODGE, No. 1549.

THIS prosperous Lodge commenced its seventh summer season at the Abercorn Hotel, with an emergency Meeting on the 2nd ult., when the W.M., Bro. R. Ray, assisted by Bros. C. Long, S.W.; Bamford, J. W.; Goldsmid, S.D.; Villiers, J.D.; Rogers, Treasurer; C. Veal, Secretary; and G. Tidcombe, P.M., with several other members, opened the Lodge, and after a successful ballot ably initiated Mr. W. Shubbrook. Bro. Wilcox, having proved himself worthy, was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. Wm. Haynes, of Royal Union, No. 382, was elected as a joining member, and the usual business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed at 7.15.

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THIS young and rising Lodge held its fifth installation Meeting at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, on Tuesday, the 10th ult. The Lodge has recently been removed here, and the brethren are to be congratulated on having thoroughly settled down in their new quarters. Bro. B. D. Barnett, the retiring W.M., occupied the chair, and after the lodge had been formally opened, initiated Mr. Arthur Ochse into the mysteries of the Craft in a thoroughly able manner. The installation of Bro. W. T. Lover, the W.M. elect, was then

proceeded with, the ceremony being performed by Bro. M. D. Loewenstark, P.M. The investiture of the officers for the ensuing year was as follows:—Bros. Charles Ochse, S.W.; Aarons, J.W.; J. Quincey, S.D.; Williams, J.D.; W. J. Cooper, I.G.; Baron D. Barnett, I.P.M., Sec.; M. D. Loewenstark, P.M., Treasurer; Rudderforth, P.M., W.S.; and Moses, D.C.

MARK MASONRY.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 199.

THERE were two items of importance in the agenda of this flourishing Lodge at their meeting on the 5th ult., the first, the Installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, and the second, the Consecration of a Royal Ark Mariner's Lodge, to be held in conjunction with the Duke of Connaught Mark Lodge, and under its name and number. The members assembled at the Masonic Rooms, 77½, Bishopgate-street Within, at 5.30 p.m., under the presidency of Bro. W. J. Meek, W.M., Grand Lodge being represented by V.W. Bros. Donald M. Dewar, Asst. Gnd. Sec., and T. Poore, P.G.I.G. In consequence of Bro. Meek's recent severe indisposition, he was unable to undertake the arduous ceremony of Installation, but a most efficient substitute was found in W. Bro. T. Poore, who, it is almost needless to say, performed the office of Installing Master in the most perfect manner. After the usual preliminaries had been duly observed, Bro. Henry Meyer was placed in the chair of A., and saluted by the brethren according to ancient custom. He then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bro. W. Beasley, S.W.; H. Stephens, J.W.; J. J. Gould, M.O.; W. H. Edwards, S.O.; W. J. Westfield, J.O.; B. Meyer, P.M., Treas.; James Hill, Sec.; J. E. Greenhill, S.D.; R. Marshall, J.D.; J. D. Birkin, I.G.; W. J. Meek, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; and J. H. Peach, Org.

After the closing of the Mark Lodge a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was opened, Bro. T. Poore occupying the chair of N.; Bros. Dewar and Meek those of J. and S. respectively, for the purpose of admitting the members of the Mark Lodge not holding the Degree as Royal Ark Mariners. Fifteen candidates availed themselves of the privilege. The ceremonies of consecration and enthronement followed, Bro. W. J. Meek, P.M.M.M., becoming the first W.O.N., who appointed as his officers Bros. H. Meyer, J.; B. Meyer, P.M., S.; H. Stephens, Deacon; J. D. Birkin, Guardian; James Hill, Sec.; and J. H. Peach, Org.

ROYAL ARCH.

ERA CHAPTER, No. 1423.

THIS Chapter met for the despatch of business at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 14th ult. Among those present were Comps. W. Hammond, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S. Middx., M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C., Middx., H.; J. W. Baldwin, P.Z.; J. Faulkner, S.E.; Dr. Riley, 1st Assistant; Wingett, 2nd Assistant. The minutes of the previous Convocation having been read and confirmed, the following members were elected officers for the year ensuing:—Comps. Walls, M.E.Z.; Baldwin, H.; Faulkner, J.; T. W. Ockenden, S.E.; Haslett, S.N.; Dr. Riley, P.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. Several communications having been read, the bye-laws were ordered to be printed, and a Past Principal's jewel was unanimously voted to the outgoing M.E.Z. The Chapter was shortly afterwards closed, and the companions separated.

TORQUAY, ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 328.

The regular Convocation and Installation Meeting of the above Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday afternoon, the 11th ult. There were present Comps. J. Hunnell, M.E.Z.; B. Fullwood, H.; J. Dodge, J.; T. Perry, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Bradnee, P.Z.; W. J. McLean, P.Z. 248; W. A. Goss, jun., S.E.; W. Taylor, S.N.; W. G. Ellis, P.S.; A. T. Blamey, D.C.; J. Lane and C. Emmett, St. Bearers; B. Knight, Registrar; and C. Johns, Sword Bearer.

GREAT STANMORE—STANMORE CHAPTER, No. 1549.

The first Convocation of this new Chapter (which combines the three Lodges held at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, viz., 1549, 1637, and 1702) was held with great éclat on the 11th ult. Five candidates for exaltation appeared on the summons, with also one joining member, and when Comp. G. Tidcombe, the worthy M.E.Z., supported by the eminent Comps., W. Stephens, P.G.S. Kent, as H., and F. Brown, Acting J., had duly opened the Chapter at 4.35, and had confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting, the following brethren were exalted to the Degree of R.A. Masons: Bros. H. F. Browne, 27 and 731; Charles Corrick, 101; R. B. Paten, 1549; and T. J. Villiers, J.D., 1549. Bro. Goldsmid, 1549, was also unanimously accepted on ballot, but unfortunately prevented from attending. Comp. E. B. Haynes, 27 and 975, was also accepted as a joining member. At the election of officers which followed, Comp. Stephens was unanimously accorded the chair of M.E.Z.; Comp. H. Lovegrove, H.; T. J. Maidwell, J.; C. Veal, S.E.; C. H. Webb, S.N.; J. B. King, P.S.; G. Tidcombe, Treasurer; and J. Middleton, Janitor. The Installation takes place on the 10th of July.

ROSE CROIX MEETINGS, LONDON.

THE Installation meeting of the Rose of Sharon Chapter of Rose Croix No. 6 was held at their Rooms, 77½, Bishopgate-street Within, on Tuesday, 7th June. Present:—Sir Knts. Hy. Meyer, 32°; M.W. W. J. Meek, 32°, K.S. W. and M.W. elect; E. Harrison, 31°, Treasurer, as K.J.W.; J. Hill, 33°, P.M.W., secretary; J. H. Peach, 30°, architect; T. Sims, 30°, G. of T.; W. Beasley, 30°; J. D. Birken, 11°; J. E. Greenhill, 11°; and Dr. M. L. Davies, 33° G. Ex. G. of Primitive Pilgrims, Dublin visitor. The Chapter having been duly opened, the graven tablets of last regular and emergency meetings were read and passed, and letters read. Sir Knt., W. J. Meek, was presented to the M.W. by Sir Knt. J. Hill for installation, and, after the usual questions, duly placed in the chair of M.W., and saluted. The M.W. then proceeded to invest the officers for the year ensuing as follows:—Sir Knts. B. Meyer, 31° (in absentia), K.S.W.; E. Harrison, 31°, K.J.W.; J. H. Peach, 30°, Knt. Orator; H. Meyer, 32°, P.M.W., Treasurer; J. Hill, 33°, P.M.W. Secretary; T. Sims, 30°, Knt. Con.; W. Beasley, 30°, Architect; J. E. Greenhill, 11°, Knt. Capt. of G.; J. D. Birken, 11°, K.C. of T.; G. C. Young, 30°, K. Organist. The Secretary then presented the report of the Audit Committee, which was passed, and the Chapter closed in A. and P. form.

The members having the official grades 32° and 33° having formed themselves into a Consistory 32°, proceeded U.D. to exalt Bro. J. E. Greenhill to the 20° and 30° respectively.

The Sir Knts. re-assembled at supper, served in the Secretary's Room.

GLASGOW, SPHYNX, ROSE CROIX CHAPTER No. 8.

ON ROLL OF THE SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY AND No. 1 FOR SCOTLAND.

The Monthly Meeting of this Chapter was held within the Chapter Rooms, 30, Hope-street, on the 17th day of the Egyptian month Chacac, answering to the 19th May, 1881, Ill. Bro. S. Robertson, 32° M.W., presiding, assisted by J. McInnes, 31°, Knt. S.W.; J. Walker, 30°, J.W.; T. M. Campbell, 32°, P.M.W.; and other office bearers. Ill. Bro. D. Chalmers, Knt. Secretary, read the minutes of the two last meetings, which were approved of and passed. Letters were read from the Most Ill. S.G.M.G., and, after some discussion, it was proposed by Ill. Knt. J. McInnes, S.W., seconded by Ill. Knt. C. Inglis, Grand Expert, that the name of the P.M.W. (T. M. Campbell) should be submitted to the Grand Chancery to request the Grand Master to receive him into the 33°—95° for his valuable services to the Rite in Scotland, and founder of No. 1 Chapter here. On the motion being put to the meeting, it was unanimously adopted.

Brother James Shirra, M.M., No. 0 (S.C.), and Recorder of the St. Mungo's Encampment of K.T., was duly accepted as a Neophyte. A letter was read from him to the P.M.W. from Dundee, stating it was impossible for him to be present until next meeting. Several important motions were passed for Schedules, Rituals, &c. Afterwards the Rose Croix degree was wrought for instruction by the M.W. and office bearers; the several parts were well rendered to the great satisfaction of the meeting. It was agreed to hold a special meeting early in July instead of the stated monthly meeting, to prevent a collusion with the annual holidays. The third step of the Craft having been attended to, the Chapter was closed in A. and P. form.

ST. ANDREW, ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, No. 9.

THIS Chapter met on Friday, the 17th ultimo, in St. Mark Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, Ill. Bro. Thos. W. Brownlee presiding, assisted by the following Ill. Sir Knts.:—Robert Morrison, 31°, S.W.; Charles Marshall, 30°, Acting J.W.; Andrew Holmes, 31°; James Baird, 30°, as Orator; John Templeman, Conductor; Frederick Neute, 32°, S.G.C., Capt. of Guard; Robert Jamieson, 30°, Guard of the Tower; Joseph MacAulay, 30°, Alexander Pedie, 30°, James Jardine, and other Ill. brethren; when Bro. David Paton, of Lodge No. 3, Bis., was instructed and perfected into the mysteries of the Rose Croix, proclaimed and installed a Knt. of the Eagle and Pelican, Perfect Mason of Heredom, and Knt. of the Rose Croix.

The M.W. suggested that, as July was the recognised holiday month, the meeting should be postponed till August, but one of the members intimated the probability of his arranging to bring forward two Neophytes, who had been proposed and accepted, next month.

On this account it was agreed that the matter be left in the Secretary's hands.

SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERWICKSHIRE AND ROXBURGHSHIRE.—A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons having jurisdiction over the newly-constituted Province of Berwick and Roxburgh shires, was held at Lauder on Monday, the 9th ult., this being the first of a series of similar meetings to be held in connection with the different lodges in the province. On this occasion the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Haddington, was present, and was supported by a large number of brethren belonging to the Lauder and other lodges. Among the members present during the day's proceedings, besides ten office-bearers of the P.G. Lodge, were deputations from P.G. Lodge of Peebles and Selkirk—namely, Bros. Dr. Middleton, D.P.G.M.; R. Sanderson, P.G. Sec.; and J. F. Walker, P.G. Treas.; Lodge 58, Kelso; Lodge 216, Stow; and Lodge 589, Tulliallan. The Lauder Lodge (St. Luke, No. 132) having been opened by its own Master and Wardens, received the members of Prov. Grand Lodge, whereupon the Provincial Grand Master took the chair, and proceeded to install the following office-bearers: Bros. Thomas Shaw, P.G.S.W.; Alexander Leal, P.G. Bible-bearer; William Somerville, P.G. Standard-bearer; and William Lottie, P.G. Steward. The books of the Secretary and the Treasurer of St. Luke's were then examined by the P.G.M. and Officers, and found in good order, the money transactions during the present year showing a balance on the credit side of about £18. The lodge is also in possession of a considerable capital fund, regarding which some explanations were made, and ultimately the Provincial Grand Lodge recommended that the funds, so far as they belonged to the Masonic Lodge, and to the benefit society in connection therewith, should be kept separate. A committee, consisting of Bros. Kean, Leal, Scott, Secretary, M'Leod, Treasurer, and G. Stewart, was accordingly appointed to go over the accounts with this object in view, and to report to the Lodge. There being no further business, the Prov. Grand Master intimated

that the next meeting would be held at Coldstream, probably in June. His Lordship then delivered a brief address, expressing his pleasure at being able to visit Lauder in his present capacity, and the hope that this was only the first of many such meetings he would have with the brethren who had honoured him by appointing him to rule over the province.

The brethren having been called from labour to refreshment, adjourned from the Town Hall, where the Masonic meetings are held, to the Black Bull Hotel, where Bro. Hinks, the landlord, had soon in readiness an excellent dinner, which was partaken of by about seventy of the brethren. The Prov. Grand Master presided, Bros. Shaw and Stewart discharging the duties of Senior and Junior Grand Wardens.

TUNIS.

WE are in receipt of the "Bollettino Ufficiale della Grand Loggia Nazionale," and see with pleasure that our brethren are making good progress in the unification of Masonry under the National Grand Lodge. At the Assembly of the 15th February, 1881, Frater Hubert, of Paris, was proclaimed an Hon. Member of the Grand Lodge, and congratulatory letters had been received from the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of America, the Supreme Council of Ireland, the Supreme Council of Italy, the Supreme Council of Belgium, the Grand Lodge of St. John of Hungary, the Supreme Council of Spain, the Grand Lodge of Siberia, the Supreme Council of the Dominicon Republic, the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, &c.

EGYPT.

WE regret to have to announce the death, on the 15th June, of the Right Illustrious Brother P. L. Dilberoglu, 33—96°, P.S. Gd. Warden of the National Grand Lodge, Past Gd. Treasurer of the Supreme Council of the A. & A. Rite and Assistant Grand Chancellor; also Grand Secretary of the A. & P. Rite of Memphis. Our worthy Brother, who was a wealthy merchant, was much respected in Egyptian Masonry, and was a Chevalier of several Knightly Orders of Greece, Italy, and France.

We are pleased to report that the A. & P. Rite in Egypt have appointed R. Ill. Bro. James Hill, 33—96°, of London, their Grand Representative at and near our Sovereign Sanctuary.

ROUMANIA.

THE Grand Lodge of Roumania professes the three systems of Scotch, French, and Egyptian Masonry; its Grand Master is Illustrious Brother Costantino Moroin, 33—90—96°.

ITALY.

WE are pleased to hear from our worthy Grand Representative. Our brethren will be much gratified to learn that the Reformed Egyptian Rite, under the Illustrious Brother Garibaldi, are desirous to consolidate themselves with us by the adoption of our Ritualistic work. The Rite dates in Italy, as we have said before, from the year 1805. Its present title the Antient and Primitive Egyptian Rite.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

Will any brother give me some suggestions or explanation respecting that apparently very familiar, but to me most extraordinarily puzzling, thing called Fire?

When I think of that strange old Aryan myth respecting its gift to man by the fire-god, and the still more strange and deeply mystic doctrine of the Fire Philosophers of Mediæval times; the peculiar Accadian tradition of the self-productive quality of fire, contained in the formula "Fire, fire makes;" the almost universal deification of fire in the early ages of human existence; its apparent universality, lying latent and hidden in all the multitudinous forms of matter; its unlimited power, disintegrating and subduing all natural objects, while all that enters it passes out as through a gate or door into the great unseen and unseeable world; and lastly, its indispensability to the existence and maintenance of all forms of life—I fain would know, what is this fire? Whence comes it? Whither doth it tend? Where and how did man first obtain it? Who taught to him its use?

LIBERTAS.

ANCIENT PILLAR STONES OF SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of THE KNEPH.

SIR,—Although not "Scotch," nor a "brother,"—

"Bin weder Fraulein, weder schon
Kann ungeleitet nach Hause ghen,"

let me tell "Masonic Hermit" somewhat of what is known respecting the "Newton Stone."

It bore an inscription. Dr. Mill and Dr. Davis made it to be "Phœnician," and both their translations contradicted each other. Some "Padre" made it to be "Celtic," and his version also differed. Mr. J. E. Brown made it to be "Egypto-Arabian," whatever that may mean, and his translation also did not agree with the others. My old friend, the late Mr. Thomas Wright, F.S.A., showed it to be Latin, and read it to be "Here lies Constantine, the son of —." Mr. Simonides gave the same rendering in Greek. The characters are surely Greek.

The subject has been entirely exhausted in a paper read by Mr. Thomson, on the 8th February, 1864, to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland; and by Mr. Forbes Leslie, in his "Early Races of Scotland," 8vo. Edin., 1866. Vol. ii.; pp. 383—388.

Dr. Moore, of Hastings, was ingenious, but his speculations are scarcely worth consideration to those persons who have examined the Newton Stone.

As for the "Ogham" inscription, it can only be considered by those who admit the proposition contradicted by Mr. Hodder M. Westropp, that the Ogham writing, such as is on the Newton Stone, was a true alphabetic character, and not mere "tally-marks," or scratches made on a stone, for the purpose of sharpening a knife.

Yours truly,
C. CARTER BLAKE.

Reviews.

Tableau of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite sitting in the Valley of Philadelphia, Penn. Philadelphia: J. M. Goldy and Son, 1881.

This is a very neat and useful conspectus of matters Masonic in reference to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, prepared under the supervision of Illustrious Bro. Charles E. Meyer, to whom we are indebted for it. Not only does it present us with a list of the Past Grand Officers in the Lodges of Perfection, Chapters of Rose Croix Consistories, S.P.R.S. 32°, but gives us the officers up to 1883. The classification and names of the grades are also given, and, being published in pocket size, the little volume can be included in a pocket wallet without taking up space, so as to be at hand for reference when required. It is admirably printed, and appears very accurate.

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