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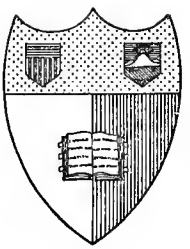

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PREFACE.

THE design of the writer of this record of the progressive History of Edinburgh Chapter No. 1, has been simply to bring before its members, and the Order, a concise narrative of the doings in the Chapter from the date of its Constitution down to the present time,—not as will be seen from its perusal, to enter into the lists of the many who have written discussive and critical essays upon the subjects they had under review.

The work has been simplified to a large extent by the completeness of the Chapter's records, so that the difficulty has been, not what to take notice of, but what to leave alone; and the writer is hopeful that what has been put together in the following pages may prove of general interest.

Care has been taken in making quotations to copy them exactly as they appear in the Minutes, so that the quaintness of past phraseology should be preserved, and in instances where it was difficult to embrace the precise wording, the actual phrasing has so far as possible been adopted, which accounts for some of the paragraphs assuming a composition not of the present day.

In illustrating the Book, the object was kept in view to obtain as many portraits as possible of the earlier officials of prominence. The search for these and following up of clues proved a most interesting occupation, and a pleasing antidote to the pedantic work of the letterpress. It was unfortunately found impossible to secure portraits of all that were desired, but among those produced will be found many of past Masonic interest, and which have not, it is believed, before been published.

The writer takes the opportunity of recording his most sincere thanks to those Brethren, Companions, relatives and descendants of deceased Companions, and others not directly connected with Freemasonry, for the great assistance he has received from them in following up the search for Portraits, and in obtaining additional information on matters touched upon in this History, which has greatly added to the general interest. Assistance, whenever asked, has always been most willingly given, in no single instance has help and advice not been readily forthcoming when solicited. While their names are too many to enumerate here, they are asked to accept collectively this grateful acknowledgment.

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INTRODUCTORY.

IT is difficult to ascertain with any authority how and when Royal Arch Masonry was first introduced into Scotland. *D. Murray Lyon*, in his "History of Lodge No. 1," says: "The Arch was fabricated on the Continent about the year 1735-40 whence it was imported into Britain, and was first adopted in England as a Masonic Degree by Brethren professing to be representatives of the Grand Lodge of York." That the Degree was thus practised in England many years before it came to this country is known, and it was brought under the guidance and control of a Supreme Chapter which, however, was not constituted until 22nd July 1767. Its earliest practice in Scotland was carried on by Craft Lodges, and during the latter part of the eighteenth century it was quite common for these Lodges to work the Higher Degrees, there being no authority to prevent them. Even after Grand Lodge prohibited the practice it was continued, in many cases clandestinely. Many of the earlier writers contend that the Degree was originally part or completion of the Third or Master Mason's Degree, and colour is given to this by *Preston* who terms the Lodge in the Third Degree

A CHAPTER, and also by the Solemn Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Freemasons of England in December 1813, when "it was declared and pronounced that pure and ancient Masonry consists of three Degrees and no more, viz.: those of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason *including* the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch." It may be pointed out, however, that the English Supreme Royal Arch Chapter was established in 1767, nearly 50 years before the date referred to.

All the old writers agree as to the beauty and sublimity of the Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. *Dermott*, says: "This I firmly believe to be the root, heart, and marrow of Masonry"; *Hutchinson*, speaking of it, says: "As Moses was commanded to pull his shoes from off his feet on Mount Horeb, because the ground whereon he trod was sanctified by the presence of the Divinity, so the Mason who would prepare himself for this exalted stage of Masonry should advance in the naked paths of truth, be divested of every degree of arrogance, and approach with steps of innocence, humility, and virtue, to challenge the ensigns of an order whose institutions arise on the most solemn and sacred principles of religion." *Webb*, says: "This Degree is indescribably more august, sublime, and important, than all which precede it, and is the summit and perfection of ancient Masonry. It impresses on our minds a belief of the being and existence of the supreme Deity, without beginning of days or end of years, and reminds us of the reverence due to his Holy Name." *Oliver*, in his lectures, says: "If we pass on to the Royal Arch, we receive a wonderful accession of knowledge, and find everything made perfect; for this is the *ne plus ultra* of Masonry, and can never be excelled by any human institution."

With regard to the introduction of Holy Royal Arch into Edinburgh it may be noted that at the time the

brethren of Lodge Perth and Scoon came to the City for the purpose there were at least seven regular Chapters known to exist in Scotland, but under what authority they worked the Degree the writer has been unable to ascertain. The Lodge (now called Scoon and Perth) is of ancient date, having been instituted prior to 1658. It at present stands No. 3 on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (the original number being No. 6). The name of the Lodge seems to have undergone change at different periods. According to *Crawford Smith*, in his history of the Lodge, it is stated that "In 1844 the name of the Lodge was corrected on Grand Lodge Roll from 'Perth and Scoon' to 'Scoon and Perth.' The earlier designation of the Lodge varied at different times. The earliest name is that of the Lodge of Scone, 1658; the Lodge of Perth, 1725; later the Lodge of Scoon, meeting in Perth; then the Lodge of Scoon and Perth. About the beginning of this century, in Morison's 'Perthshire Register,' it is alternatively called the Lodge of St John." The Lodge Royal Arch of Perth (originally No. 158[1] now 122 and instituted in 1770) is also known to have worked the Higher Degrees, but the present Chapter in Perth, St Johnstoun, No. 134, is the only one ever chartered there.

With these few introductory remarks the writer proceeds to record the Life History of Edinburgh Chapter, No. 1, as disclosed by its Minutes, extending over a continuous period of over one hundred and thirty years.

VOLUME, No. I.

1778 to 1810.

2nd Dec. 1778. THE book is not in a regular sense a Minute Book of the Chapter, but a written transcript from the original Minute Book of the Knights Templars, that Order having been conferred by the Perth and Scoon Lodge upon the same Office-Bearers who received that of Royal Arch. The Volume closes with the following Certificate:—"The foregoing Minutes were copied from the original Minute-Book of the Grand Assembly of Knights Templars in Edinburgh, No. 1, holding of the Royal Grand Conclave of Scotland, by W. H. Blackie, Acting Scribe of the Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, Pursuant to an order of the Committee of that Chapter, bearing date 28th February 1818, and of the order of the Chapter, 16th August 1818. Signed W. H. Blackie, Scribe E., R.A.C."

The first entry, dated 2nd December 1778, reads: "This day the compliment of six sundry steps in Masonry was offered to the Office-Bearers of St Stephen's Lodge by sundry of the Brethren from the Ancient Lodge of Perth and Scoon. Accordingly there was a Committee called, so there was then present: the Right Worshipful Master Br. David M'Laren; Br. Wm. Lyon, Junior Warden; Br. John Dick, Secretary; Br. George Miller, Senior House-Steward; Br. Robert Stewart, Grocer; Br. Wm. Mackenzie; Br. John Moodie; and Br. John Reid, Tyler, who all of one voice accepted of the compliment of that degree of Masonry, viz., the 4th called Past the Chair."

Two days thereafter there is recorded: "This night being set apart by the Brethren of Perth and Scoon Lodge in order to confer upon the Office-Bearers of St Stephen's Lodge the following Degrees of Masonry, viz.: Excellent and Super-Excellent Masons, Arch and Royal Arch Masons, and lastly Knights of Malta, there was then at that time admitted into that excellent order, Br. David M'Laren, Master; Br. Wm. Lyon, Junior Warden; Br. John Dick, Secretary; Br. James Shaw, Treasurer; Br. John Notman, Grand Steward; Br. George Miller, Senior Lodge Steward; Br. Wm. Gow, Watchmaker; Br. John Moodie, Clerk; and Br. John Reid, Tyler, after which the Right Worshipful Master, Worshipful Junior Warden, and Office-Bearers then present ordered the same to be minuted in order to show to the worthy brethren of St Stephen's Lodge what honour the brethren of Perth and Scoon Lodge had conferred on us." 4th Dec. 1778.

The next minute of 10th December records that "a Committee belonging to St Stephen's met and entered Donald M'Donald, an apprentice in the Mystery of Free Masonry, in our Lodge here in Canongate, and at the same time conferred the 4th degree of Masonry upon Br. James Robertson, viz., that of Master past the Chair." Similar Meetings were held on 12th December 1778, and 19th January 1779, and on 28th January a Meeting was held when "Petitions presented for John Cleghorn, James Thomson, George Zeigler, junr., and James Robertson, to be admitted Members of the Royal Arch of St Stephen's, who having paid their dues and gone through the necessary steps were admitted accordingly, when the following Rules were agreed to:

"RULES.

"That all the money arising from said Degrees shall be kept separate from the funds of the Lodge, and a book purchased for keeping their own Minutes.

"That every Member shall pay at admission £1, 1s., if by

28th Jan. 1779 himself; if two, 15s.; if three, 10s.; and any number above that 7s. 6d.

"That any Member who does not, in the time of the Meeting, direct his discourse to the Governor, or interrupt another while speaking, shall forfeit 6d. for the use of the Society, and

"That every Member shall Petition the Society before admission.

"*Eodem die.*

"The Brethren have agreed that none of the Members who shall be of these Degrees shall be art and part in making any Royal Arch Masons upon any pretence whatever within forty miles of Edinburgh unless in their own Lodge, and ordain an obligation to that effect to be taken at their admission.

"The Brethren present elected

Br. John Notman, Candlemaker, to be the Governor.
Brs. Wm. Lyon and Andw. Gloag, Assistants.
Brs. M'Laren, Dick, A. Stewart, Gray, Cleghorn, Thomson, Miller, Zeigler, Robertson, and Brysson, Committee of Managers;

and ordains the Regalia to be kept and this night's expence paid by the Treasurer. (Signed) John Notman, Andw. Gloag, Wm. Lyon."

Thus was the Chapter put on a business footing with a set of Office-Bearers and a working, if somewhat primitive, set of Rules.

The next Meeting was not held until 26th October 1779, when nine members were Entered, amongst them being Lewis Grant, elected Captain Governor in 1786, and in the following month, on 9th November 1779, these additional Resolutions were carried:

"1mo. The Brethren agreed that the money belonging to the Society shall be applied for furnishing the proper aparatus for the members of the Society till such time as they shall take it to further consideration.

"2do. That no business shall be done without the consent of six of the Managers and Governor, the Governor having it in his power, if the members don't attend, to elect any three and himself as a quorum. 9th Nov. 1779.

"3tio. That the Annual Election of the Officers of the Society shall be on the second Monday of January.

"4to. That no member shall be admitted above the age of 50 years, nor until he shall satisfy the Society he had been regularly entered in the first three degrees, nor when in Liquor."

No. 3 does not seem to have been acted upon, as the next Minute is of the General Meeting of the Society held on 14th February 1780, when it was agreed that the Annual Election should be on the second Monday of February. The Treasurer's Accounts were examined, and a balance of £1, 6s. 3d. found to be in his hands. The Meeting then elected Bro. Notman to be their Governor for the ensuing year; Bros. Bryson and Gloag, Assistants; Bros. Lyon and Dick, Wardens; Bro. Zeigler, Clerk; and eight Managers, "the whole to continue in office till the second Monday of February next. This Sederunt signed by the Preses by Warrant of the Meeting."

The Chapter must thereafter have fallen under a cloud or else the Minute-Book is imperfect, as nearly three and a half years elapse before the next Minute, which is dated 29th July 1783. It is as follows: "This night, at a meeting of the Society of Royal Arch Masons of St Stephen's Lodge, Edinburgh, the following persons were admitted members thereof, they having gone through the several steps necessary thereto, viz.: Brs. James Ramsay (afterwards the Governor), James Kegie, Wm. Scott, George Anderson, John Cowan, Thomas Drummond, and made Knights of the Royal Order of St John—after which the Lodge was closed in due and regular form."

At the immediately following meeting on 15th October 1783 five brethren are Initiated, including one bearing the

15th Oct 1783. historical name of "Robert Burns." It was agreed for the future that every Entrant shall pay the sum of 10s. 6d. as the fees or dues for the same to be lodged with the Treasurer before admittance. That this latter condition was honoured more in the breach than the observance, subsequent Extracts will show.

The Meeting of 12th November 1783 records the admission of four Entrants, and it is interesting to note that for the first time the names have the prefix "Sir" in place of "Bro.," formerly used.

On 24th November 1783 "part of the Members of the Royal Order belonging to St Stephen's Lodge met in order to take under their consideration the manner of their walking upon St Andrew's Day. Accordingly those present were all of opinion that they are to walk in uniform either behind the office-bearers, or otherwise the last of the Lodge. Also they agreed to have all their Aprons mounted with black on the flap with a mort head and cross bones on it, and mounted with black ribbons round the edge."

The Meeting of 23rd January 1784 records the admittance of six brethren, including "Sir" Alexander Grieve, who became Captain Governor at next election, and also the Initiation of two strangers from Constantinople.

The Annual Meeting for Election of Office-Bearers took place on 11th February 1784, when "Accordingly the following Knights were chosen, viz.: The Right Worshipful Sir James Ramsay, Governor; Sir David Gray and Sir Wm. Lyon, Assistant Governors; Sir Alex. Given, Senior, and Sir Wm. Wallace, Junior, Wardens; Sir Lewis Grant, Treasurer; Sir James Keggie, Secretary; Sir John Moodie, Clerk; Sir Wm. Scott, Chaplain; Sir J. Dow and Sir J. Cowan, Deacons; Sir —— Rollo and Sir Andw. Skene, Stewards; Sir Donald M'Donald, Officer."

On 10th July 1784 a Meeting was held when three Brethren were "Entered," two paying the dues, and the third "is to give copper plate letters for that Order

when the said plate is given him to do the same to full value of the same." 10th July 1784.

The Minutes here give a jump on to 14th March 1785, when the Election Meeting was held, and Sir Alex. Grieve elected Captain Governor, with Sir David Gray, and Sir Wm. Lyon, Assistant Governors. It was enacted that "the officer for the Order is to receive from each Entrant one shilling."

Other Meetings were held in March, also in April, and on 5th May, when it was agreed to hold Meetings once a quarter on fourth Mondays of January, April, July, and October, the January Meeting being always understood to be the Anniversary, and the next recorded Meeting is the Election, on 30th January 1786, when a further change was made in the designation of Office-Bearers, Sir Lewis Grant being appointed Captain Governor, Sir Wm. Lyon, Deputy Governor, and Sir John Dick, Substitute Governor; while "Scribe" is substituted for Secretary. "The election being over it was agreed to hold the Anniversary Meeting, on Wednesday evening, at six o'clock, in the house of Sir James Keggie—supper ten pence per head."

Another considerable break in the continuity of Meetings is then found—the next not being held until 1st April 1788, when the Election took place, Sir Wm. Lyon being appointed Captain Governor; Sir John Bryson, D.G.; and Sir Thos. M'George, Substitute G. A day was appointed for admitting Candidates "the dues seven shillings and sixpence each to be lodged in the Treasurer's hands before the hour of Meeting, four o'clock afternoon."

Only one other Meeting is recorded in 1788, one on 24th February 1791, when among the Members admitted was Sir Joseph Skeaf, who became Captain Governor; and the next one, on 31st January 1794, is called a Meeting of the Knights of Malta of Royal Arch Masonry. After "Entering" ten members including Bro. Andrew Fisher, afterwards Captain Governor, it appointed the

31st Jan. 1794. 14th February to be the Annual Election "also they were to have a Supper, and agreed to give Sir Thomas Stewart the same to provide for at twenty pence each Knight." Andrew Fisher was the same year elected R.W.M. of Lodge St Stephen and figured largely in the history of that Lodge for many years thereafter.

The Election Meeting took place accordingly on 14th February 1794 "when it was the choice to continue Sir Joseph Skeaf for another year as Captain Governor," with Sir Wm. Lyon and Sir Wm. Scott, Assistant Governors (this election proves the records to be somewhat irregular as there is no record of Sir Joseph Skeaf's election, and this irregularity no doubt explains the large gaps between Meetings).

One other Meeting in this year is recorded, one in 1795, and the next held on 14th February 1796 is termed the Election Meeting, but only one name appears, that of Sir Andrew Fisher, Captain Governor, a blank space being left for the rest which was never filled up. The only other Meeting this year is on 12th March 1796. Seven Members are Entered, including James Galbraith and Wm. Stoddart, both Captain Governors of later date, and both occupying the chair of R.W.M. in St Stephen's Lodge.

After a further lapse of time a Minute appears on 12th February 1798 for elections when Sir James Galbraith was appointed Captain Governor, with Sir Andrew Fisher and Sir James Taylor, Assistant Governors, thereafter thirteen Brethren were admitted to the Order (their names not being recorded in the Minute) and on 26th November 1798, eighteen Brethren were admitted, among the names recorded in the register (but not in the Minute) being Bro. Charles Morrison, M.D., who is referred to in the Minute of 27th November 1848.

On 17th December 1798, "there was held a full chapter of the Order" when twenty-four Brethren were admitted "and their names enrolled amongst the Worthy Knights,"

and at a Meeting on 21st December 1798, it was "agreed and full power given to the Honble. Captain Governor and Worthy Treasurer to provide out of the funds a suitable Regalia for the Office-Bearers of this Ancient and Honble. Order on the most economical terms they could devise without descending from the dignity of the said Order." 21st Dec. 1798.

28th January 1799 saw fifteen Brethren "Entered to this sacred Order" and on 4th April following ten Brethren were admitted "after which the evening was spent as usual with order and harmony and the Chapter shut till further orders."

Four other Meetings were held in 1779, and on 12th March 1800 "a Chapter was opened of Royal Arch and Knight Templars to meet Sir Jas. Jordan for instruction which was fully delivered by him and fourteen Brethren dubbed Templars." *Eodem die* Wm. Stoddart, Cork Cutter, was elected Captain General, W. Kinnaird, H.P., J. Robertson, J. Kay, and J. Neilson, Grand Chiefs or Masters.

After this date the prefix of "Sir" to the Candidates' names seems to have been discontinued, though there is no record of any resolution to that effect.

The next Meeting on 15th March 1800 records twelve Brethren admitted, then on 13th June 1801 five new Members, and on the day following two Members were "Royal Arched and Templared." There are no records between that date and 29th January 1805, when five Brethren were admitted including William Murray, Porter Dealer, and a R.W.M. of St Stephen's Lodge, who at the next Meeting, on 21st February 1805, succeeded William Stoddart as head of the Order, viz.: Captain General, being supported by William Kinnaird as High Priest and John Allan, Alex. Milne, and John Arnott, as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd "Grand Masters." Seven Brethren were Initiated including Alex. Deuchar, Member of St David's

21st Feb. 1805. Lodge (a name which later figures largely in the history of this Chapter), and he is thereafter elected Treasurer. "After the Election the Meeting adjourned to the house of Mr Robert Ferlie, where they dined and spent the evening in a most agreeable manner. The charges being paid, the remaining funds were lodged into the hands of Mr Alex. Deuchar. The Chapter was then closed in due form."

There are no matters of importance in the other six Meetings of 1805, except in that of 30th November, when six Brethren are admitted, where it would appear the fees had been altered to 12s. 6d., unless there was a reduction made for "a quantity."

The first Meeting of 1806, held on 23rd January, records that "Alexander Deuchar presented several drawings, and forms for Seals, Vails, Jewels, Sashes, &c., which were all aprovan of and ordered to be laid in the chest as Paterns when the funds should be able to afford them, and a chest was ordered to be procured for the purpose. Br. Alex. Deuchar moved that the Committee of Office-Bearers should be allowed to order from time to time such articles as the funds shall be able to afford, which was unanimously agreed to."

The question of domicile is referred to for the first time on 27th February 1806 when it was agreed to that the Lodge of St Stephen's should be rented for a twelve months. Bro. Wm. Petrie who is referred to in later records was Initiated at this Meeting.

At the next Meeting on 23rd April 1806, it was agreed that the Fees of Entry for Private Military Gentlemen should be made half a guinea instead of one guinea as formerly.

There was a General Meeting held on 27th April 1806, when a new set of Laws and Regulations much more extended and elaborate than those hitherto recorded are "read, considered, and agreed to." (See Appendix, p. 173.) The Rules are interesting, as showing that whereas up to



ALEXANDER DEUCHAR,
First Principal 1806-1817, etc., etc.

January 1805, the last recorded election of Office-Bearers, the head of the Chapter was the Captain "General" (evidently meant for Governor), and the second the High Priest, the new Rules reverse these offices, the full list being: 27th Apr. 1806.

1. High Priest.
2. Captain Governor.
3. 1st Grand Master.
4. 2nd Grand Master.
5. 3rd Grand Master.
6. 1st Grand Standard Bearer.
7. 2nd Grand Standard Bearer.
8. Grand Treasurer.
9. Grand Secretary.
10. Grand Provisor General.
11. Grand Cup Bearer.
12. Assistant Stewards.
13. Guards.

The Entry Money "for making a Royal Arch Mason to those candidates who are to pass into the other Higher Degrees of Masonry shall be £1, 11s. 6d., provided always that Soldiers and Sailors under the rank of Commissioned Officers shall be entered at half the regular fees." It is further provided that "every brother Free Mason wishing to be Royal Arched without passing through the other Higher Orders of Masonry shall pay the sum of £2, 2s. sterling, Soldiers and Sailors under the rank of Commissioned Officers to be admitted at half the regular Entry Money, and after their admission, they shall, every one pay to the Guards 2s. sterling."

The next Meeting for the election of Office-Bearers takes place on 27th August 1806, when Alexander Deuchar was elected High Priest, William Murray retaining the post of Captain Governor. From this date to the end of the volume the Minutes, which are, as previously explained, copied from another Minute-Book, are regularly signed by Alex. Deuchar as H.P. The Installation took place at the Meeting following on 15th September 1806, when the Most Worshipful and Reverend Brother William Charles Kinnaird, H.P., installed "Our Most Worthy Brother, Alexander Deuchar into the Most Holy and Sublime Office of H.P. of the Royal Arch Encampment of Edin-

15th Sept. 1806. burgh [which office agreeable to last Chapter falls to his lot to fill from having been chosen Grand Master of the K.T. Order]."

On 22nd September 1806 four candidates were passed through all the Degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, "they having given us real proofs of their steadiness during the whole and awful sublime ceremonies."

A Meeting was called on 29th September 1806, to examine the old Treasurer's Accounts which showed a "Ballance of £4, 1s. 11½d. sterling, which was conveyed over to the new Treasurer, being the conjunct Stock Funds of the R.A. Chapter and Knights Templars Encampment of Edinburgh."

A Meeting was held on 6th December 1806, for the purpose of initiating Bros. Patrick Deuchar, of Lodge Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh, and Adam Stoddart of the Thistle Lodge, Edinburgh, and the Meeting was resumed the same evening for the purpose of passing through the Chapter five Brethren from St David's Lodge, including Bro. Joseph Gillon, Solicitor, who was at the time R.W. Master of the Lodge and was a personal friend of Sir Walter Scott.

A Meeting of Committee held on 10th December 1806, decided upon request to send the High Priest and other Office-Bearers to Haddington to "initeat" certain worthy Brother Master Masons who "could not get forward here." Thereafter the Chapter was constituted for the admission of Candidates. In accordance with foregoing decision a Grand Royal Arch Encampment was held at Haddington on 23rd December 1806, and three Brethren entered R.A., "they having shown to us great patience and resignation through the whole of their mysterious wanderings." At the following Meeting, dated 19th January 1807, when seven Brethren were entered R.A., the ever-changing phraseology of the concluding paragraph receives an extra flourish being, "they having gone through

the whole of the ceremony, and evinced to us their great patience and fortitude during the amasing trials and difficulties attending on their admission." 19th Jan. 1807.

After this date the Meetings appear to have been held with greater regularity than hitherto, and therefore only those containing items of interest will be noticed.

The Minute of 27th March 1807 contains the first stated reference to a Member of the Aristocracy joining the Order, viz., the Honourable James St Clair (who was a Major in the Royal Artillery), but there is no designation to show what family or Masonic Lodge he belonged to.

On 18th August 1807 there is record for the first time of a Lodge being held for Instruction.

The Annual Election of Office-Bearers took place on 26th August 1807, when Alex. Deuchar was re-elected High Priest, and William Murray, Capt. Governor.

Two Members of St Stephen's Lodge were entered R.A.s on 12th September 1807, "and who for their entry are to serve as Stewards or Guards for two years from this date."

On 14th September 1807 was held the Meeting for Installing the Office-Bearers, and after the Chapter was closed "the Companions then adjourned to Dine together to the number of 16 at Royal Exchange, where they spent the evening in that Social Harmony which ever is the characteristic of the Higher Degrees of Masonry."

A Meeting of Committee was held on 4th November 1807, "for Ballancing the Treasurer's Accounts." The conjunct Funds of R.A. and K.T. showed a balance due to the Treasurer of £1, 10s. 6d.

The Annual Election of Office-Bearers occurred on 14th September 1808, with Alexander Deuchar again as High Priest, and John Galloway, Capt. Governor.

On 17th September 1808 occurs another instance of a Mason being entered free on undertaking to serve for two years as Protector of the Encampment (or Guard).

5th Oct. 1808. Matters must have improved somewhat during the preceding year, as on 5th October 1808 a Meeting of Committee was held for settling the Treasurer's Accounts when the conjunct Funds are shown to have risen to the sum of £10, 2s. 10d.

The Licensing of Lodges and Chapters would appear to be of ancient date, as we find inscribed in the Minute-Book under date 26th October 1808, copy of an Affidavit made before a Justice of the Peace by the "Grand Master and Depute Grand Master of the Society of Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templars," to the effect that in the Society nothing prejudicial to Church or State is transacted, &c., and with which is submitted a compleat Roll of the Members of the Lodge. Then follows a Certificate by the Depute Clerk of the Peace that the said Affidavit and Roll has been duly lodged with him. (See Appendix, p. 175.)

The Meeting on 28th November 1808 appears to have been a record one of the time—there being no less than seventeen Master Masons as Candidates for Admission, the last eight Brethren belonging to the Band of the Inverness-shire Regiment of Militia, being admitted free for the purpose of forming a Chapter Band.

The next Annual Election Meeting is put forward to 25th January 1809, Alexander Deuchar being re-elected High Priest and John Galloway, Captain Governor.

On 18th May 1809, Bro. John Adams, Tinsmith, of Lodge Roman Eagle, was entered into the Order free of all expense in respect of his being a good Singer.

At a Meeting which was held on 15th June 1809, there was Exalted "Brother John Deuchar, Writer, M/m and Secretary of The Lodge Edinburgh St Mary's Chapel." He was a brother of Alexander Deuchar, and is described elsewhere as John Deuchar, Esq. of Morningside. He studied both for Medicine and Law, although he was known principally as a Lecturer on Chemistry and was



JOHN DEUCHAR of Morningside,
First Principal 1835-1836.

often styled "Dr Deuchar." He occupied the Chair of the Chapter over 25 years later. The only Photograph obtainable is one copied from an old Daguerreotype taken about 1860. 15th June 1809.

At the Meeting of 12th August 1809 the usual entry money was dispensed with as to Bro. Hugh Fraser, a Music Teacher. There was also exalted at this Meeting Bro. Hector Gavin, Engraver, M/m of Roman Eagle Lodge, who was called to the Chair of First Principal 34 years later, viz., in 1843.

Another Election of Office-Bearers took place on 19th August 1809, with Alexander Deuchar again High Priest and Wm. Cunningham Captain Governor, John Deuchar appearing in the list as Grand Treasurer.

The Committee for Ballancing Treasurer's Accounts met on 7th October 1809, when the conjunct funds stood £7, 4s. 2d. to the credit.

On 20th October 1809, Two Free Masons were entered free, one as a "Pyper," the other as a Singer, and at the following Meeting on 17th November 1809, another "Entered free of expence as a Singer for the Entertainment of the Order," while on 15th December 1809, another Candidate was Entered free "for the Band."

There was held on 19th February 1810, a combined Meeting of the Chapter and the Grand Assembly of Knights Templars of Edinburgh for these purposes:— "in their earnest desire for the interests of Masonry in general, and for the good of their own Order, as it more immediately concerns themselves in the furtherance of the powers granted them by His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, Grand Patron of the Order,—are extremely anxious to cultivate with the respective Masonic Lodges in Edinburgh, and Vicinity, that social and friendly intercourse which has for ages been the characteristic of the Craft," when it was resolved to pay the compliment to their Sister Lodges of initiating into the Degrees of

19th Feb. 1810. Royal Arch Masonry and Knights Templars the Master and Wardens of the Masonic Lodges in Edinburgh and Leith. It is curious to note that in the enumeration of the Lodges which follows, there appears to have existed at the time a schism in Craft Masonry, as we find the Master and Wardens of St Mary's Chapel, and the Master and Wardens "of the part who adhere to the Grand Lodge as Mary's Chapel"; and the same divided designations apply to the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, St David's Lodge, St Andrew's Lodge, and Caledonian Lodge.

The 2nd and 3rd February 1810 were set apart for the function, and it was further resolved, "That if any of the brethren fail to attend on the days set apart as above, it shall be considered as their having refused the honour intended to be paid them of being admitted Members of this Order." The honour does not, however, seem to have been greatly appreciated, because out of a total of 69 invited, only 17 are recorded as having attended the two appointed Meetings to have the honour conferred on them.

On 16th March 1810, three more Master Masons were "Entered for the Band."

Another change in the amount of the fee took place on 23rd June 1810, when a proposition was made that the fee for Entering R.A. Brethren should be Ten shillings and Six pence, "which proposition was aproven off." Sundry other Meetings were held in June and July for admission of Members including one on 7th July 1810 when Walter Henry Blackie, Painter (who afterwards came to the front in the Scribes' offices) was admitted, and on 26th July 1810 appears the last Minute in the Volume. Thereafter follows a copy of the Petition for Admission which, from its curious wording, is worthy of being reproduced.

EDINBURGH ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER. 26th July 1810.

"Unto the Most Noble and Right Worshipful Captain General; High Priest, &c., &c., &c., of the Grand Assembly of Knights Templars, &c., &c.

"We your Honours Humble Petitioners, are All poor Master Masons belonging to Sundry Lodges, Being fully Quallified to Receive those honours due to our Sublime Degree—request that the Worthy Knights Companions will take into their Most serious consideration the Petition now before them by granting, and receiving us, into their Most Ancient and Illusterous Order.

"And your petitioners Shall in Duty be ever Bound to Pray."

The Volume finishes with a "List of Members Mentioned in the foregoing Minutes," which does not appear to be very complete. The List, however, totals up to 345, and is characteristic as showing the large support the Chapter received from the Navy and Army, besides indicating that in those days the Militia was largely used for garrison work, the Shropshire, Aberdeenshire, West York, Inverness-shire, and Forfarshire Regiments of Militia all taking their turn in supplying large batches of Entrants.

VOLUME No. II.

1810 to 1842.

9th Aug. 1810. THE second volume of the series of six Minute Books commences of date 9th August 1810. From then up to the Annual Election Meeting on 14th September 1815, eighty-one Meetings were held at irregular intervals, apparently to a large extent, whenever a candidate was to receive Exaltation, as during this period the Minutes deal almost exclusively with Candidates, little else being of interest to chronicle. One peculiarity is that while in Volume I. the pages are headed "Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter," those of Volume II. are headed "Grand Royal Arch Chapter" until 30th October 1811, when the heading is changed to "Royal Arch Chapter, Edinburgh."

As a rule the Minutes, especially in the earlier stages of the Volume are very brief, as witness that of 16th December 1811, which reads: "This evening Brother William Milne, Spirit Dealer, was Royal Arched."

The Annual Election Meetings took place with regularity. On 14th September 1810 "The Revd. Br." Alexander Deuchar was re-elected High Priest with Francis Max Macnab as Captain General. The other Officers were: three Chiefs, Treasurer, Scribe, two Standard Bearers, Provisor General, Steward, and Guard.

On 14th September 1811 the High Priest was re-elected with Brother William Alex. Paterson, Capt. "Governour."

Among the Members Exalted on 30th October 1811

appears the name of John Ferney, Merchant of the Canongate and Leith Lodge, who was elected First Principal in 1825, after filling many other offices. 30th Oct. 1811.

On 11th September 1812 the retiring High Priest and Capt. Governour were again elected to office.

It may be interesting to note that the Minute of 27th March 1813 records the admittance to the Chapter of Brother Murray Pringle, Master Mason of the Lodge New Edinburgh Kilwinning, a Companion who took a leading part in making history for the Chapter, and became the first Grand Recorder of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter.

The Annual Election Meeting of 14th September 1813 shows a readjustment of Offices and Designations. Brother Alexander Deuchar, Z., is re-elected High Priest with Brother Alexander Brand, H., and Brother H. Gavin, J., as Grand Chiefs. This is the first occasion on which the initial letters of these three Officers are used. Two Scribes are for the first time appointed (one of them being Brother Murray Pringle referred to above) and these are placed in precedence of the Treasurer.

On 14th September 1814 the designations are again somewhat changed, Brother Deuchar being elected Grand Chief and High Priest, with Brothers W. A. Paterson, Alexander Brand, and Alexander Ferney, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Chiefs, while Brother Murray Pringle is elected to the Office of Scribe E, which he retains for a long period.

What was the nature and extent of the Rituals used in working the Degrees in the period under review (and possibly of later date) it is impossible to say, but the Records show that the number of the Degrees conferred upon the Candidates were numerous. Thus we read in the Minute of 1st April 1815 that the Petitioners were "Initiated into and instructed in all the Mysteries of The Excellent, Super-Excellent, Arch and Royal Arch Masonry, and were afterwards Initiated into the Mysteries

1st April 1815. of the Ark, Mark and Link Masonry, the Jordon and Babylonian Passes, and the Royal Prussian Blue Order." It reads rather a heavy handful for one Meeting. One other point to which attention may be drawn is a continuance of the large number of Military and Naval men who are Exalted in the Chapter during these years.

Coming to the Election Meeting on 14th September 1815, we find Brother Deuchar re-elected to fill the high office of "M.E. Grand Chief," with Brother John Selby Smyth, "Depute Grand Chief," Br. George Galbraith, "R.R. High Priest, J.," and Br. John Deuchar, "Prophet H." It is at this Meeting we find reference first made to the movement which culminated in the Erection of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. The presiding Officer, Br. Alexander Deuchar (through whose exertions as head of Chapter No. 1 the Supreme Chapter owes its existence), after declaring the several offices of the Order vacant, "Likewise stated to the Brethren that as it is in contemplation in the course of the ensuing winter to endeavour to get the several Royal Arch Chapters in Scotland incorporated under a Royal Charter, it might be necessary for the Brethren of this Chapter to elect their Head under the title by which the Grand head of the Royal Arch Chapter of England is known, viz.: Most Eminent Grand Chief, in order that the Office-Bearers of this Chapter may be able to correspond with those of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in England under their proper appellation" Bro. Deuchar was thereupon re-elected as M.E. Grand Chief, and the Office-Bearers were increased in number, indicating in some measure the activity which had commenced in the affairs of the Chapter. The Offices, other than the principals already referred to are, Chiefs of the 12 Tribes, Chamberlain, Treasurer, Scribe E., Scribe N., Bearers of the Standard of Judah, Bearers of the Standard of Israel, 3 Priests, 3 Sojourners, 2 Examinators, Choristors, Provisor Generai, Mr. of Stewards, 2 Heralds, Sword Bearer,

2 Macers, 2 "Band," Steward, Inner Guard, Outer Guard —43 in all. There is also noticed a broadening out of the Minutes from this time. 14th Sept. 1815.

On 20th October 1815 a special Meeting was held, when the M.E. Grand Chief stated "that as the Royal Arch and K.T. Degrees had been hitherto carried on under one head and Title (that of the Higher Orders of Masonry) it now behoved them being put on a separate establishment to make some arrangements with the Edinburgh Encampment of Knights Templars regarding the receipts and expenditure on account of the Royal Arch Chapter since the commencement of these Orders in Edinburgh." A Committee of three was appointed to meet a similar Committee of the K.T., with powers to conclude an intermediate agreement and report to a full Meeting of the Chapter before coming to any final agreement. He further stated that as the K.T. had "appointed three of their Office-Bearers who are likewise Office-Bearers of this Chapter, he would propose those of the Office-Bearers of this Chapter who are also Office-Bearers of the Encampment to constitute the Committee in question." This was accordingly done, thereby providing quite a family party. These Committee deliberations resulted in the following Resolutions being mutually agreed upon :—

Resolved 1st.—That all persons furnishing Articles of any description required by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Edinburgh to the value of their entrance into the Royal Arch and Templar Degrees shall be received into the Knights Templars Encampment without any charge being made on the Royal Arch Chapter for their fees.

Resolved 2nd.—That all persons on the other hand who shall furnish Articles to the Grand Assembly of Knights Templars to the value of their Entrance into both Bodies, shall be received into the Royal Arch Chapter without any charge being made upon the Encampment for their fees.

Resolved 3rd.—That the Articles collected and purchased

20th Oct. 1815. by the Royal Arch Chapter and Knights Templars Encampment during the period of their Union, each body shall receive such as belong to their respective Orders.

Resolved 4th.—That such Clothing and Articles as either body have already received to be paid for by Entries, shall be settled for in the manner explained in Resolutions 1st and 2nd.

Resolved 5th.—That all Monies for entries previous to Holy Cross Day last, shall be held to be the property of the Encampment, and in lieu thereof the Royal Arch Chapter shall not be held liable in any of the Debts standing unpaid at the above period.

Resolved 6th.—That these Resolutions shall be binding on both Parties and that Articles 1st and 2nd shall be in force for the space of two years from last Holy Cross Day.

At the Meeting of 13th December 1815 a report of Resolutions come to by the Committee a few days previous was submitted and unanimously approved and confirmed. They deal principally with the internal working of the Chapter but No. 4 provides, "That a subscription shall be raised amongst the Brethren, by way of loan, for the purpose of defraying the expenses which may be necessarily incurred in establishing the Order on a lasting foundation, to be repaid as soon as the funds will admit, it being clearly understood that no interest is to be charged on any sum so lent—and any Brother bringing forward a Candidate for admission who may be approvan of shall have it in his power to retain the amount of his fees of admission, in payment or in part payment of his Subscription Loan." In the concluding paragraph of the Minute it is stated that "the Meeting throughout was conducted with that decorum which is so characteristic of the Order," and in the after proceedings the Band of the 6th Dragoon Guards attended and "contributed greatly to the convivial harmony which prevailed throughout the Evening."

On 16th February 1816, on the motion of the Grand Chief, a Committee was appointed for the purpose of taking measures for procuring a Charter of Constitution for the Chapter, "and that as the labours of the Committee appointed for the purpose of ordering the Regalia, &c., to be completed were not yet terminated, he moved that that Committee be further impowered to adopt measures for carrying out that desirable object into effect." Their names are not then given, but on 24th April 1816 the Committee held its first Meeting for the purpose of adopting Measures for establishing a Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order in Scotland, when it was agreed that in future the word "Committee" be dropped and the Meetings be henceforth designated "The Lodge of Intelligence." The Members who attended this Meeting were "Bros. Alexr. Deuchar the M.E. Principal, P. Deuchar the Chief of the Tribe of Ephraim, James Gilchrist the Chamberlain, Murray Pringle the Scribe, Wm. Brydon the Priest, Walter H. Blackie the Sojourner." It appears from a later Minute Bro. Patrick Cunningham, Treasurer, completed the original Committee of Seven. There is incorporated a lengthy correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England, having for its object the obtaining of information as to procedure, but which appears not to be forthcoming, the explanation being that Mr White, Secretary to the Grand Lodge of England, had handed the first letter to the Duke of Sussex, who had mislaid it, and he (the Duke) explained that "he would not be able to turn his attention to the Royal Arch Order sooner than eight or ten months hence, in consequence of the business relative to the union betwixt the Ancients and Moderns not being completed." It was therefore agreed that a letter be sent to the Substitute Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland requesting to know if the Grand Lodge of Scotland had any intention of taking the Royal Arch Degree under her sanction, and failing an affirmative answer, "that the Lodge proceed

16th Feb. 1816.

24th Apr. 1816. forthwith to adopt measures for forwarding the business which had been intrusted to it."

On 17th May 1816 the Chapter had the pleasure of a visit from Bro. Andrew Wyllie, Master of the Royal Arch Chapter held in the Forty-Second Regiment (in virtue of a Charter No. 42 from the Grand Lodge of Ireland) with four of his Brethren.

"A Chapter of the Order was this evening (26th May 1816) opened in the presence of a great number of very respectable Brethren, when a Petition was presented from The Right Honorable Sir William Drummond of Logie-almond, Knight of the Illustrous Order of the Crescent, and a Member of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, setting forth that he is a regular Master Mason belonging to the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, Edinburgh, and that he is desirous of being Initiated into the Royal Arch Order, and the other Degrees connected therewith; which Petition bearing to be recommended by Bro. J. H. S. Wharrie, was according to the usages of the Order submitted to the decision of the Brethren by Ballot, when it appeared that the prayer thereof was granted without a dissenting voice; and Bro. Sir William Drummond was accordingly Instructed in all the Mysteries of a Master in the Chair, Excellent, Super Excellent, Arch, and Royal Arch Masonry, as also the other Orders connected therewith, he having conducted himself with the greatest propriety during the whole of the ceremony, and proved to the satisfaction of all present that he was worthy to receive these exalted degrees." The Minute is quoted at length because of its unusual formation. The Portrait of Sir William is copied from an Original Oil Painting in the possession of Lady Stewart of Grantully Castle, whose husband, Sir Douglas Stewart, Bart., of Murthly and Grantully, was a nephew of Sir William's. It was painted in 1822 at Naples (where Sir William Drummond was Ambassador) by Arminius De Meyer, a pupil of the late



RT. HON. SIR WILLIAM DRUMMOND of Logiealmond,
The First Grand Principal of Supreme Chapter 1817.

Sir Thomas Lawrence, and considered a very eminent Artist. The Portrait was obtained through the courtesy of Lady Stewart, who, on being applied to, very kindly had the copy made herself and presented it to the Chapter. 26th May 1816.

At the Meeting held on 22nd July 1816 Sir William was elected to the Office of High Priest. On 21st February 1817 he appears elected M.E. Principal J., which in the list takes precedence to that of the Office of H. Sir William was elected the First Grand Principal on the Erection of Supreme Grand Chapter in 1817. He presented the Chapter with MSS. Folio containing his Lectures on Freemasonry and the English Rituals, which is still in the Chapter's possession. That he early commenced activity in the Chapter is shown by the Minute of 31st May 1816, when Sir William presented the Petition of John Walsh, Esquire of Newfoundland, for Initiation, and on 6th June 1816 we find the Meeting was "convened for the purpose of receiving a Lecture from Brother The Right Honourable Sir William Drummond of Logiealmond, Knight of the Crescent, &c., &c., &c., explanatory of several very important discoveries he had made relative to these Orders."

The Lodge of Intelligence next met on 3rd July 1816, with the same sederunt, when the Chairman stated that in accordance with resolution of last Meeting he had "Written a letter to Mr Inglis, Substitute Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to which the Substitute Grand Master had not thought proper to make any reply." Interesting information regarding Masonic procedure in Ireland is contained in letters read to the Meeting. A comprehensive Circular Letter prepared by the Secretary for issue to all the known Chapters in Scotland was read and "was unanimously approven of and ordered to be printed and circulated forthwith." It contained a series of Resolutions providing for the conduct of the Supreme Chapter when erected, and also a series of Resolutions

3rd July 1816. for the guidance of the Lodge of Intelligence prior to the Establishment of Supreme Chapter. It also provides for proxy Commissions to be issued by those Chapters who cannot attend the Meeting to be held in October 1816, for the Erection of Supreme Chapter, such proxy-holders becoming Members of the Lodge of Intelligence. It finishes up with "Any further information you may desire by letter (post paid), addressed, &c., I shall be happy to afford you." The Circular Letter was sent to 51 Royal Arch Chapters and also to 25 "whom we presume to be Royal Arch Masons."

The Minutes of 22nd July 1816 records the re-election of Bro. Alex. Deuchar as M.E.P. with Bro. Sir Wm. Drummond, H.P., and Bro. John Deuchar, Prophet. The printed circular from the Lodge of Intelligence is bound into the Minute, and Bro. Alex. Deucher was appointed the Representative of the Chapter at the General Meeting of the Royal Arch Chapters of Scotland, aided by any two Brethren of the Chapter whom he may think proper to appoint for that purpose. The Minute also contains copy of a Petition addressed to His Royal Highness Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, M.E. Grand Principal of the Royal Arch Order of Masonry in England, praying him to direct the Grand Secretary to afford the Edinburgh Chapter such information as they have already applied for, and which Bro. Sir Wm. Drummond, H.P., had undertaken to present to his Royal Highness.

A meeting of the Lodge of Intelligence was held on 7th August 1816 (when the first Proxy Member was present, viz., Bro. James Currie, Proxy for Selkirk), and dealt principally with the replies to the Circular Letter issued, as did also a Meeting held on 6th September following, and at another Meeting held on 5th October 1816, there was read the reply from Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England to the Petition presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex. The letter is couched in very cautious terms and

states that at the period of reunion of the two Fraternities formally existing in England, a letter was received from the Grand Lodge of Scotland (in answer to one from England enclosing a copy of the Act of Union and inviting the presence of some distinguished Mason of Scotland on that occasion), stating among other subjects "that the Degree of the Royal Arch was not at all acknowledged by the Grand Lodge at Edinburgh, but expressing the readiness of that Grand Lodge to concur in any general arrangements relative to that Order which might appear advantageous to the welfare of the Craft at large." The letter states that circumstances prevented these arrangements being proceeded with at the time, but as the difficulties were now in a great measure removed His Royal Highness intended very shortly to convene a Meeting to consider the necessary steps for placing the Royal Arch upon the footing intended by the Act of Union, and whatever was done would be communicated to the Grand Lodge at Edinburgh. The Grand Recorder goes on to say "under these circumstances I am commanded to suggest that if you should feel that a delay of a few months would be injurious to the Order, and you should find it indispensable to proceed in the immediate foundation of a National Grand Chapter, that it should be done in such a way as not to impede any general arrangements which might be agreed upon by the two Grand Lodges." The Meeting having maturely considered the contents of the letter were unanimous "that it would be conducive to the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry were it under the sanction of the same head as the other Degrees of St John's Masonry are," and agreed "to transmit an official letter to the Secretary of Grand Lodge expressive of these their sentiments upon the subject and enclosing a copy of the letter from the Grand Chapter of England." It was further resolved to advise Mr White, Grand Recorder of England, for the information of His Royal Highness,

5th Oct. 1816.

5th Oct. 1816. Grand Principal of the Order in England, "that the Lodge of Intelligence cannot with propriety suspend their proceedings after having advanced so far, and expressing their anxious wish that the Grand Lodge of Scotland would take the Royal Arch Order in this country under her protection, that the present proceedings of this Lodge is merely preparing for the establishment either in conjunction with the Grand Lodge or otherwise," and that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has been again requested to state its views on the subject. Likewise to assure His Royal Highness that nothing will be done that may in any degree whatever impede a junction with the Grand Lodge of Scotland either now or hereafter.

The foregoing is instructive as showing the animus which existed at the time by the Grand Lodge of Scotland against Royal Arch Masonry, and the difficulties which Edinburgh Chapter had to contend with in its initial endeavours to put the Order under the control of a recognised head. (See also 15th March 1825.)

At a Meeting of the Office-Bearers held on 7th October 1816, there was considered a proposal to lease, in conjunction with the Edinburgh Knights Templars Encampment, the old St Andrew's Lodge Room in Brodie's Close, Lawnmarket, when it appeared that as it would cost about Fifty Pounds to repair and furnish the place the pecuniary circumstances of both these Orders would not admit of their taking the Room at this cost (it being offered for five years at the Annual Rent of Twelve Pounds sterling), but arranged that a Committee of three from each Order should meet a Committee of Mary's Chapel Lodge (who were also looking out for a place of Meeting), and if that Lodge would agree to undertake the most expensive part of the Repairs, the three Orders in conjunction would make an offer for the place.

The Lodge of Intelligence met again on 23rd October 1816, when the communication which as directed had been

sent to the Grand Lodge of Scotland was read, to which a reply had been received from the Grand Secretary, stating that "It will afford me much pleasure to submit your communication to the Grand Lodge of Scotland at their first Meeting on 4th November next." In consequence of this the Lodge agreed that "the General Meeting which was to have been held that month for the Election of Office-Bearers, &c., should be postponed for the present, and that the Secretary should circulate a printed letter to the respective Chapters who have acceeded to the establishment, acquainting them therewith and at the same time intimating that the proceedings of this Lodge are in no particulars suspended in consequence of this delay, and that they will be acquainted early in the ensuing month with the day on which the said General Meeting will be held." 23rd Oct. 1816.

The next Meeting of the Lodge of Intelligence on 25th November 1816, contains considerable matter of general progress, and also the following letter from Grand Lodge of Scotland. "I have the honour to inform you that the Grand Lodge of Scotland defer entering upon the subject of Royal Arch Masonry till they hear from the United Grand Lodge of England. I have the honour to be, etc. (Signed) Alexr. Lawrie, Secretary to Grand Lodge of Scotland."

This necessitated another postponement of the General Meeting and a further explanatory Circular to the Chapters on the Establishment.

That the Lodge of Intelligence had by this time grown into a body of considerable importance is shown by the next Minute (12th December 1816), wherein it is agreed on a Petition from sundry Royal Arch Masons from Peebles (who had applied for a Charter for the erection of a Chapter there), "to grant their request and instructed the Master and Secretary to prepare and transmit to these Brethren a Dispensation empowering them to Initiate such

12th Dec. 1816. Brethren into the Mysteries of the Order as may be desirous of attaining these Degrees and have previously been regularly Initiated into the Mysteries of Master Masonry." There was a proviso however, "that if the Grand Chapter when established refuses to grant the prayer of the Petitioners for a Charter, all the Brethren whom they initiate shall become bound to enter with another Regular Chapter in Scotland, and that they shall each pay three shillings as the Fee for Registering their names in the Books of the Grand Chapter."

On 19th February 1817 the Principal and one of the Chiefs appeared before Sir Patrick Walker, one of His Majesty's Justice of the Peace for the County of Edinburgh, and took the Oath of Qualification prescribed by Act of Parliament and thereafter lodged the necessary documents with the Justice of Peace Clerk.

A series of important motions were submitted at Chapter Meeting of 21st February 1817. (1) That the smaller Degrees connected with the Royal Arch Order be committed to the charge of Committees "who should have the Management of the Initiation into the respective Degrees so that the Ceremony may be conducted in a more orderly manner." (2) To call together those Brethren in possession of the Priestly Order to consider the best steps to be adopted for having it introduced into Edinburgh "that the Priests belonging to the Royal Arch Degree may be regularly admitted into it." (3) That in future the Entry Money be raised to One Guinea and a half. (4) That each Member should furnish proper Regalia for himself. (5) That if Office-Bearers are absent more than two nights of Meeting without giving a proper excuse, their seats be declared vacant. It was agreed that all these motions should lie over for consideration. A motion that a Committee be appointed to draw up an Interim Code of Laws was agreed to and Committee appointed.



ALEXANDER LAMBE ROBERTSON of Prendergast, W.S.,
First Principal 1817-1819.

It further appears that in these days there were two classes of "free admission" to the Chapter, for it is recorded in the same Minute that two Brethren (Members of other Chapters) were elected *full* Members of the Chapter, and one Brother admitted an Honorary Member. At the close of the General Business "the Brethren were illuminated with a Lecture from the Most Excellent Principal Z. communicating some of Br. Sir William Drummond's sublime discoveries," and the Meeting was entertained during the evening by a Band of Music. 21st Feb. 1817.

The Election of Office-Bearers also took place at the same Meeting, when Bro. Alex. Deuchar was elected M.E. Principal Z.; Honble. Sir William Drummond, M.E. Principal J.; John Deuchar, M.E. Principal H.; and Moses Ezekiel, 1st Priest.

Among those Exalted on 8th March 1817 was Bro. Alexander Lambe Robertson of Prendergast, Writer to the Signet, who afterwards filled the First Principal's Chair, besides high office in Supreme Grand Chapter.

On 18th April 1817, the Motions referred to in the Minute of 21st February were considered, when Nos. 4 and 5 were agreed to, No. 3 was further delayed to first Meeting next season, the others, Nos. 1 and 2, being apparently not treated.

The Chapter's Finances about this period (never apparently very flourishing) seemed to have caused the Office-Bearers some anxiety. At the last audit the Balance handed over to the new Treasuer was £3, 3s. 4d. Now, on 7th May 1817, Report is made that the debts which, on separation of the Knights Templars Encampment from this Chapter, the former had undertaken to discharge, "bore heavily upon them and that in consequence that body was much embarrassed, he (M.E.Z.) therefore proposed that to prevent any discontent on either side that this Chapter should take upon itself the payment of one-half of Bill due by the Encampment to the Knights

7th May 1817. Templars Society, at the same time he explained that the money would not be immediately demanded if a Bill was granted and the Interest regularly paid, this proposition met with unanimous approbation, and the Deeds of Mutual agreement to the above effect between the two Bodies were ordered to be immediately executed." In the same Minute attention was called to the inconvenience attending the Lodge Room (it does not state the locality), and as the Funds were low it was "proposed that a trial should be made of what could be done by subscription, which being unanimously approved of, Subscription papers were ordered to be made out and sent to the Members of the Chapter, either by way of Donation or Loan, to be repaid when the Funds would admit."

At the following Meeting on 16th June 1817, there was Exalted Sir Patrick Walker of Coats, Knight, Hereditary Usher of the White Rod to His Majesty for Scotland, and Right Worshipful Master of St David's Lodge (who afterwards became the Original Grand Principal H. of Supreme Chapter), and also among others James Hozier, Esq., Advocate, 8 Castle Street, M/m of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning. He was the Grandfather of the Honourable James Hozier, M.P. (afterwards Lord Newlands), who was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland from 1900 to 1904. Companion James Hozier, younger of Newlands, was born on 14th November 1791, was Initiated in Freemasonry in Lodge Canongate Kilwinning No. 2, and succeeded his father, William Hozier, in the Estates of Newlands and Barrowfield. He died in 1878 and was succeeded by the before-mentioned Grand Master's father, William Hozier, who was created a Baronet in 1890 and Lord Newlands in January 1898.

On 1st July 1817 a Meeting of Committee was convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the outstanding debts of the Chapter, "when, after the object of the Meeting having been very deliberately considered of, it was

unanimously Resolved, that the Treasurer should be empowered and authorised to write a Circular of the following tenor, to all the Members who are indebted to the Chapter, and should they, or any of them, fail to make payment within the time specified in said Circular, that the Treasurer be instructed to adopt the necessary steps for carrying the threat therein contained into execution." 1st July 1817.

CIRCULAR.

"Sir, The Office-Bearers of the Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter at a Meeting held this evening, having unanimously Resolved to summons all those who are indebted to the Chapter, and who fail to make payment before Friday next the 4th inst. to Justice of Peace Court, I take leave to acquaint you therewith that you may have an opportunity of making payment of your Initiation Fees before the expiry of that period."

At the Lodge of Intelligence held on 11th July 1817, it was unanimously agreed, on the Motion of Bro. Alexander Deuchar, M.E.Z. of Edinburgh Chapter, to recommend the name of Sir William Drummond of Logiealmond to be the First Grand Principal of the Order in Scotland, and a Sub-Committee was appointed to make necessary arrangements for the appointment and election of Office-Bearers, and to fix a date for the General Meeting. At the Adjourned Meeting on 18th July 1817, the Sub-Committee's suggestion was approved of, fixing Thursday, 28th August 1817, "for the General Meeting of the Royal Arch Chapters of Scotland for the purpose of Constituting a Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order, and Electing Office-Bearers, &c." The Meeting approved of the Sub-Committee's draft Circular to be sent to the different Chapters in Scotland notifying the arrangements. From the Warrant attached to this Circular to be issued by all Chapters authorising their approval of the establishment of a Supreme Chapter, adherence thereto, and surrender

18th July 1817. of all privileges they may consider themselves to possess, it appears that the practice which is continued to the present time, viz., for the Chapter to appoint a Proxy First Principal, who in turn appointed his Proxy Second and Third Principals, came into operation with the calling of this first Meeting. (See Appendix, page 177.)

The Minute of the Lodge of Intelligence of 11th August 1817, is mainly concerned with appointments of Proxy representatives and communications from Chapters asking for information principally as to costs to be incurred. One Chapter (St Luke's, Aberdeen), writing in name of the six Chapters in that City concludes its list of questions by desiring to know "what is meant by First, Second, and Third Principals mentioned in the Copy Warrant, as no such terms are used in the Aberdeen Chapters."

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Chapter was held on 13th August 1817, for the purpose of formally appointing three representatives to attend the Erection Meeting of Supreme Chapter, when it was agreed to appoint Bro. Alexander Deuchar as Z., Bro. Sir Patrick Walker, Kt., as H., and Bro. John Deuchar as J. Among the other business, "The Most Excellent stated that in consequence of the removal of the 6th Dragoon Guards from this country we have now no prospect of enjoying that Harmony to which our Brethren composing the Band of that Regiment had for a long period so highly contributed, and he proposed in order to make some provision for a continuance of the same entertainment at our Meetings that the Committee of Office-Bearers be authorised to Initiate a Military Band for their services as Musicians, which was immediately agreed to."

On 25th August 1817 was held the final Meeting of the Lodge of Intelligence, when the communications with various Chapters were submitted and approved of, and it is shown that on the eve of the General Meeting twenty-eight Chapters had intimated adherence to Supreme

Chapter. The concluding paragraph of the Minute reads, 25th Aug. 1817.
"This completing the business for which the Lodge of Intelligence was appointed, it is hereby dissolved and all the documents and Minutes of the proceedings being in the possession of Br. Pringle the Secretary, will be by him submitted to the Meeting of 28th inst. for the approbation thereof."

At a Chapter Meeting held on 27th August 1817, the Resolution referred to in Minute of 13th August to institute a Chapter Band came into operation, when six Brethren of St David's Lodge and all of the Band of the Second Regiment of Dragoons or Scots Greys were "Initiated for their Services as a Band."

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28th Aug. 1817.

AT length arrived the important Meeting which gave to Scotland its Supreme Chapter. The Minutes of 28th August 1817, bear that "The Chapter having this evening met proceeded to St John's Chapel to witness the consecration of a Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter for Scotland . . A general Chapter of the Order having been opened by the First Most Excellent Principal of the Edinburgh Chapter aided by the two Senior Principals present, Br. Deuchar stated to the Meeting in very appropriate speach the causes which gave rise to the propositions for the Erection of this Institution, and complimented the Meeting upon the numerous list of Chapters which had come forward in support of it, he then proceeded to Consecrate the Supreme Grand Chapter which having been done with Corn, Wine and Oil, according to Ancient Custom the Chapter was proclaimed in the East, North, South, and West to be the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, the Senior Grand Scribe p.t. having previously read the Minutes of the proceedings of the Lodge of Intelligence which were unanimously approven of." The Right Hon. Sir William Drummond of Logiealmond (the Second Principal of the Edinburgh Chapter) was Elected the First Grand Principal, with Sir Patrick Walker of Coats, Knight, Hereditary Usher of the White Rod to His Majesty for Scotland (Exalted in Edinburgh Chapter 16th June 1817) Second Grand Principal, and George Douglass of Arbeadie, Esquire, Advocate, as Third Grand Principal.

Sir Patrick Walker who had been duly Installed into the



SIR PATRICK WALKER of Coats, Knight
(Hereditary Usher of the White Rod in Scotland),
The First Grand Principal H. of Supreme Grand Chapter 1817.

Chair of H. then (in the absence of Sir William Drummond who was abroad) took the Chair, when the other Offices were filled up, Br. Murray Pringle who had acted as Secretary throughout the proceedings of the Lodge of Intelligence, being Elected to the Offices of Grand Recorder and Vice Grand Chancellor. Routine business was then engaged in such as approving of and signing the Charter of Constitution and Erection, &c., and towards the close of the Meeting "The Supreme Grand Chapter on a proposition from the Chair unanimously agreed that the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to the Edin. R.A. Chapter for the handsome and disinterested manner in which that body suggested and carried through this great undertaking and likewise to Br. Alexander Deuchar, First Most Excellent Principal thereof, for his personal exertions in the promotion of the views of the Edinburgh Chapter in the formation of this establishment and for the very able manner in which he has arranged and conducted the whole proceedings." 28th Aug. 1817.

The thanks of the Meeting were likewise voted to the Companions who composed the Lodge of Intelligence and also to Br. Murray Pringle for his attention to the laborious duties he had to perform as its Secretary, and after the remainder of the evening had been spent in a most Social and Happy manner with Musical and Vocal enjoyment this Momentous Meeting was brought to an end by closing the Grand Chapter in due form. The Minutes show that one of the matters which Supreme Chapter had to be grateful to the Edinburgh Chapter for was the supplying of the Regalia, &c., for its Constitution, for in an Abstract State of Intromissions in the Minute-Book appears an item of £96 odds for "Regalia &c. for Grand Chapter" which sum is duly repaid to the Edinburgh Chapter later on.

On 13th September 1817, the Chapter extended the courtesy which existed with the Knights Templars by "Initiating" eight Members of the Band of the 88th

2nd Oct. 1817. Regiment and Master Masons of Mary's Chapel Lodge in order to form a Band for the Encampment.

A Meeting of the Chapter was held on 22nd October 1817, when it was agreed to present a congratulatory Address to Supreme Chapter, and arrangements were made for registering the names of Members in the Books of Supreme Chapter in terms of the Laws, the fee being 6d. to be increased to 3s. for all those who had not registered by a certain date. Unregistered members to be considered as not in full Membership. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Members of the Committee which formed the Lodge of Intelligence. Various Offices were filled up in consequence of the Second Principal Sir William Drummond having been elected to the Chair of Supreme Grand Chapter. By reason of the prosperous State of the Order the Most Excellent Principal stated "he had every reason to think that in a short time there might be another R.A. Chapter formed in Edinburgh. He thereupon moved that any Member of this Chapter who might wish to give assistance thereto, that such Members should be relieved from their Bond of Alegeance which they had contracted on becoming a Member of this Chapter—which was agreed to." The Most Ex^{t}. then proceeded to state "that he had now for a long period filled the situation which he at present held, and then taking a general view of the state of the Order when he got it under his supperintendence and Management, he was happy to state the pleasing prospects the present prosperity promised to raise it—And then concluded by stating that it was now his determined wish to resign his situation and retire. But that owing to the Order of the Supreme Grand Chapter ['that no general election should take place this year in Subordinate Chapters until the 23rd day of September 1818'] he would be under the necessity of applying by petition to that supreme body for liberty to do so—which was reluctantly assented to."

At a Meeting held on 7th Nov. 1817 Bro. David Birrell,

Writer, was exalted. Two years later he was called to the Chair of M.E. First Principal. Among the Brethren exalted at the Meeting of 24th Nov. 1817, was Bro. Peter Campbell, S.S.C., R.W.M. of the New Edinburgh Kilwinning Lodge who also filled the M.E. First Principal's Chair at a later date. 24th Nov. 1817.

Supreme Grand Chapter having fixed 21st January 1818 for the purpose of electing a First Principal, a Meeting was held on that date when Most Ext. Alexr. Deuchar, after referring to his resignation of the Chair at the Meeting of 22nd Oct. 1817, proposed as his Successor, with the unanimous consent of the Office-Bearers, Br. Alexander Lambe Robertson, Esq. of Prendergast, Writer to the Signet, the First Depute Grand Principal of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, "which nomination was received with universal plaudit, and Br. Robertson was unanimously elected."

To anyone making systematic perusal of the Chapter's Minutes it must be evident that to Companion Deuchar belongs the distinction of having pioneered Royal Arch Masonry in Scotland to its present high position, and in arriving at that result, bringing Edinburgh Chapter through a series of vicissitudes alternating with prosperous times which trained it for the position of becoming the Founder of the Supreme Chapter. Initiated in the Degree at a Meeting held on 21st February 1805 he was at same Meeting elected and installed to the office of Treasurer, and on 27th August of the following year was elected to the highest office of High Priest continuing to preside over the Chapter for thirteen years, until in 1818 he of his own accord resigned the Chair in favour of Bro. A. Lambe Robertson.* The Minutes make it clear, however, that Comp. Deuchar did not by any means relax his interest in

* In 1814 the First Chair was designated Grand Chief and High Priest. In 1815 he is designated M.E. Grand Chief, while J. (which precedes H.) is called High Priest, and in 1816 the title is changed to M.E. Principal.

21st Jan. 1818. the affairs of the Chapter, his name appearing frequently as occupying the Chair, and at a Special Meeting on 20th January 1821, presided over by a Commission of Supreme Grand Chapter for the purpose of electing Office-Bearers of the Chapter in consequence of the last Election having been declared irregular, Comp. Alexander Deuchar was again elected to fill the high office of First Principal, which, however, he vacated at the next Election Meeting. Succeeding nominations to the Chair having been declined it is intimated in Minute of 24th January 1822 that he had been re-elected First Principal. In 1826 he appears elected to the Chair of H. In 1832 he is again elected First Principal and also in 1833. In 1838 he is in the Chair of H., while in 1842 and 1843 he once more occupies the Chair of Z. In the following year is recorded the melancholy news of the death of Comp. Alex. Deuchar on 12th August 1844 at the age of 67 (see page 84).

Continuing with the Minute of 21st January 1818 there is a copy of the acknowledgment by Supreme Grand Chapter of the congratulatory address presented from this Chapter which closes with "and as a lasting proof of their attachment I (Grand Recorder) am instructed to insert the Address of the Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter in the records of the Supreme Grand R.A. Chapter of Scotland." It was further agreed to retain the name of Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter in making up the Roll of the Supreme Chapter, and to raise the Entry Money from one guinea to one guinea and a half. A Committee was appointed to draw up and frame a Code of Laws for the regulation and guidance of the Chapter.

At a Meeting held on 7th March 1818 there was exalted Bro. John Henry, Last and Artificial Limb Maker, M/m of The Lodge Biggar Free Operatives, and of Lodge St David's, "for his services as a Steward." He had a long and useful career in the Chapter, and in 1850 was Elected to the Chair of First Principal.

A series of ordinary Meetings follows for Initiation, and on 16th August 1818 a General Meeting was called "for the purpose of submitting to their consideration the generous conduct of seven Royal Arch Chapters who had resigned in favour of them their rights to precedency on the Roll of Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, in consequence of the active part this Chapter has taken in the Establishment of that Sublime.Body—a line of conduct evincing the most noble feelings for the welfare of the Order, their attachment to the Edinburgh Chapter, and their disinterestedness towards themselves. A distinguished honour had thus been conferred on the Edinburgh Chapter, which we dared not anticipate, and in a manner worthy of these Chapters who had so long acted in the pure principles of Royal Arch Masonry." The seven Chapters were Stirling Rock (1743), Enoch Chapter Montrose (1765), Operative Chapter Banf (1766), Linlithgow Chapter (1768), Union Chapter Dundee (1773), Noah Chapter Brechin (1774), and the Harran Chapter Lawrence Kirk (1774), and it was resolved that a vote of thanks be communicated to the Chapters and that the three Principals of each be enrolled as full Members of Edinburgh Chapter, the remaining Office-Bearers of each being admitted to Honorary Membership. 16th Aug. 1818.

At this Meeting there was also considered the future disposal of monies collected at the Initiation of Mark Masons which had hitherto gone into the fund of the Knights Templars Benevolent Society, when it was agreed that these monies should in future be paid into the Charity Fund of the Chapter. It was further resolved that the Acting Scribe should be allowed a Fee of one shilling for each Candidate initiated, no Fee or Emolument having hitherto been allowed. At a later stage of the proceedings this Fee was unanimously increased to two shillings per Candidate.

At the Annual Meeting on 23rd September 1818, when

23rd Sept. 1818. Comp. Alex. Lambe Robertson, W.S., was unanimously re-elected First Principal, a deputation was received from the newly chartered Chapter (on 24th December 1817) "Naval and Military" headed by the Z., Sir Patrick Walker, Depute Grand Principal of Supreme Chapter and Initiated in Edinburgh Chapter, when there was lodged a certified List of their Office-Bearers elected that evening (nearly all of whom are designated Members of the branches of service to which the Chapter owes its name), and the List was ordered to be engrossed in the Minutes of the Meeting. Apparently in commemoration of this Visitation, it would appear from a marginal note in the Minute that three Companions, Members of the Deputation, were made Honorary Members of the Chapter No. 1, viz., Captain Donaldson Boswell, described in the List referred to as "Past Z." and 1st Sojourner; Thomas Maconochie, Esq., Scribe N., and Major Martilli, 72nd Regiment, whose name does not appear in the List. Captain John Donaldson Boswell of Wardie belonged to the Royal Navy, and was Deputy-Lieutenant for the County of Midlothian. The year following the event recorded above he appeared as Grand Scribe N. of Supreme Grand Chapter, and from 1838 to 1841 he filled the Chair of R.W. Master of Lodge St David. It would appear he was an Affiliated Member of the Naval and Military Chapter, as it is on record that prior to 1818 he was a Member of St John's Chapter, Portsmouth.

From a copy of the proceedings of Supreme Chapter, of date 21st March 1818, annexed to the foregoing Minute, it is stated that it had been found necessary to create a new office, viz., that of "Grand Jeweler" in order that some uniformity may be established in the Articles of Regalia when Sir Patrick Walker proposed that Bro. Alexander Deuchar should be elected to the office, and he was accordingly unanimously elected. The same proceedings narrate the circumstances under which the seven older Chapters, on the initiative of the Enoch Royal Arch

Chapter Montrose desired the Edinburgh Chapter to be placed No. 1 on the Roll. and the Most Excellent Grand Principal, while expressing "his approbation of the motives which appeared to have actuated the Chapters who had come so handsomely forward with this merited mark of respect to the Edinburgh Chapter for its indefatigable and unceasing exertions in promoting the Honour and respectability of the Royal Arch Degree," said it was necessary to put the question to the Principals of the Edinburgh Chapter if they had any objection in name of the Chapter to accept of the compliment offered them. The First Principal of Edinburgh Chapter stated shortly the feelings of satisfaction experienced on receiving this mark of approbation, and accepted the compliment on behalf of the Chapter, whereupon the Supreme Chapter declared, resolved, and ordained that the Roll of Chapters should stand as placed in the Roll annexed thereto—41 in number. It may be stated in this connection that Chapter No. 1 was far and away the strongest of the 41 enrolled Chapters in point of Members. A copy of the First Abstract Cash Statement of Supreme Grand Chapter shows that out of a total of 1809 names registered in Supreme Chapter Books from the whole Chapters the large proportion of 693 came from No. 1 Chapter, the next highest being Macduff Chapter with 105.* The Account closed with a sum of £43, 17s. 1d. due to the Grand Treasurer. 23rd Sept. 1818.

The Chapter Committee met on 16th November 1818 to examine and audit the Treasurer's Accounts, when an Account of the whole Income and Expenditure of the Chapters since its separation from the Edinburgh Encampment of Knights Templars was submitted. This

* From the evidence in another of the Chapter's Books it would seem that this figure represents the total Exaltations in the Chapter since it started in 1778, and the same may possibly apply to the figures opposite the names of the other 40 Chapters.

18th Nov. 1818. Account which was passed showed a balance in favour of the Chapter of £13, 17s. 2½d.

At a General Meeting of the Chapter held on 18th November 1818 mention was made of an intention of certain Companions to apply for authority to erect and constitute a Chapter in Leith, and therefore Companions of Chapter No. 1 desirous of forwarding that measure should be so far released from their obligation taken to the Chapter as to enable them to support and carry the same into effect. The Chapter was No. 43 Leith, now dormant. The proceedings of the Meeting were concluded with "that innocent and social harmony and Hilarity for which this Exalted Order is so conspicuous, in which they were aided and highly entertained with the Band of the 88th Regiment."

About this period there still seemed to have been a laxity in the matter of collecting the Fees at the time of Initiation. In a report attached to foregoing Minute it is recommended that the name of a Brother, being a nephew of Sir Wm. Drummond, should be taken out of the List of Outstanding Debts and any claims withdrawn out of compliment to Sir Wm. Drummond, and that Bro. Andrew Ford be also relieved of his liability in respect that his surity is dead and he himself in indigent circumstances. A list is shown of nine other intrants who have not settled up, embracing a Captain, Surgeon, Writer, and Advocate.

There was held a Meeting on 30th January 1819 for the purpose of Exalting a Glasgow Brother, and also Brothers John Maxton and Thomas Millar, both of Sir William Forbes' Bank and M/m's of Lodge St David's. Brother Millar was in 1830 elected to the First Principal's Chair.

On 26th February 1819 a Brother was admitted for Initiation in the Chapter who was a Master Mason of the Lodge Thanes of Scotland in the department of Cambrae in France.

The Chapter was formally Consecrated on 22nd March 1819. Having been opened the Office-Bearers and Companions proceeded to join the Supreme Grand Chapter in St John's Chapel, Canongate, and they were admitted thereto in full processional form and the Charter read over to them. On the question being put whether the Members accepted the Charter under all the provisions and conditions it contained and being answered in the Affirmative, the Office-Bearers of the Chapter mentioned therein signed the Acceptance written on the back of the Charter whereupon the Ceremony of Consecration was proceeded with by The Right Honourable and Most Excellent The Earl of Moray, Grand Principal Z. 22nd March 1819.

The Companions of No. 1 were then called upon by the Grand Principal Z. to proceed with the Election of Office-Bearers for the ensuing year when the whole retiring Office-Bearers were re-elected "to the situations to which they had been respectively appointed at the Annual Election in September last." It may be interesting to note that the name of Companion James Hozier, y^r. of Newlands, Advocate, appears as Second Sojourner. Thereafter was celebrated the Anniversary of the Festival of the Vernal Equinox and after spending the evening in the enjoyment of harmony and Masonic conviviality the Supreme Grand Chapter was closed according to ancient usuage. At this stage the Minutes are signed by the Earl of Moray, Gr. Pr. Z., Sir Patrick Walker, Gr. Pr. H., and Murray Pringle, Gr. Recorder and Vice Grand Chancellor. After the conclusion of the festival the Office-Bearers and Companions of this Chapter retired to an adjoining Chamber and closed the Chapter in due form, the Minutes being then signed by Companions Alex. Robertson, Z., Thomas Ewart, H., David Forrest, J., and Charles Robertson, S.E.

Only three Meetings for Initiation are held in the interval until the General Meeting for Election of Office-Bearers on 23rd September 1819 when Companion David Birrell,

23rd Sept. 1819. Writer, was elected to the Chair of Z., and Companions John Turner, Writer, and Robert Paton, Writer, to the Chairs of H. and J. respectively, Companion Alexander Robertson being awarded a vote of thanks for his services in the First Principal's Chair.

A Meeting of Committee held on 30th September 1819, agreed "that on account of the Charter of the Chapter having been found to be incorrectly written they would allow two guineas, or two entries, to Companion John Robertson, Providing he wrote the same over again upon new Vellum, which Vellum was to be at the expense of the Chapter." This accounts for the fact that the Chapter is still in possession of two Vellum Charters.

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REFERENCE is made at the Monthly Meeting on 15th March 1820 "to the approaching Procession" and a Committee was appointed to make necessary preparations. It does not here state what the Procession was for. Another Committee was appointed to prepare and forward to the King an Address "upon the Death of our late beloved Sovereign (George III. on 29th Jan. 1820) and the accession of His present Majesty to the Throne." 15th March 1820.

There appears in the Minutes of an Initiating Meeting 1st April 1820 the first and only record which has been noticed by the writer, of a Petition for Admission being negatived by the Ballot and the Petition rejected.

The Answer to the Address to the King (see Appendix page 178) received from Lord Sidmouth was submitted to the Chapter Meeting of 25th September 1820. It reads as follows:—

"WHITEHALL, *7th April* 1820.

"SIR,—I have had the honor to lay before the King the very loyal and dutiful Address of the Principals, Office-Bearers, and Companions of the Edinburgh Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

"And I have the satisfaction to inform you that His Majesty was pleased to receive the same in the most gracious manner.

"I have the Honor to be, Sir,

"Your most obedient and humble Servant,

(Signed) "SIDMOUTH.

"SIR PATRICK WALKER, &c., &c."

At this Meeting the Election of Office-Bearers took place, but on account of it not being the day prescribed by the Charter, a Petition was ordered to be presented to

25th Sept 1820. Supreme Chapter praying them to sustain the election of this day. Supreme Chapter however took the view that the said election was irregular and accordingly a Commission of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter was appointed to preside at a Meeting of the Chapter which was held on 20th February 1821, with Sir Patrick Walker in the Chair, when the Past Principal Z., Comp. Alexander Deuchar was unanimously elected to again fill that Chair and a full complement of Office-Bearers elected to hold office until 23rd September 1821.

It was thereafter stated that the Diploma issued by Supreme Chapter was "now completed and ready for delivery to the Companions of such Chapters who hold of her, who may be inclined to take them—and as the sole trouble of preparing and obtaining the signatures &c. thereto devolved upon the Acting Scribe, it was natural to suppose he should have some remuneration for his trouble, when upon consideration it was agreed that he should be allowed a fee of Two shillings and Six pence for each Diploma granted to any of the Companions of this Chapter."

The Books show that on 23rd Feb. 1821, Thomas Muir, Teacher, High School Yards, was admitted a full Member of the Chapter, although there is no Minute to that effect. He was elected First Principal in 1826.

An Audit of the Treasurer's Accounts made on 27th February 1821 showed that there was a balance due to the late Treasurer of £4, 2s. 5d., while Debts due to the Chapter amounted to £17, 10s. 6d. with Debts due by the Chapter of £30, 13s. 11d.

During the months of March, April, and May of this year several Lodges of Instruction were held when Lectures were delivered by M.E. Pr. Z. Alexander Deuchar, with which the Companions appeared highly edified.

A Visitation by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter

took place on 15th May 1821, in the Royal Tavern, St James Square, when the Most Excellent Grand Principal and other Grand Office-Bearers "having enquired minutely into the state of the Chapter and inspected the Minute Book were highly satisfied with the proceedings of the Chapter." Two days later, a Meeting of the Committee of the whole Chapter, convened by "Express Commission," was held to consider a letter received by the Z. threatening him with a prosecution for a debt due by the Chapter to Mr Charles Robertson, its late Treasurer. It was agreed to explain to the Solicitors that it is out of the power of this Committee to settle the Affair until Mr Robertson's Accounts should be finally approven of by the whole Chapter when met. 15th May 1821

The matter comes up again on 18th June 1821, when an Extraordinary Meeting of the Chapter is held. The Z. stated that he and the present Treasurer had been served with a Summons by Mr Charles Robertson, for the balance due to him of £4, 2s. 5d., and a Printing Account of £1, 4s. which he had taken over. The Most Excellent stated that the Companions were all aware of the state of the funds and invited suggestions as to what means should be adopted. After full discussion a series of resolutions were adopted. *First* — That the Scribe be instructed to apply for payment of all the Fees in arrear, with intimation "that unless their Arrears are paid up within the space of ten days the Chapter would be under the necessity of doing the same with them as the late Treasurer is doing to the Chapter." The *Second* deals with the sorrow and indignation felt at the unworthy and un-Brotherly conduct of Mr Robertson, "and are unanimously of oppinion that his conduct in the proceedure is unworthy of a Brother who has for a long period derived considerable benefits from this Chapter, and is therefore highly censurable, and ought to be censured accordingly." *Third* provides for steps being taken to bring forward Members

18th June 1821. "that their fees may go to the Liquidation of this Debt; or otherwise a Voluntary Subscription must take place in order to discharge the same;" and *Fourth* provides for the Employment of a Solicitor "to take out the process to see —in order to have a little time to raise the funds necessary to discharge the same."

The next Extraordinary Meeting on 2nd July 1821 shows that no effective Measures have been taken since last Meeting to increase the Membership, and it is resolved to institute a Subscription Loan to clear off the Chapter's debts, which it is computed amount to £30, such contributions to be paid back "as soon as the funds of the Chapter would admitt of it."

The Annual Meeting for the Election of Office-Bearers took place in St David's Lodge Room on 24th September 1821, when Companion Alexander Brand was elected First Principal, with Mark Sprot, Esquire, and William Crawford, Esquire, as Second and Third Principals. Companion Brand was not present at the time, but entering the Meeting at a later stage was informed of the honour conferred on him, which however he declined by reason of "certain circumstances and his other avocations." It was then proposed and agreed that Companion William Crawford of Cartsburn should be elected First Principal of the Chapter.

A Committee Meeting for Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts, &c., took place on first October 1821. It is seen from the figures given in the Minute that the Chapter Funds are still in a parlous state, the Receipts and Expenditure showing a Credit balance of £1, 2s. 7d. A list of sums advanced to the Special Subscription loan shows that £4, 13s. 6d. had been received, while two other Lists show: 1. A sum of £32, 10s. 0d. due to the Chapter of unpaid Initiation Fees and Sundry Small Debts; 2. A Sum of £41, 12s. 6d. of Debts due by the Chapter.

At the next Chapter Meeting held on 31st October 1821,

a Series of Motions by Companion Alexander Deuchar were 31st Oct. 1821.
"all separately and maturely considered, and after a good deal of explanatory discussion were formally agreed to." They were, 1st. That there be only four Convivial Meetings in the Year, the other Monthly Meetings being confined to Masonic business alone. 2nd. That an Annual Contribution of one Shilling be exacted from every Member to cover necessary working expenses. 3rd. That all Candidates for Admission shall pay their Initiation Fees prior to their being admitted; and 4th. That the Fee for admitting to full Membership of the Chapter of Companions Initiated in other Chapters shall be ten shillings and sixpence.

The next Meeting on 28th November 1821 records that Companion William Crawford, Esquire of Cartsburn, who had been elected Z. on 24th December had thought proper to decline the acceptance of that situation, and asking Authority to petition Supreme Chapter to be allowed to hold a Meeting for the purpose of Electing a first Principal in accordance with the Laws. No record appears of this Meeting having been held, but early in the following year we find the Sederunt of a Meeting headed with the name of Companion Alexander Deuchar, M.E. Principal Z.

A Meeting was held on 6th December 1821 for the Initiation of Brother Samuel Orme, "Petrifaction Dealer."

In the Minutes of General Meeting of 24th January 1822, there is reference to a proposed Public Procession of the Royal Arch Order upon the 21st March, being the Anniversary of The Vernal Equinox, upon which day it was intended to have a Public Procession to Church, when it was agreed to give their cordial support to this Measure. It was pointed out that in the event of the procession taking place it would be requisite that the Chapter should be fully represented by its Office-Bearers, and as several of these had failed to attend any Meetings since they were elected, their Offices should be declared vacant, and

24th Jan. 1822. be filled up accordingly at next Monthly Meeting. "In the course of the evening Companion Thomas Muir arose and stated that as information upon the subject of Masonry was interesting to all those connected therewith, he trusted that the information he was about to give would be highly so to the Companions present. Some few days ago he had been introduced to the acquaintance of two Chinese Brethren, from one of whom (notwithstanding the reciprocal deficiency of knowledge of the respective languages) he had gained the following information, that about fifteen years ago he had been Initiated in a National Lodge in the city of Pekin, the Capital of China, where, he stated, there existed four or five Lodges, and also, that in every town of note in China there was at least one Lodge to be found, and that the present Emperor was himself connected with the Order, and which from the proofs these Brethren had given, he found to be the three first Degrees of Masonry—the information was interesting, as it tended to show the universal extension of the Order to a greater degree than the Craft had reason to believe, and more especially the discovery of its existance in the Empire of China, a country so little known to the Nations of Europe."

From the Minutes of 21st March 1822 it appears that "owing to certain arrangements of the Supreme Grand Chapter being as yet uncompleated and the absence from town of many of the Grand Office-Bearers, the Committee of Supreme Chapter had declined having any Procession upon the Anniversary of the Vernal Equinox."

The General Meeting of the Chapter on 24th August 1822 is full of "His Majesty." First comes the approval of a Loyal Address to King George upon the occasion of His Majesty's "safe arrival in the Capital of your Ancient Kingdom of Scotland," which was unanimously approven of, and the M.E. First Principal signed it in presence of the Meeting at the request of all the Companions present —it being resolved that the Earl of Aboyne be humbly

solicited to forward the Address. (See Appendix, p. 179.) 24th Aug. 1822.
It was then agreed, "That for the Honour and Respectability of the Royal Arch Degree they should appear in the approaching procession for the laying the foundation of the National Monument, at which it is expected that His Majesty would be personally present, and in order to carry this into effect, the Scribe should be instructed to write a letter to the Grand Recorder of the Supreme Grand Chapter, humbly requesting them (in the name of this Chapter) to communicate with the Secretary of the National Committee their intention of being present on the above occasion, and that their place of precedency should be appointed in said procession." Finally, the M.E. Principal Z. intimated his intention of holding a convivial Meeting of the Chapter in commemoration of His Majesty's Visit to Scotland, and it was agreed to invite the Grand Chapter to be present.

The "Commemoration" Meeting was held in St. David's Lodge Room on 28th August 1822, when patriotic arrangements referred to above were demolished by the reading of a letter from Grand Recorder, dated 26th August, in which it is stated that it "appears quite impossible from the shortness of the time, &c. to make any arrangements for the Grand Chapter joining in the procession tomorrow." Further, that the Grand Office-Bearers very much approved of this Meeting, and would have attended it but are all engaged for Wednesday. Notwithstanding, the Meeting went on and appears to have been enjoyed.

The acknowledgment by Mr Robert Peel, Secretary for State for the Home Department, of the loyal and dutiful Address to His Majesty the King was read to a Meeting held on 18th September 1822.

The reply was as follows:

"EDINBURGH, *28th August* 1822.

"MY LORD,—Having laid before the King the loyal and

18th Sept. 1822. dutiful Address (forwarded in your Lordship's letter of 26th inst.) of the Principals, Office-Bearers and Members of The Edinburgh Arch Chapter of Free Masons No. 1, I have the pleasure to acquaint your Lordship that His Majesty was pleased to receive it very graciously.

"I have the honour to be, my Lord,

"Your Lordship's obedt. humble Servant,

"ROBT. PEEL.

"THE EARL ABOYNE,
&c., &c., &c."

At the Meeting it was stated "that owing to the depressed state of the funds, and the circular letter sent round to the Members last year has been the means of preventing many respectable Companions from becoming Office-Bearers—and many already Office-Bearers from attending the Meetings of the Chapter," when it was resolved that a statement of the Funds and Debts due by and to the Chapter should be issued to the Members. The M.E. Principal Z. also submitted to the Meeting "the propriety of establishing a Benefit Society among the Companions of the Chapter, upon those intimate terms which those Societies ought to be which belong to Masonic Lodges, by being open to all the Companions of the Chapter of whatever age." This proposal was favourably received, and the proposition ordered to lye on the Table for further consideration.

The proposal came up for discussion at the next Meeting on 23rd September 1822, when it was agreed that the same should be carried into effect, and that measures should be forthwith adopted to set it on foot, the basis to be decided upon at next Meeting.

The election of Office-Bearers for the ensuing year followed, and Compn. Alexander Deuchar was re-elected M.E.Z., with William Crawford, Esq., and William Arthur as M.E.H. and M.E.J.

The Annual Audit of Treasurer's Accounts on 28th

September 1822 showed the Expenditure to be	£35	6	5	28th Sept. 1822,
and the Receipts	34	13	5	
Balance due to Treasurer,	£0	13	0	

A General Meeting was held on 20th November 1822, when the General Scheme in outline for the establishment of the Benefit Society was discussed and approved of, and the movement constituted by a Subscription Sheet being signed by many of the Members present agreeing to pay the sum of one guinea as their fee of entry into said Society.

At the Meeting for election of Office-Bearers on 23rd September 1823 (the intervening Minutes not containing anything of interest to chronicle), Compn. Alex. Deuchar was once more re-elected Z., with Compn. Alex. Forrester H. and Compn. Peter Campbell J., and the Committee met on 25th October 1823 for the Audit of the Treasurer's Accounts, when, after the Inventory of Articles belonging to the Chapter had been checked, the Minute proceeds, "At this period of the Meeting, some altercation having arisen between the Most Excellent First Principal and Companion John Ferney, and the Treasurer being absent from indisposition, the Committee did not proceed to Audit the Treasurer's Accounts for the present."

Only one Initiating Meeting—on 5th November 1823—follows, until 22nd March 1824, when a Special Meeting of the Office-Bearers was held in the Calton Convening Hall, Regent Bridge. It was stated that sundry Companions belonging to the Order "had petitioned Grand R.A. Chapter of Scotland for a Charter to constitute a Royal Arch Chapter in Glasgow, but as they did not belong to any regular Chapter holding of the Grand Chapter, but had upon due examination been found to understand the principles and mysteries of the Order—on which account the Office-Bearers, impressed with the good that would

22nd Mar. 1824. accrue to the Order in general should a Chapter be established in Glasgow, they unanimously resolved to assume them full members of this Chapter (but without full privileges as resident members), free of any other expense than the payment of their Registration fees to the Grand Chapter, when the following Companions, having come under the necessary obligations, were ordered to be recorded as Members of Edinburgh Chapter, No. 1, viz., James Dunnet, Wine Merchant; Robert Baird, Inn Keeper; Archd. Smith, Spinning Master; John Naismith, Vintner; Willm. Russal, General Agent; John M'Donald, Manufacturer; John Wilson; James Dyer, Manufacturer; Samuel Stewart, Baker. After which the necessary Office-Bearers signed a recommendation to their petition as required by the Grand Chapter." Thus was regular Royal Arch. Masonry introduced into Glasgow by the birth of Chapter Glasgow, No. 50, under the Motherhood of Chapter No. 1.

The next Meeting is on 23rd September 1824, being the General Meeting for election of Office-Bearers, when Compn. Peter Campbell, S.S.C., was elected Z., having previously filled the office of J., the other Principal's chairs being left vacant.

Only two other Meetings took place in 1824, both for Initiations, and on 4th February 1825 another Initiating Meeting was held for the Exaltation of "Br. James Love, Steward of the *William*, Union Canal passage boat."

Evidence of serious dissensions between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Supreme Grand Chapter is disclosed by a long communication from the latter body read at a General Meeting held on 15th March 1825. From this it appeared that the Grand Lodge had refused all communication with Supreme Chapter "on the pretence that they were not acquainted with the Royal Arch Degree," and attempted "to crush another Institution of a similar nature to their own, though more refined in practice," by passing a law by which Brethren holding

offices in any other degree of Freemasonry are excluded from being Members of Grand Lodge, which law they had declined to rescind. Among the series of resolutions in retaliation proposed for sanction of the Daughter Chapters is the following :— 15th Mar. 1825.

" 3rd. That as it is essentially necessary that the utmost unanimity should subsist between the higher and lower Degrees of Masonry, and as the right of granting Warrants for the Degrees of Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason is inherent in all Supreme Royal Arch Chapters, the Diplomas from which are recognized over the whole civilised world as an evidence of the bearer having passed through all the inferior degrees, that therefore the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland do forthwith exert their powers and issue Warrants for these Degrees to such Master Masons as may petition for the same."

The whole communication received the mature deliberations of the Companions present, who unanimously approved of the action of Supreme Chapter, and heartily concurred in the proposed measures.

One Meeting on 11th July 1825 for Initiation, and then the General Meeting for election of Office-Bearers on 23rd September 1825, when there was a competition for the chair of Z. It was proposed that Compn. Peter Campbell should be re-elected, and Compn. John Ferney, merchant, was also nominated, when the latter received a majority of votes. Owing to the newly-elected Z. not being present the offices of H. and T. were meantime left vacant, and the Meeting adjourned till 30th September 1825, when Compn. Ferney was obligated to Office and Companions John Gibson and Alexr. Smith elected to the Chairs of H. and J.

The Committee met on 5th October 1825 to audit the Treasurer's Accounts, when there was found to be a balance of £25, 10s. due to the Treasurer, along with other Debts amounting to £11, 3s. 6d., while Debts due to the

5th Oct. 1825. Chapter for Entry Monies, Diplomas, &c., amounted to £16, 6s.

A General Meeting was held on 14th October 1825 to celebrate the Annual Festival of the Autumnal Equinox. Scribe E. submitted a list of articles belonging to the Chapter, which had been destroyed "in the Fires in November last." Two Motions, notice of which had been previously given, were disposed of. On the first Motion it was resolved by a majority of votes that the Benefit Society should be discontinued and set aside. The second, that the fee for admission be reduced from £1, 11s. 6d. to £1, 1s., was also carried by a majority of votes. It was agreed to insure the Regalia and other property of the Chapter for £100. Thereafter, the celebration of the Festival was proceeded with.

Further changes in the Entrance Fees of the Chapter were made at the Meeting of 1st February 1826, when it was agreed, 1st, that Candidates admitted to the Chapter should pay the Registration Fees to Grand Chapter as also the Secretary and Tyler's Fees, in addition to the entrance fee of £1, 1s. 2nd. That the fee for admitting Members of a regular Royal Arch Chapter to full Membership of No. 1 be reduced from 10s. 6d. to 5s.

A Petition was presented from two individuals who had been initiated Royal Arch Masons in an irregular Chapter in Glasgow, praying to be admitted into this Chapter, which was agreed to on their paying 15s. each.

The reduction in the Fees of Admission was short-lived, for it is stated in a P.S. to the Minute of 31st March 1826, "At this Meeting a Motion was made by Compn. Alexr. Deuchar, and seconded by Compn. George Brunton, that the fees of a Candidate's Admission into this Chapter be raised from this date to the sum of £1, 11s. 6d., which, after some discussion, was agreed to by a majority of votes." No previous notice of this Motion appears to have been given.



WILLIAM MAXWELL GUNN, LL.D.,
First Principal 1829-1830.

One Meeting for Initiation took place before the General Meeting for Election of Office-Bearers on 23rd September 1826, when Compn. Thomas Muir, Teacher, was elected to the Chair of Z., with Companions Alexander Deuchar and Andrew Dun as H. and J. 23rd Sept. 1826.

The Audit Committee met on 7th October 1826, and audited the Treasurer's Accounts, but no details can be given, as the space in the Minutes allotted to the state of the Chapter's Funds is a blank.

Several instances are noticed about this period of rapid promotion to Office. For example, Brothers Archibald Marshall and William Maxwell Gunn are Initiated on 13th September 1827, and at the Annual Election Meeting on 24th September (when Companions Muir, Deuchar and Dun were re-elected to the Chairs) they appear in the list of Office-Bearers as Scribe N. and First Standard Bearer respectively. Wm. Maxwell Gunn was educated at the Royal High School, and, in 1829, was appointed First Rector of Edinburgh Southern Academy, and afterwards Rector of Haddington Burgh Schools. He returned to the Royal High School in 1843 as Classical Teacher, which he continued to hold until his death in 1851. He had the Degree of LL.D. conferred on him, and in 1829 was elected First Principal of the Chapter. His portrait is from an oil painting by Samuel Edmonston, presented to the Royal High School by his former pupils in 1873.

On the Motion of Compn. Alexander Deuchar it was unanimously agreed that, owing to the depressed state of the Order and the thin attendance at the Meeting, the Companions elected to Office that night should resign same at a Meeting to be held in November or December, and Grand Chapter should be applied to for authority to hold a Meeting for a General Election of Office-Bearers.

This Meeting was, accordingly, held on 10th December 1827, when Compn. Thomas Muir was re-elected Z with Companions David Birrel and Andrew Dun as H.

10th Dec. 1827. and J., and a new set of Office-Bearers appointed. The Meeting was honoured with a visit from Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, headed by the M.E. Grand Principal Z., Sir Patrick Walker.

The Initiation Meeting of 12th December 1827 records the Exaltation of Compn. William Maxwell Shaw Stewart, Member of the Greenock Kilwinning Lodge, No. 14, and the Minutes of 20th March 1828 records the Exaltation of Bro. John Langford Pritchard of the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh, a leading actor of the day, frequently playing the name parts of productions at that Theatre (see Dibdin's "Annals of the Edinburgh Stage," pp. 305-311).

At the General Meeting on 23rd September 1828, Compn. Thomas Muir was re-elected to the Chair of Z., with Compn. David Birrell and Archd. Marshal as H. and J. The list of Office-Bearers is interesting in respect that a familiar name disappears from the Office of Treasurer, viz., Compn. Murray Pringle, Grand Recorder of Supreme Grand Chapter. Elected in 1814 from the Office of S.N. to that of S.E., he vacated that office on being appointed Secretary to the Lodge of Intelligence in 1816, and was elected Treasurer to the Chapter, which Office he filled continuously until this Meeting in 1828. He is not allowed, however, to disappear from the lists, for a new Office seems to have been created, viz., "Master of Past Masters," and Compn. Pringle was its first occupant.

The Annual Audit of the Treasurer's Accounts followed on 7th October 1828, when there was found to be a sum of £8, 14s. 4d. due to the old Treasurer.

A fairly regular series of Initiation Meetings follows, and the next item of interest is contained in Minute of 29th July 1829, when the Scribe was instructed to draw up a Document to be deposited in the Foundation Stone of the new County Hall of Berwickshire, which is to be laid on 4th August next at Greenlaw with R.A. Masonic honours by the S.G.R.A.C. of Scotland.

Compn. Muir having declined re-election to the Chair of Z., a change was made at the Anuual Meeting on 23rd September 1829, Compn. William Maxwell Gunn (Exalted 13th September 1827) being elected 1st Principal, Companions Birrell and Marshal being re-elected 2nd and 3rd Principals. There follows at the end of the Minute a copy of the Document deposited in the Foundation Stone of Berwickshire New County Hall referred to in Minute of 29th July. The document bears to be a short History of the origin of R.A. Masonry and of the Supreme Grand R.A. Chapter (see Appendix, p. 180). 23rd Sept. 1829.

In compliment to, and to study the convenience of Members of the Chapter who resided in Portobello, it was decided at a Meeting on 15th January 1830 to hold a Meeting of the Chapter there on an early date.

An ordinary Meeting was held on 15th February 1830 when five Candidates were "Entered R.A.," among them being Bro. Thomas Boog, Cutler of the Netherbow, M/m. of Lodge St. David's, who afterwards took a prominent place among the Office-Bearers of the Chapter, and became Grand Recorder of Supreme Grand Chapter.

A special Meeting to select a leet for the Chair of Z. was held on 30th August 1830 in the Menzies Tavern, 14 Waterloo Place, when "the Companions present made some annemadversions as to the proprietry of calling a Meeting of the Chapter in a Tavern while they had a regular place of Meeting, and which was highly disproved of by the Meeting."

The Election Meeting was held on 23rd September 1830, when Compn. Thomas Millar, of Sir William Forbes' Bank, was elected Z., with Companions Archd. Marshal and Robert Anderson H. and J. The Audit Meeting took place on 7th October following, but the Treasurer did not put in an appearance, whereupon "the Committee expressed their disaprobation at his conduct in neither attending himself nor sent his Accounts to be audited," and adjourned

11th Oct. 1830. the Meeting until 11th October. The Treasurer produced his Accounts, which were duly Audited, and shewed a balance of 1s. 9½d. due to the Chapter. This sum the old Treasurer, who was exonerated for his Intromissions as Treasurer, was ordered to pay over to the new Treasurer.

It became known in the course of the evening, on 17th November 1830, that the Mount Heredim Chapter in the Island of Granada, No. 54 S.C., had presented to Compn. W. H. Blackie, the Scribe E. of this Chapter, an elegant Snuff Box of the value of Twenty Guineas, as a mark of the estimation in which they held him as a Member of the Order. A bumper was proposed and drank with the greatest acclamation to the prosperity of the said Chapter.

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THE next recorded Meeting is dated 24th August 1831. 24th Aug. 1831.
There was read a letter from a Mr. Clunie, who would appear to have been in the "habit of making in a clandestine manner Masons in the Degree of Royal Arch," but having been brought to see the error of his ways he offered to "desist from all time coming of making or causing to be made a R.A. in a clandestine way," provided the Chapter would receive him into their body as a full Member, and issue a diploma to him by way of recompense "for thus voluntary surrendering the Liberty that I have bestowed on myself." The Scribe E. was instructed to reply that the Chapter refuses to entertain the proposal in respect that he was not a Royal Arch Mason. In this connection information was given that a Member of the Chapter, Compn. Paterson, had been in the habit of attending clandestine Meetings said to be for Initiation in the Royal Arch Degree by Alexr. Clunie, and of holding these Meetings or allowing them to be held within his own house, when it was agreed to summon Compn. Paterson to a Meeting of the Chapter to be held a week hence to answer this charge.

It was stated that a Supreme Royal Arch Chapter had been established in Ireland under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of that Kingdom, and that in future none are to be admitted Members of the Grand Lodge of Ireland who are not R.A. Masons.

Disappointment seems to have followed every recorded effort of the Chapter to indulge in a Masonic Procession (except possibly that at Greenlaw), and again has failure

24th Aug. 1831. to be written. A strong desire had been expressed to have a Procession of R.A. Masons at the laying of the foundation stone of a monument about to be erected to the memory of Robert Burns, but it appeared that the Magistrates of Edinburgh had thought proper to refuse their sanction to a public Masonic procession. It was therefore agreed to approach the Gentlemen of the Monument Committee and offer to join them in a more private manner, and to "process" upon the occasion from any convenient place contiguous to the site of the proposed monument, "and that as Robert Burns himself had been an eminent Freemason whose memory is held in great veneration among the fraternity, such a mark of respect would be alike gratifying to their own feelings and appropriate to the occasion." It was further agreed that a Committee wait on Supreme Grand R.A. Chapter to request them to take the measures necessary for that purpose, or in the event of their declining to do so, to grant the use of their Regalia.

It was reported at a Meeting on 31st August 1831 that from various circumstances the Grand R.A. Chapter could not be present on the occasion, but that in the event of such procession taking place by Edinburgh R.A. Chapter, the Grand Chapter would render them every assistance in their power to further the same. The Monument Committee, however, replied to the proposal that they regretted they were precluded from accepting the offer of *any particular Lodge* to lay the foundation of the monument after being deprived of the proffered assistance of the Grand Lodge and other Lodges in doing so, in consequence of the Magistrates' refusal to grant authority for a procession, and the proposal was accordingly abandoned.

With respect to the charge exhibited against Compn. John Paterson referred to in former Minute, the Companion appeared, "and having been heard, it was the unanimous opinion of the Companions of the Chapter then present,

that there existed no grounds of complaint against him, and Compn. John Paterson was compleatly exonorated." 31st Aug. 1831.

The Annual Meeting on 23rd September 1831 re-elected Compn. Thomas Millar Z. with Companions Archd. Marshal and George M'Donald H. and J. "Upon Companion W. B. Blackie declaring that he had held the office of Scribe E. for the space of fourteen years, and that he had determined now to retire from office—several Members were requested to accept the office, which was declined by all present. The office of Scribe E. was left vacant till next Monthly Meeting (Compn. Blackie consenting to perform the duties of that office during the interim)."

Notwithstanding, however, this resolution to delay filling the office till next Monthly Meeting, an Initiation Meeting was held on 3rd October 1831, when it was stated that the office of Scribe E. was vacant in consequence of the former Scribe declining to act longer, and the Meeting unanimously elected Compn. Roy to the office.

This action was challenged at the Monthly Meeting on 21st October 1831, in respect that the Election was incompetent and illegal and ought to be set aside, which was done, and Compn. Roy declared not duly elected to the office of Scribe E. The Meeting then proceeded to fill the office in a constitutional manner, and Companions Roy and Blackie were proposed, but the former declining to stand the vote, Compn. Blackie was unanimously re-elected Scribe E. In the absence of any underlying explanation the incident seems very peculiar. At the same Meeting the Treasurer's Accounts were Audited, but no details are given beyond a statement that the Treasurer was found to be due £1, 4s. 6d.

The following Monthly Meeting was held on 18th November 1831, but there was no business, and the next Meeting called for 26th February 1832 was not held as there was not a quorum.

11th Sept. 1832. No further Meetings were held that year prior to the Annual Meeting, with the exception of a Committee Meeting on 11th September 1832, when Companions were nominated for the Chair. The Committee also took into consideration the conduct of Mr John Roy, "who at one period had acted (*ex officio*) as Scribe E. of this Chapter, having received fees for the Initiation of sundry Candidates into the Chapter, and having refused to pay the same into the hands of the Treasurer, and when applied to for the same seemed to put the Chapter to defiance by stating that the Chapter might prosecute him, and put him in jail—the Committee unanimously resolved to recommend the Chapter to institute an action against him to recover the same." It was further stated that Mr Roy had not paid the sum charged for matriculation fees, and the Committee recommended that he should not be considered a full Member of the Chapter until the fees are paid.

Attention was also drawn to the fact that a resolution was adopted at Meeting of 23rd September last to open a Subscription in aid of the Fund for erecting a Monument to the memory of the late Robert Burns, that a Committee was appointed and Subscriptions collected, but that no mention of the Chapter's name appeared in any of the published Lists of Subscriptions. It was resolved to recommend the Chapter to call the Committee to account "both for the honour of the Chapter and the satisfaction of those Members who had subscribed."

At the General Meeting on 24th September 1832 the above recommendations were approved of, and the Scribe E. instructed accordingly, and to summon a Meeting at an early date for report. For the office of Z. three nominations were made, Companions Hector Gavin, James Collier and George M'Donald. Compn. Collier was, however, the only one present and he declined the appointment, when it was moved that Compn. Alexander Deuchar should be

elected, which was accordingly done, Companions Archd. Marshal and Robt. Anderson being H. and J. Following, on 5th October 1832, the Committee met to audit the Treasurer's Accounts, and there was found to be a balance of £1, 13s. 7d. due to him. 24th Sept. 1832.

It was reported at the Monthly Meeting of 19th October 1832 that a Meeting of the Committee on the Subscriptions to Burns' Monument had been summoned, but not one of them attended, when it was stated that the Member who was supposed to have charge of the Subscriptions—Compn. M'Millan—was presently in town, and the Treasurer was instructed to endeavour to recover the sums.

A curious paragraph appears in the Minute of Monthly Meeting on 21st November 1832, at which there was read a letter from Compn. Trail, "expressing a wish never to be more troubled with notices to attend the Meetings of this Chapter—he (Scribe E.) was therefore instructed by the Meeting to notice the same in the Minutes, and Compn. Trail's name to be struck off the Roll of Members."

No satisfaction having been obtained from Compn. M'Millan with regard to the Burns' Subscriptions, it was agreed to call him to attend a Meeting of a special Committee appointed for the purpose. A Committee was also appointed "to consider of and endeavour to recover the debts which are due to the Chapter."

The Annual Celebration of the Vernal Equinox was held on 22nd March 1833 in the Turf Hotel, 5 Princes Street. It took the form of a Lecture upon the Mysteries of the Order, delivered by Compn. Alexr. Deuchar, assisted by Scribe E., after which the Companions sat down to an excellent supper. The usual Annual Deputation from Chapter Naval and Military was received, headed by Compn. Sir Patrick Walker, and the evening was spent with much social harmony.

The next Meeting—the Annual General—was held on 23rd September 1833. Compn. Alexander Deuchar was

23rd Sept. 1833. once more elected to the Chair of Z., Companions Robert Anderson and William Anderson being H. and J. In the course of the evening M.E.Z. stated that he had recently visited Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, in the Regalia of the Chapter, and according to the resolution of the Chapter had made a present to that Lodge of a Sword for the Tyler, in grateful acknowledgment of the many happy evenings they had been allowed to hold under their roof. The Audit Committee met on 30th September, when a sum of 13s. 8½d. was certified as due by the Treasurer.

At a General Meeting held on 16th October 1833 in the Royal Exchange Coffee House, Edinburgh, the M.E. First Principal reported the progress of the Sub-Committee relative to the outstanding debts due to the Chapter. He then stated that the Office-Bearers under remit had fixed upon St. Stephen's Lodge Room in Advocates' Close as a suitable place for holding the Chapter Meetings. This was the room where formerly the Edinburgh Chapter had met for a number of years, and that its use had been secured for 15s. a year (?), which was approved of, and instructions given to carry the arrangements out accordingly. Three Honorary Members were allowed to become full matriculated Members of the Chapter, and were immediately thereafter elected to the Offices of 3rd Sojourner, Chancellor, and 3rd Standard Bearer. Two of these Members afterwards filled the Chair of 1st Principal of the Chapter, viz., Dr George Meikle, 1834-35, and James Graham of Leitchtown, 1836-38. Compn. Graham was initiated in the Lodge Stirling Royal Arch, and afterwards affiliated into Mary's Chapel. He took an active part in organizing the Fund of Scottish Benevolence, of which he became one of the first Trustees. He went to Canada in 1854 and became the R.W.M. of an English Lodge in Montreal. Mr Graham's family was descended from the Noble House of Graham, Earl of Monteith, by direct



JAMES GRAHAM of Leitchtown,
First Principal 1836-1838.

descent from George Graham, the Second Laird of Garteer. An excellent supper, followed by social harmony, terminated the proceedings of the Meeting. 16th Oct. 1833.

The Chapter held its first Initiation Meeting in St Stephen's Lodge on 4th November 1833, and on the 20th of that month a General Meeting was called in the Royal Exchange Coffee House, when it was stated that although newly in tenure of St Stephen's Lodge, they were prevented from making it comfortable from the circumstance of its being for sale, but that it might be purchased for about £100. The M.E.Z. suggested this might be obtained by borrowing the money by personal security, or by means of Shares which will draw at least ten or twelve per cent. for the money advanced, redeemable by the Order at prime cost. The Meeting after deliberation seemed to be of opinion that a better place of Meeting might be obtained, but came to no resolution. A Committee was, however, appointed to make enquiries and report, and it met on 16th December 1833, when suggestions of suitable places were made, the M.E.Z. stating "that a place which was equally accommodating and at the same time more centrical, being in the new Town, might attract that notice of the Chapter, but as the price placed on it might be beyond the ability of the Chapter to furnish, it was left to a Sub-Committee to make the requisite enquiries and report."

The Sub-Committee at a General Meeting on 18th December 1833 reported, relative to the room in West Register Street, that it would require a considerable sum to put it into a state for Meetings, but "from circumstances elicited by the Sub-Committee, it was again remitted to them to make further enquiry. The General Committee being meantime authorised to get the Clothing and Regalia into a proper state so as the Initiations into may be respectably conducted in St Stephen's Room, upon as economical principles as possible."

23rd Sept. 1834. Only two Initiation Meetings, when three Candidates were Exalted, were held prior to the Annual General Meeting on 23rd September 1834, held in the Royal Exchange Coffee House, and at this Meeting Compn. George Meikle, M.D. (advanced from an Honorary to a full Member on 16th October 1833), was elected to the Chair of 1st Principal, with Compn. John Deuchar and James Graham as 2nd and 3rd Principals.

The Annual Audit on 7th October 1834 showed a balance of £3, 9s. 0½d. due by the Treasurer. The position of outstanding Accounts due to Chapter and of the subscriptions (amounting to between £3 and £5) to the Burns' Monument Fund were reported upon, and it was agreed to suggest to the Chapter that in order to ensure a full attendance that the Meetings should only be held every alternate month.

At a Meeting on 19th November 1834 it was reported that the newly elected Z. had gone to India, when Compn. John Deuchar was advanced to fill the Chair, Companions James Graham and Wm. Anderson being elected H. and J. A Committee was again appointed to draw up a code of Laws for the Chapter.

The next Meeting for Initiation is not held until 16th March 1835, and following that on 23rd March there is held a Meeting designated for the Celebration of the Vernal Equinox of Edinburgh R.A., No. 1, but the Minutes are almost wholly taken up with the action of a Sub-Committee at a Meeting on 10th March 1835, said to have been appointed to make arrangements for the present Meeting, and among other things to consider whether to apply for Canongate Kilwinning Room or hold the Meetings in the Bakers' Hall, Lawnmarket, as most convenient and respectable. The Chairman proceeded to state "that the Sub-Committee had done their best to fulfil the object of their appointment, but he regretted to say that their proceedings did not appear from this Meeting to have given satisfaction."

No further Meeting is recorded until 28th August 1835, when arrangements are made for the Annual Election, which took place at the Meeting held on 23rd September 1835, Compn. John Deuchar of Morningside, Surgeon, being re-elected to the Chair of Z., with Compn. James Graham H. and presumably Compn. J. Henry J. 28th Aug. 1835.

Only two Meetings are constituted in 1836 prior to the Annual Meeting, which was held on 22nd September 1836. Compn. James Graham of Leitchtown was promoted to the Chair of Z., Compn. J. Henry to that of H., and Compn. J. M'Ewan, J.

The Treasurer's Accounts were audited on 6th December 1836, and showed a balance of £2, 6s. 6d. due by the Treasurer. It may be mentioned that the efforts before narrated to secure a satisfactory Meeting House for the Chapter seems for the present to have revolved into a permanent habitation in the Royal Exchange Coffee House.

The difficulty of getting elected Office-Bearers to take up office which has been before remarked upon seems to have still existed, for at the Meeting of 26th January 1837 the Acting Chairman, Compn. Alexr. Deuchar, stated that he was sorry to see so few of the lately elected Office-Bearers in their places, and suggested that it be recommended to the M.E. Principal to call a Meeting of those last elected Office-Bearers to learn if they were inclined to attend and support him, and that such of them as did not come forward and pledge themselves to that effect should be considered as having resigned their Offices, and that such vacancies should be forthwith filled up.

At a Meeting on 15th March 1837 Compn. James Linning Woodman, W.S., of the Canongate Kilwinning R.A. Chapter, and an Honorary Member of Chapter No. 1, was made a full Member of the Chapter in recognition of "the great zeal and interest he has shown for the cause of Masonry." At the next Meeting, seven days afterwards,

15th Mar. 1837. he was appointed 1st Standard Bearer, and at the September Election Scribe E. of the Chapter.

The Minutes of 22nd March 1837 records the approaching retirement of one of the "pillars" of the Chapter, viz., Compn. Walter Henry Blackie. It states, "In the course of the evening Compn. Blackie, Scribe E., having intimated that he had filled that office now for the space of twenty years, he was desirous at next election to resign the same, although any assistance he could afford to the Companion who should succeed him, or to the Chapter generally, should at all times be at their service. The Most Excellent Principal moved that the thanks of the Chapter should be cordially made to Companion Blackie for his services to the Chapter during his long, faithfull and accurate discharge of his duty as Scribe E.—which motion being cordially and warmly approven of, the thanks of the Chapter were directed to be presented to him and recorded accordingly." Compn. Blackie, who is described as a Painter, was Exalted on 7th July 1810, and was a M/m. of Edinburgh St Mary's Chapel Lodge No. 1. He appears from the Minutes to have first taken Office in 1814, being elected 2nd Sojourner; in 1815, 1st Sojourner; 1816, Scribe N., and in 1817 he is acting as Scribe E. in succession to Compn. Pringle, who had been appointed Secretary to the Lodge of Intelligence. He was appointed in 1818 to construct the first Minute-Book by copying from the Minutes of the Knights Templar Encampment such matter as appeared to refer to Royal Arch Chapter, and the volume is nearly all in his own handwriting.

A Meeting held on 2nd June 1837 was for the purpose of welcoming a number of Companions of the 42nd Regiment holding Charter of the S.G.R.A.C. of Ireland, who expressed themselves highly gratified with the attention paid them.

The Annual Election follows at the Meeting on 23rd September 1837, when Compn. James Graham was re-

elected to the Chair of Z., Companions Major D. Deuchar and Lieut. Patrick Deuchar filling those of H. and J. The Treasurer's Accounts were audited on 8th December 1837, and showed a sum of £1, 7s. 7½d. at the credit of the Chapter. 23rd Sept. 1837.

With the advent of 1838 the Chapter (hitherto meeting in Royal Exchange Coffee House) seems to have again migrated to St David's Lodge Room—the first Meeting on 12th April dating from there. There is no reference, however, in the Minutes of the change being negotiated.

The Meeting of 26th May 1838 (held in the Regent Rooms) saw the admission to the Order of the Right Hon. Thomas, 11th Earl of Strathmore, M/m. of St David's Lodge, Edinburgh, and at the Annual Election Meeting on 24th September 1838 his Lordship was elected to the Chair of Z. with Companions Alexander Deuchar H. and Thomas Miller J. It has not been possible to trace a portrait of the Earl. There was Initiated at this Meeting Brothers John Brown Douglas and Archibald Douglas, both Members of St David's Lodge. Bro. J. B. Douglas, who was a W.S. in Fettes Row, was R.W. Master of St David's from 1842 to 1844, and became Grand Secretary of the Royal Order of Scotland. Bro. Archibald Douglas, who was clerk in the General Post Office, was R.W. Master of the same Lodge 1850-51, and again in 1854. He became Grand Scribe E. of Supreme Grand Chapter. The Committee of Audit met on 30th January 1839, but the record of their proceedings has been omitted from the Minute-Book.

The Festival of Vernal Equinox was celebrated in St David's Lodge Room on 22nd March 1839, when "The Chair was ably filled by the Noble Most Excellent First Principal, who entered warmly into the spirit of Masonry, particularly the Order over which he now presided."

Compn. The Earl of Strathmore was re-elected to the Chair of Z. at the Annual Election Meeting on 23rd

23rd Sept. 1839. September 1839, and the occupants of the Chairs of H. and J. were not changed. A Committee was appointed to audit the Treasurer's Accounts, but there is no record of it having met.

At the Monthly Meeting on 15th January 1840 the veteran Compn. Alexr. Deuchar "made some suggestions as to the expediency and propriety of having a Lecture on the R.A. Degree at each Monthly Assembly of the Companions, and proposed that if the Funds of the Chapter were in a sufficiently prosperous state—a terrestrial globe should be purchased for its use." He then proceeded to enlighten the Meeting with a Lecture on the close connection between Masonry and Astronomy.

A Minute bearing date 28th February 1840 shows that the Chapter still practised the several Degrees before referred to, as it narrates that certain persons "severally received the Degrees of Ark, Mark, Link, Jordan, Babylonian Pass and Prussian Blue." Dr George A. Walker Arnott of Arlary, R.W.M. of Lodge St. Serf, Kinross, was Exalted at this Meeting.

The Meeting of 1st July 1840 heralded the retiral of another old Office-Bearer in the person of Compn. William Petrie, described as a shoemaker, who had filled the "situation" of Tyler for thirty-four years. He was Exalted in the Chapter on 27th February 1806, and elected to that office, which he had filled continuously, on 27th August following. No comment on his retiral from office is made in the Minutes, but it is observed in the record of the Election Meeting on 23rd September 1840 that Compn. Petrie's name appears as Inner Guard. At this Meeting the Earl of Strathmore was re-elected Z., with Compn. A. Deuchar and Capt. J. D. Boswell as H. and J. An application was presented from Bro. Leon of Lodge Celtic to be admitted to membership at this Meeting as he was going out of town shortly. It was pointed out that it was irregular to exalt at the General Meeting, and "as

it was impossible for to put him through the Ceremony, and if it was agreeable to the Companions he (M.E.Z.) would administer the Oaths—however, he requested it might be distinctly understood he did not exactly approve, and that he only agreed to it as Bro. Leon was going out of town, and that this night's proceedings were not to be made the foundation of Exalting on future General Meetings. Bro. Leon having been admitted, the M.E. stated to him the Companions had agreed to allow him to take the Oaths, but he was to agree to go through the Ceremony the first opportunity—he having agreed took the Oath. Compn. Leon stated to the Meeting that a Companion of this Order had died in the Infirmary, and as he had left no funds and had no friends, several Brethren had agreed to subscribe to retrive the body from that institution, and trusted the Companions of this Chapter would contribute towards so laudable an undertaking—the Treasurer was ordered to pay five shillings from the Chaps Funds." The Meeting conferred Honorary Membership upon three members of Naval and Military Chapter, one of them being Compn. Thomas Frankalanza, a fencing master and musician in Edinburgh. He was a member of Lodge Portobello and affiliated to Lodge St David. He returned to Italy, his native country, where he died. 23rd Sept. 1840.

There is little of interest to record in the Minutes of 1841. At the Annual Meeting on 23rd September the Earl of Strathmore was re-elected Z., with Companions Thomas Miller and J. B. Douglas H. and J. The Companions "were highly delighted with the valuable information received from Compn. Dr Arnott on the mode of Initiation in the different Degrees in the various Lodges and Chapters he had visited."

A few Initiation Meetings are held during this and succeeding year, and at the Annual Election Meeting on 23rd September 1842, Compn. Alexr. Deuchar was

23rd Sept. 1842. nominated as Z., and having explained that although he had stated at former Meetings his intention to retire from holding any office, yet as Grand Chapter intended to alter some of the formula of the Royal Arch Degree, which he cordially approved of as tending to raise the Degree in the eyes of the Masonic World (for which the Order was much indebted to Compn. Dr Arnott of Arlary, a member of the Chapter), he agreed to accept the office of Z., and was elected accordingly, Companions Wm. Pringle and J. B. Douglas being elected H. and J. and Compn. Morris Leon the new Scribe E.

This Minute concludes the Minute Book No. 2, a most interesting and instructive tome of nearly 500 pages large folio and closely written. One who has gone over it, page by page, is impressed with the fact that the records were not kept with such regularity and detail that exists at the present time, that an abundance of resolutions are brought up from time to time and sub-committees appointed to deal with them, after which they apparently disappear into oblivion—so far as the records show, and that the proceedings throughout the whole Volume are distinguished by the great number of instructive Lectures which are delivered at the Meetings for the enlightenment of the Companions into the mysteries and explanations of the Royal Arch Degree.

VOLUME No. III.

1842 to 1860.

THIS volume marks a departure form the old style, non-ruled and antique paper book, with the introduction of the orthodox Sederunt or Minute Book of the present day, making the work of compiling from its records much less difficult and tiresome than in former volumes. 23rd Sept. 1842.

The first Minute in the book is that of the Annual Election Meeting on 23rd September 1842 in St David's Lodge. The Minute is merely a transcript of that part of the last Minute of Vol. 2 relating to the election of Office-Bearers, with Exaltations. The term "closing the chapter at high twelve" seems to have been first used at this time.

The next Meeting is on 16th November 1842, when the Companions were called together to approve the issue of a Circular calling a special Meeting "for the purpose of consulting on the best means of supporting the Order and securing the punctual attendance of the Members.

A Minute of 21st November 1842 provides "that the Book containing the various regulations of the Royal Arch Chapter should be written in a large Book and kept in the Royal Arch place under Lock or Locks hereafter to be agreed upon by the Companions, and on no account should it be lent out of the Royal Arch Chapter." This book is not now in the possession of Chapter No. 1.

The special Meeting referred to above was held on 12th December 1842, when an evening was agreed upon for holding meetings for Lectures and instruction in the

12th Dec. 1842. various degrees of the higher Orders of Masonry. The M.E.Z. stated that he was willing and anxious to instruct every Office-Bearer of the Royal Arch Chapter in their various stations so that they might be thoroughly acquainted with their duties, which was received with great gratification by all the Companions present."

On 16th December 1842 five Companions of Chapter Esk, Dalkeith, No. 42 (now apparantly dormant), visited the Chapter and received the Mark Degree, and were much gratified with their instruction.

A Meeting was called on 23rd December 1842 for the purpose of putting the Mark Lodge on a proper workable footing. Various articles required therefor were ordered to be purchased and Office-Bearers appointed.

The first Chapter Meeting in 1843 was held on 27th January, when routine business was engaged in. A resolution was carried that the Chapter subscribe one guinea annually to the Fund for erecting a School for educating the Orphans of Freemasons under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. This resolution was, however, objected to by the M.E.Z. (who was not present at the January Meeting) on 3rd February 1843, but as the mover and seconder were absent the motion was referred to next Meeting. It was then again deferred for the same reason (the seconder was the Scribe E.) and finally disposed of on 17th February 1843, when the resolution "after being consulted upon was considered not to be exactly to the wishes of the Chapter—Compn. Boog, however, in consideration of it, proposed that if a Masonic School was established upon pure Masonic principles, the Royal Arch Chapter would have no hesitation in giving their subscription to such a laudable Institution."

The Meeting of 15th February 1843 records the Exaltation of Bro. William A. Lawrie, Grand Secretary of The Grand Lodge of Scotland.

It is recorded in the Minute of 24th February 1843 that



ANDREW MURRAY,
First Principal 1846-1850 and 1856-1857.

the Naval and Military Chapter applied to No. 1 for the use of the Chapter, &c. for a sum of 10s. for each evening they may require the Lodge room, which was unanimously agreed to. How the Chapter had the right to sublet St David's Lodge Room (where they met) is not shewn. A resolution was passed that a list of all the outstanding debts due to the Chapter shall be made out and laid on the table. 24th Feb. 1843

On 3rd March 1843 the necessity of having governing regulations was once again under discussion, when it was resolved "that a Committee be appointed to make a Code of Laws for the Royal Arch Chapter, if there are not already a Code of Laws in existance."

At a Meeting in the Turf Hotel on 21st March 1843, four Candidates were Exalted, including Bro. Andrew Murray, the proprietor of the Turf Hotel, M/m. of the Celtic Lodge, who occupied the Chair of First Principal 1846-50, and was again called to fill that Office in 1856. The Companions sat down to an excellent supper. They were honoured by a visitation from Supreme G.R.A. Chapter, headed by the Depute Grand Principal Compn. G. W. Arnott, Esq. of Arlary, when the necessary gratulatory speeches were indulged in. Then a Deputation from the Naval and Military Chapter was received; the M.E.Z. Compn. A. Deuchar gave a lecture upon the R.A. Degree; after which the evening was spent with harmony and conviviality. Not a bad night's work!

A Committee Meeting met on 1st April 1843 for the purpose of Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts to 23rd September 1842, when they were found correct, a balance of £4, 15s. 6d. in his hands being carried to next account along with 1s. undersummed. It was agreed to recommend the Tyler should receive a salary of £1, 1s. yearly in addition to the customary fee of 2s. 6d. for each Member Exalted in the Chapter, and also to recommend on account of the advanced age of Compn. Wm. Petrie that he shall receive £1, 1s. for acting as Inner Guard.

7th Apr. 1843. On 7th April 1843 a resolution was passed that a Frame be procured to hold a List of the names of those Companions who have not paid their fees of Exaltation, and to be exhibited in the Chapter.

A Meeting for Exaltation was held on 27th May 1843, three Officers of the 66th Regiment being admitted along with Bro. John Francis Campbell, Younger of Islay, and Bro. the Honourable Henry Walpole, both M/ms. of St David's Lodge. Bro. Walpole, whose address at his Initiation was 101 Princes Street, was the youngest son of Lord Orford, and was R.W. Master of St David's in 1845. He was afflicted with blindness, and during his reign of Office had the peculiar experience of initiating a Brother who was afflicted in a similar manner.

In order to shew the Chapter's respect for the Amsterdam Royal Arch Chapter, it was at the Meeting of 16th August 1843, on the motion of Compn. the Honourable Henry Walpole, agreed to present that Chapter with a First Principal's Jewel. No other reason is given, but it is observed that seven Brethren from Amsterdam were Exalted in the Chapter on 12th May 1843, and as this was the year of the Amsterdam Chapter No. 59 being Chartered under the Scottish Constitution it is safe to assume the gift was made to the Chapter's "youngest offspring."

The Laws of the Chapter, which had been under revision of a special Committee for some time, were at a Meeting on 6th September 1843 approved of, and instructions given to have same printed and distributed among the Companions at as moderate a price as the printing will allow.

That the finances of the Chapter were improving is shewn by the Minute of Audit Committee on 15th September 1843, when the Receipts are £44, 3s. and the Expenditure £28, 16s. 10½d., leaving a credit balance of £15, 6s. 1½d. It is also stated at same Meeting that the amount of debts due to the Chapter for Exaltations from November 1815 till 15th September 1843 amount to



JOHN WHYTE MELVILLE of Bennochy and Strathkinnes,
First Grand Principal 1863-1868.

£43, 5s. "the Treasurer being instructed to get payment of same immediately." 15th Sept 1843.

The Election Meeting of 23rd September 1843 brings Compn. Alexr. Deuchar's reign once more to a close, when Compn. Hector Gavin was elected his successor in the Chair of Z., with Companions Andrew Murray and Archd. Douglas H. and J. Compn. Gavin, who like his predecessor was an Engraver, was a Member of Lodge Roman Eagle. He was Exalted in the Chapter on 12th August 1809, and had filled many offices in the interim, having commenced his official career by being elected in the year of his Initiation "2nd Grand Master" to fill a vacancy which had occurred.

Several prominent names were before the Meeting of 29th November 1843. Brothers Lord Glenlyon of Lodge Dunkeld and John Whyte Melville of Lodge St Luke, both of whom became 1st Grand Principals of Supreme Chapter, were Exalted. Lord Glenlyon had the honour of entertaining Her Majesty Queen Victoria during his reign of office in the following year. Compn. Whyte Melville of Bennochy and Strath-Kinnes was an ardent Freemason, and interested himself to a great extent both in the affairs of Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Chapter, his occupancy of the Chair of the latter body extending over five years. Companions Sir John Ogilvy, Major Walter Ogilvy and Colonel John Kinloch were admitted full Members of the Chapter and "Sir David Dundas of Dunarie, Bt., and the Hon. George Drummond, Master of Strathallen received the obligation as Royal Arch Masons previous to going through the Knights Templars Degree."

A Meeting for Exaltation was held on 24th February 1844, when six Candidates were admitted, viz.: Bro. W. D. Gillon of Wallhouse, M.P., M/m of Lodge St Luke, Brothers Charles Farquhar Shand, Advocate, James Kinnear, W.S., D. W. Balfour Ogilvy, W. P. S. Paul, Advocate, and David Balfour, all M/ms. of St David's

24th Feb. 1844. Lodge. Sir Charles Farquhar Shand was an LL.D. and Chief Justice of Mauritius. He was Depute Master of his Lodge 1842-43.

1st March 1844 records the resignation by Compn. Thomas Boog of the office of Treasurer on account of the duties falling rather too heavy on his time. He had held the office continuously for twelve years, and at the next Meeting on 6th March received a vote of thanks for his long and arduous duties. Initiated in Lodge St David's in 1828, he became Grand Recorder of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

The Minutes of 21st August 1844 records the death of Compn. Alexander Deuchar on 12th inst. at the age of 67. From the attendance book he appears to have attended to the duties of the Chapter up to 17th July 1844. He died at Morningside House while on a visit to his brother John, who resided there.

The M.E. Principal Z., Compn. Hector Gavin, in making the intimation said, "Our late most respected Past Principal Z. was initiated in 1805, and became the most zealous, active and useful Member of the period ; he at the same time became a Knight Templar, and was so indefatiguable in his exertions to raise that Order from the slumber in which it had so long rested, that by the year 1811 he obtained from His late Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, then Grand Master of England, a Charter of Confirmation and acknowledgement of the Scottish Templars, who in grateful acknowledgement in a most numerous Assembly of the Knights elected him Grand Master for Scotland ; the same perseverance procured for the Royal Arch Masons in 1818 the uniting of the Royal Arch Chapters in Scotland into one Supreme representative Chapter.

"As to his labours for this Chapter, No. 1 on that roll, all the Companions present and absent know—they have been unceasing—his consummate knowledge of the mysteries of the Order, his research into its antiquities, his incessant and

never-tiring zeal in communicating to others the knowledge which he acquired, is equally beyond my describing, as of those not witnesses of it to conceive, but we who had the happiness to be present during a great part of his career, feel and can bear testimony to his merits, and sure I am that I only speak the sentiments of all Royal Arch Masons when I say that he has endeared his memory in the hearts of them all, and that he will ever be remembered with affection and most unbounded esteem. 21st Aug. 1844.

"In him the Masonic World have lost a brother of the worthiest kind; originally a Member of the Lodge St David's, he was several times R.W. Master of the Lodge St Mary's and a Member of most of the Edinburgh Lodges, and his death is generally bewailled among the Craft as of the loss of one of whom they never shall see his like again :—

> 'Tis said the ill men do lives after them, the good too often perish with their bones.'

"Let us hope it will not be so with him, but that Freemasons will show by the purity of their lives and the benevolence of their hearts that they have profited by the excellent lessons they have received from a brother whom the Craft loved while alive and venerate when now no more. Peace be to his Manes." (See also Appendix, p. 182.)

The Meeting of 13th September 1844 being the last of the session it was proposed that the Companions should (after Exalting two Brethren) spend the remainder of the evening in a little conviviality. "The Most Excellent commenced the Toasts of the evening with our most gracious and beloved Queen, remarking to the Companions how happy they must feel under the circumstances of Her Majesty being a guest at this moment of our Most Excellent Grand Principal of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and that Lord Glenlyon was Exalted

13th Sept. 1844. to the Royal Arch Degree in this Chapter; they must be delighted as Scotsmen and as Royal Arch Masons to know that the Queen had put herself under the protection of that Nobleman and his Clan of Highlanders. The Companions gave a long response to the toast with all the Royal Arch honours. Appropriate Masonic toasts succeeded during the evening, which kept up that pure feeling which is only known and can only be appreciated by those who have seen the Light."

At the Annual Meeting on 23rd September 1844, held in the Turf Hotel, Princes Street, Compn. Hector Gavin was again elected 1st Principal, with Companions Andrew Murray and Wm. Donaldson as 2nd and 3rd Principals.

At the five following Meetings there did not appear to be an Exaltation, but the time was filled in by practising the Degrees, Lectures, and discussions thereon. In the last of these, held on 13th November 1844, it was pointed out that much inconvenience arose from the non-attendance of the Scribes, and particularly the absence of Scribe N., when it was agreed to intimate to him the necessity of his regularly attending the Chapter Meetings—otherwise the Chapter will be necessitated to appoint another Scribe N. in his room. At the next Meeting on 20th November a letter was read from him resigning his office.

On 4th December 1844 a Committee Meeting was held, when various accounts submitted by the Treasurer were examined and passed for payment, and his books audited (no details). Thereafter the M.E.P. gave a beautiful Lecture upon the R.A. Degrees, after which a Companion present, 3rd Principal of the Linlithgow Chapter, was proposed for Honorary Membership of the Chapter, which being agreed to, he was duly affiliated into the Chapter. There is no mention of the Chapter having been opened for these proceedings, but the Minute closes with the paragraph "The Chapter was closed at high twelve."

The Minute of 16th April 1845 records the Establishment in the Chapter of a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners and Council of Knights of the Sword, Knights of the East, and Knights of the East and West. 16th Apr. 1845

At the Meeting of 7th May 1845 it was stated that Admiral Sir David Milne, a Member of the Order for twenty years, having held high office in Supreme Chapter and in close touch with this Chapter, had died on his passage here from London, and a sincere expression of regret was recorded.

Although about this period the Minutes are somewhat barren of incident, it appears evident that the enthusiasm of the Companions for the Degree was unabated. Prior to the above date the Chapter had been holding weekly Meetings, but it was then agreed that Meetings should only be held on the 3rd Wednesdays of each month. On 6th August 1845, however, it is interesting to note that it is resolved the Weekly Meetings should be resumed from this time until further notice.

Recorded on 27th August 1845, "Companion James M'Lean presented to the Chapter a paper containing several Masonic Marks found by him upon the Walls of Old Trinity College Kirk, Edinburgh; the circle and cross are still to be seen upon the corners of the Building, which was founded by Mary of Guilders, Consort of James the II., in the year 1462." (The marks in the paper are copied in the Minute.)

Companions Hector Gavin, Andrew Murray and Wm. Donaldson were on 23rd September 1845 re-elected to the Chairs of the Chapter. At the supper which followed, after the loyal Toasts (that of Prince Albert following the Toast of "The Queen"), and the recognition of the heads of the three Supreme Grand R.A. Chapters of Scotland, England and Ireland: the Chairman proposed that of Compn. Morris Leon, Scribe E., who, in returning thanks, submitted a few lines, which were called Jacob's Ladder,

23rd Sept. 1845. of three steps, Faith, Hope, and Charity. They were:—

		C	The Steps which lead mankind to *Heaven*
		H	In number are exactly *Seven*;
	F	A	While we have *Hope* we rise up four,
H	A	R	And *Faith* will lead us one step more,
O	I	I	But to attain our journey's end,
P	T	T	True *Charity* must stand our friend.
E	H	Y	

The office of "Superintendent of the Works" appears to have been first introduced at the Meeting held on 15th October 1845.

The last Minute of 1845, viz., that of 24th December, records the death of Compn. William Petrie at the age of 79, who had for so many years acted as Tyler. The M.E.P. in his remarks stated that Compn. Petrie was present at his Exaltation in 1809. Besides acting for so many years as Tyler to the Chapter, Compn. Petrie was admitted to Lodge St David in 1832 to act as Tyler, was Grand Tyler of Grand Lodge of Scotland 1811 to 1818, and again acted as Assistant Grand Tyler from 1838 to his death.

The year's records are somewhat instructive of the nature of the Chapter's progress during this period. There were in all forty-two ordinary Meetings held, in which twenty-one Exaltations took place—an average of one every two meetings. When no Exaltations took place the meetings were, as had been the custom for a long time back, occupied with Lectures on the Degrees and Freemasonry generally.

One of the earlier Minutes of 1846, viz., on 28th January, records the entry to the Chapter of Bro. Wm. Montagnini, well known in Edinburgh musical circles.

In the Minute of 11th February 1846 there is a com-

plaint made by Compn. John Henry, Mark Master, that 11th Feb. 1846.
"he could not in justice to himself associate in this Chapter with such Royal Arch Masons as were not previously Mark Masons or had not passed the Chair. After some discussion on this subject, Comp. Leon (S.E.) thought it was best to put a stop to the proceedings; he said he would move next Meeting in the Chapter, that no Royal Arch Mason should be admitted unless they were Mark Masons and had passed the Chair." This motion was, however, withdrawn at the next Meeting on the understanding that the matter would be brought before the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

There being no business before the Meeting of 24th February 1846, the Laws of the Supreme Grand Chapter were read for the instruction of the Companions.

On 23rd March 1846 a special Meeting was held in the Turf Hotel, when Compn. John Henry, whose name figures largely in recent records of the Chapter, was presented with a Masonic Silver Jewel, a R.A. Sash, Apron and purse of ten sovereigns, "as a mark of respect and gratitude for his valuable services during a long period of years."

A Special Meeting was held on 22nd July 1846 for the purpose of considering a request by Supreme Grand R.A. Chapter for the loan of Sir Wm. Drummond's Lectures and the English Ritual, in order that the same might be engrossed in a Book kept for the purpose and preserved in the Chest of the Supreme Chapter. A good deal of discussion took place, the 3rd Principal moving that the request be not granted, as they had no right to "give them out of the possession of the Chapter No. 1," and on a vote being taken this was carried. Compn. A. Douglas (who was Scribe N. to Supreme Chapter, and who made the request for the loan on its behalf) thereupon "said it was of no great consequence if granted or not, as he had a copy of the documents above referred to in his possession." A motion was then made that Compn. Douglas

22nd July 1846. should produce this copy at the next Meeting of the Chapter, which was carried.

The Committee met on 8th September 1846 to Audit the Treasurer's Accounts, when there was found to be a credit balance of £4, 13s.

The Annual Election Meeting followed on 23rd September 1846. There is recorded the retiral from the 1st Principal's Chair of Compn. Hector Gavin after three years' service, and the election thereto of Compn. Andrew Murray, who was the Proprietor of the Turf Hotel frequently referred to as the Chapter's Meeting place. Companions Wm. Donaldson and Wm. Hillhouse being elected 2nd and 3rd Principals.

On 18th November 1846 it is proposed that "some new Laws for the Chapter be printed with such alterations as the Chapter shall see fit." This being agreed to a Committee was appointed to act with S.E. in the matter.

Meetings for Exaltation of Members were being held as occasion required, and between those of 28th February and 15th March 1847 there is recorded a Combined Committee and Chapter Meeting, but no date of the Meeting is given. Among those Exalted appears the name of Dr William Balfour Baikie, Scottish Traveller and Naturalist, who had been Initiated in Lodge Kirkwall, Kilwinning, but was Passed and Raised in St David's Lodge 9th December 1845, and who was R.W. Master of St David's in 1847. Born at Kirkwall in 1825, he joined the Navy, and was Surgeon and Naturalist of the Niger Expedition 1854. He formed and was Ruler, Teacher and Physician of the Settlement of Lotsaja, and within a few years opened the Niger to navigation, made roads and established a market. He died at Sierra Leone in 1864.

The Committee met on 14th September 1847 to audit the Treasurer's Accounts, when it was stated there was a sum of £22, 7s. 8d. to be carried to next year's Accounts,

the Funds of the Chapter appearing once more to be in a flourishing state. 14th Sept. 1847.

The Annual Meeting on 23rd September 1847 shows that Compn. Andrew Murray was re-elected Z., with Companions John Henry and William Hillhouse as H. and J. At the Festival which took place after the election, the first Toast was that of "The Holy Royal Arch," followed by "The Queen and the Royal Family," "The Prince Steward of Scotland," "His Royal Highness Prince Albert," and thereafter the heads of the Supreme Grand Chapters, &c., and at the close the Chairman gave "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

In the Minute of 3rd November 1847 it was stated that it had been agreed by the Chapter that each Candidate shall only receive "the Marked Degree and Passing the Chair the first evening, and another evening set apart for the remainder of the ceremony except in cases of emergency."

On 24th May 1848 the Chapter conferred Complimentary Exaltation on Bro. Joseph Wolff, LL.D., D.D., Master Mason of Lodge Yeovil, England. Compn. Hector Gavin, in complimenting the Doctor on this further step in Masonry, congratulated the Chapter on the distinguished honour it had received by having "such a man recorded in their books as Dr Joseph Wolff, an individual who so heroically went into a barbarous country to ascertain the fate of two distinguished men, viz., Colonel Stoddart and Captain Conolly, and considering the dangerous fatigues, cold, imprisonment, and above all his sufferings from superstition in that country, that such a patriotic traveller should receive from our hands all those honors of Masonry that could be bestowed on him."

At the Meeting held on 7th June 1848 Bro. George Edge, Pawnbroker, M/m. of Lodge Celtic was Exalted. He was an active Member of the Chapter and occupied the Chair of 1st Principal in 1852-55. Compn. John

7th June 1848. Cameron, 2nd Principal of Chapter Kilwinning in the East, No. 64, was affiliated a full Member of the Chapter. He was Past Master of Lodge Kilwinning in the East, No. 740, Calcutta, and affiliated to Lodge St David in 1847, being elected its R.W. Master in 1849. He became Grand Scribe E. of Supreme Grand Chapter.

At the Monthly Meeting on 19th July 1848 the business of the Committee appointed some time previously to produce a revised edition of the Chapter Rules was brought to a conclusion by the consideration of their Draft of the Laws. These were considered and some alterations made, and at a Committee Meeting held on 7th August 1848 the proof thereof was approved, and instructions given to have three or four hundred copies thrown off immediately. These Rules or Bye Laws are those which are still in existence and of which a few copies are still in hand.

The Annual Election Meeting was held on 24th September 1848, and Compn. Andrew Murray again elected Z., with Companions John Henry and Daniel Robertson H. and J. At the Festival which followed it is interesting to note that the first Toast was "the Holy Three Grand Masters," followed by "The Queen and the Craft."

At the Meeting of 27th November 1848 the M.E.Z. proposed that Dr Charles Morrison of Greenfield should be affiliated a Member of the Chapter, and a Deputation was appointed to wait on the Doctor and inform him of his election. The Doctor expressed his high gratification at the honour proposed, but informed the Deputation that he was one of the oldest Members of the Chapter, at the same time thanking the Companions of the Chapter most heartily for their kindness. He was exalted in the Chapter on 26th November 1798.

On 15th February 1849 the M.E.Z. proposed that Compn. John Henry, 2nd Principal, "be regularly Installed into the secrets and mysteries of the Chair of 1st Principal to

enable that Excellent Companion to take the Chair and preside and Exalt Candidates in the absence of the 1st Principal," which was carried unanimously. 15th Feb. 1849.

A Committee had been appointed to examine the Chapter's Accounts, which had not been closed for 1847 and 1848. The Committee issued a Report, dated 13th March 1849, in which they certified the correctness of these Accounts. It then proceeded to bring under the notice of the Chapter a series of irregularities practised by the Chapter, among them being expenses incurred without authority for Election and Exaltation purposes, "but which may be more properly called Accounts for eating and drinking," working the Chapter for Exaltation in Hotels and Private Houses, the practice of Exalting Brethren without their entrance fees being first paid, and finishes up as follows: "Your Committee have in conclusion to lay before the Chapter the melancholy yet startling fact that while the large sum of £15, 8s. 4½d. has been applied towards pampering the appetite, the sum applied to the most legitimate of all Masonic purposes, namely Charity, amounts to the miserable Pittance of Five shillings and sixpence."

At the Annual Meeting on 24th September 1849 the re-election took place of Companions Murray, Henry and Robertson as Z., H. and J., and the Committee met on 11th December 1849 for Annual Audit, &c. A number of Accounts were submitted, among them "an account from Compn. Hector Gavin for a so-called revision of the Laws by him for his so-called trouble, no order ever having been given by the Chapter or Committee, account £2, 2s.—an imposition upon the Chapter and positively refused by the Committee." The Treasurer's Accounts as passed shewed a credit balance of £7, 5s. 6d. The Committee passed a vote of thanks to Compn. Dr MacRitchie for the presentation to the Chapter of three bundles of old Cash Vouchers found in the chest of the Naval and Military Chapter,

11th Dec. 1849. marked Nos. 1, 2 and 5. "The documents date from the year 1810 to 1822, and contain valuable information upon the rights and properties of the Royal Arch Chapter No. 1." The bundles are still in the possession of the Chapter and afford much interest in perusal. For instance, we find 18 gills of strong whisky cost 6s. 9d., while the accompanying "Shuger" cost 2s. 3d., and "Pyes" were charged up 2s. 6d. In another receipt there appears 3s. paid to John Bowman for a pair of corsets for the Arch —with nails, and it must have been a special Meeting when the use of candles (at 9d. p. lb.) was dispensed with, and 6s. 6d. paid to the Company for "Gas for the evening." It would also appear from Steward's Accounts that the necessary water for the strong whisky and "Shuger" was paid for per Meeting.

The Meeting of 21st January 1850 was taken up with the dispute regarding the claim of £2, 2s. lodged by Compn. Hector Gavin against the Chapter, and on 30th January an Extraordinary Meeting was held, when it was intimated that Compn. Gavin had summoned Compn. Leon (the Scribe E.) before the Sheriff for the amount of the Account claimed, and Compn. Leon was instructed to deny in his official capacity the claim of Compn. Gavin. Other minutes deal with the subject, and at that of 15th May 1850 Scribe E. reported that the Sheriff had allowed Mr. Gavin one pound sterling with one half of the expenses.

The Audit Committee met on 10th September 1850, and certified the Treasurer's Accounts, which showed a credit balance of £3, 5s. 1d., and at the Annual Meeting held on 23rd September 1850, Compn. John Henry, Last Maker, was elected Z. of the Chapter, with Companions Daniel Robertson and George Edge as H. and J. Compn. Leon drops out of the office of Scribe E. and is succeeded by Compn. Thomas Boog.

On 16th April 1851 a Brother was admitted to the

Degree "At a modified fee from particular circumstances as stated by the M.E.Z. from the Chair." 16th Apr. 1851.

The Annual Audit took place on 9th September 1851, when the Chapter funds had again reached a low ebb, only 9s. 2d. being at the credit of the Treasurer's Accounts, although it is observable for some time back that the Chapter had dropped the system of "tick" for Exaltation fees, and the records shew that the Candidates are properly recommended "and fees paid in terms of the Laws."

The Election of Office-Bearers took place on 23rd September 1851, when Compn. John Henry was re-elected Z., with Companions George Edge and John Coghill as H. and J.

On 10th April 1852 Bro. James Henderson of Lodge St Stephen was Exalted "to serve the office of Tyler to the Chapter in lieu of fees thereof." It appears in a Minute, four days later, that both Tylers had given offence inasmuch that, "on the 31st day of October last, when both of them made complaints in open Chapter and in presence of four newly exalted Companions that their fees had not been paid, they knowing full well that there were no funds available at the time, all to the detriment of the good character of this Chapter. And on 24th March 1852, when S.E. wished to get out from the Chapter for a short time at the request of the first Principal, to procure change of a pound note for the newly exalted Brother, one of the Tylers locked the outer door and prevented the Scribe E. performing the order of the M.E.Z., saying that the money received that evening should not go out of the Chapter, thereby assuming a power and authority he had no right to exercise, to the great detriment of this Ancient and Exalted Order. They were both dismissed from office.

At the Annual Meeting on 23rd September 1852, Compn. George Edge, Manager of Equitable Loan Office, was advanced from the Chair of H. to that of Z., with Companions Charles Kidd and Thomas Colquhoun H.

6th Oct. 1852. and J. The Audit Committee met on 6th October 1852, in the house of the Treasurer, the Robin Hood Tavern. There was a debit balance on the Accounts, but the amount has not been inserted in the Minute.

On 17th November 1852 intimation was made of the death of the 3rd Principal, Compn. Colquhoun, and the Meeting was closed without doing any business as a mark of respect to his memory.

A Meeting for Exaltation was held on 8th December 1852, when Brothers Captain John Cumming, M/m. of Lodge Hope, Bengal, and William Ireland, Contractor, M/m. of Lodge Celtic, were Exalted. They both succeeded to the Chair of 1st Principal, Compn. Cumming in 1855, and Compn. Ireland in 1857.

Compn. George Edge was re-elected Z. at the Annual Meeting held on 23rd September 1853, Companions Christian Jockel and John Cumming being H. and J.

It had been intimated that St David's Lodge had written demanding payment of arrears of rent, and a Motion was made that an Annual Subscription of 2s. be imposed on the Members to help meet working expenses, and this was agreed to at a Meeting of 15th March 1854, the Treasurer reporting at the next Meeting "that the Subscription was going on as well as could be expected—present amount 18s."

There was Exalted at the Meeting of 17th May 1854 Bro. William Belfrage, Clothier, M/m. of The Lodge Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1. He was Elected to the Chair of 1st Principal in 1861.

The Minute of 18th September 1854 records the change of the place of Meeting to the Calton Convening Rooms, "as being well aired and in a better locality."

At the Annual Meeting held on 25th September 1854, Compn. Edge again received re-election as Z., with Companions John Cumming and William Gaylor H. and J.

At a Meeting on 15th November 1854 a Motion was unanimously carried to abolish the offices of Depute and Substitute Principals, "as contrary to the practice of Royal Arch Chapters." 15th Nov. 1854

The Companions present at the Meeting of 6th December 1854 agreed, as the Chapter had before done, that it would be desirable in future to confer only the Mark and Chair degrees at one time, and the Exaltation afterwards, except on urgent occasions.

Nothing of interest occurs until the Annual Meeting on 24th September 1855, when Captain John Cumming was elected M.E.Z., Companions William Gaylor and Robert Ramage being H. and J. The following Meeting on 17th October 1855 records the anxiety of the new 1st Principal to place the Chapter on a footing of efficiency and prosperity consistent with the high position Number one Chapter holds in the Royal Arch Masonry of Scotland, and a series of useful motions submitted by him were agreed to, amongst them being a resolution to look out for more suitable premises, and another to hold regular Chapters of Instruction so that all the Companions could be made familiar with the Ritual, and "this can be attained only by good instruction, much attention and frequent practice."

The result of the enquiries made by the Premises Committee is shewn by the Minute following on 21st November 1855 to be in favor of again going back to St John's Chapel, Canongate, and this was authorised at a rent of £5 per annum, the day of the Chapter's Monthly Meeting to be changed from the third Wednesday to the third Thursday of the month.

Improvement did not seem to be making much progress, and in consequence a Special Meeting of the Chapter was held on 3rd January 1856 to take into consideration its affairs, when the Meeting after investigation decided they "have no occasion to think that the Chapter is in a declining state, or that the Charter ought to be given up to

3rd Jan. 1856. the Supreme Grand Chapter, and it feels confident that if the Office-Bearers exert themselves and hold Meetings occasionally for lecture, the Chapter will gradually recover its position in the Masonic World."

The Minute of 31st January 1856 records the Exaltation of Bro. Frederick William Bridgman, the well known and talented Musician, and the following Minute of 10th March 1856 (there was no quorum at the February Meeting) that of Bro. Charles Edward Hope Vere of Craigiehall, Cramond, who at the time held the R.W.M. chair of Lesmahago Lodge.

At the Annual Meeting on 23rd September 1856 we find Compn. Andrew Murray again selected to occupy the Chair of 1st Principal Z., Companions Wm. Gaylor and William Ireland being elected H. and J. Compn. Thos. Boog retires from the office of S.E., and is succeeded by Compn. Wm. M'Robert, a Sergeant in the 93rd Highlanders. The Regiment's removal from Edinburgh, however, closed his career before the year was out, Compn. B. G. Owen being appointed to succeed him.

The Minute of 7th October 1856 records the admission to the Order of Bro. Alexander Hay, Jeweller, who had a distinguished career in Scottish Freemasonry, and two years later was elected 1st Principal.

The Committee met on 18th November 1856 and audited the Treasurer's Accounts, which shewed a balance in favor of the Chapter of 3s. 6d.

On 6th May 1857 a Meeting of Committee was held to consider the delay which took place in issuing Diplomas, when it was agreed that a stock of blank Diplomas—not exceeding six—should be kept in hand so as to obviate the delay. Compn. William Ireland, Contractor, was advanced from the Chair of J. to that of Z. at the Annual Meeting held on 23rd September 1857, Companions Edward Mitchell and Sotires Georgiades being elected H. and J., and Compn. J. Johnstone Cotton, S.E. At the



ALEXANDER HAY,
First Principal 1858-1861.

Committee Meeting held on 1st October 1857 the Treasurer's Books were audited, when it was found a credit balance of £2, 1s. 3d. was available to be handed over to the new Treasurer. The Committee met again on 8th October, and it was pointed out that hitherto the Chapter had been in the habit of charging only 12s. 6d. for Fees of Affiliation, thereby causing a loss to the Chapter instead of a gain. It was therefore agreed in future to adhere strictly to the Bye-Laws and charge one guinea for Affiliation, together with 3s. for Registration in the Books of Supreme Chapter. 1st Oct. 1857.

Nothing calling for remark occurs until 15th July 1858, when the Chapter's notice is drawn to the neglect which had been observed for some time back in the Janitor not enforcing from all Companions the sacred pass word and grip on entering the Chapter, when it was agreed that its observance be enforced in future.

The Audit of Treasurer's Accounts on 7th September 1858 shewed a credit balance of £5, 9s. 1d., "besides two blank Diplomas on hand at 7s. 6d. each." It was stated that the "old accounts for bye gone years had been paid off, thus leaving the Chapter free from debt." There appeared to be, however, balances of fees due to the Janitor and the Scribe E. which would absorb the above credit balance. Compn. Cotton, the Scribe E., declined to accept the balance due to him when proffered, as "he preferred to be allowed to present his services to the Chapter for the past year." Once more the question of having a more convenient place of Meeting than the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge Room was discussed, and it was agreed that notice should be given terminating the occupancy at the ensuing term of Martinmas. At a subsequent Committee Meeting on 13th September 1858 the balance in Treasurer's hands seems to have been finally adjusted at £1, 1s. 7d.

The Meeting for Election of Office-Bearers was held on 23rd September 1858, when Compn. Alexander Hay,

3rd Sept. 1858. Jeweller, who was exalted in October 1856, was elected to the Chair of Z., with Companions Patrick Cowan and Thos. B. Douglas, H. and J.

On 21st October 1858 it was reported that the Committee had arranged to remove the Chapter to the New Freemasons' Hall in George Street, at a rent of £7, 7s. per annum. The Chapter unanimously approved, and agreed that until proper arrangements are made the Chapter should hold its Meetings in the Turf Hotel, formal intimation to be sent to Canongate Kilwinning Lodge terminating the occupancy at Martinmas.

The next Minute, 18th November 1858, shews that the Lodge was not disposed to break the let until Whitsunday next, and no definite information being obtainable on the subject, the matter was left in the hands of M.E.Z. Compn. Alex. Hay to settle the best way he could.

The Minute of 3rd February 1859 records the admission of Bro. John Dun, who at the time of writing (April 1910) is still an active Member of the Chapter.

On 11th March 1859 a Committee Meeting was held to arrange for occupancy of the new Lodge Rooms in Freemasons' Hall. It was also ordered that new Robes be obtained for the three Principals, the ones in use being totally unfit to be worn, when it was stated that "the Naval and Military Chapter, which was now in abeyance, had a large quantity of paraphernalia, part of which, if suitable, they might be induced to let Chapter No. 1 have." A Committee was appointed to inquire into the matter.

The following Monthly Meeting, on 17th March 1859, marks a red-letter day in the history of the Chapter, inasmuch as it records its first Meeting in the Freemasons' Hall, where it became permanently domiciled. Two Candidates were Exalted, "the effect of the Degree being much enhanced by the new Robes of the three Principals and the two Scribes." M.E.P. Compn. Hay, referred to the Chapter's meeting for the first time in these Halls, "and

from the large number of Companions who had turned out on this evening, he trusted a new era was about to take place in the Annals of Chapter No. 1, now that it had a proper place of meeting, where the Companions could have a pleasure in assembling." 17th Mar. 1859

On 14th April 1859 appears the affiliation of Sir George De la Poer Beresford, Bart., Companion of a Chapter in Cape of Good Hope. He was appointed Chancellor at the next Annual Election.

The Audit of the Treasurer's Accounts took place on 1st September 1859, and disclosed an improving tendency in the finances of the Chapter, there being a credit balance of £11, 13s. 10d.

The Annual Meeting was held on 23rd September 1859, when Compn. Alex. Hay again took the reins of office as M.E.Z., with Companions P. Cowan and Wm. Belfrage as H. and J.

On 20th October 1859 the Z. stated that the clothing worn by the Office-Bearers was not correct, though the Supreme Chapter sanctioned its being worn, and as it was in a very bad state he moved that as soon as the funds of the Chapter permit new clothing be obtained, which was seconded by Compn. Sir George Beresford and unanimously agreed to.

At the Meeting on 17th November 1859 a letter was read, dating from St Helier's, Jersey, from Compn. F. W. Bridgman, craving permission to change his Mark, as he, having adopted his crest at Exaltation, found difficulty in gaining admission to Mark Master Lodges in England. He stated, "as I fear that I may perhaps never again visit my Mother Chapter, I trust the request I now make will be granted." His request was granted, but happily his fear of not returning to Edinburgh proved erroneous, as he spent many after years of his life here in usefulness, both in Freemasonry, Education, and the Musical World.

The Minute of 31st January 1860 records the Exaltation

31st Jan. 1860. of Bro. William Mann, Writer, and Bro. Alexander Henry, Gunmaker, both of whom ultimately succeeded to the Chair of 1st Principal.

The fees for Exaltation were, on the Motion of M.E.Z., raised at the Meeting of 15th March 1860 to £2, 12s. 6d., and that of affiliation for a registered Scotch R. Arch Companion 10s. 6d., and for a Companion holding of another Supreme Chapter £1, 4s., which included the conferring of the Mark Degree. The new clothing, which had cost £18, 9s., was exhibited at this Meeting and much admired.

The Minute of 17th April 1860 completes the records contained in the third Volume of the Minute-Books, consisting of 350 pages. The conclusions derived from its perusal are—that the Chapter had greatly improved in its working and procedure, and seemed to have latterly entered upon a more prosperous condition. The Office-Bearers appear to have become more earnest in the dignified working of the Degrees, and the Minute-Book is very well kept. A feature (which has been before commented on) continued to a more or less extent, viz., the large proportion of its new Members being obtained from the Army. The 93rd Highlanders are well represented, while the Cavalry Members were drawn principally from the 2nd (Scots Greys), 6th and 7th Dragoons, and the 6th Lancers. For a considerable while the Chapter carried out a system, which has often been advocated of recent years, viz., that of conferring on the Candidates the "Mark" and "Chair" Degrees at one Meeting and the "Royal Arch" at the Meeting following, but this custom seems to have been departed from towards the close of the period embraced in this volume.

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THE fourth tome of the Chapter's records opens auspiciously with a visitation by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter on 19th April 1860. The Deputation consisted of Companions— 19th Apr. 1860.

Lord James C. P. Murray,	M.E. Grand Principal Z.
Dr George A. Walker Arnott of Arlary,	M.E. Past G.Z.
John Deuchar, Esq., of Morningside,	M.E. Grand Principal H.
Donald Campbell, Esq.,	M.E. Grand Principal J.
William Gaylor, Esq.,	Grand Scribe E.
Lindsay Mackersey, Esq.,	Grand Scribe N.
William Mann, Esq.,	Joint G. Standard-Bearer.

After the Ceremony of Exaltation, Lord James Murray "expressed his high satisfaction at the excellent working order of the Chapter, and the pleasure he experienced in testifying to the highly creditable manner in which the various Office-Bearers had performed their several duties."

"Dr Walker Arnott, Past Grand Z., likewise stated his extreme gratification at seeing his Mother Chapter, No. 1, in such a high state of efficiency, which reflected the greatest credit upon the Principals and other Office-Bearers of the Chapter. He also stated that although he had observed some slight differences in the working of the ceremonial from the manner in which it was wrought in the Western Province, yet he was of opinion that so long as the essential points of the ceremonies were maintained

19th Apr. 1860. and the Ritual carried out according to the spirit, though it might not be strictly according to the letter, it made no difference, and, indeed, might be rather considered an improvement, as he deemed it utterly impossible to carry out the Ritual as it was laid down. Companion Arnott concluded by complimenting the Chapter generally upon its working." At the close of the Chapter the Companions adjourned to another apartment, where the company was entertained to an "elegant Banquet."

The Minute of 17th May 1860 records the Exaltation of Compn. William Officer, S.S.C., who during a long Masonic career took a prominent place in affairs of the Craft, and acted for many years as Law-Agent to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Committee met on 6th September 1860 to Audit the Treasurer's Accounts, the abstract of which shewed that after bringing forward a credit balance of £11, 18s. 3d. and paying £19, 1s. for new Chapter clothing, there remained a balance of £4, 3s. 1d. to carry forward to next year's accounts.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Imperial Hotel, Waterloo Place, on 24th September 1860, when Compn. Alexander Hay was again elected Z., with Companions Wm. Belfrage and J. Henry H. and J., Compn. Wm. Officer being elected Scribe E. At the Meeting three Companions, including Compn. Lindsay Mackersey, Grand Scribe N., were "Affiliated Honorary Members of the Chapter."

At the Monthly Meeting on 13th December 1860 it was stated that Compn. Officer had intimated his resignation of the office of Scribe E. (he having never taken up the duties) on account of his business affairs preventing him giving it the necessary attention, and Compn. James Tait, Jr., was appointed to fill the Office.

On 21st February 1861 a Meeting was held at which "Compn. Crookshank stated that Compn. W. M. Bryce had in his unavoidable absence requested him to lay before

12th Feb. 1862. and from that time to his decease appears to have taken an active and useful position in the Chapter. He first appears in Office as Master of Stewards in 1821, and in 1825 occupied the Chair of 3rd Sojourner. Thereafter he appears almost continually in Office as Chamberlain, Scribe N., 1st and 2nd Sojourners, 2nd Principal, Master of Past Masters, Mark Master. In 1847 he again appears as 2nd Principal, which Chair he occupied for the two following years, being elected to the M.E.Z.'s Chair in 1850 and in 1851. Other Offices followed, and in 1860 he filled the 3rd Principal's Chair, his last Office appearing to be that of 1st Captain.

Bro. Charles Wm. Ramsay Ramsay of Barnton was Exalted in the Chapter on 16th July 1862.

At the Annual Meeting held on 23rd September 1862 the retiring Principals Companions Belfrage, Campbell and Mann were re-elected to the respective Chairs of Z., H. and J.

In the Minute of 1st October 1862 an echo of a great Law Case of later date is sounded by the Exaltation of Bro. Sir Alfred Doughty Tichborne, Bart. of Tichborne Park, Hampshire, Master Mason of Lodge No. 10 Westminster and Key Stone, E.C.

Sir Alfred, the Eleventh Baronet, was the father of Sir Henry Doughty Tichborne, whose right to the Title and Estates was in 1869 claimed by a person who came from Australia, and asserted himself to be Roger, eldest son of Sir James, the tenth Baronet. The claimant, after two protracted trials, was found to be Arthur Orton, son of a Wapping Butcher, and sentenced to fourteen years penal servitude. Sir Alfred Doughty Tichborne died in 1866.

At the Meeting on 13th May 1863 there was read a letter from Supreme Grand Chapter intimating the expulsion from the Order of eleven Companions belonging to the Chapter Cathedral, Glasgow, No 67, and two Companions belonging to St. Andrew's Chapter, Glasgow, No. 69, for



WILLIAM MANN, S.S.C.,
First Principal 1863-1874.

insubordination and disobedience to Supreme Chapter. It appeared that these Companions had formed themselves into what they termed a "General Grand Royal Arch Chapter for Scotland and the Colonies," and having prevailed upon a number of Members of suspended Chapters to join them, they commenced issuing Charters, and working the Royal Arch Degree. 13th May 1863.

The Audit of the Treasurer's Accounts on 28th August 1863 shewed a balance of £8, 9s. 4d. to the credit of the Chapter Funds.

On 23rd September 1863 the Annual Meeting took place, when Compn. William Mann, Writer, was advanced to the M.E.Z.'s Chair, Compn. Belfrage having intimated that he could not again accept the Office on account of ill-health. Companions David Skirving and William Hislop were elected H. and J. and Compn. John Mackay Scribe E.

On 11th November 1863 the M.E.Z. intimated "that since last Meeting it had pleased the Great Architect of the Universe in the all wise dispensation of his providence to remove from their midst the late 1st Principal Companion William Belfrage." The late Companion, who was Exalted on 17th May 1854, had for some years presided as the R.W.M. of Lodge Mary's Chapel, and occupied the Chair of Chapter No. 1 for two years. He was an active Member of the Craft and "devoted much time and attention to the affairs of Grand Lodge, and the other Masonic Orders with which he had been connected."

The Right Honourable Thomas Bowes Lyon, Earl of Strathmore, M/m. of Lodge Glamis, No. 99, was Exalted at the Meeting held on 4th April 1864.

The Annual Audit Meeting took place on 14th September 1864, but on account of the Treasurer's absence abroad, the Audit was postponed, and at the Annual Meeting on 23rd September 1864, Compn. William Mann was re-elected Z., with Companions Wm. Hislop and Richard Gray as H. and J.

12th Oct. 1864. The Treasurer's Accounts were audited on 12th October 1864 and found correct with a balance of 14s. 11d. in his hands.

At the Meeting of 11th January 1865 four Candidates were Exalted, one of them being Bro. George MacLean, Road Surveyor, M/m. of Lodge Panmure, Arbroath, No. 299. This Companion had a long successful career, both in Craft and Royal Arch Freemasonry, and spent both time and money freely in its advancement. He founded the Lodge St Kentigern, Penicuik, No. 429, and was its R.W.M. for some years. He was elected to the Chair of 1st Principal in No. 1 which he filled for five years, and during his reign had the distinction of presiding over the Chapter's Centenary Meeting and Banquet. A correspondent who was personally acquainted with him says, "he was a very genial old fellow with a fund of stories at his command, and was always well groomed."

The Chapter's Finances took a sudden turn for the better, when at the Meeting of 12th April 1865 the Treasurer intimated that after paying all expenses for the year, he had a surplus of £15, which he had placed on Deposit Receipt with the City of Glasgow Bank, and this sum was shewn at the Annual Audit on 11th September 1865 to have been increased to £18.

The Annual Meeting held on 25th September 1865 records Companions Mann, Hislop and Gray as re-elected to their respective offices.

At a Meeting on 10th January 1866 it was agreed "that an Altar of peculiar construction and ancient date belonging to No. 1 Chapter should be given on loan to the 18th Degree and Consistory of the 30th Degree on the understanding that it would be carefully preserved and still remain the property of No. 1 Chapter," and on 14th March 1866 a letter was read from "Grand Scribe" acknowledging receipt of the Altar which had been given on loan to the Edinr. Consistory of K.H. or 30th Degree,

and conveying the Consistory's thanks for the loan of same. 10th Jan. 1866

The Annual Meeting of 1866 was held on 24th September, when Companions Wm Mann, Alexr. Cockburn and Alexander Mitchell were elected to the three Principal Chairs. Compn. Mitchell was Exalted on 19th April 1860 and kept up an intimate connection with the Chapter down to the date of his death, which occurred on 15th March 1907. The Audit of the Treasurer's Accounts shewed a credit balance of £10, 12s. 7d.

The Minutes of 10th October 1866 record the Exaltation of Bro. Wm. Barton of Candlemaker Row, a name well known in Edinburgh, and those of 12th December 1866 the Exaltation of Bro. James Alexander Butti, a recognised authority in the Fine Art and Antique World.

It may be mentioned incidentally that for some years it had been the practice of the three Principals to entertain the Companions present at the last Monthly Meeting to a substantial Supper, usually followed by a convivial Meeting, which always appeared to have been greatly enjoyed.

At the Annual Meeting on 23rd September 1867, held in the Ship Hotel, the three retiring Principals were re-elected for another year. The Treasurer's Accounts shewed a balance of £22, 9s. 3d. in favour of the Chapter.

Nothing of incident occurs during the year following.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Albert Hotel on 23rd September 1868, when Compn. William Mann was again Installed in the 1st Principal's Chair, along with Companions Alexander Cockburn as H. and Alexander Mitchell as J. The Treasurer's Accounts shewed that the Chapter's Finances were steady, the Balance carried forward to the next year being £20, 7s. 11d.

The Minutes of 13th January 1869 record the death of Compn. Christian Jockel, a Member Exalted in the Chapter on 29th December 1847, and who had filled the office of Treasurer continuously since 1860 with great

13th Jan. 1869. acceptance, frequently receiving the thanks of the Chapter for the zeal and interest he shewed in bettering the Chapter's financial condition.

Exaltations constituted the work of the Chapter down to 13th September 1869, when a Committee Meeting was held for the purpose of nominating Office-Bearers for the ensuing year. Compn. Mann stated that having held the office of Z. for the long period of six years it was now his wish to retire, but he placed himself in the hands of the Chapter, and accordingly at the Annual Meeting on 23rd September 1869 he was again Installed first Principal along with Companions Cockburn and Mitchell as 2nd and 3rd Principals. The Treasurer's Accounts shewed a Credit Balance of £21, 5s.

The Minutes of 10th March 1870 record the Exaltation of Compn. Robert Smith Brown (Master Mason of Lodge Ayr, Kilwinning, No. 124), who afterwards became the able and energetic Grand Scribe E. of the Supreme Chapter of Scotland. There is also recorded the death of Compn. William Campbell, a prominent and useful member of the Chapter, having held the Offices of Mark Master and 1st Sojourner for many years, "the important duties of which he had discharged with more than ordinary zeal and efficiency."

The Minutes of the following Monthly Meeting on 13th April 1870 record the Exaltation of Dr James Middleton of Stow, a prominent Member of Craft Masonry, who subsequently became Provincial Grand Master of Roxburgh, Peebles and Selkirk, an office which he has held for many years.

The Minute of 20th September 1870 records the Exaltation of Compn. William Gilchrist Roy, S.S.C., who for many years took a very warm interest in the affairs of No. 1 Chapter.

The 1870 Annual Meeting was held in the Albert Hotel on 23rd September, when Compn. William Mann was

again Installed in the Chair of 1st Principal, "Amidst the warm and enthusiastic acclamations of the Meeting," Companions Cockburn and Mitchell occupying the other Chairs as before. The Treasurer's Accounts shewed a Credit Balance of £10, 1s. 1d. 23rd Sept. 1870.

A Special Meeting was held on 25th March 1871, when Honorary Affiliation was conferred upon Compn. Walter Francis, Lord Erskine, of St John's Chapter, Alva.

The Committee met on 14th September 1871, when Compn. Mann stated that after holding the office of Principal Z. for the long period of eight years it was now his wish to retire, and Compn. Alexander Cockburn, Principal H., was nominated to the Chair of Z. Four days later (on 18th September) another Committee Meeting took place, when it was intimated that Compn. Cockburn had died suddenly on 15th instant, and in the peculiar circumstances Compn. Mann was asked to continue in office for another year, which he agreed to do. He was accordingly Installed at the Annual Meeting on 23rd September 1871, held in the Albert Hotel, Compn. Alexander Mitchell being promoted to the Chair of H., and Compn. George M'Lean elected to the Chair of J. The Treasurer's Accounts for the year shewed a Credit Balance of £13, 10s. 6d.

On 22nd December 1871, a Special Meeting was held for the Exaltation of Sir Molyneux Hyde Napean, Baronet, a Master Mason of Lodge St Clair, No. 349. He became Grand Chancellor of the Order, and his death is recorded in Supreme Chapter proceedings of 1894-95.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Albert Hotel on 23rd September 1872, when the Minutes shew that Compn. Mann was again prevailed upon to accept the Chair of Principal Z., making his tenth year of Office, Companions Mitchell and M'Lean being re-elected to the Chairs of H. and J. The Chapter Funds stood £20, 12s. 6d. at Credit.

The Minutes of 12th February 1873 shew a record of the

12th Feb. 1873 time in Exaltations, no fewer than eleven being made Members of the Chapter. Among those better known to the present generation are Companions John James Muirhead, R.W.M. of Lodge No. 1, George Robertson, W.S., W. J. C. Abbott, P.M. of Lodge No. 1, and James Webster (afterwards R.W.M. of Lodge No. 1), and who was elected 1st Principal of the Chapter in 1883.

At the Meeting of 9th April 1873 it was agreed to hold the Annual Banquet on 21st May in Mrs. Main's Peacock Hotel, Newhaven.

The Annual Meeting on 23rd September 1873 was held in Dejay's Hotel, Princes Street, when Companions Mann, Mitchell and M'Lean were re-elected to the Principals' Chairs. The Treasurer's Accounts shewed a Credit Balance of £22, 3s. 7d.

The usual routine Meetings occupied the Chapter during the season, a good number of Exaltations taking place. At the Annual Meeting on 23rd September 1874, Compn. William Mann relinquished the Chair of 1st Principal which he had so long and ably filled, being succeeded by Compn. George M'Lean, Road Surveyor, promoted from the Chair of J., Companions John Taylor and Alexand. Henry being elected H. and J. respectively. The Treasurer's Accounts shewed the Funds to be stationary, the Credit Balance amounting to £22, 15s. 1d.

A Special Meeting was held on 25th January 1875 for the Exaltation of Sir George Douglas Clerk, Baronet of Penicuik House, and on 10th March 1875 there was Exalted Bro. William Milne of The National Bank of Scotland, a Companion who still shews occasional interest in the welfare of the Chapter.

On 14th April 1875 there was Exalted Compn. James Crichton, Goldsmith, who later occupied the Chair of 1st Principal. He was also R.W.M. of Lodge No. 1.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting in Dejay's Hotel on 23rd September 1875 shews Companions M'Lean, Taylor

and Henry again Installed in the Principals' Chairs, the Chapter Funds then standing at £17, 2s. 1d. 23rd Sept. 1875

An important movement towards raising the Status of the Chapter is recorded in the Minutes of 8th December 1875, when, on the motion of Treasurer Alexander Hay, it was unanimously agreed that after that date the fees for Exaltation be raised to Three guineas, and that an Annual Subscription of Two shillings and sixpence shall be paid by the Members of the Chapter.

Compn. Robert Farquhar Shaw Stewart of Chapter No. 17, for many years prominently associated with Craft Masonry, was affiliated to the Chapter on 12th January 1876, and on 12th April 1876 there was Exalted Compn. J. H. Balfour, W.S. (now Balfour-Melville), who at present occupies the responsible position of Secretary to the Highest Orders.

On 28th April 1876 four Officers of the 79th Highlanders were Exalted, and on 26th July 1876 an Officer of the King's Dragoon Guards.

At the Annual Election Meeting, held in the Windsor Hotel, Princes Street, on 25th September 1876, Compn. George M'Lean was again Installed as Z., with Compn. Alexander Henry H. and Compn. David Kinnear J. The Chapter Funds had profited by the large increase in

24th Sept. 1877. in the Windsor Hotel, when Companions George M'Lean, Alexander Henry and W. J. C. Abbott were elected to the Chairs, Compn. James Walker being Elected to the office of Scribe E. The Chapter Funds stood at £39, 14s. 9d.

Only four working Meetings were held during the following Session, the other stated Meetings not taking place owing to the absence of Candidates. The Annual Festival, which seemed to have become a fixture, was held in the Peacock Hotel, Newhaven.

At the Annual Meeting on 23rd September 1878 the three occupants of the Chairs were re-elected to office. The Treasurer's Accounts were submitted, but the Minute does not record the state of the Funds.

Bro. Henry Doig, Carver and Gilder, was Exalted in the Chapter on 22nd January 1879.



GEORGE M'LEAN,
First Principal 1874-1879.

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AN event of considerable Historical interest took place on 30th January 1879, when the Chapter's Centenary was celebrated by a Festival in the Windsor Hotel, Princes Street, Edinburgh. The Chair was occupied by Compn. George M'Lean, M.E. Principal Z., who was supported by Companions Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, 1st Grand Principal, The Right Honourable The Earl of Mar and Kellie, 2nd Grand Principal, The Right Honourable and Reverend A. C. Baillie Hamilton, 3rd Grand Principal, The Right Honourable Lord Inverurie, 3rd Grand Sojourner, Lindsay Mackersey, Grand Scribe E., D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Scotland, William Mann, I.P.Principal Z., Alexander Hay, P. Principal Z., Alexander Henry, Principal H., and W. J. C. Abbott, Principal J. In all, upwards of forty Companions were present. After the usual loyal Toasts had been pledged, the Chairman, in proposing the Toast of the Supreme Grand Chapter and its 1st Grand Principal, remarked upon the success and prosperity which Supreme Chapter enjoyed, and the smooth and quiet manner in which its business was conducted. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart in replying stated that this was the first occasion on which the three Grand Principals had met before, and that all three had come considerable distances to be present. Although he could not say in the words of the old song that they had "Cam o'er the stream" to be present, he assured the company that last night he had "Crossed the Border to dine with M'Lean." He also assured the Companions that he should never forget the

30th Jan. 1879

30th Jan. 1879. kindness shown him at all times by Royal Arch Masons.

The next Toast, that of the 2nd Grand Principal and Office-Bearers of Supreme Grand Chapter, was proposed by Compn. Alexander Henry and ably responded to by the Right Honourable The Earl of Mar and Kellie, who expressed a hope that great success would attend No. 1 Chapter during the next hundred years.

Sir Michael Shaw Stewart in proposing "Prosperity to Edinburgh Chapter No. 1, and the Health of the M.E. First Principal Companion George M'Lean," congratulated the Chapter on reaching its hundredth Anniversary, and remarked on the uniform and steady progress which it had during that long period maintained, and also on the many distinguished Masons who had during that time occupied the Chair of Principal Z. He referred in detail to the Masonic career of Compn. M'Lean, who had now been six times elected to the 1st Principal's Chair of No. 1 Chapter, all of which "tended to show he was of the good old metal and right stuff, and he asked the Company to pledge the Toast in a bumper." Compn. M'Lean in his reply stated "he felt proud at being privileged this evening to occupy the Chair, and prouder still of the honour done the Chapter in the presence of the three Grand Principals."

Compn. Alexander Hay in proposing the Toast of "The First Principals of the visiting Chapters," expressed a wish "that the Chapter had been able to invite all the Principals of the Chapters in Scotland instead of only the First Principals of those Chapters which were founded prior to our own. He also regretted the Principals of 'Scoon and Perth' could not be invited, seeing that it was Companions from that Chapter who had Instituted this one now 100 years ago; but it appeared that Scoon and Perth had never joined the Supreme Chapter of Scotland, which he was sure must be greatly to their loss, and of course pre-



(*J. Moffat.*)

SIR MICHAEL R. SHAW STEWART of Greenock and Blackhall, Bart.,
First Grand Principal 1879.

vented any recognition of that Chapter by No. 1." * The Earl of Mar and Kellie, 1st Principal of St John, Alloa, replied. 30th Jan. 1879

A long list of other Toasts were honoured, including those of "Success to Royal Arch Freemasonry all over the world" by the Right Honourable and Reverend A. C. Baillie Hamilton, "the Magistrates of the Royal and other Burghs of Scotland" by Compn. William Mann, and "Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart and the Ladies" by the Right Honourable The Earl of Mar and Kellie, which was received with great applause, and replied to in a happy manner by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by songs and melody, among the singers being the well known names of Campanions W. H. Darling and Thomas Walker.

The Minutes of 14th May 1879 records the great loss the Chapter had sustained through the death, on 15th April, of its Scribe E., Compn. James Walker, the 1st Principal paying a fitting tribute to his efficiency and zeal as Scribe and to his heartfelt interest in promoting the success of the Chapter.

The Annual Meeting for Installation of Office-Bearers on 23rd September 1879 records the Election to the Chair, of 1st Principal of Compn. Councillor Alexander Henry, Gun Maker, with Companions J. W. C. Abbott as 2nd Principal and James Webster as 3rd Principal, Compn. Donald Mackay being elected Scribe E. The usual Autumnal Festival did not take place this year, and there is no record of the Treasurer's Accounts having been Audited.

* The writer understands that no Chapter ever existed called "Scoon and Perth." The party who conferred the Degrees of R.A. and K.T. on sundry Members of Lodge St Stephen were "Brethren from the Ancient Lodge of Perth and Scoon," which Lodge practised these Degrees at the time in conjunction with Craft Masonry.

12th Nov. 1879. The Minutes of 12th November 1879 record the Exaltation of Alexander Elder of "Holyrood Sauce" fame. They also record that Honorary Membership was conferred on Compn. Dr George Dickson "in recognition of the valuable services rendered to No. 1 Chapter and to Royal Arch Masonry."

Compn. James Grieve of the Waterloo Hotel, Edinburgh, was Exalted on 6th May 1880, and at a Special Meeting on 25th May 1880, seven Brethren were Exalted in the Chapter, prominent among them being the names of Bro. Arthur Muir Bruce, one of the successful occupants of the Chair of Lodge St Clair, No. 349, and also Bro. Robert Innes, who also filled the Chair of the same Lodge.

The next Meeting recorded is the Committee Meeting on 13th September 1880, for Nomination of Office-Bearers. The list of names has not been inscribed in the Minute, but that of the Annual Meeting on 23rd September indicates that Companions Henry, Abbott, and Webster were again Installed as the Principals of the Chapter.

The Minutes of 12th January 1881 records that a number of Brethren from Oban had applied to be Exalted in Chapter No. 1, as they were anxious to erect a Royal Arch Chapter there. Modified terms were arranged, and a date fixed for the purpose, but negotiations seem to have fallen through, as there is no record of the Meeting taking place.

Bro. John Wilson of the "Evening News," Edinburgh, was Exalted at the Meeting of 9th March 1881, along with Bro. Malcolm M'Nab, Silk Merchant, and a Brother from Mizapore.

The three reigning Companions were again re-elected to the Principals' Chairs at the Annual Meeting held in the Waterloo Hotel on 23rd September 1881. At the following Meeting on 12th October 1881, Bro. David Taylor, Umbrella Manufacturer, M/m. of Lodge No. 1, was Exalted. He was elected to the Chair of 1st Principal in 1892.



(*Elliot & Fry.*)

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF HADDINGTON, K.T.,
First Grand Principal 1894-1901.

A Special Meeting was held on 1st February 1882, for the purpose of Exalting Bro. Charles Kincaid Mackenzie, Advocate, who afterwards became and still is a Senator of the Court of Session as Lord Mackenzie. 1st Feb. 1882

At this period several members of the Theatrical profession were Exalted, viz., on 24th February 1882, Bro. Charles A. Haslam, Theatrical Manager, New York; Bro. William Victor Welsh, Theatrical Manager, Philadelphia; on 22nd March, Bro. John E. Warner, Theatrical Manager, New York; and on 31st March, Bro. William Foote, Theatrical Manager, London.

At the Meeting on 12th April 1882 a communication was read from Grand Lodge intimating that it was proposed to charge an annual rent of £8 for the Chapter Room in Freemasons' Hall—an increase of £2. The Meeting was decidedly against the increase, and decided to make a representation to Grand Lodge on the subject.

The Exaltation of Bro. William M'Call, Provincial Grand Master of West India Islands, took place on 4th July 1882, and on 21st September 1882 Compn. Robert Johnston Jamieson of Chapter 83, Edinburgh (who later filled the Offices of Scribe E. and the Chairs of the Three Principals), was Affiliated to Chapter No. 1.

At the Annual Meeting in Waterloo Hotel on 25th September 1882 a change was made in the occupants of the Chairs by the retiral from Office of Compn. Abbott. Compn. Alexander Henry was re-elected Z., Compn. James Webster elected H. and Compn. James Crichton J.

A Special Meeting was held on 5th October 1882 for the purpose of Exalting Bro. Frederick William Villiers of Closeburn Hall, Provincial Grand Master of Dumfriesshire, and another on 29th November 1882 for the Exaltation of Bro. George Maxwell of Glenlee, Provincial Grand Master of Wigtonshire.

Compn. Alexander Henry having expressed a desire to retire from the Chair of 1st Principal after his long

24th Sept. 1883. service, the Annual Meeting of 24th September 1883 unanimously elected Compn. James Webster of the Exchequer Office to the Chair, with Companions James Crichton and John Wilson to the Chair of 2nd and 3rd Principals.

The following Minute of 10th October 1883 records the resignation of Compn. D. Mackay of the Office of Scribe E., and Compn. James Lamont, Scribe N., was promoted to the Office.

At the Meeting of 22nd April 1884 Bro. Charles Maitland Pelham Burn of Prestonfield was Exalted.

The Annual Meeting held on 23rd September 1884 records that Companions Webster, Crichton and Wilson were re-elected to the three Principals' Chairs.

On 11th March 1885 The Royal Arch Degree was conferred upon Dr Alexander Moir, a prominent Member of Lodge St Clair, No. 349, and at the following Meeting on 6th April 1885 the Right Honourable The Earl of Haddington of Lodge St John Kilwinning, Haddington, was Exalted. Lord Haddington has had a distinguished career in Freemasonry. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1892, and 1st Grand Principal of Supreme Grand Chapter in 1894; in both of these Offices he shewed himself to be a capital Chairman and an earnest Freemason. He was for forty-two years connected with the Lothian and Berwickshire Yeomanry, in which he also took a deep interest, and raised it to a great degree of efficiency. In December 1895 he was appointed Colonel of that regiment, and retained the position for many years.

The Annual Meeting of 23rd September 1885 again re-elected the three occupants of the Principals' Chairs for the ensuing year.

On 9th December 1885 Bro. John Oliver Fraser, Accountant, was Exalted. He has continued to take an active interest in the Chapter down to the present date, as



(R. S. Forrest.)

JAMES WEBSTER,
First Principal 1883-1889.

has also Companions James Lamont, Exalted in 1882, William Black, S.S.C., Exalted in 1883, and George T. Thin, Exalted in 1886. 9th Dec. 1885.

At the Annual Meeting on 23rd September 1886 Compn. James Webster was again re-elected Z., with Compn. James Crichton H. and Compn. James Lamont J., Compn. R. J. Jamieson being appointed to the vacant Office of Scribe E.

The Minutes of 12th January 1887 record the Exaltation of Bro. Peter Lyle Henderson, Architect, for so many years Custodier of the Chapter Funds (familiarly dubbed by the Companions "Peter the Treasurer"), and also Bro. James Simpson, who became Scribe E., both ultimately filling the Chair of 1st Principal. Compn. Henderson also filled the R.W.M.'s Chair of Lodge No. 1.

At the following Meeting on 2nd February 1887 Bro. Hippolyte Jean Blanc, Architect, and Bro. John Walker, Builder, well known for his prominent work in Lodge No. 8, were Exalted, both being still upon the Roll of Active Membership.

The Annual Meeting took place on 23rd September 1887, when the three Principals were re-elected to Office for another year.

On 7th December 1887 there was Exalted one of the Yeomen of the Chapter, Bro. Samuel Duncan, who at the following election of Office-Bearers started his long career as an Official by being elected Captain of the Third Vail.

Honorary Membership was on 7th March 1888 conferred on Compn. George Christie, Z. of Stirling Rock Chapter, No. 2, and Compn. William Black, Z. of Falkirk Chapter, No. 210, in respect of the services rendered by them to Royal Arch Masonry. An expression of deep regret was recorded at the loss the Chapter had sustained by the death of Past 1st Principal Compn. Alexander Hay, who had been Exalted in the Chapter thirty years before, and

7th Mar. 1888. had throughout that long period been a staunch and steadfast supporter of the Chapter.

Compn. Charles Baxter, W.S., a Member of Chapter No. 40, was Affiliated on 4th April 1888, and on 16th May following Bro. John Arthur Trevelyan Sturrock, S.S.C., and Bro. James Smith, Journalist, were Exalted.

The Annual Meeting was held on 24th September 1888, when Compn. Webster was re-elected Z., Compn. James Crichton H., and Compn. David Taylor took the place of Compn. Lamont as J., while Compn. P. L. Henderson entered upon his long career as Treasurer.

The Minutes of 17th October 1888 record the Exaltation of Bro. David Cuthbert, S.S.C., of Lodge St David, No. 36, and at the following Meeting on 21st November 1888 that of Bro. James Caxton Dibden of Lodge Caledonian, No. 392, well known to Edinburgh music lovers as Concert Manager to Messrs Paterson and Sons, and Author among other books of "The Annals of the Edinburgh Stage."

Bro. John Rex, Timber Merchant, M/m. of Lodge Harbour of Refuge, No. 764, E.C., and Affiliated to No. 1 Lodge Edinburgh, another staunch worker for the Chapter No. 1 (who, after occupying many Offices, including a long period as 1st Sojourner, was rewarded by Elevation to the Chair of 1st Principal) was Exalted on 20th March 1889. He also filled the Chair of R.W.M. of Lodge Canongate and Leith (L. and C.) No. 5.

At a Meeting held on 11th September 1889 "it was unanimously agreed that an expression of deepest regret at the untimely death of Compn. James Webster, 1st Principal of the Chapter, be inserted in the Minute Book," and at the Annual Meeting following on 23rd September 1889 Compn. James Crichton, Goldsmith, was Installed in the Chair of Z., with Companions David Taylor and Robert J. Jamieson H. and J. respectively, Compn. James Simpson taking up the duties of Scribe E., and Compn. Samuel Duncan promoted to the Office of 1st Sojourner.



(Alex. Ayton.)

JAMES CRICHTON,
First Principal 1889-1892.

The Minutes of 20th November 1889 record the Exaltation of the Writer of these notes, Bro. William Albert Davis, a Member of Lodge Caledonian, No. 392, and Founder of the Lodge Dramatic and Arts of Edinburgh, No. 757, and of Bro. John Sloan Blair, Merchant, who occupied the unique position of being the first Candidate for admission to Lodge 757. 20th Nov. 1889.

Bro. Alphonse Louis Reis, Jeweller, M/m. of Lodge Montefiore, 753, Glasgow, and Affiliated to Lodge No. 1 Edinburgh, was Exalted on 15th January 1890. He made his mark in the Chapter as 1st Sojourner, an Office he held for seven years, and was rewarded by Elevation to the Chairs of J., H., and Z. He is one of Edinburgh's Justices of the Peace, and was R.W.M. of Lodge No. 5 in succession to Bro. John Rex.

On 19th March 1890 Compn. Henry James Goddon, P.Z. of Chapter Felix Aden, No. 90, received Affiliation, and a proposal that a contribution of £10 be made to the Grand Masonic Bazaar for the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence (of which Compn. William A. Davis had been appointed by Grand Lodge Organising Secretary) was unanimously agreed to.

A Special Meeting took place on 2nd July 1890 for the Exaltation of Bro. James Colston, Printer and Publisher, of Lodge St James', No. 97, well known in public and municipal circles in Edinburgh, and on 11th September 1890 Bro. Andrew Lindsay Thomson, one of the R.W.M.'s of Lodge No. 405, and William Grant Stevenson, R.S.A., the 1st R.W.M. of Lodge No. 757, were Exalted.

The Annual Meeting took place on 24th September 1890, when the retiring Principals were re-elected to Office.

A Dispensation from Supreme Chapter was presented at the Meeting of 18th March 1891 authorising the Installed Principal's Degrees being conferred on Compn. William Officer, S.S.C., in anticipation of his being elected Grand Depute Principal Z. in Supreme Grand Chapter.

15th Apr. 1891. On 15th April 1891 another "Pillar" of the Chapter was Exalted in the person of Bro. John Sime of Lodge Witham, Lincoln, No. 297, E.C., and Affiliated to Lodge Rifle, No. 405. He commenced his official career in the following year in the Mark Lodge of the Chapter, rose to the Chair of 1st Principal, and at the present time, in conjunction with many others, taking an earnest interest in the working and welfare of the Chapter.

The Committee, at a Meeting held on 10th September 1891, awarded a Bonus of £2, 2s. to the Janitor, Compn. D. M'Lean, on his completing twenty years' service in Royal Arch Masonry.

At the Annual Meeting on 23rd September 1891 the three retiring Principals were again re-elected to Office.

On 18th November 1891 Compn. Arthur James Curle of Chapter No. 56, well known in Musical circles, and present Organist of Grand Lodge, was Affiliated, and Compn. Davis received his first appointment to Office as Inner Door Guard. At the following Meeting on 16th December 1891, Compn. David Reid, Grand Cashier of Grand Lodge, Member of Chapter No 87, received Honorary Membership.

It is recorded on 16th March 1892 that, after a period of many years, the Degrees of Ark Mariner and Knight of The Sword, East, and of East and West, were worked by Compn. R. S. Brown. They do not appear to have been since worked in the Chapter except once in January 1895, no records having been kept.

At the Meeting of 20th April 1892 Bro. W. Drummond Young, Artist, one of the founders, and R.W.M. of Lodge No. 757, and Bro. Andrew Macpherson, Dentist, of Lodge Rifle, No. 405, were Exalted. It may be mentioned incidentally that the latter, owing to absence from Edinburgh, attended the Chapter for the first time over seventeen years later in order to receive his Diploma, and has since been a regular attender.

On 27th May 1892 Bro. Sir Alexander Muir Mackenzie, Bart., of Delvine (Lodge No. 14) was Exalted. 27th May 1892.

At the Meeting of 14th September 1892 intimation was made that once more the Chapter had to mourn the death of a Compn. while filling the Exalted Office of 1st Principal, Compn. James Crichton having passed away only a few days before the Meeting, the news being received with profound sorrow by all the Companions. A copy of the letter of condolence sent to the late 1st Principal's family completes the records of Volume IV. of the Chapter Minutes.

Extending to 467 pages, the Volume throughout bears evidence of business carefulness on the part of the successive Scribes. In its running narrative appear the names of many who at once appeal to the reader as familiar in Masonic, Civic or other circles, but, unfortunately, the practice which prevails almost throughout the whole of the Volume (and the same remark applies practically to the Petition Book) of omitting designations, render it inexpedient to make reference to any except those whose identity is established beyond doubt.

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28th Sept. 1892.

THE Fifth Volume opens with the Annual Election Meeting on 28th September 1892, when Companions David Taylor, Umbrella Manufacturer, R. J. Jamieson, and James Simpson, were respectively elected to the Principals' Chairs, and Compn. J. A. Trevelyan Sturrock, S.S.C., was elected Scribe E., a position he worthily occupied for eight consecutive years, doing good work during a most important period of the Chapter's history. The Sojourners were Companions John Rex, 1st, A. Louis Reis, 2nd, and John Sime, 3rd, with Companions Samuel Duncan as Scribe N. and Peter L. Henderson, Treasurer. It is somewhat curious to note that at the time of penning these notes the last five mentioned officers constitute the Chapter's Board of Past Z.'s, each taking an active interest in the Chapter, all other Past Z.'s having passed away. At this time there was instituted a Treasurer's Cash Book, and this shews that the past year's Accounts closed with a credit balance of £62, 17s. 2d.

At the Monthly Meeting of 19th October 1892 it was resolved that in future regular circulars should be issued calling the Meetings, and which should contain the names and designations of the Candidates with names of proposer and seconder, it being understood, however, that this was not to prevent Companions bringing Candidates for admission at any Meeting when their names could not be



SIR ALLAN RUSSELL MACKENZIE of Glenmuick, Bart.,
First Grand Principal 1903-1906.

given to Scribe E. in time to be noted on the Billet (a reservation which was afterwards annulled). 19th Oct. 1892.

The Monthly Meeting of 21st December 1892 was not opened on account of the death of M.E. Principal Z., Companion David Taylor.

At the following Meeting held on 18th January 1893 sympathetic reference was made to the loss the Chapter had sustained by Compn. Taylor's death, a Companion of kindly disposition and well versed in Masonic affairs in general, and a vote of condolence with the deceased's relatives was recorded in the Minutes. It is noteworthy that this was the third consecutive occasion of the Chapter's 1st Principal passing away while in office. Thereafter the Meeting Elected Compn. R. J. Jamieson, Insurance Agent, to fill the vacant Office of Z., Compn. James Simpson that of H. and Compn. Samuel Duncan that of J., Compn. William A. Davis being elected Scribe N. in succession to Compn. Duncan.

The admission of new Members was proceeding rapidly at this period, and at a Meeting on 8th February 1893 there appears among several other names that of Brother Robert Kirk Inches, Goldsmith, who attained to high Masonic Reputation, confining his energies more particularly to Craft Masonary and Grand Lodge Affairs, and who at the present time occupies a leading Municipal position. He has for some years occupied the office of Depute Principal Z. in this Chapter. (See also p. 168.)

The Minutes of 15th February 1893 records the death of another "Pillar" of the Chapter, namely, Past Z. Compn. William Mann, at a ripe old age. The Chairman said "that under Companion Mann's reign as M.E.Z., which extended over a period of many years, the Chapter flourished, and it was no doubt owing to his exertions that the Chapter has attained its present position." The Minute also records the death of Compn. D. M'Lean, who had filled the Office of Janitor for a great many years.

1st Mar. 1893. On 1st March 1893 a Special Meeting was held, when Brother Sir Allan Mackenzie, Baronet of Glen-Muick, was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason. He became Provincial Grand Superintendent for Aberdeenshire the following year, and later on occupied the Throne of Supreme Grand Chapter. Eight other Companions were Exalted at that Meeting, and at another Meeting held the day following Bro. George Dobie (who had been prevented from attending the day before) was Exalted. Bro. Dobie was well known as a Writer of Scottish Song and Poetry, and later became the Bard of Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Minutes of 15th March 1893 record that it was unanimously agreed to change the date for the Annual Election of Office-Bearers from September to October, it being felt that many Companions are out of town during the former month.

The Presentation of Diplomas to newly Exalted Companions in open Chapter is first referred to on 19th April 1893.

On 2nd May 1893 there is recorded the Exaltation of Bro. Robert Macfarlane Cameron, Architect, who has for many years been a Member of the Edinburgh Town Council, and of Bro. Alexander Black, M.B., F.R.C.P.E. (now deceased), who devoted much research to the application of Hypnotic Influence in the cure of nervous disorders.

The Annual Meeting was held on 18th October 1893, when Companions R. J. Jamieson, Jas. Simpson and S. Duncan, the three retiring Principals, were re-elected to Office, and Sir Alexander Muir Mackenzie appointed Depute Principal Z., an Office revived for the first time at this Meeting after being many years in abeyance, as were the Offices of Substitute Principal, Chamberlain and Architect. Compn. W. Munro Denholm, M.E.Z. of Chapter Cathedral, Glasgow, No. 69, was elected a



(Horsburgh.)

ALEXANDER HENRY,
First Principal, 1879-1883.

Honorary Member of the Chapter. The Treasurer's Accounts shewed a Credit balance of £72, 17s. 0½d. 18th Oct. 1893.

At a Special Meeting held on 1st November 1893, there were Exalted Brothers R. E. Wallace James, S.S.C., of Lodge No. 57, and George James McCraw, Past Master of Lodge No. 349, and who occupies at the time of writing, the Chair of First Principal of the Chapter.

Compn. James Simpson at a Meeting held on 6th December 1893 presented the Chapter with a Mark Key Stone of considerable historic interest, being a portion of a large stone which formed part of the Original Altar in Rosslyn Chapel, cut into shape by the Custodier Brother Thomson, who avoided touching one side in order to preserve it intact as it left the hands of the workmen about the year 1446.

The Degree of "Master of a Mark Lodge" was conferred upon a number of duly qualified Companions by the depute Grand Principal Compn. James Dalrymple Duncan (under authority from the 1st Grand Principal Compn. Lord Saltoun), at a Special Meeting held on 20th December 1893 in presence of the Installed Z.'s in attendance at the Meeting. At the Monthly Meeting which followed thereon, Honorary Membership was conferred upon Companions James Dalrymple Duncan, Depute Grand Z., C. C. Nisbet, W.S., P.Z. of Chapter No. 40, and Dr W. Wynn Westcott, R.W.M. of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, E.C.

3rd January 1894 saw the Exaltation of Bro. James T. Cathcart, Younger of Pitcairlie, and the Installation Degrees of J., H., and Z. of a Chapter conferred upon Compn. Sir Allan Mackenzie, Baronet of Glen-Muick (under dispensation of Supreme Grand Chapter), who had been appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent for Aberdeenshire, and who had specially desired that he should receive these Degrees in his Mother Chapter.

A Special Meeting of 7th February 1894 records the

7th Feb. 1894. death of Past Principal Z. Compn. Alexander Henry, and reference was made to his eminence as a Royal Arch Mason and the prominent position in which he ever kept this Chapter during his long period of Office. Bro. James Smart (the present Burgh Assessor) was Exalted at this Meeting. He has filled many offices in the Chapter up to that of 2nd Sojourner. The proceedings concluded by a Reception of Deputations from Sister Chapters, and a farewell to Compn. H. J. Goddon on his departure to take up an appointment at Malta. Compn. Goddon is now back with us, and is a most useful Member of the Chapter.

On 21st February 1894 Compn. William Ivison Macadam F.R.S.E., Member of Chapter No. 83, was affiliated. He occupied many important Offices in Supreme Chapter up to that of Depute 1st Grand Principal, and Freemasonry lost a hard and earnest worker by his untimely and tragic death.

A Special Meeting was held on 28th February 1894, when Bro. His Highness Shrimant Sampatrao Kasharao Gaikwad, Deputy Governor of Baroda, India, a Member of Lodge Dramatic and Arts, No. 757, received Exaltation.

At another Special Meeting, held on 31st August 1894, Bro. the Right Honourable Lord Elphinstone of Carbery Tower, Musselburgh (Lodge No. 1), was Exalted along with Bro. the Honourable Charles Maule Ramsay, Brechin Castle (Lodge No. 123), who afterwards filled the Chair of 1st Grand Principal of Supreme Grand Chapter, and has always taken an active interest in his Mother Chapter.

A Special Meeting was again called on 17th October 1894 at five o'clock p.m. for the purpose of Exalting nine Candidates, among them being Brothers the Right Honourable James Francis Harry St Clair Erskine, Earl of Rosslyn, John Skinner Wilson, B.A., Canon of St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, John Liddell Officer, W.S., Duncan Mearns Abel, Advocate, Thomas Beach Morison, Advocate, and William Scott Wilson, Printer. At 8 p.m. of same



(Horsburgh.)

THE HON. CHARLES MAULE RAMSAY,
First Grand Principal 1901-1903.

date another Meeting took place when four additional Candidates were Exalted. 17th Oct. 1894.

The Annual Meeting was held on 26th October 1894 when the three retiring Principals were re-elected to Office. Thereafter the Festival of Autumnal Equinox was celebrated under the Chairmanship of the Right Honourable the Earl of Haddington, 1st Grand Principal. The Treasurer's Accounts closed with a credit balance of £87, 10s. 2d.

On 21st November 1894 Compn. James Melville, Past Z. of Chapter No. 83, was admitted to Honorary Membership, and Compn. John Davidson Burnie (Chapter No. 243), Official Assignee in Insolvency, Victoria, Australia, was affiliated.

The Minutes of 9th January 1895 records the working of Degrees of Royal Ark Mariner, and Knights of the Sword, East, and the East and West, but the names of the Candidates are not given.

At the Meeting of 20th February 1895 intimation is made of the sudden death of Compn. W. J. C. Abbot, Past Principal H., and an expression of deepest sympathy with his family recorded.

In the Minutes of 3rd April 1895 it is stated that a Companion named A. A. Forman attended the Meeting, who admitted having taken the so called "Chair Master Degree" in the irregular body calling itself the "Edinburgh Defensive Band Mark and Chair Master Lodge." On being called upon to take an obligation renouncing all connection with that body, he refused and was therefore called upon to retire.

On 17th April 1895 a letter was read from Grand Scribe E. intimating that Compn. J. D. Burnie had, without being aware of the consequences, affiliated in the Mark Degree and taken the so called "Chair Master Degree" in the Defensive Band Mark and Chair Master Lodge. He had since renounced all connection therewith and no longer recognised the Degrees referred to, and that

17th Apr. 1895 he is now free to be admitted to any Royal Arch Chapter, holding of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. Satisfaction was expressed that Companion Burnie had acted as he had done in the circumstances, and Scribe E. was instructed to write him to that effect.

The Minutes of a special Meeting on 11th October 1895 records the Exaltation of Bro. Walter Wood Robertson of H.M. Board of Works, M/m. (and R.W.M.) of Lodge No. 1, who had a brilliant Masonic career both in Craft Masonry and the Higher Orders. He was afterwards for some years Substitute Principal of this Chapter, and his death was deeply regretted in all orders of Freemasonry.

At the Annual Meeting held on 18th October 1895 the three retiring Principals were re-elected to Office. The Treasurer's Accounts shewed the high-water mark of the Chapter's Financial prosperity, closing with a credit balance of £106, 13s. 6½d.

An important Meeting for Exaltation was held on 30th October 1895, when seven Candidates were admitted, among them being Brothers George M'Crae, City Treasurer (afterwards M.P. for the division of East Edinburgh), William Brydon Hogg, the present M.E.H. of the Chapter and a Town Councillor of the City of Edinburgh, Colonel Robert Cranston (afterwards Lord Provost of Edinburgh, knighted for his great volunteer services, and created K.C.V.O. and C.B.), Alex. J. Paterson, C.A., all of the Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1, and also Robert Cox of Gorgie, M.P. for South Edinburgh, of Lodge Holyrood House No. 44.

At the Meeting on 6th November 1895 a new design for Head dress for H. and J. was adopted, and "as it was arranged no Candidates should be brought up to this Meeting the Chapter was closed and the Companions adjourned to the Refectory, but at a later stage it was again opened, when Compn. James Thomson of Chapter Caledonian Unity of Glasgow, No. 73, was admitted and affiliated."

Six Candidates were Exalted at the Monthly Meeting on

11th December 1895, including Brothers Alexander Brand, Provost of Portobello, and Alexander Clark, Town Councillor, Portobello, both of Lodge No. 226. 11th Dec. 1895.

Honorary Membership was conferred upon Compn. Major F. W. Allan, Depute Grand Z. and Grand Superintendent of the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire, at the Monthly Meeting on 27th May 1896.

The Minutes make record on 20th June 1896 of the first of what has become a regular function in the lighter side of the Chapter's Sessional proceedings, viz., an Annual Excursion, which took place to Aberdour, and included a drive through Donibristle grounds, and Dinner at the Woodside Hotel. The innovation was a complete success, and the record thereof in the Minute Book is profusely illustrated by photographs taken by Compn. Sturrock, Scribe E., who modestly designates himself "Amateur." A miniature of himself adorns the side of the Minute, and may be described as a "Marginal Note." At the following Monthly Meeting on 23rd September 1896 an enlarged framed Photograph of the Members present at the Excursion was presented to the Chapter by Companions R. K. Inches and Sturrock.

On 30th September 1896 the Portobello Lodge contributed the candidates for Exaltation in the persons of two well known Masons, viz., Brothers John Stevenson Rhind, Sculptor, and Frederick L. R. Lee, Silversmith.

At the Annual Meeting on 23rd October 1896 Compn. R. J. Jamieson retired from the Chair of Z. after four years' occupancy, and he was succeeded by Compn. James Simpson, Portmanteau Maker, with Companions Samuel Duncan H. and John Sime J. The Balance at Credit of the Treasurer's Accounts was £100, 10s. 7½d.

The opening Meeting of Session 1896-7, held on 4th November 1896, records the Exaltation among others of Bro. William Southgate Sands, of Lodge St David's, No. 36, Inspector of Holyrood Palace, and now in charge of

4th Nov. 1896. Buckingham Palace, London. He did good service to the Chapter as Mark Master.

On 16th December 1896 Honorary Membership was conferred on Companion D. M. Kelly, Solicitor, M.E.Z. of Chapter Galloway, Newton Stewart, No. 262.

A remit having been made to a Sub-Committee to consider the matter of working the Red Cross Degrees, the Report thereon was considered at the Monthly Meeting held on 17th February 1897, when it was resolved "That the Degrees be worked at the end of each Winter Season, the fee being one guinea, inclusive of Diplomas and recording Dues, due notice to be given of the date of Meeting, and the names of all Candidates to be in the hands of the Secretary by the Monthly Meeting of the Chapter prior to the Working Meeting." This resolution has, however, never been acted upon.

At the Meeting of 17th March 1897 Bro. The Reverend John Glasse, D.D., Minister of Old Greyfriar's Church was Exalted. Dr. Glasse, M/m. of Lodge No. 36, attained considerable eminence in the Higher Orders and is a Member of the 32nd Degree.

The Second Annual Excursion was held on 10th July 1897, the locus being Dalkeith Palace and grounds, with Dinner in the Cross Keys Hotel, Dalkeith.

The Committee, which met on 1st October 1897 for nomination of Office-Bearers, agreed "that it would be desirable for the welfare of the Chapter that the Office of M.E.Z. should not be held by any Companion for more than one year." In consequence of this, at the Annual Meeting on 20th October 1897, Compn. Samuel Duncan, Clothier (who had been nominated by the retiring Z. Compn. James Simpson) was elected 1st Principal, with Companions John Sime and John Rex as 2nd and 3rd Principals. The Treasurer's Accounts shewed the balance at credit to be £77, 8s. 9d.

The Meeting of 1st December 1897 saw six Exaltations,



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SAMUEL DUNCAN,
First Principal 1897-1900.

among them being Bro. Charles Wellby, Organ Builder, of Lodge Roman Eagle, No. 160 (who has since filled many offices, and is at the time of writing filling that of 1st Sojourner with much acceptance), Bro. Richard Clark, Chairman of Edinburgh Parish Council, and Bro. Robert Addison Smith, S.S.C., both of Lodge No. 1. 1st Dec. 1897

At the Monthly Meeting on 19th July 1898, Bro. Robert Henderson (of Lodge No. 226), and Affiliated Member (and present Secretary) of Lodge St Clair, No. 349, and Bro. William Collie, a Member (and Past Master) of No. 349, were Exalted. It is perhaps interesting to note that they were both engaged in the same business with the same firm, and at this period (1910) occupy the offices of 2nd and 3rd Sojourners respectively.

On 2nd February 1898 Bro. Alexander Brechin Stewart, of Lodge Journeyman, No. 8 (the Chapter's present Treasurer), was Exalted.

Bro. John Murray, Town Councillor and Member of Lodge St Clair, No. 349, was Exalted on 16th February 1898, and on 2nd March 1898 the Chapter Exalted Bro. Cassimer Pierre Roques, Comedian, of Lodge Rifle No. 405, professionally known as "Charles Cassie," and also Bro. George Mill, S.S.C., of Lodge No. 349.

An Official Visitation was made to the Chapter on 16th March 1898 by M.E. Compn. C. C. Nisbet, Depute Grand Z., who was supported by Compn. J. A. S. Kerr, M.E Grand J., and a Deputation from Supreme Grand Chapter. A very satisfactory report on the Chapter's Books and Working was presented by them, and in connection with the latter the Supreme Chapter report states, "The correct and effective manner in which the Degrees were conferred reflected much credit upon the whole of the Office-Bearers engaged in the work." At the close of the Chapter the distinguished visitors were entertained to a Cake and Wine Banquet.

The Third Annual Excursion took place on 4th June 1898, the party travelling to Dollar with a visit to Castle

4th June 1898. Campbell. There was a representative attendance, and once more the record is profusely illustrated with photographs by Compn. Sturrock.

About this time a question was raised as to the Status of Companions attending the Mark Lodge in a Masonic Lodge, it having been reported that Portobello Lodge had insisted on Visiting Companions of Chapter No. 1 who had received the Mark Degrees therein, taking the Mark Obligation again before admittance to their Mark Lodge. It was ruled, upon enquiries made by Compn. Sime, that such Companions were Mark Masons under concordat between Supreme Chapter and Grand Lodge, and are entitled to be recognised as such without any further obligation.

The Annual Meeting took place on 19th October 1898, when the "honorable understanding" come to at last Annual Meeting was set aside, and Compn. Samuel Duncan again elected to the Chair of Z., with Companions Sime and Rex, H. and J. The Treasurer's Statement shewed the sum of £72, 18s. 4d. at credit.

At the Meeting on 2nd November 1898 Compn. Frank Conquergood of Chapter No. 56 was affiliated to the Chapter. He has been prominently before the Chapter for his excellent performance of the duties of Superintendent of Works.

The Minutes of 7th December 1898 state that the Chapter was called upon to record its deep regret at the loss of Compn. R. J. Jamieson, P.Z. of the Chapter, whose services were of the greatest value, and "under whose reign the Chapter flourished and came to the front in a manner it had never before attained as one of the best worked and influential Chapters in the country."

The Fourth Annual Excursion was held on 17th June 1899, the party training to Galashiels, with Drive to Abbotsford House and Melrose Abbey, dining at Galashiels on return.

At the Annual Meeting on 18th October 1899 the retiring Principals were again elected to office, and the Treasurer's Accounts showed a credit balance of £63, 9s. 2d. 18th Oct. 1899.

The Minutes of 20th December 1899 contain the first reference to holding a Chapter Dance, but the suggestion was not meantime proceeded with, owing to the Transvaal War and the state of public opinion.

The Annual Dinner took place on 24th January 1900, under the Chairmanship of the 1st Principal, Compn. Sam. Duncan, and was well attended. In the course of the evening Compn. D. Thomson, in Khaki uniform, sang Rudyard Kipling's stirring song, "The Absent Minded Beggar," and thereafter collected a sum of Three guineas for the War Relief Fund, and which was specially acknowledged by Lord Provost Mitchell Thomson two days later.

The Minutes of 7th March 1900 record that the Chapter made a present of Three Principals' Robes, &c. to Rothesay Chapter, No. 163.

On 2nd May 1900 a Resolution was passed to abolish the offices of Chancellor and Chamberlain, and erect offices of Superintendent of Works, three Assistants and Organist.

The Rev. John Kerr, M.A., of Dirleton, renowned as a Bowler, Curler and Golfer, was Exalted on 13th June 1900.

The Fifth Annual Excursion was held on 16th June 1900, taking place to Stirling, with a Drive through Blair Drummond grounds to Doune, returning to Stirling by way of Dunblane and Bridge-of-Allan, the dinner being served in the Station Hotel. A collection made at the dinner for the *Scotsman* Shilling War Fund realised £1, 10s.

The Annual Meeting of 17th October 1900 records the retirement from the office of Scribe E. of Compn. Trevelyan Sturrock, S.S.C., who had served the Chapter in that capacity well and faithfully for eight years, a period which perhaps embraced the most important epoch of the Chapter's history in more modern times. He was suc-

17th Oct. 1900. ceeded as Scribe E. by the writer, Compn. William A. Davis, F.S.A.A., who has enjoyed the confidence of the Chapter by being retained in that office ever since. Compn. John Sime, of the Estate Duty Office, was elected 1st Principal, supported by Companions John Rex and J. A. Trevelyan Sturrock as 2nd and 3rd Principals; Compn. S. Duncan joining the much depleted ranks of Past Z.'s, and has since occupied himself with great benefit to the Chapter as a general Director of its procedure and functions. Compn. W. Brydon Hogg (present 2nd Principal) entered upon his first appointment to office as Inner Guard. The Treasurer's Accounts as closed shew a credit balance of £50, 8s. 2d. The Installation of Office-Bearers took place on 7th November 1900, Compn. R. S. Brown, G.S.E., presiding, when Compn. Duncan received a most hearty vote of thanks for his services to the Chapter during the three years he had filled the Chair of 1st Principal.

The Annual Festival Dinner was held on 20th November 1900, under the Chairmanship of Compn. John Sime, M.E.Z., when fifty-five sat down, including Compn. W. Munro Denholm, 3rd Grand Principal, and Compn. R. S. Brown, G.S.E., as Guests. The function was stated to be a very successful one.

Companions J. Kenyon Lees (the present Chapter Organist) and James Gibson, Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council, were Exalted at the Meeting on 21st November 1900.

The matter of a proposed Chapter Dance had been before the Members at one or two Meetings, and it had been resolved to obtain a plebesite of the members on the subject. This was considered at a Meeting of Committee on 24th January 1901, and the finding come to was that it was not encouraging. In view of the national bereavement which had overtaken the country, it was agreed to recommend its abandonment for this year, which was agreed to at the next Chapter Meeting.



(R. S. Webster.)

JOHN SIME,
First Principal 1900-1902.

Before commencing the business of the Meeting on 6th February 1901 the M.E.Z. made touching reference to the lamented death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, the Companions standing to Order. "He adverted to her long and glorious reign, to the greatness of her character, and to her life-long devotion to the welfare of her subjects. He also referred to the unbounded love and esteem in which Her Majesty was held by her subjects, and indeed by the people of the whole civilised world, and concluded by moving that an expression of the deep sense of the irreparable loss which the community and humanity generally has sustained through the death of Her Gracious Majesty, and of sympathy with His Majesty King Edward and the Members of the Royal Family in their bereavement, be recorded in the Minutes." At the Meeting of 20th February 1901 a communication was read from Supreme Chapter requesting the Order to be placed in Masonic Mourning until the end of March. 6th Feb. 1901.

A Visitation of Supreme Grand Chapter was made to Chapter No. 1 on 6th March 1901, headed by Compn. W. Ivison Macadam, M.E., Depute First Grand Principal. There was also a reception by the Chapter of visiting Companions from the Sister Chapters in Edinburgh and from other centres.

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NEGOTIATIONS had for some time past been proceeding with Supreme Chapter with the view to Chapter No. 1 taking up its abode in the New Royal Arch Temple in Queen Street, and many Meetings had been held to discuss necessary arrangements, which, after overcoming many difficulties, had been so far successful that the Meeting of 6th March actually took place in the New Halls. Fresh difficulties, however, arose, and at a Meeting of Committee held on 12th April 1901 the whole matter was fully discussed, and various motions put before the Meeting. Ultimately, however, it became the finding of the Meeting to conclude the negotiations and enter upon occupancy in May 1901.

At the same Meeting a report prepared by Scribe E. from the past Accounts of the Chapter was read to the Members, which shewed that certain of the Chapter functions had hitherto been conducted in a style somewhat in excess of the resources of the Chapter, and suggesting proposals whereby these functions might be carried on as hitherto, but without being altogether a burden upon the general funds of the Chapter. The chief suggestions were to make the Annual Excursion support itself as near as possible, and to raise the Annual Subscription to Five shillings in order to cover the general entertainment account of the Chapter. The proposals were approved of generally, and the raising of the Annual Subscription favourably recommended for the approval of the Chapter, which however did not accept the recommendation.

Difficulties, as shewn by Minute of 17th April 1901, still existed regarding the occupancy of the Royal Arch Halls, and the whole matter was remitted to the three Principals and Scribe E. to negotiate further, with powers. This Committee met two days later and carefully reviewed the whole negotiations, when after full consideration it was agreed to continue the tenancy at the Freemasons' Hall for another year, and to continue negotiations at leisure with Supreme Chapter; and this decision was approved by the Chapter at the Monthly Meeting on 15th May 1901. 17th Apr. 1901

At a Meeting held on 1st May 1901 five Candidates were Exalted, among them being Bro. Rustom Hirjibhoy Appoo, M/m. of Lodge St David, No. 36, a Parsi, studying Medicine at the University of Edinburgh. He was an earnest Freemason, and took a great interest in the working and prosperity of his Mother Chapter, having during his stay here filled many of the minor Offices. He has now returned to Bombay, where he resides, but still corresponds with the Chapter.

The sixth Annual Excursion took place on 15th June 1901 to Linthgow by Hopetoun House, the Palace and Church of St Michael at Linlithgow being inspected under the conductorship of Treasurer P. L. Henderson. During the Dinner at the Star and Garter Hotel Two pounds was collected for the *Scotsman* Shilling War Fund for our Soldiers' Widows and Orphans.

At a Committee Meeting on 14th October 1901 there was submitted a Valuation of the Chapter's whole Regalia, Paraphernalia, &c., made by Compn. S. Duncan, and which amounted to £104, 12s. 6d., and Compn. William A. Davis, the Scribe E., submitted an Account of the Treasurer's Intromissions for the past year in a balance-sheet form as per instructions of the Committee. The form of Account was adopted as the standard for the Chapter, it being agreed to make separate Accounts of

14th Oct. 1901. Revenue and Capital, the latter on the basis of Compn. Duncan's Valuation.

At the Annual Meeting on 16th October 1901 Companions Sime, Rex and Sturrock were re-elected to the Principals' chairs. The Treasurer's yearly statement, made up in the newly adopted form, was submitted and approved, subject to Audit. The Statement shewed that the Annual Excursion had been self-supporting, and that the credit balance brought over from last year had been absorbed by payment of Accounts, which were applicable to former years, so that the Chapter now stood free of debt, the funds of the Chapter being represented by Capital Account invested in the Chapter's properties, less amount due to Treasurer.

The Annual Festival took place in the Freemasons' Hall on 15th November 1901, when Compn. John Sime, M.E.Z., presided over a Company of forty, with Compn. James Kirkwood, Depute 1st Grand Principal, and Compn. R. S. Brown, G.S.E., as the Chapter's guests. A letter was read from Compn. the Honourable Charles Maule Ramsay, 1st Grand Principal, regretting absence from his Mother Chapter owing to his being Installed that night Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, and a telegram conveying the Chapter's congratulations was dispatched to him from the Dinner.

A Meeting was held on 4th December 1901, at four o'clock afternoon, for the purpose of Exalting Bro. Sir Thomas D. Gibson Carmichael, Baronet of Castle Craig, a Member (and afterwards R.W.M.) of Lodge Dramatic and Arts, No. 757, and at the present time Governor of Victoria, Australia, receiving the honour of K.C.M.G. on his appointment.

The Meeting of 18th December 1901 was honoured by another Visitation of Supreme Grand Chapter, headed by the M.E. 1st Grand Principal, Compn. Charles Maule Ramsay, supported by Compn. James Kirkwood, Depute



(Horsburgh.)

SIR THOMAS D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL of Skirling, Bart.
K.C.M.G.

1st Grand Principal, and other officers of Supreme Chapter, when the Deputation had an opportunity of seeing the Chapter working, five Candidates being Exalted, among them being Bro. James Duncanson Gibson, Surveyor, a Mason who has taken a high position in all branches of Freemasonry as a brilliant Ritualist. At the time of writing these notes he fills the office of M.E.J. in the Chapter, and also the Chair of R.W.M. in the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1. In accordance with a former promise, Honorary Membership was conferred upon Compn. James Kirkwood, Depute Grand Z. The 1st Principal, Compn. Sime, thanked the 1st Grand Principal for the Presentation he had made to the Chapter of a framed Portrait of himself as M.E. Grand Z. Before retiring the M.E. Grand Z. thanked the Chapter for the warm reception accorded to himself and Office-Bearers, and heartily congratulated the M.E.Z. on the excellent manner the working had been carried out, and the accuracy of the Chapter's books, the appreciation of which by Supreme Chapter would be found in the Report which G.S.E. had engrossed in the Chapter's Minute Book. The Report referred to, after certifying the accuracy of the books, states, "Thereafter the Deputation witnessed the working of the Chapter in a most perfect and excellent manner, the 1st Grand Principal congratulating the M.E. Principal, Companion Sime, upon the general efficiency." 18th Dec. 1901.

At a Meeting of 5th February 1902, the proceedings which had taken place relative to a proposed Chapter Dance were under consideration, when it was agreed that it should take place on the express understanding that it should be self-supporting and that no possible deficiency should be made a charge on the Chapter Funds, and a Committee was appointed to carry it out.

In order to interest the Companions living in outlying districts in the affairs of the Chapter, arrangements had been made to associate some of the Chapter Meetings with

19th Feb. 1902 "District Invitations," and the first of these took place at the Meeting of 19th February 1902, when a large number of Companions were welcomed from the Portobello District.

The first Assembly and Dance took place on 12th March 1902 in the Royal Arch Halls, and proved a very successful and enjoyable function. A vote of thanks was accorded at the Meeting of 19th March 1902 to the Dance Committee and its Secretary, Compn. Davis, for the energy they had shewn in bringing about its success, and at a Committee Meeting held on 24th March 1902 the Convener reported that the Accounts had been made up, and he was glad to state that the Revenue had been sufficient to meet the Expenditure.

The Meeting of 16th April 1902 was a "Corstorphine Reception night," and was signalised by six Corstorphine Brethren being Exalted, including Bro. the Reverend James Fergusson, Minister of Corstorphine Parish Church.

The Seventh Annual Excursion took place on 21st June 1902, taking the form of a drive to Roslin, where the party were conducted over the Chapel and entertained to a very interesting lecture upon its Historical, Architectural and Masonic merits by Mark Master James Thomson, the Custodier. The old Castle was also explored, and thereafter the members dined together in the Royal Hotel. On the homeward journey the party was entertained to supper and refreshments in the house of Compn. A. Louis Reis, the 1st Sojourner, an added pleasure which Compn. Reis declared had been successfully arranged "outwith his ken" by the Scribe E. and his spouse, Mrs. Reis, who accorded the company a splendid welcome.

The Annual Meeting was held on 15th October 1902, when Compn. Peter L. Henderson, Architect, retired from the office of Treasurer, which he had so successfully filled since 1888, and the Chapter shewed its appreciation of his great services by unanimously electing him to the Chair of 1st Principal. Companions Rex and Trevelyan Sturrock were



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PETER L. HENDERSON,
First Principal 1902-1904.

re-elected 2nd and 3rd Principals respectively, and Compn. A. B. Stewart was appointed to fill the office of Treasurer, Compn. Brydon Hogg succeeding him as Superintendent of Works. The retiring Treasurer's Accounts shewed a Cash Balance of £17, 18s. 11d. to the Credit, the Chapter's Paraphernalia standing at the sum of £104, 12s. 6d. The Minutes recorded the Chapter's great regret at the untimely death of Compn. W. Ivison Macadam, who had taken considerable interest in the Chapter's welfare, and had been prominent in all the different grades of Freemasonry. 15th Oct. 1902.

The Annual Festival was held on 24th October 1902, and was attended by a large number of Companions, including several prominent guests. The Chair was taken by the M.E.Z. Compn. P. L. Henderson, who was supported by Companions James Kirkwood, D.G.Z., Sir Thomas D. Gibson Carmichael, Bart., Charles Martin Hardie, R.S.A., John F. K. Scott of Gala, Colonel Robert Cranston; Past 1st Principals James Simpson, Sam. Duncan and John Sime, Scribe E. William A. Davis, Scribe N. George J. M'Craw, Treasurer A. B. Stewart, &c., the Croupiers being Companions John Rex and Trevelyan Sturrock.

At a Special Meeting on 30th October 1902 three Brethren from Oban were Exalted, their object being to Erect (along with Companions already resident there) a Chapter in that watering place.

The Minutes of 19th November 1902 shew another innovation established in the Chapter, viz., the Presentation of P.Z. Jewels to retiring 1st Principals. Companions James Simpson, Samuel Duncan and John Sime were the recipients of handsome Gold Jewels, designed and supplied by Messrs Hamilton and Inches, Princes Street.

Compn. the Reverend John Kerr having received from the Chapter a formal introduction to the Royal Arch Chapters in America, to be used by him on the occasion of his visit to Canada, &c., as Captain of the Scottish Curling

12th Dec. 1902. Team, there was read a letter of thanks from him at the Meeting of 12th December 1902.

On 21st January 1903 Compn. A. Louis Reis presented a Motion that an Assembly and Dance should be held during the season, and this being approved of, arrangements were remitted to the Committee. The function, the second of its kind, was successfully held in the Royal Arch Halls on 12th March 1903 under the Patronage of the Honourable C. Maule Ramsay, M.E. 1st Grand Principal.

Two Special Meetings were held after the Session closed, on 11th June and 15th July 1903, when eight candidates were Exalted, viz., Brothers the Very Reverend Charles Pressley Smith, M.A., Dean of Argyll and the Isles, Lieutenant J. O. Hatcher of H.M.S. "Anson," Dr (now Professor) David Hepburn, F.R.S.E., A. M. Laing, M.A., Advocate, Thomas Millar, Builder, James Donaldson, Timber Merchant, A. W. Macdonald, S.S.C., and Charles Leith Hay of Leith Hall, at present Grand Superintendent of Aberdeenshire.

The Eighth Annual Excursion took place on 27th June 1903, a large party entraining to Dunfermline, and thereafter travelling by Coach to the Ancient Royal Burgh of Culross, when, after the various places of interest had been visited and most graphically described by one of the Resident Clergymen, the Reverend Mr. Hampton, the party dined together in the Dundonald Arms Hotel, Two pounds being collected as a contribution to the Abbey restoration fund.

The Annual Meeting was held on 23rd October 1903, at which the retiring Companions, Henderson, Rex and Sturrock, were re-elected to the Principals' Chairs. The Treasurer's Accounts for the year shewed that thirty Exaltations had taken place, and the Balance at Credit of the Chapter was £50, 6s. 5d.

Following thereon the Annual Festival took place with Compn. Peter L. Henderson, M.E.Z., in the Chair, supported

by Companions the Honourable C. Maule Ramsay, Past 1st Grand Principal, The Honourable William M'Cullough, P.G.M. of New Zealand, R. S. Brown, G.S.E., Dr George Dickson, P.Z., No. 83, &c., the Croupiers being Companions Rex and Sturrock. There was read a letter from Compn. Sir Allan Mackenzie, Bart., M.E. 1st Grand Principal, excusing his absence owing to the death of his eldest son, who had fallen in Service in Africa. 23rd Oct. 1903.

The Minutes of 2nd December 1903 record the addition to the ranks of the Chapter Membership of Six Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers of the 17th (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Regiment of Lancers, known as "The Death or Glory Boys," this number being added to at subsequent Meetings, eleven in all being Exalted in the Chapter. During their short stay in Edinburgh, prior to the regiment proceeding to India, these Military Companions proved themselves earnest Masons, and attached themselves very much to their fellow Members in the Chapter, great regret being felt when the time came for their departure.

The regulations of the new Licensing (Scotland) Act, 1903, as affecting Societies where excisable liquors were supplied, came up for review at the Meeting of Committee on 10th December 1903, when it was recommended to register the Chapter as a Club in terms of the new Act's requirements, and this recommendation was adopted at the following Meeting on 16th December 1903. This Meeting had the task of conferring the R.A. Degree upon eleven Candidates.

The Third Annual Assembly and Dance took place on 3rd February 1904 in the Royal Arch Halls. Although there was a falling off in the attendance as compared with the former year, the function was considered a success, a feature being the brilliant uniforms of the Military Members.

A Reception Meeting was held on 2nd March 1904, at

2nd Mar. 1904 which Deputations were received from Chapters Nos. 56, 83, 152 and 278. At the following Meeting on 16th March 1904 a letter was read from the M.E.Z. of Chapter No. 40, apologising for his absence from the Chapter's Reception Meeting, "he having mistaken the date and turned up at the Hall on the evening following in full war paint, but found to his great disappointment that he was just a day behind the Fair."

On 20th April 1904 there is recorded the death of another of the Chapter's Workers, Compn. James Simpson, Past Z. of the Chapter, having passed away on 24th March 1904. He had occupied several offices, being at all times most zealous in promoting the interests of the Chapter, and was elected to the 1st Principal's Chair in 1896.

The Ninth Annual Excursion took place on 2nd July 1904. The party entrained for Galashiels, arriving there in unpleasant weather, whereby the proposed visit to Abbotsford House was dispensed with, and the party drove to Melrose (where dinner awaited) in a deluge of rain, which, however, gave place to bright sunshine just as the brakes drew up at the Hotel door. Notwithstanding the atmospheric discomforts the outing was voted a most enjoyable one.

The Annual Meeting was held on 21st October 1904, when Compn. John Rex, Timber Merchant, was elected to the Chair of Z., with Companions Trevelyan Sturrock and A. Louis Reis as H. and J. The Treasurer's Accounts shewed a credit balance of £56, 11s. The Annual Festival followed, when a Company of thirty-two sat down, and enjoyed a very entertaining evening.

At the First Monthly Meeting of the Session, held on 16th November 1904, eight Candidates were admitted to Membership.

The Immediate Past Z., Compn. Peter L. Henderson, was presented with a P.Z. Jewel at the Meeting of 18th



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JOHN REX,
First Principal 1904-1906.

January 1905, a letter being read from Compn. the Hon. C. Maule Ramsay, Past Grand Z., regretting that he was unable to be present at its presentation. Companions John Rex, P. L. Henderson, and John Sime, received the Installed Master of Mark Lodge Degree from Companions R. S. Brown and H. J. Goddon. 18th Jan. 1905

It had been resolved that the Fourth Annual Assembly should be held this season, and the date was fixed upon, but, at a Committee Meeting held on 27th February 1905, it appeared that the acceptances were inadequate to make it in any way successful, and letters were considered from Members containing their views for or against going on with the function, whereat it was resolved to abandon it for this Session and make another effort earlier in the next year.

The Tenth Annual Excursion, which took place on 1st July 1905, was an interesting one, the party, numbering thirty, journeying to Haddington. On arriving there they were met by Compn. the Rev. J. H. Clarkson, a newly Exalted Member of the Chapter, who conducted them over the house he occupied, historical as the birthplace of Jane Welch Carlyle. Thereafter a visit was made to the Abbey Church where the grave of Mrs Carlyle was pointed out, and those Companions who wished to do so were allowed to enter the Burial Vault of the Lauderdale family and gaze upon the outward casings of the remains of the family's ancestors, a proceeding of doubtful reverence to the resting place of the departed. After luncheon the party drove to North Berwick and had dinner in the Dalrymple Arms Hotel, returning to Edinburgh in good time.

A Special Meeting of the Chapter was held on 30th August 1905 for the purpose of bidding farewell to the Companions belonging to the Regiment of 17th Lancers, when the following resolution was recorded in the Minutes, "That the Chapter regret the loss of the 17th Lancers (by reason of the departure of the Regiment for India), who

30th Aug. 1905 have so worthily taken part in its labours since their Exaltation, and accord them every good wish for their future. That this be recorded in the Minutes of the Chapter, and copies given to each Companion." The Excerpts were artistically engrossed by Compn. Wm. Mills.

The Annual Meeting took place on 20th October 1905, when Compn. Sturrock having intimated that he did not desire re-election or to hold any higher Office (with, however, the assurance that he would continue to take an active interest in the Chapter's affairs), Companions John Rex, A. Louis Reis and George J. M'Craw were duly elected to the Principals' Chairs. The Treasurer's Accounts shewed a credit balance of £47, 18s. The Annual Festival followed, and was held for the first time in the Supreme Chapter Halls, when a party of forty-three was present under the Chairmanship of Compn. John Rex, M.E.Z., Companions Reis and M'Craw being Croupiers. The guests were Companions R. S. Brown, G.S.E., Joseph Inglis, I.P.Z. of Chapter No. 56, and William Cuthbertson of Chapter No. 56, Moderator of the High Constables. An excellent programme of music was contributed by Companions present, and the function in the new location voted a distinct success.

At the Monthly Meeting on 15th November 1905 a hearty vote of thanks was, on the motion of M.E.Z., accorded to Compn. Davis, the Scribe E., for his successful efforts in connection with the Annual Excursion, Annual Festival, and the general working of the Chapter.

The advisability of raising the Entrance Fee of the Chapter from three to four guineas had been under the Committee's consideration, and at the Meeting of 20th December 1905 a resolution was passed agreeing to this being done, the increase to come into operation in March 1906. Another attempt was made to hold an Assembly

and Dance, but after discussion a resolution that the proposal be not gone on with was carried. 20th Dec. 1905.

The question of the Chapter becoming permanently located in the Supreme Chapter Halls, the negotiations for which were interrupted in 1901, again came to the front at a Committee Meeting held on 20th February 1906. The whole past proceedings were fully reviewed, and the conclusion come to that the Chapter should indicate to Supreme Chapter on what conditions it would be prepared to come to an arrangement.

At the Monthly Meeting on 21st March 1906 eleven Candidates were admitted to Membership, nine being Exalted that evening. It was agreed on the motion of Compn. Brydon Hogg to postpone the imposition of the increased Entrance Fee until the first Meeting of next Session.

The Meeting of 4th April 1906 acknowledged with thanks a present received from Compn. J. D. Gibson of Brass and Copper Ewer and Brass Goblet for holding the "elements."

Another death among the Chapter's veterans is recorded in the Minutes of 18th April 1906, viz., Compn. William Officer, S.S.C., who was Exalted in this Chapter on 17th May 1860, and is described in the Minute "as probably the oldest living Member of the Chapter."* He occupied a large place in the Freemasonry of Scotland. He was elected Depute Grand Z. in 1890-1, and was at the date of his death one of the Trustees of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter. A Deputation of the Visitation Committee of Supreme Chapter visited this Meeting, headed by

* This was afterwards found to be not quite correct, as Compn. John Dun was Exalted on 3rd February 1859. He subsequently went to the Antipodes, from which he recently returned, and in 1908 resumed active Membership of the Chapter. Compn. Officer was, however, undoubtedly the oldest continuously active Member.

18th Apr. 1906. Compn. Carthew-Yorstoun, Grand J., who stated that the Committee had found the Chapter Books exceedingly well kept, and voiced the Committee's satisfaction with the admirable manner in which the Degrees had been worked. He further expressed the hope that it would not be long before Chapter No. 1 was permanently located in the Supreme R.A. Halls. There was recorded the gift by Compn. William A. Davis of a Mahogany Cabinet for holding the various Emblems, &c., used in working the Degrees.

The Chapter's Eleventh Annual Excursion took place on 30th June 1906, when the party took train to Peebles, drove to Innerleithen, back by the opposite side of the Tweed, and dined at the Cross Keys Hotel, where the Chapter entertained a Companion who had done yeoman service as Mark Master for some years, viz., Compn. W. S. Sands, the King's Inspector of Holyrood Palace, who was leaving Edinburgh to take up the Inspectorship of Buckingham Palace, London, and who was accorded a hearty send off from the assembled Companions.

At the Meeting of 1st August 1906 the congratulations of the Chapter were accorded to Compn. Robert K. Inches, Depute 1st Principal, on the occasion of his being elected a Magistrate of the City of Edinburgh.

This Minute brings Volume 5 of the Records of the Chapter to a close—a book of 472 pages. It may have been said to commence with the inauguration of the present day regime of the Chapter's career, and contains a long record of interesting proceedings and events, only a section of which it has been possible to deal with in the foregoing summary.

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1906 to 16th May 1910.

THIS, the last volume under our review, is in current use, and these notes will terminate with the last Monthly Meeting of Session 1909-10. 3rd Oct. 1906.

The records open with a Committee Meeting on 3rd October 1906, when a list of Office-Bearers for Nomination for the ensuing year was agreed upon. Sympathetic reference was made to the death of the 1st Grand Principal, Compn. Sir Allan Russell Mackenzie, Bart. (Exalted in the Chapter in 1893), and a letter of condolence was instructed to be sent to the family. On account of Masonic Mourning it was agreed to postpone the Annual Festival until the period of Mourning had expired.

At the Annual Meeting on 17th October 1906 a letter was read from Lady Mackenzie, thanking the Chapter for its sympathy with herself and family in their bereavement. Compn. A. Louis Reis, Jeweller, was advanced to the Chair of Z., with Companions George J. M'Craw H., and W. Brydon Hogg J. The Treasurer's Accounts for the year shewed the very satisfactory Credit balance of £73, 11s. 4d.

The Minutes of 7th November 1906 record the approaching departure from Edinburgh of the 2nd Highland Light Infantry, many Members of which Regiment had been Exalted in the Chapter, and the M.E.Z. in bidding these Companions farewell assured them of the Chapter's hearty goodwill and regret at their

7th Nov. 1906. departure. A cordial welcome was given to Compn. John Gardner, late of the 17th Lancers (and who was responsible for the introduction to the Chapter of so many Members of that Regiment) on his return after being so long laid aside by severe illness. The higher rate of Exaltation Fees came into operation at this Meeting.

At the Monthly Meeting on 21st November 1906 sympathetic reference was made to the death of Compn. George Campbell, a well-known Member and genial friend to so many of the Members, who had taken an active share in the working of the Chapter, having filled many of the Minor Offices.

The postponed Annual Festival took place on 5th December 1906 in the Freemasons' Hall, attended by a company of 37, the guests being Companions David Reid, Grand Secretary, and Charles L. Reis, Glasgow, a brother of the Chairman. The I.P.Z., Compn. John Rex, was presented with a P.Z. Jewel, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Negotiations before referred to between the Chapter and Supreme Grand Chapter regarding the former migrating to the Supreme Chapter Halls for permanent residence had been before the Committee and Chapter from time to time, and at the Meeting on 20th February 1907 negotiations appear to have narrowed down to possible terms, which having been favourably considered, the matter was finally remitted to Committee, with powers to conclude arrangements.

The Fourth Assembly was held in the "Egyptian Halls" on 22nd February 1907, but from various causes it was not a success financially, so that the function has not since been repeated.

The Committee met on 6th March 1907 and fully discussed the remit from the Chapter *re* Royal Arch Halls, when, on the motion of Compn. Davis, it was agreed to lay the whole matter for final decision before a Special

Meeting of the Chapter called for the purpose. This Meeting was held on 11th March 1907, and after a lengthened discussion the Chapter agreed to accept the terms as adjusted, and to enter into occupancy of the Royal Arch Halls, Scribe E. being instructed to carry the arrangements to completion. The Chapter is greatly indebted for this satisfactory conclusion of a long series of negotiations to the energetic manner in which the M.E.Z., Compn. A. Louis Reis, took the later negotiations in hand. 11th Mar. 1907.

A Reception night was held on 20th March 1907, when a Deputation from the Supreme Chapter was received, and also from the other five Chapters in the District.

The Minutes of 17th April 1907 contained sympathetic reference to the lamented death of Compn. John M'Intosh, a well-known and respected Member of the Chapter.

The Monthly Meeting of 15th May 1907 was the last the Chapter held in the Freemasons' Hall, which it had occupied for forty-eight years. The M.E.Z., in making the intimation, said, "He referred to the long associations with the premises they were leaving—many of them historical—and it was his earnest wish that the translation to the more up-to-date premises would conduce to the future prosperity of the Chapter."

The Twelfth Annual Excursion took place on 15th June 1907, the object being a visit to Campsie Glen, and dinner at the Lennox Arms Hotel, Lennoxtown. The success of the Function was marred by wet weather, but the dinner and genial company was thoroughly enjoyed, the Reverend T. Angus Morrison, Parish Minister, being the Chapter's guest.

The New Session was opened with the Annual Meeting on 21st October 1907, and was the first held in the Royal Arch Halls under the new terms of Lease. The retiring Principals were re-elected to Office for the ensuing year. The Treasurer's Accounts shewed a balance of £44, 9s. after providing new Paraphernalia to the extent

21st Oct. 1907. of £13, 14s. 6d. The death was regretfully recorded of Compn. James Smith, a well-known Journalist, and one of the Chapter's older Members.

At the Monthly Meeting of 18th November 1907 there were Affiliated in Absentis, at the request of Supreme Grand Chapter, four Companions of Chapter Shamrock, No. 338 I.C., who were associated with others in the Erection of a Chapter under the Scottish Constitution at Germiston, Transvaal Colony. (Chapter No. 334, King Soloman, Germiston.)

The Annual Festival took place on 22nd November 1907, and was held for the first time in the Caledonian Station Hotel, the innovation being attended with complete success. A company of thirty-seven sat down under the Chairmanship of Compn. A. Louis Reis Z., with Companions M'Craw and Bryden Hogg, Croupiers.

The principal incident at the Monthly Meeting on 20th January 1908 was the cordial welcome extended to the Chapter's oldest Member, Compn. John Dun, who was Exalted in 1859, and had returned to his native land to settle down after an absence abroad of many years.

The proceedings which had occupied the attention of the Chapter for some time past on the initiative of Scribe E., Compn. Davis, to institute a Life Membership in the Chapter, in respect that its Membership is to some extent drawn from Brethren who are not resident in or near Edinburgh, came up for decision at the Monthly Meeting of 20th April 1908, when it was resolved, after considerable discussion, "That the standing Committee be empowered to commute the present Annual Subscription to the Chapter by a payment of 25s. when requested to do so by Companions who are resident furth of the United Kingdom."

The Thirteenth Annual Excursion was held on 20th June 1908, when that of 1906 to Peebles and Innerleithen, which had proved so successful, was repeated. There was,



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GEORGE JAMES M'CRAW,
First Principal 1908-1910.

however, a much smaller attendance than usual, but the drive along the banks of the Tweed was greatly appreciated. 20th June 1908.

During the vacation the Chapter lost by death another useful, earnest and popular Member, viz., Compn. James Kennedy, J.P., Merchant, a Member of the Standing Committee. Exalted in 1902, Compn. Kennedy, "saw the Light" somewhat late in life, but had already given promise of a prominent career in Masonry. He had been heard to state that his great regret was that he had not joined the Craft twenty years earlier. At a Special Meeting on 7th September 1908 a letter from the family was read expressing thanks for the kind message of sympathy which Scribe E. had sent on behalf of the Chapter.

The Annual Meeting was held on 16th October 1908, when Compn. George James M'Craw was Elected M.E.Z., Compn. Brydon Hogg M.E.H., and Compn. James D. Gibson M.E.J. The Treasurer's Accounts shewed a credit balance of £33, 19s. 3d. The Annual Festival followed on 23rd October 1908 in the Caledonian Station Hotel, at which there was a large attendance.

At the Meeting of 16th November 1908 Compn. A. Louis Reis was presented with a Past Z.'s Jewel in recognition of his services to the Chapter as First Principal for the past two years.

The subject of thoroughly overhauling the Regalia came up at a Committee Meeting on 11th January 1909, and a discussion took place as to the advisability of raising the Affiliation Fee to the Chapter, but no decision on this point was come to.

Reference of a sympathetic nature was made at the Monthy Meeting of 18th January 1909 to the death of Compn. Dr George Dickson, who received Honorary Membership of the Chapter in 1879 in recognition of his services to Masonry.

15th Mar. 1909. The Visitation Committee of Supreme Chapter attended the Monthly Meeting of 15th March 1909, and made favourable reports of the Chapter's Working and efficiency of its books.

The Closing Meeting of the Session on 17th May 1909 was marked by the Exaltation of six Candidates (making a total of twenty for the year), and M.E.Z. Compn. M'Craw expressed his warm thanks for the cordial support he had received from all the Members in making the year a successful one.

At a Committee Meeting held on 24th May 1909 Scribe E. submitted an Inventory of the business and literary books belonging to the Chapter which he had prepared. He also reported that he had succeeded in tracing the Chapter's Second Minute Book (1810-1842), which had been lost for so many years, and his endeavours to obtain possession of it were approved of. (At a later Committee Meeting Scribe E. reported that Supreme Chapter had been satisfied they had no title to retain the Volume, and it had accordingly been handed over to this Chapter.)

The Fourteenth Annual Excursion took place on 19th June 1909, the party entraining to Gullane and driving to Dirleton, where a game of bowls was indulged in on the Bowling Green of Dirleton Castle. Thereafter the party was entertained to a Strawberry Afternoon Tea at the Kirk Manse by Compn. the Reverend John Kerr, Mrs. Kerr and daughter, who welcomed the Company in a most kindly manner. Dinner was served in the Castle Hotel, and a pleasant evening enjoyed.

At a Committee Meeting on 23rd September 1909 an innovation was agreed upon to institute a regular Order of Musical Service for the Chapter, and a Sub-Committee appointed to carry it out.

The Annual Meeting which opens the business Session (and also opens the final year of these records) was held on 18th October 1909, when Companions George J. M'Craw,

W. Brydon Hogg and James D. Gibson were re-elected to the Principals' Chairs. The Accounts for the past year shewed a Credit Balance of £49, 16s. 0½d. after paying £4, 4s. 6d. for additions to Regalia, &c. M.E.Z. reported that he had paid an official visit to the Glasgow Chapter No. 50, one of the Daughters of this Chapter, supported by Companions Trevelyan Sturrock, H. J. Goddon and Frank Conquergood, and had been received in a most enthusiastic manner. 18th Oct. 1909

The Annual Festival took place in the Caledonian Station Hotel on 22nd October 1909, and was without doubt the most successful function of recent times, the company numbering forty-five. The Chair was taken by Compn. M'Craw, M.E.Z., who was supported by Companions Charles Martin Hardie, R.S.A., M.E. Depute 1st Grand Principal; E. S. Lawrie, M.E.Z. of Chapter Glasgow, No. 50; the Chapter's five living P.Z.'s, Companions A. Louis Reis, Peter L. Henderson, John Rex, John Sime and Samuel Duncan; Companions J. O. Fraser, Substitute Z., William A. Davis, Scribe E., and A. L. Thomson, S.N. The Croupiers were Companions Brydon Hogg and James D. Gibson. The usual Toasts were honoured, and the Depute 1st Grand Principal submitted a Special Toast, viz., "The British Empire beyond the Seas," as associated with the Bond of Freemasonry, which was doing so much to solidify the Empire. The Toast was enthusiastically received and responded to by Companions V. M. Lámbáh and N. Sydney Williams from the Empire of India.

At the Meeting on 15th November 1909 the congratulations of the Chapter were accorded to Compn. Brydon Hogg, M.E.H., on his Election to the Town Council of Edinburgh.

A Committee which had been appointed to check the Inventory of Regalia, &c., and make suggestions to bring it up to date, met on 22nd November 1909, when considerable improvements and additions were recommended, both

6th Dec. 1909. to Regalia and Paraphernalia, and the Standing Committee meeting on 6th December 1909 approved of the recommendations, which were carried out and improved considerably the effective working of the Degree. M.E.Z. drew attention to the fact that this year marked the 130th Anniversary of the Chapter's Foundation, and suggested that the event be celebrated by a Special Meeting on an early date, which suggestion received the hearty approval of the Meeting.

At the Monthly Meeting of 20th December 1909 a very warm welcome was accorded to Compn. C. Carthew-Yorstoun, Past D.G.Z., who had taken considerable interest in the negotiations which ended in the occupancy by the Chapter of the Royal Arch Halls.

The Meeting for celebrating the 130th Anniversary of the Chapter was held on 17th January 1910 in the Royal Arch Halls, when there was a total attendance of over eighty. After the Chapter was opened, the following Deputations were received from Sister Chapters :—

Naval and Military, No. 40—Compn. E. D. Thomson, I.P.Z. (with apologies from the Principals, who were engaged in important Masonic work elsewhere).

Canongate Kilwinning, No. 56—Companions W. Allan Carter, C.E., M.E.Z., G. O. Gilchrist, M.E.H., Daniel Cameron, M.E.J.

Perseverance Leith, No. 152—Companions R. A. Parry, M.E.Z., William Shaw, M.E.H., James G. A. Hart, M.E.J.

Defensive Band, No. 278—Companions Alexander Dickson, M.E.Z., John Smart, M.E.H., Wm. Thomson, M.E.J.

The Assembled Companions were called to Order to receive the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, represented by :—

Companion R. King Stewart of Murdostoun, M.E. 1st Grand Principal.

,, R. A. Peacock, M.E. 2nd Grand Principal.

Companion T. M. Cunningham, M.E. 3rd Grand Principal. 17th Jan. 1910.
,, R. S. Brown, Grand Scribe E.
,, Samuel Duncan, 2nd Grand Sojourner.
,, John Sime, 3rd Grand Sojourner; and others.

After witnessing the Exaltation of Bro. Victor Gordon, Student at Law, of Middle Temple, London, M/m. of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1., the M.E.Z., addressing the 1st Grand Principal, thanked him most heartily for the compliment he had paid the Chapter in making an official visit to it on the occasion of its celebrating the 130th Anniversary of its Foundation, supported by such a representative deputation from Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter. He (M.E.Z.) expressed the honour he felt in presiding over a Chapter which had experienced such a distinguished career over a period of 130 years, and specially referred to the friendly feeling which had always existed between the Supreme body and its daughter Chapter, which, through a chain of events taking place nearly a hundred years ago, not only became Supreme Chapter's "eldest daughter," but also its "mother." He then read a Memorandum regarding the Chapter's earlier history which Scribe E. had extracted from the Chapter records.

The M.E. 1st Grand Principal on rising to reply was received with hearty cheers. "He thanked M.E.Z. and the Chapter for the splendid reception he and his deputation had received, and expressed the great pleasure it had given him to be present on such an important occasion as the Chapter's celebration of its 130th Anniversary. He stated that Grand Scribe E. had furnished him with certain particulars regarding the Chapter's history, but with the very interesting account which M.E.Z. had put before them, he found it unnecessary on his part to refer thereto. He expressed his gratification at being so well supported by Supreme Chapter and by the numerous representatives from daughter Chapters, and in heartily congratulating Compn.

17th Jan 1910. M'Craw, M.E.Z., on presiding over this Historic Meeting, expressed his great satisfaction at the excellent and interesting manner in which the Royal Arch Degree had been worked, and the additional interest given to it by the assistance of an excellent Musical Service. He concluded by wishing the Chapter most sincerely many more years of prosperity and usefulness, and voiced the hope that many of those present that evening would take part in the celebration of the Chapter's 150th Birthday."

" M.E.Z. then expressed the warm thanks of the Chapter to the representatives of Sister Chapters in the District who had supported them by their presence on this occasion, and also to the Visiting Companions from other Chapters."

To signalise this important function it was unanimously agreed to confer Honorary Membership upon the 1st Grand Principal, and on Compn. Robert King Stewart expressing his willingness to accept this honour, he took the oath of Allegiance to Chapter No. 1 as an Honorary Member thereof.

At the Banquet which followed the closing of the Chapter the Chair was occupied by Compn. Geo. J. M'Craw, M.E.Z., with Companions Brydon Hogg, M.E.H. and James D. Gibson M.E.J., Croupiers. The Loyal Toast of " the King " having been honoured, the Chairman gave the Toast of the Guest of the evening, Compn. R. King Stewart, 1st Grand Principal, and his accompanying Deputation, and again expressed the gratification felt by all at the visit he had paid to them. Compn. King Stewart in rising to reply was again received in a most hearty manner. " He thanked the Companions for the kind reception given to himself and his deputation, and for the great interest Chapter No. 1 had shewn towards the Supreme Chapter from the date of its foundation. He stated that many of the past and present officers of that body had come from No. 1 Chapter, and many distinguished men in Masonry had also been Members of it. Royal

Arch Masonry (he continued) was in a very flourishing condition, and had certainly increased very much since the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter was founded in 1817. Then the number of Chapters on the Roll were 38, in 1850 they had increased to 66, in 1875 they were 150, and now there were considerably over 300 Chapters. This shewed that Royal Arch Masonry was progressing and was a living force throughout the world. Before sitting down the 1st Grand Principal asked the Company to pledge with him a hearty bumper to the health and continued prosperity of Chapter No. 1 and its M.E. 1st Principal, Compn. George Jas. M'Craw, who in reply thanked the Companions very heartily for the warmth of its reception." 17th Jan. 1910.

The other Toasts were "the latest Link," the "Deputations from Sister Chapters," and "the Past Z.'s of the Chapter."

During the evening an excellent programme of music was provided by Companions Andrew Macpherson, J. D. Philips Smith, George Anderson, Bristed Garth, George M. Lindores, Tom Millar, and A. Ernest Miller, under the very efficient accompaniment of the Chapter's Organist, Compn. J. Kenyon Lees.

At the Monthly Meeting on 21st February 1910 Compn. Geo. J. M'Craw was Installed "Master in the Mark Degree" by Compn. H. J. Goddon, who received a hearty vote of thanks for his excellent work. A letter was read from the 1st Grand Principal acknowledging with thanks receipt of an illuminated Diploma of Honorary Membership. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Musical Committee for the successful result of their labours in producing the "Order of Musical Service," and especially to Compn. J. Kenyon Lees, the Chapter's Organist.

The Meeting of 14th March 1910 was a "Kirknewton Reception Night," and the Companions from that District received a hearty welcome, including the Brother they brought with them for Exaltation.

19th Apr. 1910. The following Meeting on 19th April 1910 was "Portobello Reception night," and it was honoured by a Deputation of the Visitation Committee of Supreme Chapter, consisting of nine Members, headed by Compn. C. Martin Hardie, D.G.Z., and Compn. R. A. Peacock, 2nd Grand Principal, when a very satisfactory report was presented as to the Chapter's working and condition. The Report stated "they have pleasure in testifying to the excellent manner in which the books are kept and the work carried out. The Depute Grand Z. took the opportunity of congratulating the Chapter on maintaining this high standard of excellence among Chapters on the list of Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland."

We have now arrived at the last Meeting of the Session, held on 16th May 1910, and the final Minute for review, and it is of melancholy interest, containing as it does intimation of the calamity which had fallen upon the Nation by the sudden and unexpected death of its Sovereign. After the Chapter had been opened the M.E.Z. called the Companions to stand to Order, and said "Before beginning the ordinary business of the Meeting, it is right and proper that I should refer to the irreparable loss the Country, the Empire, and the whole world have sustained in the passing of our beloved Monarch, His Majesty King Edward the VII., who, during his all too short reign, has worthily fulfilled the traditions of the Throne, and has done so much to secure the Peace of the World, earning by his wise counsel recognition among the nations as 'Edward the Peacemaker,' and as such will be known and venerated in history. He has worthily fulfilled the ideal of his august Mother, 'Queen Victoria the Good,' and we have no doubt whatever that his son and successor, King George the V., who has been so well trained for the highest position in the land, both by his grandmother, the late King, and Alexandria the Queen Mother, will continue to carry out the good work so ably set in motion by His



(Lafayette.)

Yours sincerely

William A. Davis

lamented Majesty King Edward the VII. I cannot conclude my remarks more appropriately than by saying, "the King is dead! Long live the King!!" 16th May 1910

The Meeting Exalted four Brethren, making the total for the year twenty-three, with two Affiliations. The Minute appropriately closes with the warm thanks of Compn. M'Craw, M.E.Z., to the Members for their loyal support during his second year of office in the Chair, which had helped so materially to make its occupancy a pleasure to him, and the numerously attended Meetings harmonious and successful.

Being at the end of the Minutes, the writer in his turn tenders his warm thanks to the reader who has followed him in the perusal of this one hundred and thirty years of eventful History.

May 1910.

OFFICE-BEARERS of the Chapter for Year 1909-10.

Principal Z.	Compn.	GEORGE J. M'CRAW.
,, H.	,,	W. BRYDON HOGG.
,, J.	,,	JAMES D. GIBSON.
Past Principal Z. ...	,,	A. LOUIS REIS, J.P.
Depute Principal Z. ...	,,	ROBERT K. INCHES, J.P.
Substitute Principal ...	,,	J. O. FRASER, J.P.
Scribe E.	,,	WILLIAM A. DAVIS, F.S.A.A.
,, N.		A. L. THOMSON.
Treasurer	,,	A. B. STEWART, A.R.S.I.
Chancellor	,,	JAMES THOMSON.
1st Sojourner	,,	CHARLES WELLBY.
2nd ,, ...	,,	ROBT. HENDERSON.
3rd ,, ...	,,	WILLIAM COLLIE.
Superintendent of Works	,,	FRANK CONQUERGOOD.
First Assistant	,,	ROBERT F. SHERAR.
Second Assistant ...	,,	J. D. PHILIPS-SMITH.
Architect	,,	R. MACFARLANE CAMERON.
Organist	,,	J. KENYON LEES.

Excellent Master ...	Compn.	W. BRYDON HOGG.
,, Senior Warden	,,	P. B. HAMILTON.
,, Junior ,,	,,	TOM MILLAR.
Captain of 3rd Veil ...	,,	HARRY H. CHAPMAN, L.D.S.
,, 2nd ,, ...	,,	A. B. M'RITHER.
,, 1st ,, ...	,,	JOHN SMITH.

Mark Master	Compn.	JAS. D. GIBSON.
,, Senior Warden ...	,,	J. LEWIS JENKINS.
,, Junior ,, ...	,,	JOHN P. WILSON.
Master Overseer ...	,,	JOHN S. RHIND.
Senior ,, ...	,,	BRISTED GARTH.
Junior ,, ...	,,	JOHN PENNEY.
Inner Guard	,,	WALTER M. KERR
Janitor	,,	A. W. KENNEDY.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The first Fourteen Office-Bearers, with Companions JOHN REX, P.Z., PETER L. HENDERSON, P.Z., JOHN SIME, P.Z., SAMUEL DUNCAN, P.Z., H. J. GODDON, P.Z., J. A. TREVELYAN STURROCK, S.S.C., THOMAS CUMMING, S.S.C., and R. H. APPOO.

ADDENDA.

Death of the Immediate Past 1st Principal.

SINCE the foregoing Notes were penned, and before their publication, a break has occurred in the Roll of the Chapter's modern Past Z.'s, Compn. George James M'Craw, the Immediate Past Z. of the Chapter, having passed away on 29th October 1910, after an illness extending over four months. Born on 14th March 1853, and educated at the Royal High School, Edinburgh, Compn. M'Craw was Initiated into Freemasonry on 12th November 1883 in Lodge St Clair, No. 349. At an early stage of his Masonic career he began to take an active interest in the advancement of Freemasonry, and in 1893 his services were rewarded by elevation to the Chair of R.W.M. of his Mother Lodge, at a time when the general interest of the Members of that Lodge was somewhat on the wane. By his persistent energy, however, the R.W.M. succeeded in restoring active interest in its prosperity, and with the introduction of new energetic Members set Lodge St Clair upon its career of advancement which at the present day has placed it among the very foremost of the Lodges in the Metropolitan District. During his last year of Office, Bro. M'Craw had the honour of presiding over the Lodge at its Jubilee Meeting, which took place on 31st May 1897, when the Members shewed their appreciation of his services by presenting him with a handsome Gold Watch suitably inscribed in commemoration. At the termination of his occupancy of the R.W.M.'s Chair, which occurred at

the end of the same year, the Lodge again testified its regard for him by the presentation of a massive P.M. Jewel.

Bro. M'Craw was Exalted in Chapter No. 1 on 1st November 1893, and the following year he commenced his Official career by being Elected Captain 3rd V. Besides other offices, he filled those of 3rd and 2nd Sojourner, Scribe N., and in 1895 was unanimously elected to the Chair of J., advanced the following year to that of H., and at the Annual Meeting on 19th October 1908, Compn. M'Craw received the Blue Ribbon of Royal Arch Freemasonry by being unanimously Elected M.E.Z. of the Chapter.

The interest Compn. M'Craw took in this branch of Masonry was only equalled by the interest he had shewn in that of the Craft. He had often stated that his great aim was to see the Degrees worked in an impressive and perfect manner. In this laudable desire Compn. M'Craw was eminently successful, and during his reign introduced a Musical Ritual which has greatly added to the impressiveness of the Degrees.

Compn. M'Craw was a man of genial disposition, with a characteristic strain of humour. Of precise manner and a strong sense of the Solemnity and Dignity of all matters pertaining to Freemasonry, he made an ideal Chairman, and at the Social Functions the humourous side of his nature came to his assistance and helped him to make them both interesting and enjoyable. It is greatly to be regretted that he was not able to personally Install his successor into the Chair, a ceremony which it is well known he ardently desired.

The Present M.E. 1st Principal.

The present 1st Principal of the Chapter is Councillor Robert Kirk Inches, Goldsmith of Princes Street, Edinburgh.

His Mother Lodge was Celtic, Edinburgh and Leith, 291, and subsequent to its suspension he became identified with The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1. He has taken a prominent position in that Lodge, having occupied the Chair of R.W.M. for four years. He was Exalted in the Chapter on 18th January 1893, and for many years filled the Office of Depute 1st Principal. Councillor Inches is a well known Citizen, having for a considerable time taken a great interest in the welfare of the City. Elected to the Town Council in 1900, he was for a period of three and a half years one of the Magistrates and Senior Magistrate. At the expiry of his term of office he was elected a Judge of Police, the duties of which position he still combines with that of Town Councillor.

As a Freemason, Councillor Inches has filled many parts and has occupied a prominent position in the higher Degrees. But he will be best known through his long Association with the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the work he has done therein for the betterment of the Craft, chief among which are his success in instituting a yearly collection at the Festival of St John from all the Scottish Lodges throughout the World, the proceeds of which, now amounting to many thousands of pounds, being applied to the Annuity Fund of Grand Lodge, and his Chairmanship for many years of the Visitation Committee of the Metropolitan District.

Special Visit to Stirling Rock Chapter, No. 2.

Extracted from the Chapter's Minute Book.

"Following upon the suggestion made at the Chapter's Annual Festival by Compn. Sheriff A. Moffatt, Grand Superintendent of Stirlingshire, that Chapter Nos. 1 and 2 should become better acquainted, a very cordial invitation was received from the latter Chapter for a Deputation to

visit them at Stirling on 29th December 1910, and the invitation was as cordially accepted.

"The Deputation consisted of Companions Robert K. Inches, M.E.Z., Samuel Duncan, P.Z., William A. Davis, S.E., Frank Conquergood, Supt. Works, John Penney, Capt. 2nd V., E.J.Southern, George Anderson and R.W. Constable.

"The party travelled to Stirling by Motor Car, and arriving about eight o'clock proceeded immediately to the Chapter Room, when a very hearty reception was accorded them by the Companions of No. 2. The Throne was occupied by Compn. J. F. Schilling, M.E.Z. with Compn. Thomas Turnbull, M.E.H., and Compn. James M'Ainsh, M.E.J., the 1st Sojourner being Compn. E. Boyes, and Scribe E. Compn. J. H. Hastings. Compn. Sheriff Alexander Moffat, Grand Superintendent of Stirlingshire, was also present.

"After witnessing a portion of the Royal Arch Degree worked in an interesting manner, the M.E.Z. warmly welcomed the Deputation from Chapter No. 1, and expressed his satisfaction that Compn. Inches had been able to bring such a large deputation with him in support of this the first Official Visit made by Chapter No. 1 to Chapter No. 2.

"At the close of the Chapter the Companions assembled in the Golden Lion Hotel, where Dinner was served, as the Menu Card states, 'in honour of the Visiting Companions of the Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter No. 1,' and a most pleasant and interesting evening enjoyed.

"In response to the toast of Chapter No. 1, Companion Inches stated that he along with those supporting him felt highly gratified with the warm manner in which they had been received in open Chapter, and the excellent entertainment which had followed. He considered it a red-letter day in the Annals of both Chapters, and he sincerely hoped the friendship then begun that night would result in good

fellowship and fraternal usefulness between the two premier Chapters. He hoped at no distant date to welcome Companions from Chapter No. 2 within the walls of Chapter No. 1, when he could assure them a most friendly reception.

"At high twelve the Motor Car bore the Visitors Edinburgh-wards, reaching their destination safely and well pleased with their visit."

APPENDIX.

1. THE FIRST EXTENDED LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE CHAPTER ADOPTED ON 27TH APRIL 1806:—

Rule 1st.—That the Election of Office-Bearers shall be annual and shall take place at the Monthly Meeting immediately preceeding the fourteenth day of September (or Holy Cross Day), which is the day they are to come into office.

Rule 2nd.—That the Election of all the Office-Bearers shall be by Ballot, *i.e.*, every Member entitled to vote must in an adjoining room write on a plain card or piece of paper the name of the person he thinks most eligible to fill the various offices, which being produced, the candidate who has the majority of votes shall be declared duly elected. The High Priest having a casting vote in the event of an equallity.

Rule 3rd.—That untill such time as it shall be thought proper to alter the same, the Office-Bearers of the Chapter shall consist of the clases

1 High Priest.
2 Captain Governor.
3 1st Grand Master.
4 2nd Grand Master.
5 3rd Grand Master.
6 1st Gr. Standard Bearer.
7 2nd Gr. Standard Bearer.
8 Grand Treasurer.
9 Grand Secretary.
10 Grand Provisor General.
11 Grand Cup Bearer.
12 Assistant Stewards.
13 Guards.

Rule 4th.—That upon the fourteenth day of September the Chapter shall meet at Three o'clock P.M. for the purpose of installing the new Office-Bearers into their respective offices. Thereafter such of the Companions as choose shall Dine together and spend the Evening at such House as the new Office-Bearers shall appoint. But in the event of that day happening upon a Sunday, it shall be held on the Monday following.

Rule 5th.—That a Committee shall be appointed, to meet, as soon after every General Election as possible, to examine and pass the Treasurer's Accounts.

Rule 6th.—That in the event of a vacancy happening among the Office-Bearers, through Death or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled up at first Monthly Meeting thereafter, or at a Meeting called for that purpose.

Rule 7th.—That every candidate for admission into this Chapter must sign and present a petition, setting forth that he is a regular Master Mason and craving to be admitted into the Order, and on presenting his Petition he must pay the full fees of admission agreeable to the aftermentioned Rules, which Petition shall be laid before the Chapter for their acceptance, and if there shall be three who object to his admission, he shall receive the Benefit of a new Ballot, whithin Three months thereafter, at which Ballot each Companion shall be called upon to remember their Masonic obligation and not to exclude a Candidate without having a sufficient and substantial reason for their objections, and if he is again Black Balled he shall be excluded from admission for ever and his Entry money shall be returned.

Rule 8th.—That the entry money for making a Royal Arch Mason to those Candidates who are to pass into the Higher degrees of Masonry shall be One pound Eleven shillings and Sixpence, untill such time as the Chapter shall think fit at a full Meeting to alter the same. Providing always that Soldiers and Sailors under the rank of Commissioned Officers shall be entered at half the regular fees.

Rule 9th.—That every Brother Free Mason wishing to be Royal Arched, without passing through the other higher orders of Masonry, shall pay the sum of Two pounds Two shillings sterling before he can be instructed into the secrets of Royal Arch Masonry—Soldiers and Sailors under the rank of Commissioned Officers to be admitted at half the Regular entry money, and after their admission they shall every one pay to the Guards Two shillings sterling.

Rule 10th.—That no Royal Arch Chapter shall be held nor Members Initiated into that Order unless the number of seven Royal Arch Masons are present consenting to the same and under

due Authority from the High Priest, Captain Governor, if they are not present themselves, and likewise two other Office-Bearers—and before a Candidate can be Royal Arched he must have been previously have passed the Chair in a regular manner.

Rule 11th.—That no Member or Members shall upon any account whater be aiding or accesary to make or Initiate any Royal Arch Masons in Edinburgh, nor any other where to the Prejudice of this Chapter, or attend a Chapter or Meeting unless in a regular constituted Chapter, and if any Member or Members shall act contrary to this rule, he or they upon clear proof being led of his or their offence shall be immediately expelled, and never more admitted into this Chapter, and as a further punishment his or their names and designations shall be wrote in clear, distinct, and legible characters and fixed upon a conspicuous place of the Chapter room, to be seen and read by the Companions and newly admitted Brethren as a warning to them in all time coming.

Rule 12th.—That every new received Companion shall upon his admission sign the Laws, and any refusing to do so, shall be deprived of having any vote or of being elected to any office or receiving a Diploma.

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2. Affidavit made before a Justice of Peace Certifying the Political Respectability of the Chapter.

At Edinburgh 26 day of October one Thousand Eight hundred and Eight years.

Before Peter Hill, Esqr., one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in Edinburgh.

Appeared: Alexander Deuchar, Seal Engraver, Grand Master, and Samuel Cunningham, Dept. Grand Master of the Society of Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templars, in said City agreeable to the terms of an Act of Parliament passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine years. Entitled: an Act for the more Effectual suppression of societies Established for seditous purposes and for the Better preventing

Treasonable and Seditious Practices—And made oath, That in the Society of Free Masons over which they preside as Office-Bearers, called the Royal Arch Masons and Knight Templars, nothing Prejudicial to Church or State is transacted, and that said Societies meet exclusively for the purposes of Free Masonry as of old practised among the Craft. That they meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month in the Room Belonging to the Lodge Edinburgh St Stephen in Advocates' Close. Also, that the list herewith Presented and attested by the above Alexander Deuchar, contains a complete Roll, to the Best of our knowledge and belief, of all the Members of the Lodge.

All which is Truth they hereby Certify—as they shall answer to God.

Signed { ALEXR. DEUCHAR.
PETER HILL.

COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF THE JUSTICE OF PEACE CLERK.

I, Robert Newbigging, Depute Clerk of the Peace for the Shire of Edinburgh, Do hereby Certify that there has been lodged with me a Certificate upon Oath, by two of the Members of the Royal Arch and Knights Templars Mason Lodge in Edinburgh attested by Alexander Deuchar, Seal Engraver, Master, and Samuel Cunningham, Writer, Past Master, in terms of an Act of Parliament passed in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-nine entitled "An Act for the more effectual suppression of Societies established for seditious and treasonable purposes and for better preventing Seditious and Treasonable Practices." Together with their denomination of said Lodge, its usual times and places of Meeting, and a list of the attending members to be recorded in terms of said Act.

As witness my hand at Edinburgh the Twenty-eighth day of October Eighteen Hundred and Eight Years.

(Signed) R. NEWBIGGING.

3. Warrant by Chapters in Favour of the Establishment of a Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

18*th July* 1817.

Unto the General Meeting of the Royal Arch Chapters in Scotland, assembled at Edinburgh for the purpose of Erecting the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

We, the Most Excellent and Most Worshipful, the Office-Bearers and Brethren of the .... Royal Arch Chapter held in ..... having at a Special Chapter held for the purpose, taken into our consideration the beneficial consequences that will result to our Excellent Order, and to the Craft in general, from the establishment of a Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and having long seen and experienced the disadvantages arising from the want of such a controlling power, do unanimously approve of the same, and give it our most cordial Support, and for the better fulfilling our intention, We do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint the Worshipful Brother ..... as First Principal; ..... as Second Principal, and ... . as Third Principal, to represent our Chapter at that Meeting, and to act and vote therein in our name, with power to them to surrender all privileges we may conceive ourselves to possess, into the hands of the representatives there assembled, for the purpose of receiving a Charter of Constitution under the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and with power to them to sign the Charter of Erection in our name, and generally with full power to act and vote in everything conducive to the good of the Order, in as full and free a manner as if we were by the whole of our Office-Bearers personally present; and our Chapter having further taken into their consideration the inconvenience which will arise from the non-attendance of the representatives of country Chapters, and that it is out of the power of their Office-Bearers to attend the Quarterly Communications and other Meetings, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint the Worshipful Brother ..... to be our Representative as First Principal in all future Meetings of the said Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, enjoining him to appoint other two Royal

Arch Masons to assist him in his duties in that Body, and with power to him and them to act and vote at all Meetings, as to them shall seem most conducive to the general interests of the Order, and that in as full and free a manner as if our Most Excellent Principals were personally present.

Given under our hands and Seal in full Chapter Assembled at .... this ..... day of 1817.

..... *1st M.E.Z.*
..... *2nd M.E.H.*
..... *3rd M.E.J.*
..... *Treasr.*
... . *Scribe.*

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4. Chapter's Address of Condolence to King George IV. upon the death of his Father, King George III.

To His Most Excellent Majesty, King George the Fourth.

May it Please your Majesty,—

We, your Majesty's very loyal and dutiful subjects, the Principal Office-Bearers and Companions of the Edinburgh Chapter of Royal Arch Free Masons Holding of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, respectfully beg leave to approach your Majesty, to offer the sincere expressions of our Condolence upon the melancholy affliction your Majesty and your Royal Relatives have sustained by the death of your Venerated Sire King George the Third, and of your Majesty's Illustrous Brother, the Duke of Kent.

While we thus offer to you our condolence and sympathy on these afflicting dispensations of Providence, we humbly beg to present to your Majesty, our congratulations upon your succession to the Throne of your Ancestors. We tender to you our Allegience, and the assurance of our Loyal and inviolable attachment to your Majesty's person, your august family, and our Happy Constitution. Our ardent Prayers to the Almighty Architect of the Universe are that your Majesty may long sway the sceptre of these realms in Prosperity and in Peace.

We cannot avoid the favourable occasion of expressing to your Majesty how deeply we feel the high distinction with which Free Masonry and the Masonic Bodies in the land have been Honoured by the countenance of the Princes of your Illustrous House, and we hail with enthusiasm the Accession of your Majesty to the Throne of these Kingdoms under whose Royal Patronage and fostering protection the Masonic Crafts have so distinguisheably flourished and prospered.

Signed and Sealed by our First Principal in our name and by our appointment at Edinburgh, this 29th day of March 1820.

Signed &c.

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5. ADDRESS TO KING GEORGE IV. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO SCOTLAND.

Unto the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter of Free Masons.

May it Please your Majesty,—

We, the Principals, Office-Bearers, and Members of the Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter of Free Masons, No. 1 (Holding under the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Masons of Scotland) In full Chapter assembled—beg leave with the greatest humility to approach the Throne, and to express our sincere and affectionate congratulations on your Majesty's safe arrival in the Capital of your Ancient Kingdom of Scotland.

Your Majesty's gracious visit to your Scots subjects affords them the high gratification of testifying personally to your Majesty, as their Constitutional Sovereign, and the lineal representative of their ancient line of Kings, the attachment and devotion for their Monarchs for which the Scots in every period of their History have been distinguished. To your Majesty's Royal Ancestors the Scots are indebted for many of their peculiar and most estimable privileges and liberties, and the Memory of which they hope will never be extinguished.

In some less favoured Countries all orders of Freemasonry are persecuted, But in your Majesty's Dominions, the higher as well as the lower orders of the Craft feel the most lively gratitude.

Animated with the warmest attachment to your Majesty's Sacred Person and Family we yield to none of your leiges in highly appreciating the invaluable blessings we in common with all classes of your subjects have enjoyed under your Majesty's paternal sway, and the British Constitution during the eventful period you have held the reins of Government, relying with periect confidence that we shall continue to possess those Blessings during your Reign, and that your Majesty will transmit unimpaired to posterity all our Civil and relegeous Rights and Liberties.

Our fervent prayer to the Almighty Architect of the Universe is, that the Crown and Throne of your Ancestors may long be filled by your Majesty, and that your Reign over a Free, Loyal, and Relegeous People may be always happy and prosperous.

Signed in full Chapter by the unanimous authority of the Members and Sealed with the Seal of the Chapter, at Edinburgh, the Twenty-fourth day of August Eighteen hundred and Twenty-two.

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6. Copy of the Document deposited by Chapter No. 1, in the interior of the Foundation Stone of the new County Hall, Berwickshire, laid at Greenlaw, on 4th August 1829, by Sir David Milne, and Grand Chapter, with R.A. Masonic Honours:—

That the Royal Arch Degree of Free Masonry is of very high antiquity is universally allowed, it is now so named from a very interesting circumstance which took place at the time when the Jews returned from the 70 years' captivity, and which circumstance sufficiently proved to the Craft what was originally meant and comprehended in that sacred Order, which at the building of the Temple of Solomon, was so unfortunately lost, or so cast into oblivion, that until the period above mentioned it was unknown

to those who called themselves Craft Masons—and they only practised it under the three degrees—one of which appears as having been adopted to comemorate that meloncholy event above alluded to. Those three degree Craft Masons having encreased and multiplied, spread themselves widely among all nations, Whereas those who had at the period before stated recovered the true Mystries were extremely cautious to whom they entrusted them, and it was only to those who had eminently distinguished themselves in what was termed Craft Masonry whom they initiated into those sublime and holy Mystries. At a very early period this degree was brought to Scotland, where for the above reasons the knowledge of which was confined to a few. In or about the year A.D. 1779 a branch from the Ancient Lodge of Perth and Scone Royal Arch who practiced that sublime degree established themselves in Edinburgh under the name and designation of the Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter, and whose Minutes of Meetings are regularly carried down to the present date. At length in the year 1816 a few zealous and enlightened Companions of that Chapter taking it into their consideration, that it would tend much to the good and welfare of the Order itself, as well as the Craft Masons in general, that a more extensive promulgation of those sublime Mystries should take place, and having viewed with regret that at the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, about the beginning of last century, that from causes now unknown it had failed to recognise this sublime and Exalted Degree. When Companion Alexander Deuchar being at this time Most Excellent First Principal of the Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter stated those circumstances to the Companions at a General Meeting, which was unanimously approven of, and a Committee ot seven were appointed to carry the same into effect, and endeavour to form a Supreme Head of the Royal Arch Order in Scotland.

(Here is inserted the names of this Committee.)

This Committee having adopted the name of a Lodge of Intelligence proceeded to enter into a correspondence with all those in Scotland who practiced this Exalted Degree, opening to them their objects and views, they received the warmest assurance and assistance in their laudable design, and at length, with the

concurrence and assistance of no less than 35 Royal Arch Chapters whose representatives having met upon the 28th day of August 1817 finally succeeded in establishing a Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter for Scotland under the management of the following highly respectable Companions as Office-Bearers.

(Here is inserted the List of the First Grand Office-Bearers of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.)

And which Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter has until this time continued to flourish, and amongst whose Office-Bearers and Members they rank many of the Highest Nobility and Gentlemen and many more Royal Arch Chapters have joined under this protecting head.

Upon the Roll of these Chapters who now hold of this Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland the Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter stands No. 1, which right was given to them by a good many Chapters of much higher antiquity for the great and persevering exertions they had made for the general good of the Order, and in the Establishment of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

The Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, at present continues to flourish under the management of the following Office-Bearers :—

(Here is inserted a List of the present Office-Bearers.)

Extracted from the Records of The Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1.

Signed THOMAS MUIR, Z,
„ W. H. BLACKIE, E.

EDINBURGH, 4 *August* 1829.

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7. BROTHER D. MURRAY LYON'S TRIBUTE TO COMPANION ALEXANDER DEUCHAR [taken from his "History of The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1" (p. 310).]

Alexander Deuchar took a prominent part in the Masonic events of the early part of the present century. He was the eldest son of David Deuchar, Morningside, was a descendant of

the old Scottish family of Deuchar, Forfarshire. David Deuchar had a family of six sons, who were all Members of the Craft. Alexander was Initiated in the Lodge St David in May 1801, and was Passed and Raised in the Lodge of Edinburgh in November 1802. After filling several minor offices in Mary's Chapel, he was elected to the Mastership which he held till 1814, when he retired. The prosperity of the Lodge having been affected by adverse circumstances, he was recalled to the Chair in 1823. Shortly after his resumption of office, a demand by Grand Lodge for the production of its Books was resisted by Mary's Chapel. Subsequently, however, on the Lodge being threatened with suspension for its contumacy, a majority of the Brethren succeeded in passing resolutions of submission to Grand Lodge. Regarding these resolutions as having been improperly arrived at, and as compromising the dignity of the Lodge, Mr Deuchar returned to St David's, and for three years took an active part in its affairs. He afterwards resumed his connection with Mary's Chapel and filled its Chair for a short period, under circumstances which have been already adverted to. He died in 1844. While it can truly be said that in matters connected with the rituals, ceremonies, laws, and usages of Freemasonry, Mr Deuchar was one of the best informed men of the day, it is equally true that, having derived his historical knowledge of the Craft chiefly through the oral and written traditions that were current in the previous century, his sympathies and teachings were deeply tinged with the fabulous. It was to his association with the so-called "High Degrees" that he owed his widespread fame. He became a Knight Templar in 1803, and was in 1806 elected Commander of the Edinburgh Encampment. He was chiefly instrumental in instituting the Grand Conclave of Knights Templars, and of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, — events which are more particularly referred to in the next chapter—and in 1825 he inaugurated a movement for the resuscitation of the Royal Order of Scotland. It was in the course of his correspondence with continental Masons on the antiquity of the *haut grades* that he obtained a copy of the Charter of Cologne, a translation of which he presented to the Lodge of Edinburgh. Mr Deuchar, who followed the business of Seal-

Engraver, was an eminent genealogist, and had a thorough knowledge of Heraldry, upon which subject he published a work in three volumes, entitled *The British Herald*, which was by permission dedicated to Sir Walter Scott. Jane, last surviving daughter of the late Alex. Deuchar, died in Edinburgh, 5th June 1892.

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8. List of Companions, Members of Chapter No. 1, who are known to be alive at May 1910.

(*A*) = Affiliates to the Chapter.

Name.	Mother Lodge.	Date of Exaltation.
John Dun	Celtic, 291	3 Feb. 1859
Peter Shaw *	Journeyman, 8	18 Sep. 1862
W. Wemyss Kennedy	St Stephen, 145	11 Jan. 1865
R. S. Brown, Gr.S.E. †	Ayr Kilwinning, 124	9 Mar. 1870
Jas. Middleton, M.D., Stow	Roman Eagle, 160	13 Apl. 1870
David Grant	Celtic, 291	8 Oct. 1873
William Milne, Banker	St David, 36	10 Mar. 1875
R. F. Shaw-Stewart (*A.*)	Greenock Kilwinning, 12	12 Jan. 1876
J. H. Balfour, W.S., (Balfour-Melville)	Edinburgh, 1	1 Apl. 1876
William Henderson	Celtic, 291	12 Apl. 1876
Albert M. Thiem	St Clair, 349	9 May 1877
Arthur M. Bruce	St Clair, 349	25 May 1880
Robert Innes, J.P.	Journeyman, 8	25 May 1880
C. Kincaid Mackenzie (Lord Mackenzie)	St Luke, 44	1 Feb. 1882
James Lamont	Edinburgh, 1	12 Apl. 1882
Wm. Black, S.S.C.	Lockhart St John, 248	14 Feb. 1883
Charles M. Pelham Burn	Edinburgh, 1	22 Apl. 1884
Rt. Hon. Earl of Haddington, K.T.	St John Kilwinning, 57	6 Apl. 1885

* Died July 1910. † Died 15th February 1911.

Name.	Mother Lodge.	Date of Exaltation.
J. O. Fraser, J.P.	Celtic, 291	9 Dec. 1885
George T. Thin	Edinburgh, 1	10 Feb. 1886
Peter L. Henderson	Edinburgh, 1	12 Jan. 1887
Hippolyte J. Blanc, R.S.A.	St John Glasgow, 3*bis*	2 Feb. 1887
John Walker	Journeyman, 8	2 Feb. 1887
Samuel Duncan	Rifle, 405	7 Dec. 1887
J. K. Andrews, S.S.C.	Journeyman, 8	18 Jan. 1888
Charles Baxter, W.S. (*A.*)	Dunbar Castle, 75	4 Apl. 1888
J. A. Trevelyan Sturrock, S.S.C.	Edinburgh, 1	16 May 1888
Rev. W. E. Hall	Wentworth, 737 E.C.	12 Sep. 1888
David Cuthbert, S.S.C.	St David, 36	17 Oct. 1888
John Rex	Harbour of Refuge, 764, E.C.	20 Mar. 1889
J. G. E. Bentley	Caledonian, 392	20 Mar. 1889
John Martin	Journeyman, 8	17 Apl. 1889
William A. Davis, F.S.A.A.	Caledonian, 392	20 Nov. 1889
John S. Blair	Dramatic and Arts, 757	20 Nov. 1889
A. Louis Reis, J.P.	Montefiore Gw., 753	15 Jan. 1890
H. R. Elliott, J.P.	Commercial, 245, I.C.	15 Jan. 1890
H. J. Goddon (*A.*)	Aden, 355	19 Mar. 1890
A. L. Thomson	Rifle, 405	11 Sep. 1890
W. Grant Stevenson, R.S.A.	Rifle, 405	11 Sep. 1890
Wingate R. Mann	St Clair, 349	21 Jan. 1891
John Sime	Witham, 297, E.C.	15 Apl. 1891
J. D. Jameson	St Stephen, 145	15 Apl. 1891
Arthur J. Curle (*A.*)	St Clair, 349	18 Nov. 1891
William Peck, F.R.A.S.	Edinburgh, 1	3 Feb. 1892
J. Campbell Irons, S.S.C.*	Edinburgh, 1	30 Mar. 1892
W. Drummond Young	Rosslyn St Clair, 606	20 Apl. 1892
Andrew Macpherson	Rifle, 405	20 Apl. 1892
W. C. Butler	Rifle, 405	20 Apl. 1892
James Thomson, Archt.	Edinburgh, 1	4 May 1892

* Died 9th September 1910.

Name.	Mother Lodge.	Date of Exaltation.
John Sharp	Edinburgh, 1	5 Oct. 1892
Walter Kirkland	Journeyman, 8	5 Oct. 1892
Alexander Doull	Roman Eagle, 160	19 Oct. 1892
Henry Thomson	St John, 46	18 Jan. 1893
William Ramsay	Edinburgh, 1	18 Jan. 1893
Robt. Kirk Inches, J.P.	Celtic, 291	18 Jan. 1893
Jas. Pringle Taylor, W.S. *	Edinburgh, 1	1 Mar. 1893
Hugh Paterson	Celtic, 291	1 Mar. 1893
D. M. Forrester	Trafalgar, 223	1 Mar. 1893
Peter Cameron	Rifle, 405	19 Apl. 1893
R. M. Cameron, Archt.	Can. Kilwinning, 2	3 May 1893
R. E. Wallace James, S.S.C.	St John Kilwinning, 57	1 Nov. 1893
Geo. Jas. M'Craw †	St Clair, 349	1 Nov. 1893
Jas. T. Cathcart, Yr. of Pitcairlie	Lindores, 106	3 Jan. 1894
Robert Caldwell	Edinburgh, 1	17 Jan. 1894
James Smart	Portobello, 226	7 Feb. 1894
Oswald Barclay	St James, 97	28 Feb. 1894
Charles Stocks	Portobello, 226	28 Feb. 1894
J. Lewis Jenkins	Portobello, 226	28 Feb. 1894
Robert Hunter	Portobello, 226	28 Feb. 1894
Shrimant Sampatrao Giakwad, of Baroda, India	Dramatic and Arts, 757	28 Feb. 1894
J. W. Elliot	Edinburgh, 1	21 Mar. 1894
Hugh Miller, W.S.	Edinburgh, 1	21 Mar. 1894
Andrew M'Dougall (*A.*)	St Stephen, 145	23 May 1894
Rt. Hon. Lord Elphinstone	Edinburgh, 1	31 Aug. 1894
Hon. C. Maule Ramsay	St James, 123	31 Aug. 1894
Major A. G. Thompson, R.A.M.C.	Portobello, 226	17 Oct. 1894
Rt. Hon. Earl of Rosslyn	Dysart, 520	17 Oct. 1894
Very Rev. Dean J. Skinner Wilson	Edinburgh, 1	17 Oct. 1894

* Died 15th September 1910. † Died 29th October 1910.

Name.	Mother Lodge.	Date of Exaltation.
J. L. Officer, W.S.	Edinburgh, 1	17 Oct. 1894
T. B. Morison, K.C.	Edinburgh, 1	17 Oct. 1894
W. Scott Wilson	Edinburgh, 1	17 Oct. 1894
George Scott, S.S.C.	Rifle, 405	17 Oct. 1894
J. A. Cleugh	Rifle, 405	17 Oct. 1894
J. W. M. Wallace, W.S.	Edinburgh, 1	17 Oct. 1894
W. F. Lush	Rifle, 405	7 Nov. 1894
Bailie W. Fraser	St Clair, 349	21 Nov. 1894
George H. Boyd, LL.B.	Dramatic and Arts, 757	19 Dec. 1894
David Vass	Portobello, 226	16 Jan. 1895
Andrew Hendrie	St John, 57	16 Jan. 1895
R. E. Cranston	Edinburgh, 1	20 Feb. 1895
W. A. Purves	Portobello, 226	3 Apl. 1895
Henry S. Smart	Portobello, 226	3 Apl. 1895
John Nisbet	St John, 57	2 Oct. 1895
J. S. Main	St John, 57	2 Oct. 1895
Wm. MacVey	Dramatic Gw., 571	2 Oct. 1895
Sir George Macrae	Edinburgh, 1	30 Oct. 1895
Alex. J. Paterson, C.A.	Edinburgh, 1	30 Oct. 1895
Councilllor Wm. Brydon Hogg	Edinburgh, 1	30 Oct. 1895
Sir Robert Cranston, K.C.V.O., C.B.	Edinburgh, 1	30 Oct. 1895
James Thomson (*A.*)	St John, 28	6 Nov. 1895
Provost Alex. Brand	Portobello, 226	11 Dec. 1895
Alexander Clark	Portobello, 226	11 Dec. 1895
J. L. K. Cockburn	Edinburgh, 1	11 Dec. 1895
David Leitch	St Clair 349	13 May 1896
John S. Rhind, Sculptor	Portobello, 226	30 Sep. 1896
Stephen Smith	Edinburgh, 1	4 Nov. 1896
William S. Sands	Eccleston, 1624, E.C.	4 Nov. 1896
Charles L. Reis (*A.*)	Linder, 957 I.C.	4 Nov. 1896
Robert H. Christie, S.S.C. (*A.*)	Caledonian, 392	4 Nov. 1896

Name.	Mother Lodge.	Date of Exaltation.
William Field	Edinburgh, 1	4 Nov. 1896
Rollo D. Stewart	Edinburgh, 1	18 Nov. 1896
E. C. H. Maidman, Archt.	Rifle, 405	18 Nov. 1896
David Fisher *	Journeyman, 8	18 Nov. 1896
J. S. M'Tavish	Rifle, 405	25 Nov. 1896
Maurice Isaacs	Rifle, 405	17 Feb. 1897
Peter Wilson	Rifle, 405	17 Feb. 1897
Rev. John Glasse, D.D.	St David, 36	17 Mar. 1897
David M. Lewis	Edinburgh, 1	3 Nov. 1897
Fred J. Turnbull, L.D.S.	Edinburgh, 1	3 Nov. 1897
J. Morris Stewart, L.D.S.	Edinburgh, 1	3 Nov. 1897
James S. Boote	Hill's Gillhall, 372, I.C.	17 Nov. 1897
Edward S. Webb	St David, 36	1 Dec. 1897
Charles Wellby	Roman Eagle, 160	1 Dec. 1897
W. H. Gentle	Rifle, 405	1 Dec. 1897
R. Addison Smith, S.S.C.	Edinburgh, 1	1 Dec. 1897
Robert Henderson	Portobello, 226	19 Jan. 1898
William Collie	St Clair, 349	19 Jan. 1898
A. B. Stewart, A.R.S.I.	Journeyman, 8	2 Feb. 1898
George F. Bryce	Rifle, 405	16 Feb. 1898
Councillor John Murray	St Clair, 349	16 Feb. 1898
Arch. Campbell, S.S.C.	Edinburgh, 1	16 Feb. 1898
William Crawford	St David, 36	16 Feb. 1898
George Mill, S.S.C.	St Clair, 349	2 Mar. 1898
John Forgan, S.S.C.	Edinburgh, 1	16 Mar. 1898
Robert A. Craig, C.A.	Edinburgh, 1	6 Apl. 1898
Edward Atkinson	Celtic, 291	6 Apl. 1898
J. Mullo Weir, S.S.C.	Edinburgh, 1	6 Apl. 1898
W. R. Britton	Roman Eagle, 160	20 Apl. 1898
John Keay	St Clair, 349	20 Apl. 1898
Alfred Bowtell	Rifle, 405	18 May 1898
Peter B. Hamilton	St Stephen, 145	13 July 1898
George Wilson †	Edinburgh, 1	2 Nov. 1898
Frank Conquergood (*A.*)	Trafalgar, 223	2 Nov. 1898

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† Died 20th November 1910.

Name.	Mother Lodge.	Date of Exaltation.
Robert Kay	Journeyman, 8	16 Nov. 1898
James M. Donaldson	Rifle, 405	7 Dec. 1898
Dr H. M. Baylis	Edinburgh 1	1 Feb. 1899
Henry C. Sharp	Rifle, 405,	1 Mar. 1899
Walter Deards (*A.*)	Caledonian, 392	19 Apl. 1899
P. Ludewig	St David, 36	3 May 1899
David Fraser	St Andrew 48	3 May 1899
A. W. Williamson	Defensive Band, 151	4 Oct. 1899
T. H. Hooper	St David, 36	18 Oct. 1899
Stephen Webb	St David, 36	15 Nov. 1899
J. L. Thomson, C.E.	Edinburgh, 1	15 Nov. 1899
John M'Arthur	Celtic, 291	6 Dec. 1899
James Gibson, S.S.C.	Edinburgh, 1	7 Mar. 1900
William Finlay *	Edinburgh, 1	7 Mar. 1900
Arch. Gilchrist	Journeyman, 8	21 Mar. 1900
William Brims, J.P.	Edinburgh, 1	2 May 1900
A. Rogers	St John, 50	2 May 1900
A. B. M'Rither	Edinburgh, 1	16 May 1900
Rev. John Kerr, M.A.	Edinburgh, 1	13 June 1900
T. Kershaw Bonnar	Edinburgh, 1	13 June 1900
John S. Saunders	Edinburgh, 1	13 June 1900
A. Siffre	Rifle, 405	27 June 1900
Charles E. Stewart	Edinburgh, 1	3 Oct. 1900
Alexr. Hunter	Defensive Band, 151	3 Oct. 1900
R. E. Robertson	Edinburgh, 1	3 Oct. 1900
Robt. F. Sherar, Archt.	Edinburgh, 1	3 Oct. 1900
Thomas Topping	St John, 471	17 Oct. 1900
James D. Brown (*A.*)	Bon Accord, 669	17 Oct. 1900
James Gibson (Par. Coun.)	Edinburgh, 1	21 Nov. 1900
J. Kenyon Lees	Edinburgh, 1	21 Nov. 1900
John M. Barnett	Rifle, 405	14 Dec. 1900
H. A. Böttger	Blythswood, 817	14 Dec. 1900
Allan Turner, S.S.C.	St John, 471	20 Feb. 1901
Thos. B. Greig	Rifle, 405	6 Mar. 1901

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Name.	Mother Lodge.	Date of Exaltation.
D. J. Younger	St John, 788	6 Mar. 1901
Wm. R. Murray	St John, 788	6 Mar. 1901
Hector Laing	Rifle, 405	17 Apl. 1901
R. H. Appoo	St David, 36	1 May 1901
James Ewart	Journeyman, 8	1 May 1901
R. S. Forrest	Trinity, 885	1 May 1901
James G. M'Queen	St James, 97	1 May 1901
James E. Paterson	Edinburgh, 1	15 May 1901
G. H. Hopkins	Caledonian, 392	15 May 1901
Serg.-Major W. J. Trussell	Rifle, 405	15 May 1901
R. W. Gardiner, S.S.C.	St Andrew, 48	2 Oct. 1901
J. Mackinley Weir	Rifle, 405	2 Oct. 1901
Gordon Wilson (*A.*)	Journeyman, 8	2 Oct. 1901
George M. Lindores	Caledonian, 392	16 Oct. 1901
Geo. Baikie (*A.*)	Chap. Roslin, 261	6 Nov. 1901
Sir T. D. Gibson Carmichael, Bart.	Dramatic and Arts, 757	4 Dec. 1901
Albert Smith	Portobello, 226	18 Dec. 1901
James D. Gibson	Edinburgh, 1	18 Dec. 1901
Tom Snailum	Edinburgh, 1	18 Dec. 1901
Jas. A. Williamson, Archt.	St John, 788	18 Dec. 1901
John Robb, Road Surveyor	St John, 788	18 Dec. 1901
J. Struthers Soutar, S.S.C.	Portobello, 226	19 Feb. 1902
James M'Dowell	Edinburgh, 1	5 Mar. 1902
John Madder	Portobello, 226	5 Mar. 1902
Percy H. Reis	Edinburgh, 1	5 Mar. 1902
Wm. C. Stevens, C.A.	Edinburgh, 1	19 Mar. 1902
Rev. James Fergusson	St John, 788	16 Apl. 1902
John Darge	St John, 788	16 Apl. 1902
Hugh Blaik	St John, 788	16 Apl. 1902
John Wallace	St John, 788	16 Apl. 1902
G. S. Gardner	St John, 788	16 Apl. 1902
Alex. F. Johnston	Edinburgh, 1	21 May 1902

Name.	Mother Lodge.	Date of Exaltation.
Thomas Cumming, S.S.C.	Edinburgh, 1	21 May 1902
Donald M'D. Skinner	Commercial, 180	30 Oct. 1902
William Angus	Edinburgh, 1	17 Dec. 1902
James L. Jamieson *	St James, 97	17 Dec. 1902
George Scott	Edinburgh, 1	17 Dec. 1902
James Tullo	Edinburgh, 1	17 Dec. 1902
Donald F. Sutherland, C.A.	Edinburgh, 1	18 Feb. 1903
A. R. Murray	Edinburgh, 1	18 Mar. 1903
William Kerse †	Roman Eagle, 160	1 Apl. 1903
Provost A. T. Simson	St John, 1[2]	20 May 1903
David R. Rose	Portobello, 226	20 May 1903
Paul Troussier	Portobello, 226	20 May 1903
Thos. Honeyman	Fort William, 43	20 May 1903
Very Rev. Dean C. Pressley Smith	Commercial, 180	10 June 1903
Commander J. O. Hatcher	Royal Alfred, 420	10 June 1903
James Donaldson	Edinburgh, 1	10 June 1903
A. A. Laing, M.A., LL.B.	Edinburgh, 1	10 June 1903
Thomas Millar	Edinburgh, 1	10 June 1903
A. W. Macdonald, S.S.C.	Can. Kil., 2	10 June 1903
Professor David Hepburn	Edinburgh, 1	15 July 1903
Charles Leith Hay of Leith Hall	St John, 9	15 July 1903
John Gardner (*A.*)	St Stephen, 145	2 Dec. 1903
Thos. J. Moore, S.Q.M.S., 17 Lancers (*A.*)	Chapter Cork, 95	2 Dec. 1903
Harry Butler, Lieut., 17 Lancers	Royal Military, 1449, E.C.	2 Dec. 1903
T. C. Holleyman, S.Q.M.S., 17 Lancers	Dundalk, 384, I.C.	2 Dec. 1903
Lionel Davis, S.Q.M.S., 17 Lancers	St Stephen, 145	2 Dec. 1903

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Name.	Mother Lodge.	Date of Exaltation.
C. G. Beavan Vaughan, R.S.M., 17 Lancers	St Stephen, 145	2 Dec. 1903
R. Rorison, Sergt., 17 Lancers	St Stephen, 145	2 Dec. 1903
Alex. Cooper	Rifle, 405	16 Dec. 1903
Walter Miller	Journeyman, 8	16 Dec. 1903
Peter M'Nie	Rifle, 405	16 Dec. 1903
Alex. Morrison	Can. Kil., 2	16 Dec. 1903
George Wilson	Rifle, 405	16 Dec. 1903
Sam. G. Hyde, Sergt., 17 Lancers	St Stephen, 145	10 Feb. 1904
W. G. Currie, Sergt., 17 Lancers	St Stephen, 145	17 Feb. 1904
Dr K. D. Khambatta	St Andrew, 343	20 Apl. 1904
R. C. Harwell	St John, 272	18 May 1904
John Hood Harwell	St John, 272	18 May 1904
Geo. Haston	St John, 272	18 May 1904
E. S. Foster, L.D.S.	Edinburgh, 1	16 Nov. 1904
John M. Laird	Canongate and Leith, 5	16 Nov. 1904
John Muir	Edinburgh, 1	16 Nov. 1904
Sergt. Major H. B. Tulloch	Celtic, 291	16 Nov. 1904
J. D. Philips Smith	Edinburgh, 1	21 Dec. 1904
A. J. H. Jacobs, S.S.M., 17 Lancers	St Stephen, 145	21 Dec. 1904
Alex. Hamilton	Fisherrow, 112	15 Mar. 1905
Fritz A. Ruff	Edinburgh, 1	19 Apl. 1905
Harry H. Chapman, L.D.S.	Edinburgh, 1	19 Apl. 1905
William Gordon	Defensive Band, 151	15 Nov. 1905
John Myles	Rifle, 405	20 Dec. 1905
Peter Roderick Stewart, Serg. Major, H.L.I. (*A.*)	Rifle, 405	21 Feb. 1906
James Stewart	Journeyman, 8	21 Feb. 1906
Thomas M'Ilwrick	Edinburgh, 1	7 Mar. 1906
Edwin Edwards	Journeyman, 8	7 Mar. 1906

Name.	Mother Lodge.	Date of Exaltation.
Ellis J. Heilbron	Edinburgh, 1	7 Mar. 1906
James Wilson, H.L.I.	Rifle, 405	21 Mar. 1906
William M'Kie, Sergt., H.L.I.	Rifle, 405	21 Mar. 1906
Alexander Morrow, Sergt., H.L.I.	Rifle, 405	21 Mar. 1906
John Crawford	Dalkeith, 10	21 Mar. 1906
A. N. Russell	Ferguson St James, 566	21 Mar 1906
John Law	Can. Kil., 2	21 Mar. 1906
Claude Thomson	St John, 374	4 Apl. 1906
George Mackay	Rifle, 405	18 Apl. 1906
Alex. Young	St James, 97	18 Apl. 1906
John Stoddart	Journeyman, 8	2 May 1906
Robert M'Dowell	Edinburgh, 1	2 May 1906
A. Ernest Miller, L.D.S.	Edinburgh, 1	2 May 1906
John H. MacGregor	Edinburgh, 1	2 May 1906
Dr H. S. Ballantyne	Dalkeith, 10	2 May 1906
Dr George Raffan	Edinburgh, 1	16 May 1906
Thomas F. Cowan	Rifle, 405	16 May 1906
Wm. Papworth, Sergt., H.L.I.	Rifle, 405	7 Nov. 1906
Dr D. G. Robertson	Coupar-o'-Fife, 19	7 Nov. 1906
Gordon Hardie	Heart of Midlothian, 832	7 Nov. 1906
G. H. Gulliver, B.Sc.Lon.	Edinburgh, 1	16 Jan. 1907
Dr B. S. Tarapurvalla	Edinburgh, 1	16 Jan. 1907
Bristed Garth	Edinburgh, 1	16 Jan. 1907
William H. Stocks (*A.*)	Chapter Upton, 1227, E.C.	20 Mar. 1907
James Dodds	Caledonian, 392	17 Apl. 1907
A. Ludovic Forrester, W.S. *	Portobello, 226	17 Apl. 1907
David W. Thomson	Edinburgh, 1	15 May 1907
Wm. Rhind Brown	Edinburgh, 1	20 Oct. 1907
John Penney	St Stephen, 145	18 Nov. 1907

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Name.	Mother Lodge.	Date of Exaltation.
David Drover	Edinburgh, 1	16 Dec. 1907
Robert à-Ababrelton (*A.*)	Chapter Natal, 276	16 Dec. 1907
James Sclater	Rifle, 405	20 Jan. 1908
Dr A. Ashkenny	Edinburgh, 1	17 Feb. 1908
John Smith	Can. and Leith, 5	16 Mar. 1908
William B. Dick	Edinburgh, 1	20 Apl. 1908
R. A. Swanson	Can. and Leith, 5	20 Apl. 1908
Frank H. A. Redding	St John, &c., 747	7 Sep. 1908
John Rodger	Zambezia, 81, Neth. C.	7 Sep. 1908
Professor M. P. Rooseboom	Edinburgh, 1	19 Oct. 1908
J. Ross Stevenson	Edinburgh, 1	16 Nov. 1908
Hugh P. Mather	Caledonian, 392	16 Nov. 1908
Walter M. Kerr	St Clair, 349	21 Dec. 1908
George Marr	Edinburgh, 1	21 Dec. 1908
John P. Wilson	St Clair, 349	18 Jan. 1909
William Fraser	St Clair, 349	18 Jan 1909
Captain J. Lionel Blackwood	Edinburgh, 1	18 Jan. 1909
John M. Bayne	St John, 292	15 Feb. 1909
Gilbert T. Gordon	Tasker St John, 454	15 Mar. 1909
Jas. Stoddart May	Heart of Midn., 832	15 Mar. 1909
David Stocks, Junr.	Journeyman, 8	15 Mar. 1909
Gilbert S. M'Call	St Clair, 349	20 Apl. 1909
Jacob Rosentbluth	St Clair, 349	20 Apl. 1909
N. Sydney Williams	Edinburgh, 1	17 May 1909
David Wm. Buchan	Trafalgar, 223	17 May 1909
Vishwa Mitra Lámbáh	Edinburgh, 1	17 May 1909
P. S. Tillard, Artist	Edinburgh, 1	17 May 1909
Robert Duguid	Can. Kil., 2	17 May 1909
Dr Patrick E. O'Donoghue	Edinburgh, 1	17 May 1909
Edward J. Inches	Edinburgh, 1	18 Oct. 1909
E. J. Southern	Abbotsford, 937	15 Nov. 1909
R. B. Menelaws	Abbotsford, 937	15 Nov. 1909
Charles Purves	Can. & Leith, 5	15 Nov. 1909

Name.	Mother Lodge.	Date of Exaltation.
Robert Cramb	Caledonian, 392	15 Nov. 1909
Alexander Henderson	Can. & Leith, 5	15 Nov. 1909
Peter Ness	St Clair, 349	15 Nov. 1909
James Ogilvie	Dal. Kilwinning, 10	20 Dec. 1909
Walter Clark	Operative, 140	20 Dec. 1909
George Anderson	Waverley, 597	20 Dec. 1909
James C. Law	St Clair, 349	20 Dec. 1909
Andrew Stewart	St Clair, 349	20 Dec. 1909
Victor Gordon	Tasker, 454	17 Jan. 1910
James Goodfellow	St Clair, 349	21 Feb. 1910
Robert Craig	St John, 272	14 Mar. 1910
John Coglan	Defensive Band, 151	14 Mar. 1910
Alex. Cruickshank (*A.*)	Chapter St Andrew, 83	14 Mar 1910
Jas. John Graham	Edinburgh, 1	19 Apl. 1910
Isaac Grossett	Edinburgh, 1	19 Apl. 1910
J. Balfour Robertson	Edinburgh, 1	19 Apl. 1910
James M'H. Craig	Edinburgh, 1	16 May 1910
Thomas M'Crae	Abbotsford, 866	16 May 1910
George A. Glover	Edinburgh, 1	16 May 1910
N. S. Nyquist (*A.*)	Trafalgar, 223	16 May 1910
William Paterson	St Clair, 349	16 May 1910

Note.—The above List represents the Members of the Chapter who are practically all known to be alive at Whitsunday 1910. There are considerably more Members' names in the Petition Books, but in those cases where no absolute knowledge is obtainable the names have not been included.

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9. Honorary Members of the Chapter since 1860.

	Date of Admission
Charles Stewart Law	24 Sept. 1860
F. D. M'Cowan, M.D.	24 Sept. 1860
Lindsay Mackersey	24 Sept. 1860
James Kay Finzies	13 Dec. 1860
Alex. Robertson	13 Dec. 1860
Lieut. Colonel Griffiths	12 Feb. 1862
Comp. Alder, No. 84	12 Mar. 1862
Comp. Moir, No. 84	12 Mar. 1862
Comp. Cameron, No. 83	6 May 1863
Walter Francis, Lord Erskine	21 Mar. 1871
Dr George Dickson, No. 83	12 Nov. 1879
H. J. Shields, No. 83	10 Nov. 1882
Dr Scott Carmichael	9 Apl. 1884
George Christie, Stirling	7 Mar. 1888
William Black, Falkirk	7 Mar. 1888
David Reid, Chapter No. 87	16 Dec. 1891
W. Munro Denholm	18 Oct. 1893
J. Dalrymple Duncan	20 Dec. 1893
Dr W. Wynn Westcott	20 Dec. 1893
C. C. Nisbet, W.S.	20 Dec. 1893
James Melville	21 Nov. 1894
Major F. W. Allan	27 May 1896
D. M. Kelly, Newton Stewart	16 Dec. 1896
James Kirkwood, Ex-Provost of Govan	18 Dec. 1901
Colonel R. King Stewart	17 Jan. 1910

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10. Companions who have occupied the First Principal's Chair, with the dates of Occupancy.

Exalted		
4 Dec. 1778	David M'Laren (R.W.M. of Lodge St Stephen) -	1778
4 Dec. 1778	John Notman, Candlemaker (Governor)	1779-84
27 July 1783	James Ramsay, Painter (Governor)	1784-5
23 Jan. 1784	Alexr. Grieve, Bookbinder (Captain Governor)	1785-6
26 Oct. 1779	Lewis Grant, Clothier (Captain Governor)	1786-8
4 Dec. 1778	William Lyon, Smith ,,	1788-91
24 Feb. 1791	Joseph Skeaf, Quil Dresser ,,	1791-6
31 Jan. 1794	Andrew Fisher, Spirit Dealer ,,	1796-8
12 Mar. 1796	James Galbraith, Slater ,,	1798-1800
12 Mar. 1796	William Stoddart, Cork Cutter ,,	1800-5
29 Jan. 1805	William Murray, Sen., Porter Dealer (Captain Governor) - -	1805-6
21 Feb. 1805	Alexander Deuchar, Seal Engraver (High Priest, thereafter M.E. Grand Chief, thereafter M.E. Principal)	1806-17
8 Mar. 1817	Alexander Lambe Robertson of Prendergast, W.S. (M.E. First Principal)	1817-9
7 Nov. 1817	David Birrell, Writer	1819-20
21 Feb. 1805	Alexander Deuchar (re-elected)	1820-4
24 Nov. 1817	Peter Campbell, S.S.C.	1824-5
30 Oct. 1811	John Ferney, Merchant	1825-6
23 Feb. 1821	Thomas Muir, Teacher	1826-9
13 Sep. 1827	Wm. Maxwell Gunn, LL.D., Classical Teacher of High School (1843)	1829-30
30 Jan. 1819	Thomas Millar, Sir Wm. Forbes' Bank	1830-2
27 Feb. 1805	Alexander Deuchar (re-elected)	1832-4
16 Oct. 1833	George Meikle, M.D.	1834-5
15 June 1809	John Deuchar, Surgeon and Chemistry Lecturer	1835-6
16 Oct. 1833	James Graham of Leitchtown	1836-8

Exalted		
26 May 1838	Right Hon. Thomas, eleventh Earl of Strathmore	1838-42
17 Feb. 1805	Alexander Deuchar (re-elected)	1842-3
12 Aug. 1809	Hector Gavin, Engraver	1843-6
21 Mar. 1843	Andrew Murray, Hotelkeeper	1846-50
7 Mar. 1818	John Henry, Last Maker	1850-52
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