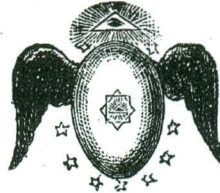


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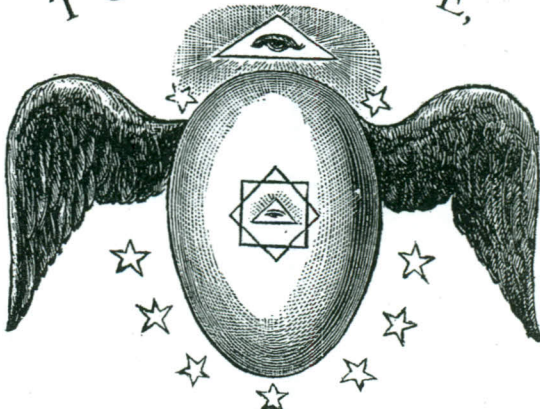
THE completion of the second year's publication of "*Knepl*" suggests itself as a favorable opportunity for the issue of a Title Page and Index for the use of those of our readers who may desire to preserve their copies for reference by binding them. It has also been suggested to us that as many of the articles have no signatures attached, it would be useful to append the names of the writers, and as we know of no objection to this, we have done so.

It may be remarked, in reference to the monthly compendium of Lodge Meetings, which at the desire of many of our Craft Brethren we continued for a few months in Vol. I., but omitted from Vol. II., that however interesting these short reports might be to Brethren, the very limited space at our command prevented us from giving more than a very small proportion of the meetings that took place each month, and moreover occupied space that we felt could be more profitably used; and from the congratulatory letters on the improved appearance and contents of "*Knepl*" which have been from time to time received, we gather that our readers are on the whole satisfied with the change.

In conclusion, we may say with old Spencer:—

“ I, like the Prentyse that hewyth the rough stone,
And bringeth it to square with hard strokes and many
That the Mayster after may it our gone
And prynte therein his figures and his story;
And so to worke after his propornary
That it may appear to all that shall it see
A thyng right parfyte and well in eche degre.
So have I now sette out this rude worke,
As rough as the stone not comen to the square,
That the lernede and the studyed clerk
May it oure polysshe and clene do it pare,
Flowrysshe it with eloquence, whereof it is bare,
And frame it in ordre that yt is out of joynt,
That it with old authors may gree in every poynt ”

TOLERANCE,
PEACE, TRUTH.



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Opening Address.

As we this day issue the first number of THE KNEPH, an Official Journal of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, it is desirable that some few prefatory remarks should explain the sphere and scope of the publication. As a Masonic periodical, it in no way interferes with its elder contemporaries, with whom it is desired to establish the most amicable relations; nor will it in any way supersede them. It is not to be expected that the *Freemason* and the *Freemasons' Chronicle*, can continue to open their columns to the mere technical and official reports emanating from our Sovereign Sanctuary, nor give space valuably devoted to Craft Reports to the affairs of a single Rite, now growing every day in importance.

The principles upon which it is proposed to conduct this new enterprise are those of the purest Masonic good-will. Every Craft Mason, anxious to learn what the Antient and Primitive Rite really is, may fearlessly expect fair play in our columns, and ask for and obtain frank explanations on the many obscure points which continually arise in the study of Masonic Science.

For a very long time the number of ardent Masonic investigators has been on the increase, and a public has thus grown into existence, for whom THE KNEPH is especially destined. Masonic archæology and research is now no longer in its cradle, but forms a most important

department of English and American thought. Joined with the archæology of the subject, we find many topics of interest, illustrative of the history of mediæval science, and even in a certain sense of religious aspect in thought. Many of them are alluded to in their proper place throughout our ceremonials, and deserve the most careful consideration in the course of our studies.

Philology has made such marked progress that we are now enabled to trace out the origin and development of many important mythological legends by its aid, thus throwing great light upon obscure points connected with ancient mysteries and faiths. The emergence of Egyptology, as a science, is a fact of the highest importance to those who honestly believe in the real antiquity of Freemasonry as a mode of education.

It is necessary to say that the columns of "THE KNEPH" will always be open to sincere enquirers into Truth, but a reverent regard for the principles of Craft Masonry as transmitted to our times must ever be kept in view. The promoters of this Journal consider that a studious respect for the Landmarks of Freemasonry should always be seen in the tone of the articles in its pages.

With an honest desire to act on behalf of the general enlightenment of the Craft, an undeviating sense of the supremacy of the Craft authorities of this country, and a determination to uphold all that is legitimate, it is thought that "THE KNEPH" will be welcome to a numerous body



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Contributions are cordially invited, but they should in all cases be clothed in the fewest possible words, as matter, and not manner, is what is wanted. We thus start fair, making but few promises, and hence we shall have none to break. The plan of the paper will be best seen by the number we now issue, and with every subsequent publication we hope to make such improvements as time and opportunity suggest.

REPORT OF THE ACTING TREASURER GENERAL.

ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHERS,

Having recently, after some years of delicate health, recovered somewhat of my old elasticity, I decided, at the commencement of this year, to undertake the labour of resuming the organization of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry. The continued bad health of the Illustrious Brother, who, from the introduction of the Rite into this country in 1871, has worthily filled the office of Treasurer General, compelled me to perform his duties in addition to my own. This concentration, in my own hands, of all the work of the Rite was economical, both in time and money, and advantageous in other respects. For the greater part of this year, I have been obliged to devote about six hours daily to these duties, and I have been amply rewarded for this sacrifice, by seeing the Order, at length, on the high road to prosperity.

In the first years of the Rite, we drew largely upon the good nature of the Treasurer General, Illustrious Brother S. P. Leather, 33°, as the expenses of its establishment were very heavy, and he often advanced considerable sums of money. The Sovereign Sanctuary of America, charged us £50 for our Charter, and we paid it. Certificate plate, blocks, seals, &c., would cost us £40 more. Expense of Freemason's Hall, London, for our first meeting, printing warrants, certificates, &c., £50. Printing Constitutions (58 pp.), Public Ceremonials (102 pp.), History (60), say £55. Printing Class V. (100 pp. and binding 100) £20. This is an approximate account of expenses to the close of 1878, and to it has to be added £5 miscellaneous expenses from time to time.

I have carefully examined the accounts of the Illustrious Brother Samuel P. Leather, 33°, which show a small balance in hand. The receipts are recorded with great accuracy and the payments made with much economy and prudence. It is difficult to touch pitch without being defiled, and for seven years the Treasurer General has performed that duty. I therefore, equally with the Order generally, owe him a deep debt of gratitude.

The great cost of establishing an Order of this extensive nature has doubtless kept away from us a large number of prudent brethren, who thought that sufficient funds would not be raised to place the Rite firmly upon its legs; but, notwithstanding, we have plodded on resolutely, through all disadvantages, until the point of success has at length been attained.

The several Members of the Sovereign Sanctuary have worked *con Amore*, devoting a considerable amount of time and money to the cause, and, it is greatly to our credit to say, that no profit of any kind has accrued to any of the officials of the Rite. At first a few Members joined us with the hope of some pecuniary advantage, but these fell away when they saw that no money was to be made

out of it, and they left, to the disinterested, the conduct of the Rite, which was thus quietly weeded of all those for whom it was unsuited.

This year, during my undivided control of affairs, I have received a larger measure of support than usual, and I must specially return my thanks to the Glasgow and Scottish brethren generally, for the liberal and energetic manner in which they have contributed to the present satisfactory result.

We have during this year chartered five New Chapters, and several Senates of Knight Hermetic Philosophers, and Sublime Councils. We have also established friendly relations with the Sovereign Sanctuary of America, and the Sovereign Councils of the Egyptian Rite, in Africa; and Italy, of which latter the Illustrious Brother General Giuseppe Garibaldi, 33° &c., is Grand Master. The list of our Representatives, Officers, and subordinate bodies will be found in the "Cosmopolitan Calendar," published by Bro. George Kenning.

We have kept three printers employed; two in Manchester, and one in London. In Manchester, have been printed, and delivered, the following Manuals, viz:— Adoptive Masonry (6 pp.). Class II. and III. (144 p.) Class VI. and VII. (196 pp.). Official (56 pp.). These are printed at a cost of about £77, which is already paid, but a considerable sum will have to be added for binding. In London, with the dues accruing from the Rose of Sharon, No. 6, our Illustrious Brother James Hill, 33°, has printed Charters. (50), Mizraim, (54 p.), Class IV. (96 p.) These at an approximate cost of upwards of £40. With the exception of the cost of printing certificates, the miscellaneous expenses will be about £2 10s. to £3 for postage, carriage &c. To these sums will have to be added a further printing charge for the Lectures, amounting to about £25 and then our labours are entirely complete, and the Sovereign Sanctuary in full working order.

Thus, out of debt, and with a working stock of about £250, there is, for the future, no risk of the Rite collapsing, and we, therefore, look forward, in a sanguine spirit, to a vast extension of the privileges of the Order, as nothing is now lacking to enable us to assist those brethren, who seek to work it, in any part of the United Kingdom or its dependencies; and every possible encouragement will be given to them for that purpose.

Our Illustrious Grand Secretary General, Bro. James Hill, 33°, of No. 7, Kingsland-road, Shoreditch, London, has been placed in possession of 150 copies each, of all our publications, and 500 copies of the Manual of the Rite of Mizraim; and the power to issue dispensations in England and Wales, will be given to the Very Illustrious Grand Master of Light. The same regulations will be extended to Scotland. Bro. John Hogg, 13, Paternoster-row, London, has also been supplied with the History of the Antient and Primitive Rite (64 p. 1/-); and the Statutes, Public Ceremonials, and History. (220 p. 5/6), from whom these can be procured.

To this report will be added a debtor and creditor account of all sums received and paid, with the names of those through whom they may have been transmitted. Whatever is further necessary, for the convenience of the Rite, will be obtained, and all amounts owing by the Order will be cleared off as speedily as possible. A Treasurer General will then be appointed in London, with a Banking account; and the various members of the Order will be kept periodically informed of the state of its financial and other affairs.

I may be excused for adding, that, if the various Executive Officers of the Order, who give so liberally of their valuable time, are to be kept in good heart, the individual members of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, scattered throughout this great Empire, must,

on their part, give them substantial encouragement by their zeal,—unappreciated labours and benefits become a burthen to the giver.

To each and all of you, Illustrious Brethren, I return, my hearty personal thanks, for your kind and disinterested support, and I earnestly hope that T.S.A.O.T.U. will permit us all, for many years to come, to labour diligently together for the welfare of our beloved Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN YARKER, 33—96°.

The Poplars, Burton-road,
Withington, Manchester.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Sundry receipts	10	8	2
Ill. Bro. M. L. Davies, 33° (No. 5)	11	0	6
" " S. P. Leather, 33°, Trea. Gen.	4	14	6
" " C. James, 33°, Elect (7 & 9)	32	14	0
" " T. M. Campbell, 32°, (No. 8)	46	2	6
" " Colin Mackenzie, 32°. (No. 9)	36	7	6
My total receipts	141	7	2
" " J. Hill ^o , 33. G.S.G. (No. 6)	44	16	0
Total credits	£186	3	2

PAYMENTS.

Mr. A. Thomson, Class VI. & VII., and binding 100 copies	39	16	2
Messrs. J. W. Petty & Son, Class II. & III., Official; 50 galleys, &c., &c., and binding 100 copies, certs., decl., &c.	46	5	6
Printing about 190 certs., &c., &c., per Ill. Bro. C. James	14	6	6
Six tin book boxes and locks	2	18	6
Postages, Carriages, &c., 1½ years	4	6	10
Binding 980 Mizraim	3	7	6

My total payments	£111	1	0
Estimated cost of binding in progress	9	0	0
Ill. Bro. Hill, 33°. Printing 50 Warrants, 1,500 Mizraim, Class IV., binding, &c.	40	0	0

Estimated total liabilities £160 0 0

Estimate of additional Cash required by Ill. Bro.
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PROMETHEUS.

TRANSLATED BY ILL. BRO. J. H. PEACH. 30°.

[The following beautiful speech of Prometheus, having in itself many allusions to the important part played by the founder of the ancient mysteries, and typified in the person of the demi-god, has been ably translated by Ill. Bro. J. H. Peach for our columns. It will be remembered that Æschylos was himself prosecuted for speaking too openly of the Mysteries.—Ed.]

(PROMETHEUS—BOUND TO THE ROCK BY ORDER OF JUPITER, FOR HAVING STOLEN FROM HEAVEN THE SACRED FIRE OF THE GODS, AND GIVEN IT TO MEN,—IS THE SPEAKER.)

THINK not that thro' false pride, or stubbornness
I hold my peace. My heart is sick and faint
With self-examining. I see myself
Outrag'd, and woe-begone. Yet who but I
Gave these divinities their richest gifts.
But why speak more of this; or why recount,
To you who know, what I erst-while have done?
But the dread woes of men I have assuag'd
Hear ye of them, as I recount; how like
Th'unreasoning babes they liv'd, till I arous'd
Their sleeping comprehension to its task;
Taught them to think, and gave them laws of thought.
And this I say, not finding fault with men,
But showing my good-will in all I gave.
And first, tho' seeing, seeing all in vain,
And hearing, but not rightly; phantom-like
Throughout their length of days, 'with muddled brains,
They wrought at random; or still lived content
In caverns of the earth; like insects liv'd:
Nor knew they how to set one brick on other,
To build them houses, where the sunlight's warmth
Might settle; nor the work of carpentry;
But still abode in sunless depths of earth.
Nor knew they signs of Winter; nor could mark
Th' approach of Spring with leaf and flower clad,
Nor yet of Summer with rich store of fruits;
But void of counsel liv'd they all their years,
Till I proclaim'd the risings of the stars
And when they set, (a harder time to tell).
And number, chief device, to them declar'd
Its laws, its uses, and its many powers.
And, as a handmaid true to Memory,
And Mother of the Muses, I explained
The use and forms of letters. And I first
Compell'd submissive to the rein, wild steeds;
And broke them to the collar: so that they
Might with their greater strength lighten men's toil.
Those canvas-winged birds that ride the wave,
And join together nations sea-divided.
All these designs inventing (hapless still).
For thankless man, I yet have no device
To free myself from underserv'd woe.
Of human race, if any one fell ill,
And needed help; or healing food; or drink
To quiet thirst in fever; or some drug
To check the force of fierce disease, to such
I gave the aid of mild medicaments,
Wherewith to quell attacks of sickness sore.
I taught them many modes of prophecy;
And read them truths from visions ominous,
Or tokens from the flight of talon'd birds:
And made clear dim-vision'd omens drawn from fire.
And 'neath the earth I treasures sought for men,
Treasures of iron, silver, gold; who else can say
That he, not I had found them first? Not one!
Unless he babbles idle words. So learn
The truth, summ'd up in one short sentence, thus—
All arts of mortals from Prometheus spring!

"PROMETHEUS BOUND."—446—514.

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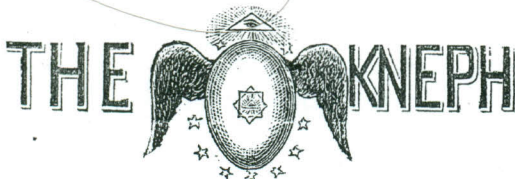
O P I N I O N S .

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To Correspondents.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit free discussion.



LONDON, JANUARY 1, 1881.

IN our opening address we think we have sufficiently explained our position as regards our contemporaries of a masonic character, but it may be not inopportune to say a word or two as to our views in connection with general literature. We are a Masonic Journal; but outside and on the fringe of Masonry there lie many subjects quite within our power to consider. Although pure archæology is well represented by many able

organs of public note, there are points of contact between archæology and Masonic lore; upon such we invite communications. Heraldry, the badges of public companies, and mysteries, and the history of guilds and fraternities.

Stray fragments of perhaps inestimable value might be preserved in this way, and by an interchange of such intelligence we may do much to aid in the recovery and preservation of the fragmentary history of the corporations, too many of which have been forgotten, and might very conveniently be exhumed. Local customs and the like also afford a wide and probably profitable field. We venture the hint, may it be useful.

Another point to which we should like to direct the attention of our readers is that of Bibliography. A little while before the restoration of Freemasonry in these realms, a great number of books, sometimes regarded as having a quasi-Masonic character, were freely published and sold.

Many of these of a "grave and russet hue" are now not easily accessible and if we could arouse the attention of our student brethren to the importance of these little known works, we think that some account of them would materially aid in the evolution of an intelligible history of that great movement in which our ancestors were the primary motive powers, and which it is our privilege to carry forward with such additional aids as the progress of science admits. Hidden within forgotten volumes lie many truths, and we owe it to our forerunners that these should be turned to account. Therefore we hope that our columns may from time to time be rendered of permanent value by the record of such investigations into the literary history of the past.

We have reserved one point for express mention, and we hope we shall in this not be misunderstood. The columns of this Journal are not to be converted into a vituperative arena.

Calm discussion we invite, and we do not see why plain language as to matter of fact should not be used, but we deprecate personalities of every kind. But we especially draw attention to the fact that as the organ of the Antient and Primitive Rite, it is our wish to aid in the Masonic education and edification of reading Masons.

Many interesting points of investigation yet require illustration, and some problems lie ready for solution.

We shall have difficulties to encounter, but we are determined to surmount these, and we feel certain that we shall carry our battle flag, bearing the myrtle and the glaive, to victory, our watchwords being Truth and Tolerance to all.

SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

As to a certain extent, this Journal may be regarded as an organ of the above Rite, it would ill become the first number to be without a few words in reference to it. It has for a considerable time been occultly opposed by influences somewhat unworthy of the notice of true Masonic Brethren; but this very opposition proved that these influences knew nothing of the true importance of the Rite. The present Grand Secretary of England, Col. SHADWELL-CLERK, was invited by the Secretary of the Rite to make himself acquainted with it, and accept honorary membership in it, as his predecessor, Bro. JOHN HEWEY had done. This our Bro., in a graceful note, declined, and it is not for any one to dispute his will and pleasure. The Swedenborgian Rite is a purely voluntary body, and a philosophical institution of no mean importance. It is quite as capable of enduring a period of probationary neglect as any other Masonic body, but it is quite certain that ultimately its merits will be as generally acknowledged as those of other systems. But from certain bodies in England, as in Ireland, it is idle to expect frankness. Hence the Rite of Swedenborg labours under several disadvantages. Among these we may number the unfounded dislike entertained by the Theological body of the New Church to Freemasonry. We would ask that eminently respectable class of thinkers whether the Swedenborgian Rite has ever done them any harm? It has never entered into dispute upon Swedenborg's ideas, or controverted any of the canons of the *Intellectual Repository*, itself an admirable work. But the present chief representatives of the Theosophical side of Swedenborg's character are not Freemasons, and know nothing of his Masonic career, and so we can forgive them.

In our next issue, we shall present to our readers a full report of what has been done in the Swedenborgian Rite, and we shall show that we have used our limited funds both wisely and well.

WHICH OF THE GODS WAS SERAPIS?

BY ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER CHARLES JAMES, 33^o ELECT.

In tracing the rise of the Worship of Serapis, and its connection through Apis, with the Osiric Rite, it is necessary first to glance at the general state of animal worship in Egypt, and this we shall find never existed to any very great extent; or to that degree which only a casual glance, at the records of their religious customs would lead us to suppose; indeed it was only in Lower Egypt, a part of the dual kingdom always inferior in art, learning,

and theology, to the upper country, that animal worship at all found a place; and even here only in the minds of the lower and more ignorant classes of the people, who, there is good reason to suppose, were raceably distinct, from the better educated, and governing classes, who, so far as history carries us back, were always in possession of a much more elevated and highly spiritualistic theology.

It is true the Cynocephalus received a certain amount of veneration at Thebes, and that some animals, insects, and reptiles, such as the Scarabæus, and Uræus, received the same in both Upper and Lower Egypt, yet in no case did this veneration amount to adoration, and no Temples were erected to their worship, no Priesthood maintained for their service, nor any kind of religious ceremony performed expressly in their honour; they were simply looked upon as types of the attributes of certain Deities, or of the eternal principles of Nature.

It was at Memphis, in Lower Egypt, at a period anterior to exact history, and while even Thebes was yet young, that animal worship was first established, probably under the successor of "Kakau," the first King of the fourth dynasty; and no doubt reached Egypt from beyond the Ganges.

Here the animal Deity was the bull Apis, but his worship never spread past the confines of Memphis, certainly not beyond the home, or province belonging to that city; for at the neighbouring city of Heliopolis, was worshipped another bull, called by the Egyptians "Amim-Ehe," and by the Greek historians "Mnevis"; and the people of Mendes, altogether discarding the bull Divinities, adopted for themselves another animal, the Sacred Goat, while in other cities in Lower Egypt, various animals were considered sacred.

The Bull, on account of his pro-creative powers, was held to be an emblem of Deity by most eastern nations from a very early period, and by many of them an inferior incarnation, of some one or other of their Gods. Thus, in India, the Sacred Cow is yet held in high veneration, whilst in Japan and China, Temples are still erected to the honour of the "Horned Bull," and it is by no means difficult to trace the progress of this worship, in its march westward, through Chaldea, and Assyria, to Phœnicia, and thence into Egypt, and when the two great branches of the Cymry passed, the one westward from the coast of Phœnicia, into Spain and Gaul, and the other, crossing the Bosphorus, penetrated northward, and at length settled in this Island, they carried with them into these countries, both the image and the worship of the Bull, and even further north we find Thor, whose name in Scandinavian signifies Bull, ranking as the first Deity of the people.

That each Apis was said to have had no father, but a ray of light overshadowed his mother; and we find the Bull thus represented on a Cyprian Coin, dated about 500 B.C., whilst on the obverse is an Eagle. This Island which had often been tributary to Egypt, though remaining under native Kings,

and native laws, was entirely subdued by "Amasis," who established there Egyptian religion and customs.

To be an Apis, it was necessary the Bull should be black, with a white spot upon his forehead (Circular, as the Sun; a Crescent, as the Moon; or a Square, emblem of a Cube). A second white spot upon his back (or side) in form of an Eagle, double hairs upon his tail, and a ball under his tongue, said to be a Scarabæus.

An animal thus gifted was adopted as the representative of the vivifying principle of nature, and as such, was a type (or inferior incarnation) of the Sun, which latter, was adored by all the nation as the manifestation in nature of the creator and giver of life. But as Osiris was the Sun personified, the bull became, in a second degree, also the type (or inferior incarnation) of Osiris, and hence the connection of the two symbols of the one great luminary.

(To be Continued.)

Reports.

ROSE CROIX, CHAPTERS 11°.—18°.

No. 1. MOUNT SINAI, London. Sir Kt. A. D. Löwenstark, M.W. This Chapter, after admitting about a dozen Members, appears to have become dormant; it requires, however, but a little fresh energy infused into it, to set it again in motion, and with better chance of success at the present, than at any former period.

No. 2. PALATINE AND JERUSALEM, Manchester. This Chapter commenced work vigorously and has admitted since its formation, some 60 Members. Lately, owing, it is said, to the removal of its presiding officer, Sir Kt. Jno. Croll, 32° to Liverpool, the remaining Members do not appear to have taken much pains to keep up the prestige of the Antient Jerusalem Chapter (claiming from time immemorial under The Royal Grand Council of Antient Rites), with which the Palatine was amalgamated. We trust, however, that with new life infused into it its dormant energies will be revived, and we have authority for saying that The Grand Master and Officers of the Sovereign Sanctuary will give every facility for that purpose. We are unable at the present to give a list of the officers, or of the times and places of meeting, but, as the chapter is, we believe, to be re-organised, we shall probably be in a position to do so in an early number of THE KNEPH.

No. 3. ORION, Havant. This chapter meets (at the Masonic Hall), on the 4th Tuesday in March and September at 7 p.m. The officers for the current year are Sir Kts. J. Harrison, 31°, M.W.; T. Francis, 30°, Kt. S.W.; T. Adams, 30° Kt. J.W. (We shall be glad to receive reports from time to time as to the progress of the Antient and Primitive Rite in the south, and trust our Brother, Sir Kt. Secretary will keep us well informed).

No. 4. SIRIUS, Burnley, Lancashire. (No report). We hear, however, that Sir Kt. Tom Bradshaw, is taking steps to bring his chapter to the front, and we hope shortly to be able to report great things from Burnley.

No. 5. PRIMITIVE PILGRIMS, Holyhead. Meetings, 1st Monday in September, November, January, March and May, at 8 p.m. Officers for the year:—Ill. Bros. J. Wonfor, 32° M.W. Auguste Mouillot, 30°, Ill. Kt. S.W.; Maurice L. Davies, 33°; Ill. Kt. J.W., Marinus de Groot, 30°, Ill. Kt. Orator; W. F. Lawler, 30°, Kt. Conductor; T. Wilson Fair, 11°, Kt. Capt. of Gd.; John Younge, 11°, Kt. Gd. of Tower; Ill. Bro. A. Mouillot, Treas. Maurice L. Davies, M.D., D.D.S., Sec.

We are glad to see this chapter so active, and considering the difficulties under which our Irish brethren labour, we

congratulate them heartily on the promising aspect of their affairs. They are arranging to take the advantage of the Friendly Societies' Act, and Ill. Bro. Davies has offered to give them a suite of rooms that they may fit them up suitably for the requirements of the degrees of the Rite.

No. 6. ROSE OF SHARON, London. Meeting on the first Tuesday in the months of February, April, June, September, October, December, at the Chapter House, 77½, Bishopsgate-street Within, at 7 o'clock. The rooms are open as a Chapter of Instruction, every Tuesday evening, throughout the year, (July and August excepted). The last Tuesday in each month being reserved as an open night for Members of the R.A. degree.

The Officers for the current year, are—Sir Kt. Hy. Meyer, 32°, M.W.; James Hill, 33°, P.M.W.; W. J. Meek, 32°, Ill. Kt. S.W.; Bernard Meyer, 31°, Ill. Kt. J.W.; Hy. Stephens, 31°, Ill. Kt. Orator; Edward Harrison Ill. Kt. Trea.; A. P. Little, 30°, Kt. Conductor; Richard Marshall, 30° Kt. Capt. of Guard; J. H. Peach, 30°, Kt. Archivist; Thos. Sims, Kt. Gd. of Tower; Geo. Chas. Young, 30°, Kt. Organist.

The great labour attending the founding this Chapter in London, and the grave difficulties it had to contend with at the outset, has necessarily retarded its development; occupying, as it does, the representative position of the Rite in the Metropolis, it was doubly necessary that every possible care should be taken to place it on a firm footing at the outset of its career, and that no exception should be taken to the mode in which its work was performed, or to the character of its fittings and regalia. And without risking the charge of boastfulness, we may safely challenge hostile criticism on either point. It is to be regretted perhaps, that the burden of all this work and expenditure should rest on the shoulders of so few individuals, but as the Rite becomes better known, and the idle threats and falsehoods propagated by interested schemers, with the view of deterring our Craft brethren from associating themselves with the Antient and Primitive Rite, come to be treated with the contempt they merit, there is little doubt but rapid progress will be made. It is very gratifying to find the brethren cheerfully undertaking a task which might well tax the energies of a more numerous body. All the Members of this Chapter, hold the corresponding grades of the Rite of Mizraim.

No. 7. LILY OF THE VALLEY, Liverpool. This Chapter founded in September of this year, by the energies and exertions of our Ill. Bro. Chas. James, 32° and 33° elect, who has also placed his offices at the disposal of the Chapter until their arrangements are complete. The list of officers comprise several well-known and influential names in Liverpool, and is as follows:—Sir Kt. John W. Turley, 32°, M.W.; Charles James, 32°, P.M.W.; William Henry Quilliam, 31°, Ill. Kt. S.W.; Squire Chapman, 32°, Ill. Kt. J.W.; Wm. Longbottom, 30°, Kt. Orator; Samuel Howard, 30°, Kt. Sec.; Theophilus W. Blades, 30°, Kt. Archivist; Francis B. Barnham, 30°, Kt. Conductor; William Kinsey, 30°, Kt. Capt. of Guard; Fredk. Evans, 11°, Kt. Gd. of Tower; James Jack, 11°, Kt. Organist.

The meeting nights are the third Fridays in the months of January, February, March, April, September, October, November, and December, at 40, Castle-street, at 7 p.m. They admitted four new Members of the 11°, at their last meeting in the month of November.

No. 8. SPHYNX, Glasgow. This Chapter, the first chartered under the Antient and Primitive Rite in Scotland, is, we are pleased to see, making good headway; and boasts a flourishing muster-roll of 23 members, not including Ill. Bros. Yarker and James as honorary members.

Notwithstanding a series of attacks levelled against the Rite, and its officers, which may, considering the personalities with which they abound, be justly characterised as disgraceful, the Glasgow brethren have right manfully put "shoulder to shoulder" in good Scottish fashion; and are now in a position to bid defiance to the detractors and would-be assassins of the Rite. This we are pleased to see, and we bid them good speed in their work of Masonic enlightenment of Peace, Tolerance, and Truth.

The following brethren are the officers for the year:—Sir Kts. Stephen Robertson, 32°, M.W.; Thos. M. Campbell, 32°, P.M.W., and Treas. pro. tem.; John Mc Innes, 31°, S.W.;

J. Mc Innes, 31°. J.W.; Jas. Coombe Maddever, M.D., 30°, Orator; D. Chalmers, 30°, Sec.; Robert Headrick, 30°, Conductor; J. Duthie, 30°, Archivist; John M'Nair, 30°, Kt. Capt. of Guard; Wm. F. Shaw, 30°, Kt. Gd. of Tower; James Gray, 30°, Sentinel. A meeting was recently reported in the Masonic Journals, which appears to have resulted in some very eligible additions to the roll of Members.

No. 9. ST. ANDREW, Glasgow. This Chapter, in six months, boasts a list of 25 energetic Masons, drawn from the best of the Scottish Lodges. It meets at St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, on the third Friday of each month, at 7 o'clock p.m. At first, its harmony was imperilled by the grant of No. 8 to the Sphinx Chapter, but we are happy to say, that the Members of both chapters, determined to abandon all un-masonic rivalry, and work hand in hand for the good of the Rite; this is as it should be. The Chapter is now engaged in working up the degrees for instruction. The officers are:—Sir Kts. Thos. Waters Brownlee, 32°, M.W.; Colin Mackenzie, 32°, Past M.W.; Robert Morrison, 31°, R.K.S., W.; George Nicol, 31°, R.K.I.W.; Charles Marshall, 30°, Orator; Andrew Holmes, 30°, Treasurer; John Templeman, 30°, Conductor; Frederick Neute, 32° Capt. of Gd.; Wm. Robertson, 30°, Organist; Robert Muir, 30°, Archivist; James Higgins, 30°, Gd. of the Tower.

SENATES K.H.P., 20°—33°.

No. 1. MOUNT SINAI, London. Ill. Kt. A. D. Löwenstark, 33°, S.G.C. (dormant.)

No. 2. PALATINE AND JERUSALEM, Manchester. Ill. Kt. Edward Pickstone, 32°, S.G.C.

No. 3. ORION, Havant. Meets fourth Tuesday in May at Masonic Hall at 7 p.m. The officers are Ill. Kts. J. Clay, 32°, S.G.C.; A. R. Robinson, 31°, Ill. Sen. Kt. Inpr.; J. Roads, 31°, Ill. Jr. Kt. Inpr.

No. 4. SIRIUS, Burnley. Ill. Kt. Hobson Wadsworth, 32° S.G.C. (No report.)

No. 5-9. ST. ANDREW, Glasgow. This Senate of Knight Hermetic Philosophers, was chartered on the 11th October, and is engaged in working the various degrees for instructions. It consists of 25 Members. The officers are as follows:—Illustrious Brothers, Fredk. Neute, 32°, Sub. Gd. Com.; John Dick, 31°, Sen. Kt. Int.; Andrew Holmes, 31°, Jun. Kt. Int.; John Templeman, 30°, Orator; John G. Phillips, 30°, Kt. of Finance; Wm. Cochran, 30°, Kt. Recorder; Robert Jamieson, 30°, Kt. Marshal; Alexander Pedie, 30°, Kt. Archivist; Wm. Brown, 30°, Kt. of Introd.; Wm. Robertson, 30°, Kt. Capt. of Guard; Wm. Wallace, 30°, Kt. Std. Bearer; James Higgins, 30°, Kt. Sword Bearer; James Baird, 30°, Kt. Gd. of Sanc.; Robert Drummond, 30°, Kt. Organist.

No. 6. ROSE OF SHARON, London. Meets at the Senate House, 77½, Bishopsgate-street Within, on the third Tuesday in January, May, September, and November. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, 16th November, when the following officers were installed by Ill. Bro. James Hill, 33°, G.S.G., (as representative of the Grand Master of Light for the Province of Middlesex.) Ill. Sir Knt. William Stephens 32° P.M. P.Z. Sub. Grand Commander, Ill. Sir Knts. Henry Stephens 31° P.M. and Edward Harrison 31° Senior and Junior Kts. Interpreters respectively, Ill. Sir Kt. John H. Southwood 32° P.M. P.Z. Knight of Eloquence, Ill. Sir Knt. W. J. Meek 31° Knt. of Finance, Ill. Sir Knt. J. H. Peach 30° Knt. Recorder, Ill. Sir Knt. A. P. Little 30° Kt. Marshal, Ill. Sir Knt. Thomas Sims 30° Knt. Archivist, Ill. Sir Kt. R. Marshall 30°, Knt. of Introduction, and Ill. Sir Kt. G. C. Young 30° W.M. 820° Organist. The Senate was opened and closed in the degree of Knt. Grand Inspector (20). The brethren subsequently partook of a cold collation served in the ante-room, at which the S. Grand Com. gave the usual Loyal A. and P. toasts, which were heartily responded to.

No. 7-8. Sphinx, Glasgow. This Senate consists of 23 members and was chartered on the 4th November. We have received the following list of officers for the ensuing year:—Ill. Kts. T. M. Campbell, S. G. Commander; Stephen Robertson, S. Knt. Interpreter; John Mc Innes, J. Knt. Interpreter; John Coombe Maddever, Ill. Knt. Orator; John Mc William, Kt. of Finance; David Chalmers, Kt.

Recorder; William F. Shaw, Kt. Marshal; James Duthie, Kt. Archivist; John Mc Watters, Kt. of Introduction; James Macnair, Capt. of Guard; Jas. Bruce Miller, Standard Bearer; John Mc Queen Baw, Sword Bearer; James Mc Crone, Gd. of Sanctuary; James Gray, Sentinel.

COUNCILS, S.M.G.W., 30°—90°.

A. UNIVERSAL, 4°—30° (Movable and in charge of the Sov. Sanctuary.) This Chapter, Senate and Council has registered 26 members.

No. 1. MOUNT SINAI, London. Ill. Bro. A. D. Löwenstark, 33°, Sub. Dai. (Dormant.)

No. 2. PALATINE, Manchester. Ill. Bro. B. B. Labrey, 33°, Sub. Dai. (No report.)

No. 3. ORION, Havant. Meeting at the Masonic Hall at 7 p.m. on 4th Tuesday in November. Ill. Bro. J. N. Hillman 33°, Sub. Dai.; Ill. Bro. J. Harrison 31°, First. Myst.; Ill. Bro. J. Clay, 32°, Second Myst.

U.D. SIRIUS, Burnley. (Under Dispensation. No report.) Ralph Landless Sub. Dai. We regret to hear that our esteemed brother is unable at present to give any attention to the Rite owing to the state of his health. We hope to have better tidings of him in our next.

No. 4-9. SPHYNX, Glasgow. This Sublime Council consists of 23 members and was chartered on the 4th November. The following are the officers:—T. M. Campbell, Sub. Dai.; Stephen Robertson, 1st Myst.; John McInnes, 2nd Myst.; John Coombe Maddever, Orator; John McWilliam, Treasurer; David Chalmers, Secretary; Charles Inglis, Expert; James Duthie, Archivist; Willm. L. Shaw, Messgr. of Science; John Mc Watters, Accompanier; James McCrone, Standard Bearer; John Sloane McCant, Sword Bearer; James Macnair, Guard of Sanctuary; James Gray, Sentinel.

MYSTIC TEMPLE, 32°—94°.

PROVINCE OF LANCASHIRE. Chartered 16th June, 1872.

Grand Master of Light, Ill. Bro. B. B. Labrey, 33°; Past Master of Light, Ill. Bro. S. P. Leather, 33°; Past Master of Light, Ill. Bro. John Yarker, 33°; Grand Orator, Ill. Bro. O. Andreasian, 32°; Grand Examiner, Ill. Bro. Adolph Shiers, 32°; Grand Treasurer, Ill. Bro. Geo. E. Tuson, 32°; Grand Annalist, Ill. Bro. Charles James, 32°, 40, Castle-street, Liverpool: Grand Keeper of Rites, Ill. Bro. Edwd. Pickstone, 32°; Grand Expert, Ill. Bro. Jonathan Gresty; Grand Master of Ceremonies, Ill. Bro. John Croll; Grand Conductor, Ill. Bro. Tom Bradshaw; Grand Gd. of Council, Ill. Bro. Hobson Wadsworth.

TRIBUNAL OF GRAND DEFENDERS OF THE RITE.

Grand Judge or Suffète, Ill. Bro. Wm. Hy, Quilliam, 31°. A re-election of office bearers is due in six months.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

A special convocation of the S.P.M. 32° assembled at the Rooms, 77½, Bishopsgate-street Within, on Tuesday, December 7th, under sanction of the Gd. Sec. Gen. (acting as the G.M.L. for the Province). The following Ill. Brethren attended; Bros. James Hill, 33°, Acting G.M.L.; William Stephens, 32°, Gd. Orator; Henry Meyer, 32°, Gd. Treas.; J. H. Southwood, 32°, Gd. Examiner; and W. J. Meek, 32°, Gd. Keeper of Rites. The convocation having been opened in ample form with solemn prayer, declared on the 31° (T.G.D.R.), and received several Ill. brethren. The appointment of the officers of the Grand Tribunal 31°, was then proclaimed, and the following Ill. brethren invested with the insignia of their rank, viz., Bros. Edward Harrison, 31°, Gd. S.; Bernard Meyer, 31°, Gd. Def. (in absentio); and Henry Stephens, 31°, Gd. A. The convocation was then closed, and the Ill. Brethren attended the Rose of Sharon Chapter of Rose Croix, held on the same evening.

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