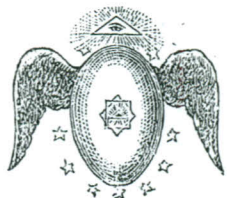


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THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

EIGHTEEN EIGHTY-ONE has passed away, and 1882 reigns in its stead. With mingled regrets and thankfulness we look back on the past year, and congratulate ourselves on the opening of a New Year as fresh opportunity for extended aims and new enterprise. It cannot but happen in all human undertakings that the actual work done falls far short of that projected. Unexpected difficulties arise and have to be surmounted, diverse interests and conflicting opinions require to be conciliated, adjusted, and smoothed over, and when, at last, the result of all the labour and turmoil is seen, one is apt to view it with feelings of dissatisfaction that more should not have been accomplished. Hence it is that we look upon the work of 1881 with regret at the non-completion of many things begun and undeveloped, and with thankfulness that, notwithstanding all difficulties and obstructions, we have yet accomplished something. When last year at this time we launched the first number of this journal, we hoped Vol. II. would be twice the bulk of its predecessor, we were too sanguine. We honestly believe, however, that we have improved *Kneph*, and we may truthfully say that it is prosperous and progressing, and undiminished zeal on the part of its supporters will doubtless enable us to realise our hopes and present our readers with a more important journal. Meanwhile let us congratulate ourselves that amidst the stormy seas, covered with the wrecks of many a venture, our little barque still floats, and, with the experience gained in the somewhat perilous navigation of the past year, we may venture to hope for this year a yet more prosperous voyage, and a safe return to port at its close.

Of the progress of the Antient and Primitive Rite itself we are glad to be able to speak in terms of hopefulness and satisfaction. Although the actual increase of members has not been so great as in the previous year, yet we find signs of continued activity in the majority of the bodies working under our Charters, and they are gradually settling down into steady work,

their meetings are frequent and regular, and the Officers show an earnest desire to make themselves perfect in the magnificent Ceremonial of our Rite. In London, Dublin, and Glasgow Grand Mystic Temples are in course of formation. We have just issued a dispensation to establish the Rite in India, and another to found a Chapter in Limerick. Our influence on the Continent is increasing and extending in every direction. All this is matter for congratulation, but it must not slacken our zeal. Much yet remains to be accomplished ere we can afford to rest and contemplate our work achieved. We must remember that our progress will be rapid in proportion only to the exertions of individual members or local bodies. It is for them to find the stones for the Building; the Sov. Sanc. can but consolidate the work.

TREATY OF ALLIANCE

BETWEEN THE ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY AND THE SOVEREIGN BODIES IN AMERICA, ITALY, ROUMANIA, EGYPT, &c.

THE Treaty has now been formally accepted and signed by the following Grand Masters:— M. Ill. Bros. John Yarker, 33°, 96°, 90°, for Great Britain and Ireland; Alex. B. Mott, M.D., 33°, 96°, for America; Chev. Giambattista Pessina, 33°, 96°, 90°, for Italy; Capt. Constantine Moroiu, 33°, 96°, for Roumania. Negotiations are still pending with Egypt, where a little unexpected difficulty has arisen, as it appears that on the death of the Grand Hierophant Marconis, the Marquis de Bauregard was appointed to succeed him, and transmitted the rank to Ill. Bro. Zola. We have no doubt, however, that this will be happily arranged, and the long projected confederation of the various Bodies practising Antient and Primitive Freemasonry become an accomplished fact. We hope to be able to give our readers the full text of the Treaty in an early number.



Reports of Masonic Bodies.

ANTIEN AND PRIMITIVE RITE. PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX, LONDON.

GRAND MYSTIC TEMPLE COUNCIL GENERAL, 32-94°. Gd. Representative, Ill. Bro. J. H. Southwood, 33-95°. A special meeting of this body was convened on Tuesday, January 3rd, in order to receive Ill. Bro. M. V. Portman, 32°, who received his credentials from the Sov. Sanc., empowering him to receive Masons into the Rite, and to found Chapters, Senates, and Councils of the Rite in India, whither he proceeds to fill an important diplomatic appointment under the Crown. The Grand Council was well attended, and presented a very imposing appearance, the meeting affording an opportunity of unfurling two new banners lately prepared for the Mystic Temple 32° and Council 30° respectively. Ill. Bro. Portman carries with him to his distant home the best wishes of the London Brethren; his own acquirements and researches in Oriental learning and an intimate acquaintance with Indian Theosophy and traditions rendering the project hopeful. He also carries with him a complete outfit for the various degrees of the Rite, specially manufactured by Messrs. Stillwell and Son, consisting of clothing, jewels, and banners for each series of degrees, so that the Rite may be established in that important part of Her Majesty's dominions with becoming dignity and éclat.

COUNCILS 30°, 90°.

MOUNT SINAI (No. 1), Ill. Bro. Lowenstark, 33°, Sub. Dai.—No report has been received from this body during the past year. We regret to learn that Ill. Bro. Lowenstark's increasing years, with their attendant infirmities, prevent him from taking that active interest in the Rite which we have reason to know holds a foremost place in his affections. Let us hope that younger hands may take up the work, which our Ill. Bro. may resign with honour.

ROSE OF SHARON (No. 6), (U.D.). In charge of the Gd. Sec. Gen.—This body is about applying for a charter, and meanwhile meets under dispensation granted by the Sov. Sanc. to Ill. Bro. James Hill, 33°. On Tuesday, 2nd inst., a meeting was held to receive Bro. M. V. Portman, 30°, Ill. Bro. Hy. Meyer, 33°, presiding. Notice was given of an application to be received into this sublime degree by a Sir Kt. of the Rose Croix, and a member of Rose of Sharon Chapter, No. 6. Meetings will be held 2nd Thursday in March and September.

SENATES K.H.P., 20°, 33°.

MOUNT SINAI (No. 1).—(No return).

ROSE OF SHARON (No. 6).—Ill. Sir Knts. Henry Stephens, 32°, Sub. Gd. Comr.; J. H. Southwood, 33°, S.K.I.; E. Hamson, 31°, J.K.I.; Hy. Meyer, 33°, Kt. of E.; W. J. Meek, 32°, Kt. of Finance; J. E. Greenhill, 30°, Kt. of Introduction; Thos. Sims, 30°, Kt. Marshal; James Hill, 33°, Kt. Recorder.—An emergency meeting was held on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, under the presidency of the Sub. Gd. Com., Ill. Sir Kt. Hy. Stephens, 32°, who performed the ceremony of receiving and O.B. Ill. Bro. M. V. Portman in the Senate degrees.—The meetings are held on second Thursdays in May and November.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTERS, 11°, 18°.

MOUNT SINAI (No. 1).—(No return).

ROSE OF SHARON (No. 6).—Sir Kt. W. J. Meek, 32°, M.W.; Sir Kt. Bernard Meyer, 31°, S.K.W.; Sir Kt. Hy. Stephens, 32°, J.K.W.; Sir Kt. E. Harrison, Orator; Sir Kt. Hy. Meyer, 33°, P.M.W., Kt. Trea.; Sir Kt. J. E. Greenhill, 30°, Kt. Condr.; Sir Kt. Thos. Sims, 30°, Kt. Capt. Gd.; Sir Kt. J. D. Birken, 11°, Kt. Gd. of Tower; Sir Kt. Jas. Hill, 33°, Sec.—An emergency meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, Sir Kt. Hy. Meyer, 33°, P.M.W., presiding by request of the M.W., who gracefully conceded the post of honour, and filled the chair of Kt. J.W.: Chapter being opened in due form on the 6°, Bros. Maurice Vidal Portman, Mozart Lodge, and Louis Honig, Lodge of Asaph (1319), were exalted to the degree of Sacred Arch. The Chapter was then advanced to the 11 degree, and the same brethren duly perfected and installed Knights of the Rose Croix; the

incidental music being ably rendered by Sir Kt. J. E. Greenhill, the Sec. taking his duties as Kt. Condr. The ceremonies, considering the great length of the agenda, were well and carefully performed. The decorations of the Chapter were enhanced by the present of a superb floral cross, from Sir Kt. J. H. Southwood, who also presented several wreaths for the various degrees, and a complete set of the same to Ill. Bro. Portman, for use in India.—Meeting night, 2nd Thursday in February, April, June, October, at the Moorgate, Finsbury.

HAVANT.

COUNCIL OF S.M.G.W., 30°, 90°.

ORION (No. 3).

Ill. Bro. J. N. Hillman, 33°, Sub. Dai.
" J. Hamson, 31°, First Myst.
" J. Clay, 32°, Second Myst.
" T. Francis, Sec.

Meeting at the Masonic Hall, at 7 p.m., on 4th Tuesday in November.

SENATE OF K.H.P., 20°, 33°.

ORION (No. 3).

Ill. Sir Kt. J. Clay, 32°, S.G.O.
" A. R. Robinson, 31°, Ill. Sen. Kt. Intpr.
" J. Roads, 31°, Ill. Jun. Kt. Intpr.
Meeting at the Masonic Hall, on 4th Tuesday in May.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, 11°, 18°.

ORION (No. 3).

Sir Kt. J. Hamson, 31°, M.W.
T. Francis, 30°, Kt. S.W.
T. Adams, 30°, Kt. J.W.
Meeting at the Masonic Hall on 4th Tuesday in March and September.

PROVINCE OF LANCASHIRE.

MYSTIC TEMPLE, 32°, 94°.

Grand Master of Light, Ill. Bro. B. B. Labrey, 33°.
Grand Annalist, Ill. Bro. C. James (33° elect).

TRIBUNAL OF GD. DEF. OF THE RITE, 31°, 92°.

Grand Judge, Ill. Bro. W. H. Quilliam, 31°.

COUNCILS S.M.G.W., 30°, 90°.

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

SENATES, K.H.P., 20°, 33°.

PALATINE (No. 2).—Manchester (no report).
SIRIUS (No. 4).—Burnley (no report).

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, 11°, 18°.

PALATINE (No. 2).—Manchester.—Sir Knts. Joseph Hawkins, M.W.; S. R. Dobson, K.S.W.; E. O. D. Gallagher, Orator; A. Robinson, Sec.; R. H. Holt, Kt. Conductor.—(This body is in course of reconstruction. We are glad to observe signs of renewed activity in the Lancashire Chapters.)

SIRIUS (No. 4).—Burnley.

LILY OF THE VALLEY (No. 7).—Liverpool, W. H. Quilliam, M.W. (no report).

IRELAND.

OFFICERS OF PROPOSED GRAND MYSTIC TEMPLE COUNCIL GEN., 32°, 94°.

(Registered pursuant to Act of Parliament, 1875-76.)

Representative, R. Ill. Bro. M. L. Davies, M.D., 33°, 95°.
Grand Annalist, Ill. Bro. Joseph Wonfor, 32°, 94°.

COUNCIL, S.M.G.W., 30°, 90°.

PRIMITIVE PILGRIMS (U.D.)—In charge of Ill. Bro. Davies.

ROSE CHAPTER, 11°, 18°.

PRIMITIVE PILGRIMS (No. 5).—Sir Kt. Auguste Mouillot, 32°; M.W. Sir Kt. Marinus de Groot, 31°, Kt. S.W.; Sir Kt. W. F. Lawler, 31°, Kt. J.W.; Sir Kt. Joseph Wonfor, 32°, P.M.W.; Sir Kt. M. L. Davies, 33°, P.M.W., Sec. Meeting March, May, September, and December.

PRIMITIVE PILGRIMS, ROSE CROIX CHAPTER (No. 5).—This Chapter met on Dec. 1st at their registered rooms in Dublin. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Walter J. Nugent, who was elected at the meeting in May, being in attendance, was admitted a Member of the Chapter, and created a Perfect M. of H., and a Knight of the Rose Croix. The ceremony was effectively carried out by the Ill. Bros. M. L. Davies, 33°, and J. Wonfor, 32°. The consideration of the way in which the circulation of *The Kneph* could be increased was postponed until next meeting. The fittings of the new Chapter rooms were greatly admired, and a unanimous vote of thanks was given to Ill. Bros. M. L. Davies, 33°, and W. F. Lawler, 31°, for the trouble they had taken in the matter. The Chapter was then closed in Antient and Primitive form.

LIMBRICK.—Ill. Bro. Monck Wilson, 32°, 94°, has received a dispensation to admit Brethren to the degrees of the Rite, and to found a Chapter, Senate, and Council in the Valley of the Shannon. We are pleased to see that Bro. Wilson has already commenced work, and wish him every success.

SCOTLAND.

OFFICERS OF PROPOSED GRAND MYSTIC TEMPLE COUNCIL GENL., 32°, 94°.

Grand Representative, R. Ill. Bro. T. M. Campbell 83°, 95°, 90°.

Grand Annalist, Ill. Bro. Colin Mackenzie, 32°, 94°.

COUNCIL, S.M.G.W., 30°, 90°.

SPHYNX, GLASGOW.—No. 4/8 on Roll of Sov. Sanc., No. 1, Scotland.—R. Ill. Bro. T. M. Campbell, 33°, Sub. Dai.; Ill. Bros. S. Robertson, 32°, First Myst.; J. McInnes, 31°, Second Myst.; C. Inglis, 30°, Orator; Jno. McWilliam, 30°, Trea.; D. Chalmers, 30°, Sec.; J. Walker, 30°, Gd. Expert; J. Duthie, 30°, Archivist; W. L. Shaw, 30°, Messenger of Science; R. Headrick, 30°, Accompanier; J. McCrone, 30°, Standard Bearer; J. S. McCaul, 30°, Sword Bearer; J. McNair, 30°, Guardian of Sanc.; J. Gray, 30°, Sentinel. Meeting, third Thursday in each month, at Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street.

SENATE, K.H.P., 20°, 33°.

SPHYNX, GLASGOW, No. 7/8.—(No. 2, Scotland).—Ill. Kts. W. F. Shaw, 32°, Sub. Gd. Commr.; W. Carruthers, 30°, S.I.; W. L. Sharr, 30°, J.I.; C. Inglis, 30°, Orator; J. McWilliam, 30°, K. of Finance; D. Chalmers, 30°, Recorder; James Shirra, 30°, Marshal; James Duthie, 30°, Archivist; J. Winning, 30°, K. of Introduction; J. McNair, 30°, Captain of Guard; James B. Miller, 30°, Standard Bearer; J. McQueen Barr, 30°, Sword Bearer; James McCrome, 30°, Guardian of Sanc.; James Gray, 30°, Sentinel. Meeting monthly, as above.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, 11°, 18°.

SPHYNX, GLASGOW, No. 8.—(No. 1, Scotland).—Sir Kts. Stephen Robertson, 32°, M.W.; T. M. Campbell, 33°, P.M.W.; J. McInnes, 31°, K.S.W.; John Walker, 31°, K.J.W.; Chas. Inglis, 30°, Kt. Orator; John McWilliam, 30°, Kt. Treas.; David Chalmers, 30°, Kt. Sec.; Robert Headrick, 30°, Kt. Condr.; James Duthie, 30°, Kt. Archivist; Jno. McNair, 30°, Kt. Capt. of Guard; W. Carruthers, 30°, Guard of Tower; David Muir, 30°, Organist; James Gray, 30°, Sentinel. Meetings monthly, as above.

ST. ANDREW SENATE, K.H.P. No. 5, 20°, 33°.—Office bearers: Illustrious Brothers Andrew Holmes, 31°, Sub. Gd. Comr.; Frederick Neute, 32°, P.S.G.C.; John Dick, 31°, Sen. Knt. Int.; Charles Marshall, Jun. Knt. Int.; John Templeman, 30°, Orator; John G. Phillips, 30°, Knt. of Finance; Wm. Cochran, 30°, Knt. Recorder; Robert Jamieson, 30°, Knt. Marshal; William Brown, 30°, Knt. of Introcd.; Alexander Pedie, 30°, Knt. Archivist; Wm. Robertson, 30°, Knt. Capt. of Gd.; William Wallace, 30°, Knt. Std. Bearer; James Higgins, 30°, Knt. Swd. Bearer; James Baird, 30°, Knt. Gd. of Sanc.; John S. Adamson, 30°, Sentinel. Meetings held quarterly.

GLASGOW.—ST. ANDREW, ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, 11°, 18°, No. 9.—Office bearers: Sir Knts. Thos. W. Brownlee, 32°, No. 50, M.W.; Colin McKenzie, 32°, P.M.W.; Robert Morrison, 31°, 92°, 88°, S.W.; George Nicol, 31°, J.W.; Charles

Marshall, 30°, Orator; Andrew Holmes, 31°, Sec. *pro tem.*; John Templeman, 30°, Conductor; Frederick Neute, 32°, P.S.G.C., Capt. of Gd.; William Robertson, 30°, Organist; Robert Muir, 30°, Archivist; James Higgins, Gd. of the Tower; John S. Adamson, Sentinel. Meetings held in St. Mark Halls, on the third Friday of each month, at 7.30 p.m.

AUDITORS.—Ill. Bros. John M. Campbell, 30°; James Jardine, 30°; William Laurie, 30°; Charles McIver, 30°.

THE Grades of Mizraim are conferred as under:—

4° to 46° within the bosom of the Chapter.

47° to 66° ditto the Senate.

67° to 86° ditto the Gd. Council.

CRAFT MASONRY.

JOHN HERVY LODGE (No. 1260).—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 14th December, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Orlando Le Maitre Latreille, supported by Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg, J. H. Southwood, C. Atkins, P.M.'s of the Lodge, and a goodly gathering of the officers, brethren, and visitors. The business of the evening comprised the initiation of Messrs. G. W. Pragnell, Wm. Harris, Fredk. Dangerfield, and Fredk. W. C. Hobrow, the work, as is usual at this Lodge, being almost faultlessly done. The remaining business being despatched, Lodge was closed, and the Brethren met again at the banquet table. After the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. in a series of short but pithy speeches, and accepted by the Brethren with the utmost cordiality, the principal speakers, besides the W.M., being Bros. Dr. Hogg, Southwood, Atkins, and Bro. Youngblood, of New York. The W.M., in proposing the health of the visitors, coupled with the name of Bro. Youngblood, took occasion to pay a graceful tribute of respect to the memory of the late revered Bro. President Garfield, eliciting from Bro. Youngblood a fervent and eloquent address, in which he dwelt on the great cordiality existing between English and American Masons of all degrees, especially evinced in seasons of calamity, when the common bond of fraternal affection was strengthened and deepened by the one touch of Nature which we are told makes the whole world kin. Concluding, he addressed the initiates as one who had passed nearly a quarter of a century of his life in active Masonic work, and who had made himself practically acquainted with every Masonic degree known in the U.S., and recognised as forming part of legitimate Masonry; as the Templar system, the A. and A. S. Rite, and the Antient and Primitive Rite; and he could only tell them that he found something to interest him and instruct him in each, and advised them when they had mastered the rudiments of Masonry in their Craft Lodge to proceed through their R.A. Chapter, and never to rest till they had drained dry the deep well of Masonic knowledge, which would assuredly amply repay the pains they might be at in its search. Bro. Youngblood's address was listened to with marked attention, and frequently interrupted with applause. During the evening Bro. Southwood was observed to be remarkably busy, and on rising to respond to the toast of his health, naively remarked that he had been so intent in his occupation that he had only caught the concluding sentence of the W.M.'s eulogistic speech, but he was sure the W.M. would excuse his inattention when he informed him that he had during speech time managed to get a substantial addition to his list, which now amounted to about £80, towards the much larger amount which he hoped to present to the R. M. B.I. for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, for which admirable institution he proposed to act as Steward for the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, of which body he had the honour to be Grand Treasurer. He sincerely thanked the W.M. and Brethren for the hearty and liberal support they had given him. Some capital music, both vocal and instrumental, enlivened the evening.

ILL. BRO. WM. YOUNGBLOOD (33-95°), Grand Expert General, and our English representative in America, arrived in Liverpool during the month, and proceeded to Paris, where he purposed having a Masonic Conference with the French and Italians.

Notices to Correspondents.

To facilitate information as to the reception of Master Masons in good standing into the A. and P. Rite, enquiries may be made either personally or by letter—

In Manchester, of the Grand Chancellor Genl., Bro. Beeby Bowman Labrey, 33°, Bull's Head Chambers; or of the Sov. Gd. Master Genl., Bro. John Yarker, 33°, 96, the "Poplars," Burton-road, Withington, Manchester.

In London, of the Gd. Trea. Genl., Bro. J. H. Southwood, 33°, 98, Houndsditch; or of the Gd. Sec. Genl., Bro. James Hill, 33°, 91, Clarence-road, Clapton.

In Dublin, of the Gd. Expert Genl., Bro. Dr. Davies, 33°, 10, Lower Sackville-street.

In Glasgow, of the Gd. Examiner Genl., Bro. T. M. Campbell, 33°, 10, Carrick-street.

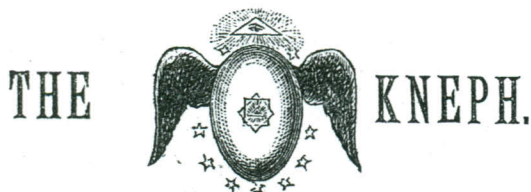
In Aberdeen, of the Gd. Inspector Genl., Bro. T. L. Shaw, 33°, Regent Quay.

In Burnley, Lancashire, of the Gd. Administrator Genl., Bro. S. P. Leather, 33°.

In Havant, Hants, of the Gd. Keeper of the Golden Book, Bro. Jabez N. Hillman, 33°, Bedhampton.

FORMS for the return of members are supplied to each body gratuitously on application. Declaration forms in Books of 100, 4s. each. Forms of petition for Dispensation or Warrant for a Chapter, Senate, or Council, under the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry (where no such bodies exist). The above, and all information requisite, will be supplied by the Grand Secretary-General of the Rite, 91, Clarence-road, Clapton.

THE postal rate for *Kneph* is $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per 3 copies for inland and 1d. per 3 copies for foreign and colonial. American Brethren will therefore please reckon their subscription for single copies, 2s.; two copies, 3s. 6d.; three copies, 5s. per annum.



LONDON, JANUARY, 1882.

WE desire to call the attention of our readers and Members of the Rite to the announcement made in another place, that our Grand Trea. General intends to represent the Antient and Primitive Rite at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be held on the 21st February next. As this is the first occasion on which the Rite has been able to assist this very deserving charity, we trust our Grand Trea. will not only carry with him the best wishes of the Members of our Rite for the prosperity of the charity, but will also bear that more substantial and not less welcome proof of the interest our Members take in the Masonic Charities—a well-filled list.

It is not to be expected that a body, small in numbers, and hardly yet fully organised, as ours, should be able to vie with rich and powerful associations, or even with many private lodges

of old standing and strength, yet we think the time has come for a commencement to be made, and we trust our Members, individually or through their Chapters, will do what they can to place our Grand Treasurer's list in a favourable position. We may remind our Brethren that the sum of 5s. gives a vote for either of the Institutions—the old men or the old women; and that £5 5s. constitutes the donor a life governor to either of the funds.

Now, we venture to suggest that, independently of any subscription that may be forthcoming for the larger amounts, Brethren who may desire to aid and yet wish to keep their subscriptions within modest dimensions, should club together all the odd half-crowns, five shillings, and half-sovereigns and endow the Chair of their M.W. for the time being with a life governorship, so that the votes may be secured in perpetuity.

It has long been a reproach to the high grades that they do little in the cause of charity, the Craft Lodges sustaining the principal burthen of supporting our excellent institutions, but it is only fair to remember that the high grade Members in their Craft Lodges contribute as the others, and, therefore, they cannot be expected to do as much in every Lodge or Chapter they may belong to. Still, we would earnestly appeal to our Members who may have already promised their subscriptions in their Craft Lodges to make yet another effort and spare a little more in aid of our brother's list. London has promptly responded to the appeal, and aided by the generous support afforded by the John Hervey Lodge, of which our Brother is an esteemed member, the list already shows about £80. But our Bro. Trea. wants to do more than this, he wants to show to the Masonic world that the Antient and Primitive Rite is a living and breathing entity—that it means to take an active part in Masonic duties, and that if it cannot do as much as it would like to do it will, at any rate, do something. We shall not probably have another opportunity of pressing this matter on the Members of our Rite; we, therefore, make the best use of this by reminding them that any subscriptions sent or notified to the Gd. Trea. General up to the 14th of February will be in time.

YET another claim on our charity presents itself in a piteous letter from the G.M. of Roumania, on behalf of some hundreds of families—homeless, destitute, and, we fear, perishing of cold and hunger. We print this letter in another column, and if, after reading it, our Brethren should be in doubt as to which of the two appeals has the greater claim, we respectfully suggest that the best way to solve the doubt is to give to each.

THE MUNDANE EGG.

It is necessary to divide the meaning of this symbol into several heads, in order that its various interpretations and connection with different forms of Mysteries and Religions may be understood.

The Egyptians throughout the whole of their religious Empire preserved this symbol, and appear to have held it in the highest reverence; first, as the life-giving and self-developing principle which is the commencement of all things; and, when the country became more advanced, as a sign that reverence was to be paid to everything it approached.

The Cerastus or Urcus is always associated with the Egg, as, belonging to the Oviparous race, it became the symbol by which the developing power of the Egg was worshipped. The Urcus, with the Solar disc, which is the Egg, guarded the gates of Hades. Jointly with this is often seen the Scarabæus.

The Egg was next looked up to as the emblem of Hope and Protection, as wherever there was a constant renewal of life there could be no annihilation; and from thence rose the common idea of an immortal life.

From these first thoughts the religion of natural forces was rapidly developed, and to the various properties of the Egg different names were given.

The creative power, or Noun, the moist power (water being looked upon as the source of all things), and in this the Egg floated.

The Deity of Fire, Phtha, who presided over heat and the generation of man, holds an Egg in his hand, as a type of his general sustenance of the Universe.

In the above-mentioned Deity an instance of the liability of all nations to fall into error is shown. Disregarding the Egg because they were unable to understand it, the Egyptians evolved other gods, in whose hands the Egg is placed, and who, but for that Egg, would never have been venerated. As soon, however, as their power was fully established, the Egg was lost.

Concerning the God Phtha, I would remark that he is the Egyptian Logos, or Demiurgus, through whom and by whom the worlds are made, and may therefore be considered as rightfully holding authority over the Egg. He is the first Emanation of the Kabbalah, the Kether of the Sephiroth. His is the oldest worship in Egypt, and he is called the Creator of the Eggs of the Sun and Moon. There is, however, a second Phtha, mis-shapen and ugly, who is the Phallic, and more specially generative. He is the Mahadeva of the Hindu, Hephaistos of the Greek, Vulcan of the Roman, and Thor of the Scandian religions. The Tat emblem of stability is found on him, supporting a globe, and hence the Mici, Anch, or Crux Ansata.

This Phtha is also the great Rosicrucian mystery, both male and female. From the mouth of Kneph, his father, the En Soph of the Hebrew Kabbalah (though in a lower form), springs an Egg, and from that Egg a winged Serpent. Here is plainly an antecedent of the Christian Logos. Osiris was born from an Egg. The Gemini of the Zodiac had a similar origin. The Egg is also attributed to Isis.

The Eternal, desiring to create beings, produced by an act of thought the Noun, and deposited on it the Egg. This primitive germ floated on the waters, and shortly the unformed matter condensed round the Egg, and is described as brilliant as gold and full of light.

In this mysterious covering Brahma, the father of all living beings, was born, an emanation of the first Cause. Again, after the Creation he was re-absorbed; and from this arose what is now the doctrine of the Nerivana. From the seven coverings of the Egg spoken of in the Puranas came the Lotus; and here again comes in the Egyptian faith. I will relate a little-known legend of it.

The first temple under King M.N.A. having been built, he went into the Aelytum to consecrate it. The Deity manifested Himself by the nostrils of a man, from which poured two streams of water into a marble basin. From this basin sprang a golden Lotus, which remained closed for nine days, and then opening, showed a golden scarabæus, which immediately plunged into the water and vanished.

According to the Chinese, Purntza, their Adam, was born from an Egg, which had previously existed from all eternity. In a Japanese temple at Miaw is a large, square altar, on which stands a massive golden bull, adorned with a rich collar, and butting at an Egg floating in water in a cavity of the rock. Here is the Egyptian Apis, the Taurus of the Zodiac, the symbolic Spring, when the germinative developing power begins to work. Apis was hermaphroditic, and is the Nandi of the Hindus, the second of the four beasts spoken of in the Revelations of St. John, and according to some the Golden Calf of the Israelites, though others rather translate the word as Globe, being the Winged Egg or Globe of the Egyptians.

The Scarabæus, so frequently linked with the Egg, is the symbol of resurrection. It is sacred to Phtha, the Creator, and Osiris, the Generator, and is hermaphroditic.

In the religion of the Hindus the Egg plays a great part. Mahadeva is generally considered the third power of the Deity, and personifies destruction, and, consequently, reproduction. The most popular system of Hindu philosophy excludes while time shall exist the idea of absolute annihilation. To destroy is therefore to change, re-create, or reproduce. Here we see at once how easy it is to confound the characters and powers of Mahadeva and Brahma, and to imagine the deity of destruction to preside over regeneration.

The chief attributes of Mahadeva are, the Linjam or Mundane Egg, the bull Nandi, or the Taurus of the Zodiac, and the Trident of the ruler of the waters, Noun.

I hope to be able to say more on this subject, but my above remarks will, I hope, be of interest to those members of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry who wear the jewel of the winged Egg.

M. V. PORTMAN, 32^d, F.R.G.S.

M. MASPERO, the new director of the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, bids fair to make the most valuable contributions of the century to the history of Ancient Egypt. His work upon the unexampled find of royal mummies and inscriptions at Dayr-el-Bahari is in the press, but not yet issued to the public, when he arrives at the threshold of another investigation of extreme interest. We should premise that M. Maspero has undertaken to open all the pyramids which have remained as sealed books to the present day, and to examine anew all those which, having been previously opened, have not been thoroughly examined. About the middle of last month the learned Egyptologist set out from Cairo to copy some funeral texts of a King of the Sixth Dynasty at Memphis. Among the pyramids upon the verge of the Libyan Desert is one which travellers to Upper Egypt see for a long time on the horizon, and whose strange form attracts universal attention. It is the Pyramid of Meydoun, the most mysterious of all, which, according to the story of the Arabs, has best preserved its secret. The popular belief is that it is impossible to discover the entrance. Ibrahim Pasha cannonaded the pyramid, in the hope of getting at its supposed treasures, but failed to make an effective impression. The pyramid, looked at from a distance, appears to stand upon a hill; this is, in fact, an artificial eminence, formed round its base by the falling away of the external portions of the structure. The predecessor of the present Director, the lamented M. Mariette, regarded the Pyramid of Meydoun as the best constructed in Egypt, but as being only the kernel, so to speak, of the original edifice. M. Maspero recently prepared for an exploration of this pyramid in so ingenious a manner as to feel reasonably certain that, if there was an entrance, it would be found. He made a breach on the north side of the artificial hill, and after working for thirteen days, the entrance to this mysterious monument of an ancient civilisation has been found. It admitted into a corridor admirably built, which descends about forty-four yards, and at that point further progress is arrested at present by the débris which has fallen. Upon the corridor hieratic inscriptions of the Twentieth Dynasty have been found, giving the names of two scribes who had visited the pyramid. But the great secret of the interior is still preserved, until the rubbish in the corridor shall have been removed.

TO THE GLORY OF THE SUBLIME ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.
ANTIEN T & PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY,
 IN AND FOR THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND,
 AND ITS DEPENDENCIES.
SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY, 33°.

*To all Illustrious and Enlightened Masons throughout the World,
 Union, Prosperity, Friendship, Fraternity.*

The Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, Disciples of Memphis, was founded as a Grand Lodge at Montauban, France, in the year 1814, by the Illustrious Brothers Gabriel Mathieu Marconis de Negre; Samuel Honis, of Cairo; Baron Dumas, Hypolite Labrunie; Marquis de Laroque; J. Pettitt, and others, and is an incorporation of the various Primitive Rites worked in the preceding century, and notably the Primitive Rite of Philadelphes of Narbonne, to which the Antient and Primitive Rite refers for the origin of its principles and form of government. The seven classes into which its degrees are divided are really schools for the study of Masonic knowledge, physics and philosophy, and possessed originally ninety five rituals, the production of more than a quarter of a century of assiduous labour and research, concerning all known Masonic Rites.

The Grand Lodge of the Disciples of Memphis, after an interval of sleep, recommenced work at Brussels, in 1838, and at Paris in 1839, when it published its statutes; but, in 1841, the Grand Master, Hierophant, the Illustrious and Enlightened Brother Jacques Etienne Marconis, 33-97°, was forced by an illiberal government to put all the Lodges in France asleep—first, however, establishing a Council, or Regency, of seven members, for the preservation of the Archives, and the revival of the Rite under a more liberal regime. In 1848 our Order revived its work at the Orient of Paris, and continued to prosper, establishing itself in America, Egypt, Roumania, and various other countries. America received it joyfully in 1856, and in 1860 the New York Council of the Rite included the number of 100 Past Masters, under the rule of the Illustrious Brother David MacClellan; Egypt accepted it in 1860.

In 1862 the Illustrious Grand Master, Hierophant, united our Antient and Primitive Rite with the Grand Orient of France, and the High Grades continued to be conferred by the recognized Grand Council of Rites of the Grand Orient, and a formal Concordat was promulgated by the said Grand Orient, and the Illustrious Grand Master, J. E. Marconis, 33-97°, which arranged the relative values of the degrees of our Rite with those of Mizraim, the Ancient and Accepted, and other Rites, recognized by the said Grand Council of Rites.

Upon this, in the same year, 1862, the Illustrious Grand Master, J. E. Marconis, 33-97°, acting in conjunction with Marshal Magnan, 33°, the Grand Master of the Grand Orient, formally constituted the Sovereign Sanctuary of America, 33-95°. Shortly after the degrees of the Rite were reduced from 95° to 33°, by simply eliminating those which were conferred only by name, but retaining all ceremonial grades. The Grand Orient of France continued to exchange Representatives with the Sovereign Sanctuary of America, and lists thereof will be found in the French Official Calendar, until 1869, when, in consequence of the invasion of American territory by the recognition of a spurious Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Americans withdrew from Representation.

In the year 1872 several Illustrious Brethren who had previously received the 33°-95°, obtained a Charter for the establishment of a Sovereign Sanctuary, in and for Great Britain and Ireland, with Illustrious Brother John Yarker as Grand Master General, 33-96°, and in the same year received many Brethren, members of the Royal Grand Council of Antient Rites, time immemorial, meeting since last century, and more recently under H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master; and in 1874 the Jerusalem Chapter of Antiquity, H.R.M.—K.D.S.H., was formally amalgamated with the Palatine Chapter, No. 2, and Senate No. 2, of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry, thus giving the Rite the prestige of a time immemorial association in England.

One of the earliest resolutions passed by the new Sovereign Sanctuary was for the establishment of an Order of Merit, of three classes, 1st, for Saving Life; 2nd, Presence of Mind;

3rd, Literary and General Merit. The decoration is a bronze star, the three classes being distinguished by ribbons of different colours. Besides this, the Rite possesses five Decorations, 1st, the Grand Star of Sirius, or Hope; 2nd, the Cross of Alidee, or Truth; 3rd, the Cross of the Third Series; 4th, the Lybic Chain; 5th, the Golden Branch of Eleusis, or Charity. These decorations are exclusively the reward of Merit, and are conferred in a Grand Chancery, one in consecutive order every year.

A full history of the Rite, with the narrative of its early struggles, on its introduction to England, may be obtained from the Grand Secretary General, and as a contribution to Masonic history is well worth perusal. Few, indeed, could rise from the study of its straightforward narrative of events, easily proved by the references given, without the conviction that our Rite has not only a legitimate Masonic standing, second to none in the world, but that it has also the far higher claim to universal Masonic recognition. It is almost the only Rite which has had the courage to face for previous years, the privations and trials inseparable from the poverty attendant upon spending every penny of its limited funds in the completion of its Rituals, and the world wide extension of the Truth, resting content with the conviction that, sooner or later, its value must be recognised by every thoughtful Mason, as a means whereby Masonry may be restored to its pristine purity, and man to his intellectual birthright. To those who linger fondly over the attractions of a sumptuous banquet and grudge the time spent in labour as a theft from the precious hours given to indulgence of the senses, we offer nothing that will be prized, but to the intellectual Mason, the earnest searcher after truth, we offer a banquet that never satiates, a feast from which comes no repletion, a feast of reason, leaving an unfeeling appetite, and no sad remembrances for the morrow.

In conclusion, a few words as to the practical principles of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry:—

It is universal, and open to every Master Mason who is in good standing under some constitutional Grand Lodge, and believes in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

The only other qualification which it requires from its Neophyte is probity and honour, and it esteems Masonic worth, ability, and learning, above social and personal distinctions, seeking by means of its comprehensive ceremonials to extend Masonic Knowledge, Morality, and Justice, and enforce all those great principles which distinguish true Masons of all time.

Its Rituals are thirty in number, and are based upon those of the craft universal; they explain its symbols, develop its mystic philosophy, exemplify its morality, examine its legends, tracing them to their primitive source, and dealing fairly and truthfully with the historical features of symbolical Masonry. They contain nothing in their teaching but what Mahomedan, Christian, Jew, Buddhist, Brahmin, or Parsee may alike acknowledge.

The government of the Rite is elective in its character, and it extends the hand of brotherhood to all legitimate Rites. It is in cordial union with a number of grand bodies of its own or similar Rites, with whom it has representatives established, and its influence is silently extending over the face of the whole globe.

The ceremonials of the Rite are divided into three series, and the Masters of each section receive the 31 and 32°, and constitute the Judicial Tribunal, 31°, and the Mystic Temple, 32°, of which the Presiding Officer, or Grand Master of Light, receives the 33°, to enable him to represent his Province in the Sovereign Sanctuary, 33-95°.

It is ordered by the Sovereign Sanctuary:—

1. That Dispensations may be given to any individual Member of the Rite in any town, where no subordinate body exists, to receive a sufficient number of Brethren to form a Chapter, Senate, or Council.

2. That CHAPTERS of the Rose Croix, (11-18°); SENATES of Hermetic Philosophers, (20-33°); COUNCILS of Sublime Masters of the Great Work, (30-90°); and Mystic Temples, (32-94°), may be Chartered throughout our jurisdiction, in accordance with the General Statutes.

3. That Grand Mystic Temples—Councils General, may be constituted in any of the Colonies and possessions of the United Kingdom, subject to the General Statutes of the Order, with privileges similar to the Grand Mystic Temples—Councils General, of England, Ireland, and Scotland.

4. Applications to be made to the Grand Secretary General, (or to the Grand Chancellor General, or Grand Master General), who will furnish all information as to fees or the mode of proceeding,

LIBRARY.—As the formation of a library for the Antient and Primitive Rite is in progress, donations of books will be thankfully received. Brethren are requested to address their communications to Bro. John Yarker, Withington, Manchester.

ANTIEN T & PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY.

(INCLUSIVE OF MEMPHIS AND MIZRAIM.)

The degrees of this Rite are open to all Master Masons in good standing. It teaches the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the Immortality of the human Soul. Strictly unsectarian, it offers an intellectual treat of the highest order to the Masonic enquirer, whether he be a literal student of Masonic history, or a philosophical seeker of abstruse truth. It forms a Pyramid whose base is that Universal Craft Masonry, which has covered the Globe, its time-worn ascents are the Masonic virtues, its apex the seat of eternal truth.

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ROUMANIA.

A Lodge, Chapter, Senate, and Council in the A. and P. Rite (under warrant of 33° from Italy), and under the National G. L. of Roumania, were instituted by the Grand Master on Nov. 29 (Dec. 11), at Crajora, to be called the Progresul. We append a list of the members of the Sov. Sanc. of Roumania for the current year:—

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11. Grand Keeper of the Sanctuary, Georgia A. Argyropelo, 33-95°, Grand Proprietaire, Braila.

We have received the following appeal from the Grand Master of Roumania, with a request that we would give it publicity in the *Kneph*. We need hardly say that we deeply sympathise with the misfortunes of the unhappy people thus rendered homeless, and we are sure English Masons will be glad to assist in the relief of so much misery. Our Grand Treas. Genl., Bro. J. H. Southwood, 98, Houndsditch, London, will be happy to receive and remit any subscriptions that may be sent him for that purpose.

(TRANSLATION.)

To T. III. Bro. John Yarker, Sov. Grand Mast. Sov. Sanc. of Antient and Primitive Masonry for Great Britain and Ireland.

T. ILL. BROTHER.—A great misfortune has just happened, 300 Roumanian families of Banat, in Hungary, driven away by inundation and misery, left to settle in Dobroadjea, and having been overtaken by bad weather, these poor emigrants have lost in their journey of 35 days, which it was necessary to make, the greater part of their beasts of burden; without clothes, without food, homeless, their miserable position inspires pity, surrounded with women and children in the deepest distress; the nation, Government, and Roumanian Masons have come to their assistance. The L.L. and Grand Lodge have been able to offer them scarcely 1,300 francs, barely sufficient to procure food for them for two days. Subscriptions have been opened by Roumanian Masons to aid them and procure them assistance to continue their journey; but, arrived in Dobroadjea, they will be compelled to refurnish and to live until spring, when they will be able to commence to till the ground, which the Roumanian Government has just granted them gratuitously. Having ourselves been organised for 16 months only, we have had many things to do for ourselves, and thus we have decided to make an appeal to the allied powers of the confederation of the Rite, to assist us in assuaging the miseries of our fellow creatures. Grand Lodge and the Sup. Comrs. of the Antient Rite of Roumania beg you to be so good (if you agree) as to open a Subscription for the benefit of these unfortunate ones. The Subscription can be sent direct to me. Hoping that the Masons of Great Britain will come to our assistance in accomplishing this humane act, we have the honour to send you, our very Illustrious Brother, the assurance of our most fraternal sentiments.

Grand Master, L. MOROIU, 33°.

Grand Secretary, Dr. N. THEODORESCO, 33°.

MARK MASONRY.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 199).—An Emergency Meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at the Moorgate; present:—Bros. Hy. Meyer, W.M., W. J. Meek, Mk., G.S., P.M.M., W. Beasley, S.W., Hy. Stephens, J.W., J. J. Gould, M.O., J. H. Southwood, Reg. Marks, E. Harrison, S.O., J. E. Greenhill, S.D., acting as Organist, James Hill, sec., T. Poore, hon. mem. Lodge was opened by the W.M. in due form, and the ceremony of advancing Bros. M. V. Portman and R. Palmer Thomas to the honourable degree of Mk. M.M. was then proceeded with, Bro. Meek assuming the chair at the request of the W.M., and performing the ceremony in his usual excellent style. Lodge was then closed down, and a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners opened, Bro. Poore acting as W.C.N., Bro. Hy. Meyer as S., and the W.C.N., Bro. Meek, acting as J., Bro. Hill, sec., as d-acon. Bros. M. V. Portman and R. Palmer Thomas, Mozart Lodge, were then introduced and elevated to the degree of R.A.M., the work, it is needless to say, being ably performed under Bro. Poore's guidance

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