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H I S T O R Y
OF THE
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P R E F A C E.

HEN an institution has survived the vicissitudes of over two centuries, it becomes entitled to our veneration and respect. It is therefore a fair subject of congratulation that Canongate Kilwinning Lodge has not only existed for that period, but has assembled in the same district, under the same name, and for over one hundred and fifty years under the same roof.

In preparing this History, it has been found a somewhat difficult task to condense the very large and varied amount of material into the space at command. The work is almost exclusively a compilation from the more interesting Minutes and Records of the Lodge, with connecting and explanatory notes when necessary.

As Canongate Kilwinning Lodge is the eldest daughter of Mother Kilwinning, there is, fortunately, no obscurity regarding the date of her birth, and all discussion with reference to the antiquity of this or that Lodge is avoided as quite beyond the purpose of this History. It is enough to say that the great and continued interest in this celebrated Lodge has prompted the present work.

In the words of the "Bi-Centenary Memorial" of 1877, "To her ranks has come such a phalanx of the great and good in every field

of human activity, as might well make her the envy of the proudest sister in the land. Her brightest names are not hers alone, but Scotland's; and among them many that posterity 'will not willingly let die.' If she has basked in the sunshine, she has also felt the shade; but even then, as it is now, her watchword was the bright characters of Hope engraven on her banner—'*Post Nubila Phœbus*'—
Behind the Clouds the Sun."

It is considered that the Autographs, Copy of Burns' Inauguration Picture (with Key), Views of the Interior of the Lodge, and the Fac-simile of the Charter of Confirmation of 1736, will be found interesting.

The List of Selected Names given in the Appendix is only brought down to 1857, that date being deemed sufficient for the present time.

The Compiler has only further to add, that the often expressed wish of many of its Members, as well as of numerous Brethren of the Craft, for the publication of a short History of the Lodge, is now complied with.

A. M'K.

May 1888.

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H I S T O R Y
OF THE
Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2,
St. John's Chapel, St. John Street, Edinburgh.

Instituted 1677.



C H A P T E R I.

IT appears that the Masons in the Canongate obtained a Charter from the Mother Lodge of Scotland at Kilwinning in the year 1677. As will afterwards be seen, the application for this Charter was dated 6th December of that year. It was renewed in the year 1736. The Lodge is there styled the St. John's, and, from sundry documents, it appears that the name by which it was generally known was the St. John's, or Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, and sometimes the "Honourable" Lodge of St. John's. For some years previous to 1735, to all appearance, the Lodge had been dormant. Subsequent to that year, however, there have been kept regular Minute-Books, and these, with sundry other documents, including the Charter of Confirmation from the Mother Lodge, are in preservation. There are, however, a variety of documents connected with this subsequent period which cannot now be found. These consist, principally, of the Bye-Laws and Regulations, and various early writings as to the property of the Lodge. There is little doubt that these have been, from time to time, taken out of the Charter Chest by those who have had access thereto, and, through negligence or other causes, have not been replaced.

The Hall where the Lodge hold their meetings at present was built in the year 1736, and is now, it is believed, the oldest Masonic Lodge-Room in the world. The Records do not afford distinct evidence to show that, previous thereto, the Lodge held their meetings in a hall of which they were the proprietors ; or, if so, that the present one was built on the site thereof. It is recorded that, for a time previous to this hall being erected, the meetings were held in the house of William Clark, Vintner, and that, in the early part of the year, the erection of the present hall was resolved upon ; but it is not shown what steps had been taken to secure property for that purpose, or how it was acquired. It is, however, evident that, previous to building the hall, authority had been obtained for that purpose, as appears from the following entry in the Treasurer's accounts :—" 1739, Augt. 1st. Spent in John Simpson's when Mrs. Isobel Grierson discharged a *decreet arbitral*, and signed a declaration relative to some missives, giving authority to George Fraser to build." As to the *decreet arbitral* here alluded to, the following clause is in the Minutes of a meeting of the same date :—" The Treasurer reported that he had paid to Isobel Grierson the sum of Four Pounds and Four Shillings, sterling, in consequence of a decreet arbitral upon a submission by this Lodge and her to Brother Thomas Trotter and John Jack, Sclater, anent a *piece of ground* upon which part of this Lodge-Room was built."

The building was begun in August, and was so far completed on the 18th December of the same year, as to be consecrated by George Frazer, in presence of William St. Clair of Roslin, G.M., and the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The work, however, does not appear to have been completely finished till March 1737, and it cost nearly £400. It appears that the Members subscribed each £3, 3s. towards defraying the expense, but a great proportion was paid out of the ordinary funds, and it was some years before the debt was entirely discharged. George Frazer, who was Master at the time, had the sole charge of getting the work carried on. He purchased the materials and employed workmen, collected the subscriptions of the Members,

and paid the accounts so far. There does not appear, however, to have been any account of his intrusions rendered to the Lodge. In the year 1768 the hall underwent repairs, costing nearly £300, and in 1784 it was further repaired at a considerable expense.

Until 1833 access to the Lodge lay through St. John's Close, the hall being built across the extreme end of it; and the east wall within the plot of ground which belonged to Mrs. Grierson's representatives divided St. John Street and St. John's Close. There would seem to have been no titles on completing the building; but soon thereafter, frequent notices occur in the Minutes as to the making up of titles to the property, the delay being shown to have arisen in consequence of a dispute betwixt the Lodge and George Frazer, who had charge of the building of the hall, and was in possession of the papers relative thereto. This dispute arose from Mr. Frazer refusing to deliver up those papers until some debts, due on account of building the hall, for which he was responsible, were paid. The settlement of these debts was subsequently arranged, as is shown by the records, after which Mr. Frazer delivered up the papers of which he had possession. The Committee of 4th October 1752, to draw up the titles, was then appointed, Mr. Frazer (who had again been elected Master) being one of the Committee. It is evident that they completed such titles as were requisite, and that the same were placed in the hands of some of the Office-bearers, who, however, neglected to deposit them among the Records. After extensive alterations to the property in 1833, when the entrance was changed to St. John Street, proper titles were obtained and duly recorded.

The Lodge celebrated its Bi-Centenary on 20th December 1877, and the Meeting, which was presided over by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, was attended by many eminent Craftsmen,—the Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge at that time having been Brother John Middleton, M.D. The Charter to the Lodge, which may be fairly termed the "Premier Scottish Warrant of Constitution," runs as follows:—

“At the ludge of Killwining the twentie day of december 1677 yeares deacons and wardanes and the rest of the brethren considering the love and favour showne to us be the rest of the brethren of the cannigate in edin-burgh e ane part of our number being willing to be boked & inroled the qch day gives power & liberty to them to enter receave and pase ony qualified persons that they think fitt in name and behalf of the ludge of Killwining & to pay ther entry and booking moneys due to the sd ludge as we do our selves they sending on of ther number to us yearly and we to do the lyke to them if need be. The qlk day ther names ar insert into this book . . . ”

This document was signed by twelve brethren, each of whom adhibited his mark, and it is engrossed *verbatim* in the Books of the Mother Lodge.

With exception of a few blanks which occur between October 1863 and November 1868, the Minutes have been regularly recorded down to the present time, and are contained in seven volumes—the first ending 10th June 1760; the second, 24th June 1815; the third, 22nd February 1843; the fourth, 6th May 1857; the fifth, 17th October 1877; the sixth, 24th June 1885; and the seventh is at present in use. The Roll of Members, containing several thousand names, is carefully written in alphabetical order and bound in two handsome volumes. Selected names from the Roll, the Committees, and minor Office-bearers, are given as the work proceeds, and here is appended a complete list of the principal Office-bearers (as introduced last century) down to the current year, 1887. The office of Substitute Master was not instituted till the year 1788, when Mr. John Miller, Advocate, the Historian, was the first elected to that post. The want of a Substitute Master appears rather curious from the fact that Dr. John Douglas, who was R.W.M. for several years subsequent to 1736, was, during the same period, Substitute Grand Master. There were no such offices as Senior and Junior Deacons during last century, the first appointment of that nature having taken place in 1816. When re-elections took place in consecutive years, it has been considered unnecessary to repeat the names in the following list.

LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

ELECTION DAY, 24th JUNE.

Elected	
1734-35.	THOMAS TROTTER, Merchant, R. W. M.
	RICHARD BULKELEY, S. W.
	EDWARD MILLER, J. W.
	DAVID HOME, W. S., Treasurer.
	GEORGE FRAZER, Depute Auditor of Excise, Secretary.
1735.	Do. Do. R. W. M.
	ROBERT BLISSET, Attorney in Exchequer, D. M.
	DAVID HOME, W. S., S. W.
	WILLIAM ROBERTSON, J. W.
	THOMAS TROTTER, Merchant, P. M., Treasurer.
	JAMES CUMMYNG, Secretary.
1736.	GEORGE CRAWFORD, S. W.
	FRANCIS KEMPTIE, J. W.
	ALEXANDER HUNTER, Merchant, Treasurer.
	ALEXANDER LINDSAY, Secretary.
1737.	Dr. JOHN DOUGLAS, Substitute Grand Master, R. W. M.
	WILLIAM CONGALTON, of that Ilk, S. W.
	GEORGE LOCH, J. W.
	DAVID HOME, WILLIAM SEATON, with JAMES CUMMYNG their Deputy, Secretaries.
1738.	GEORGE LOCH, S. W.
	JAMES COLHOUN, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, J. W.
1739.	Do. Do. Do. S. W.
	JOHN BROWN, Bailie, J. W.
1740.	Do. Do. S. W.
	JOHN M'FARLANE, W. S., J. W.
1741.	ALL RE-ELECTED.
1742.	Do.
1743.	DAVID MAUL, W. S., D. M.
	JOSEPH WATSON, Secretary.
1744.	THOMAS ALLAN, Lord Dean of Guild, D. M.
1745.	ANDREW HAY of Mugdrum, D. M.
1746.	ALL RE-ELECTED.
1747.	Do.
1748.	ANDREW HAY of Mugdrum, R. W. M.
	WILLIAM ROBERTSON, S. W.
	RICHARD COOPER, J. W.

1749.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1750.	DR. JOHN DOUGLAS. (Second time.)	R.W.M.
	ROBERT BLISSET, Attorney,	D.M.
	JOHN BROWN, Bailie,	S.W.
	ROBERT DOUGLAS,	Secretary.
1751.	JOHN MURRAY, Druggist,	J.W.
1752.	GEORGE FRAZER. (Second time.)	R.W.M.
	JAMES HARDIE, W.S.,	Secretary.
1753.	JOHN MURRAY, Druggist,	S.W.
	JAMES HARDIE, W.S.	J.W.
	ROBERT FLEMING,	Treasurer.
	KENNETH WILLIAMSON,	Secretary.
1754.	JOHN LUMSDAINE of Stravithy,	R.W.M.
	ANDREW ALISON, Bailie,	S.W.
	Dr. NATHANIEL SPENS of Craigsanquhar,	J.W.
	P. ROBERTSON, Jeweller,	Treasurer.
	ALEXANDER ORME, W.S.,	Secretary.
1755.	JOHN MURRAY, Druggist,	D.M.
	LAURENCE INGLIS,	Secretary.
1756.	JAMES STEWART, Bailie,	S.W.
	COLIN DRUMMOND, M.D.,	J.W.
	JAMES FERGUS, Architect,	Secretary.
1757.	DAVID ROSS of Inverchasley, Advocate. S.G.W.	R.W.M.
	JOHN WIGHTMAN of Maulsley,	S.W.
	ALEXANDER ORME, W.S.,	J.W.
	Sir JAMES HUNTER BLAIR, Lord Provost, etc., etc.,	Treasurer.
1758.	WALTER STEUART of Steuarthall, Advocate. S.G.W.	R.W.M.
	P. ROBERTSON, Jeweller,	S.W.
	JOHN HUTTON, Merchant,	J.W.
1759.	Dr. JOHN BOSWELL,	D.M.
	Dr. JAMES LIND of Gorgie,	J.W.
1760.	ALEXANDER DRUMMOND, late H. M. Consul at Aleppo. M.W.G.M.	R.W.M.
	ANDREW ALISON, Bailie,	D.M.
1761.	Dr. JAMES LIND of Gorgie,	S.W.
	Sir WILLIAM FORBES of Pitsligo, Bart.,	J.W.
	Dr. JOHN CAIRNIE,	Treasurer.
	WILLIAM MOUBRAY,	Secretary.
1762.	GEORGE FRAZER, Depute Auditor of Excise. (Third time.)	R.W.M.
	Sir WILLIAM FORBES of Pitsligo, Bart.,	S.W.
	ALEXANDER ELPHINSTON,	J.W.
	JAMES STEWART, Bailie,	Secretary.

1763.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1764.	GEORGE DRUMMOND, Lord Provost of Edinburgh.	
	M. W. G. M.	R. W. M.
	MAGNUS HENDERSON,	Secretary.
1765.	DAVID POLSON,	S. W.
	GEORGE COUPER,	J. W.
	WILLIAM MERCER,	Treasurer.
	WILLIAM URQUHART,	Secretary.
1766.	ANDREW ALISON, Bailie,	R. W. M.
	ALEX. ELPHINSTONE,	D. M.
1767.	Dr. JAMES BOSWELL, Biographer of Dr. Johnson,	D. M.
	Dr. JOHN CAIRNIE,	S. W.
	SIMON FRASER, Advocate,	Secretary.
1768.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1769.	Dr. JAMES LIND of Gorgie,	R. W. M.
	Dr. JOHN CAIRNIE,	D. M.
	ARCHIBALD BUCHAN,	S. W.
	ANDREW WOOD,	J. W.
	JOHN PATTULLO,	Secretary.
1770.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1771.	ALEXANDER ORME, W. S.,	R. W. M.
	WILLIAM MERCER,	D. M.
	JOHN PATTULLO,	S. W.
	JOHN WELSH,	J. W.
	MATTHEW NEWTON,	Treasurer.
	WILLIAM KEITH,	Secretary.
1772.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1773.	Dr. JAMES BOSWELL of Auchinleck, Biographer of Dr. Johnson,	R. W. M.
	JOHN PATTULLO,	D. M.
	SIMON FRASER, Advocate,	S. W.
	ROBERT MENZIES,	J. W.
	WILLIAM GREENFIELD,	Secretary.
1774.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1775.	SIMON FRASER, Advocate,	D. M.
	Dr. DAVID SPENCE,	S. W.
	Dr. THOMAS HAY,	J. W.
	JAMES HAY, W. S.,	Secretary.
1776.	SIMON FRASER, Advocate,	R. W. M.
	Dr. DAVID SPENCE,	D. M.
	JAMES HAY, W. S.,	S. W.
	Dr. JAMES HAMILTON,	J. W.
	JOHN OLIPIANT, Bookseller,	Treasurer.
	WILLIAM LUMSDEN,	Secretary.
1777.	DAVID STEWART, Lord Provost,	Secretary.

1778.	Dr. NATHANIEL SPENS of Craigsanquhar,	R.W.M.
	Dr. THOMAS HAY,	D.M.
	DAVID STEWART, Lord Provost,	S.W.
	WILLIAM BALDERSTON,	J.W.
	WILLIAM MERCER,	Treasurer.
	MILLS THOMAS,	Secretary.
1779.	WILLIAM SCOTT, Banker,	Secretary.
1780.	Hon. HENRY ERSKINE, Advocate,	R.W.M.
	CHARLES HAY, Advocate—Lord Newton,	D.M.
	A. WALLACE,	S.W.
	H. BUCHAN,	J.W.
	Sir JOHN HAY of Smithfield and Haystoun, Bart.,	Secretary.
1781.	Dr. THOMAS HAY,	R.W.M.
	Dr. JAMES HAMILTON,	D.M.
	FRANCIS BUCHAN,	S.W.
	Sir JOHN HAY of Smithfield and Haystoun, Bart.,	J.W.
	BOTHWELL DRUMMOND,	Secretary.
1782.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1783.	J. H. ENGELHART,	S.W.
	CHARLES MORE of the Royal Bank,	J.W.
	GEORGE SPANKIE,	Treasurer.
	SAMUEL ANDERSON,	Secretary.
1784.	ALEXANDER FERGUSSON of Craigdarroch,	R.W.M.
	CHARLES MORE of the Royal Bank,	D.M.
	JAMES LAW,	S.W.
	SAMUEL ANDERSON,	J.W.
	Sir HENRY JARDINE, Advocate,	Secretary.
1785.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1786.	WILLIAM DUNBAR, W.S., Colonel of "The Croch- allan Fencibles,"	S.W.
	JOHN MILLER, Advocate—the Historian,	J.W.
	ROBERT BURNS, the Poet,	P.L.
	JOHN MERCER,	Secretary.
1787.	9th Lord TORPHICHEN—James Sandilands,	R.W.M.
	WILLIAM DUNBAR, W.S.,	D.M.
	JOHN MILLER, Advocate,	S.W.
	LINDSAY CARNEGIE,	J.W.
1788.	WILLIAM DUNBAR, W.S.,	R.W.M.
	Sir HENRY JARDINE, Advocate,	D.M.
	JOHN MILLER, Advocate,	S.M.
	ANDREW FORBES,	S.W.
	JOHN MERCER,	J.W.
	WILLIAM LEHRIE,	Secretary.

1789.	Dr. JAMES M. ADAIR,	S.W.
	Dr. THOMAS YOUNG,	J.W.
	ROBERT MOIR,	Secretary.
1790.	Sir HENRY JARDINE, Advocate,	R.W.M.
	Dr. THOMAS COCHRANE,	D.M.
	WILLIAM LEHRIE,	S.M.
	R. HEPBURN,	S.W.
	ROBERT MOIR,	J.W.
	H. S. MERCER,	Secretary.
1791.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1792.	Dr. THOMAS COCHRANE,	R.W.M.
	Dr. WILLIAM FARQUHARSON,	D.M.
	ROBERT MOIR,	S.M.
	Dr. J. SLANNET,	S.W.
	Captain SWINDALL,	J.W.
	WILLIAM ROBERTSON,	Secretary.
1793.	Dr. W. FARQUHARSON,	R.W.M.
	ROBERT MOIR,	D.M.
	Dr. JAMES M. ADAIR,	S.M.
	Captain SWINDALL,	S.W.
	ROBERT WILSON,	J.W.
	T. ASPLIN,	Secretary.
1794.	Captain SWINDALL,	S.M.
	Dr. THOMAS SPENS,	S.W.
	J. ASPLIN,	J.W.
	J. CUNNINGHAM,	Secretary.
1795.	ROBERT MOIR,	R.W.M.
	Dr. THOMAS SPENS,	D.M.
	J. ASPLIN,	S.W.
	C. CUNNINGHAM,	J.W.
	JAMES DICKSON,	Secretary.
1796.	C. CUNNINGHAM,	S.W.
	JAMES DICKSON,	J.W.
	R. SCOTT MONCRIEFF,	Secretary.
1797.	C. CUNNINGHAM,	D.M.
	JAMES DICKSON,	S.W.
	R. SCOTT MONCRIEFF,	J.W.
	ALEX. JAFFRAY, Advocate,	Secretary.
1798.	H. S. MERCER, W.S. ("whose father for twenty years held offices of Steward, Treasurer, and De- pute Master of this Lodge"),	R.W.M.
	R. SCOTT MONCRIEFF,	S.W.
	ALEXANDER JAFFRAY, Advocate,	J.W.
	GEORGE BUCHANAN,	Secretary.

1799.	R. SCOTT MONCRIEFF,	D.M.
	ALEXANDER JAFFRAY, Advocate,	S.W.
	GEORGE BUCHANAN,	J.W.
	WILLIAM BALLANTINE,	Secretary.
1800.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1801.	ALEXANDER JAFFRAY, Advocate,	R.W.M.
	WILLIAM BALLANTINE,	D.M.
	JOHN RUSSELL,	S.M.
	WILLIAM CAMPBELL, W.S.,	S.W.
	JOSEPH DIXON,	J.W.
	JOHN MORE, jun.,	Secretary.
1802.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1803.	JOSEPH DIXON,	S.M.
	JAMES LANG, W.S.,	S.W.
	WILLIAM DOUGLAS,	J.W.
	JAMES DICKSON,	Treasurer.
	JOHN LEVEN,	Secretary.
1804.	ROBERT MOIR. (Second time.)	R.W.M.
	JAMES LANG, W.S.,	S.M.
	WILLIAM LANG, Advocate,	S.W.
	JOHN S. LAWSON, W.S.,	J.W.
	ROBERT S. CUNNINGHAM,	Secretary.
1805.	PAUL TAYLOR,	Secretary
1806.	JOHN S. LAWSON, W.S.,	R.W.M.
	JAMES LANG, W.S.,	D.M.
	W. W. BROWN,	S.M.
	ARCHD. M'NAE,	S.W.
	ANDREW STIVENS,	J.W.
1807.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1808.	JOHN MILL,	Treasurer.
1809.	JAMES HARROWER,	D.M.
1810.	ANDREW STIVENS,	S.M.
	J. M'DONNELL,	J.W.
1811.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1812.	Do.	
1813.	ALEXANDER JAFFRAY, Advocate. (Second time.)	R.W.M.
	J. M'DONNELL,	S.W.
	GEO. SIMSON, W.S.,	J.W.
1814.	Do.	
	JAMES NEILSON,	S.M.
	CHARLES STEWART,	S.W.
	ARCHD. KENNEDY,	J.W.

1815.	GEORGE BURNET, Advocate,	R.W.M.
	ALEX. L. ROBERTSON, W.S.,	S.W.
	WILLIAM HORNE,	J.W.
	PAUL TAYLOR,	Treasurer.
	DAVID BIRRELL,	Secretary.
1816.	ALEXANDER L. ROBERTSON, W.S.,	S.M.
	WILLIAM HORNE,	S.W.
	ANDREW ROBERTSON,	J.W.
1817.	GEORGE DOUGLAS, Advocate,	D.M.
	WILLIAM HORNE,	S.W.
	JAMES HAWKINS, Advocate,	J.W.
	ARCHIBALD HORNE, G.P.O.,	Treasurer.
1818.	WILLIAM HORNE,	S.M.
	JAMES HAWKINS, Advocate,	S.W.
	WILLIAM TAIT,	J.W.
1819.	ALEXANDER L. ROBERTSON, W.S.,	R.W.M.
	JOHN AYTOUN of Inchdairnie,	D.M.
	C. LUMSDEN, W.S.,	S.W.
	SIMON F. M'INTOSH, W.S.,	J.W.
1820.	WILLIAM HORNE,	D.M.
	C. LUMSDEN, W.S.,	S.M.
	SIMON F. M'INTOSH, W.S.,	S.W.
	DONALD F. MACKENZIE, W.S.,	J.W.
1821.	C. LUMSDEN, W.S.,	D.M.
	SIMON F. M'INTOSH, W.S.,	S.M.
	K. MACKENZIE,	S.W.
	MICHIE GLEIG,	J.W.
1822.	ARCHIBALD MARSHALL,	Secretary and Treasurer.
1823.	WALTER DICKSON, W.S.,	S.W.
	JOHN MOFFAT, M.D.,	J.W.
1824.	GEORGE RUTHERFORD,	J.W.
	JOHN MOFFAT, M.D.,	Treasurer.
1825.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1826.	DAVID BIRRELL,	D.M.
	JOHN RUSSELL, Advocate,	S.M.
	DAVID BROWN, jun., W.S.,	Treasurer.
1827.	ALEXANDER M'NEILL, Advocate,	S.M.
	GEORGE W. MAXWELL of Cawachan,	S.W.
	ROBERT H. LISTON of the Royal Bank,	J.W.
1828.	GEORGE RUTHERFORD,	D.M.
	ROBERT H. LISTON,	S.W.
	GEORGE RITCHIE, W.S.,	J.W.
	JOHN BROWN, W.S.,	Treasurer.

1829.	GEORGE RITCHIE, W.S.,	S.W.
	A. MORRISON, W.S.,	J.W.
1830.	ALEXANDER M'NEILL, Advocate,	R.W.M.
	ROBERT KENNEDY,	S.M.
	JOHN SAUNDERS,	Secretary.
1831.	ANDREW DUN,	D.M.
	GEORGE RITCHIE, W.S.,	S.M.
	WILLIAM M. GUNN, LL.D.,	S.W.
	ROBERT REID,	J.W.
	JOHN FORBES,	Treasurer.
	JAMES M'MILLAN,	Secretary.
1832.	WILLIAM M. GUNN, LL.D.,	S.M.
	ROBERT REID,	S.W.
	JOHN ABERCROMBY,	J.W.
	GEORGE SCOTT,	Treasurer.
1833.	CHARLES M'DOUGALL, Advocate,	D.M.
	ROBERT ROBERTSON,	S.M.
	LUDOVICH COLQUHOUN,	S.W.
	JOHN LESLIE,	J.W.
	PETER ANDERSON, W.S.,	Treasurer.
	ANTHONY TRAIL, W.S.,	Secretary.
1834.	W. B. D. D. TURNBULL, Advocate,	S.M.
	JOHN LESLIE,	S.W.
	JOHN ABERCROMBY,	J.W.
	FRANCIS G. SOUTAR,	Treasurer.
	A. MACKIE,	Secretary.
1835.	ROBERT BLACKWOOD, Publisher,	S.W.
	GEORGE CUMMING, W.S.,	J.W.
	ANTHONY TRAIL, W.S.,	Treasurer.
	JAMES DEANS,	Secretary.
	JAMES HOGG, "The Ettrick Shepherd,"	P.L.
1836.	JAMES JARDINE, Advocate,	S.M.
	WILLIAM HAY,	P.L.
1837.	JOHN WILSON, "Christopher North,"	D.M.
	W. J. DOWLIN,	S.W.
	H. HAGART,	J.W.
	ANDREW DUNLOP,	Treasurer.
1838.	HENRY JARDINE, Advocate,	R.W.M.
	JAMES JARDINE,	D.M.
	Prof. WILLIAM E. AYTOUN,	S.M.
	H. HAGART,	S.W.
	JAMES BLAIR of Glenfoot,	J.W.
	Dr. SINCLAIR,	Treasurer.

1839.	WILLIAM EDMONSTOUNE AYTOUN, Professor of Rhetoric and Belles Lettres,	R.W.M.
	ARCHIBALD SMITH, Advocate,	S.M.
	JAMES BLAIR of Glenfoot,	S.W.
	ALEXANDER CUMMING,	J.W.
1840.	ARCHIBALD SMITH, Advocate,	D.M.
	JAMES BLAIR of Glenfoot,	S.M.
	W. J. PATTISON,	S.W.
	H. COCKBURN,	J.W.
	N. P. C. LLOYD,	Secretary.
1841.	JAMES BLAIR of Glenfoot,	R.W.M.
	GEORGE CUMMING, W.S.,	D.M.
	ANDREW DUNLOP, W.S.,	S.M.
	A. D. CAMPBELL, W.S.,	S.W.
	SAMUEL SOMERVILLE of Ampherlaw, M.D.,	J.W.
	JOHN DAVIDSON, M.D.,	Secretary.
1842.	ARCHIBALD SMITH, Advocate,	R.W.M.
	A. D. CAMPBELL, W.S.,	D.M.
	SAMUEL SOMERVILLE, M.D.,	S.M.
	H. H. M'LEAN,	S.W.
	H. F. M'LEAN, W.S.,	J.W.
	JOHN WILSON,	Treasurer.
	E. W. LANE, M.D.,	P.L.
1843.	SAMUEL SOMERVILLE of Ampherlaw, M.D.,	R.W.M.
	W. J. PATTISON,	S.M.
	ALEX. J. STEWART, W.S. Grand Clerk,	S.W.
	JAMES NEILSON,	J.W.
	WILLIAM MOWBRAY,	Secretary and Treasurer.
1844.	Do.	S.M.
	ALEX. CAMPBELL RANKIN,	Secretary and Treasurer.
1845.	A. D. CAMPBELL, W.S.,	R.W.M.
	WILLIAM MOWBRAY,	D.M.
	JAMES HUNTER,	S.M.
	JAMES NEILSON,	S.W.
	JAMES A. CAMPBELL,	J.W.
	CHARLES ROBERTSON,	Secretary and Treasurer.
1846.	JAMES NEILSON, S.S.C.,	S.M.
	WILLIAM HENDERSON, W.S.,	S.W.
	JAMES SAVEGE,	J.W.
	FRANCIS NICOLL,	P.L.
1847.	Do.	S.M.
	CHARLES ROBERTSON,	S.W.
	GEORGE MONCRIEFF,	J.W.
	ARCHIBALD C. MOWBRAY,	Secretary and Treasurer.


1848.	JAMES SAVEGE,	D.M.
	ALEXANDER PENROSE MILLER,	S.M.
	STEWART WATSON, Artist,	S.W.
	J. D. BUCHANAN HAY,	J.W.
1849.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1850.	ARCHIBALD C. MOWBRAY,	R.W.M.
	Captain JAMES HUNTER,	D.M.
	STEWART WATSON, Artist,	S.M.
	J. D. BUCHANAN HAY,	S.W.
	WILLIAM FERGUSSON,	J.W.
	WILLIAM WATSON,	Treasurer.
	ROBERT C. MACKENZIE,	Secretary.
	JAMES MARSHALL,	P.L.
1851.	J. D. BUCHANAN HAY,	S.M.
	R. C. MACKENZIE,	S.W.
	THOS. E. O. HORNE, W.S.,	J.W.
	STEWART WATSON, Artist,	Secretary and Treasurer.
	N. J. MAUSABINIS,	P.L.
1852.	ALEX. J. STEWART, W.S.,	D.M.
	Sir JOHN DON WAUCHOPE of Edmonston, Bart.,	S.M.
	T. E. O. HORNE, W.S.,	S.W.
	JOHN OGILVY,	J.W.
1853.	WILLIAM NATHANIEL FRASER of Tornaveen,	R.W.M.
	Lord LOUGHBOROUGH (Earl of Rosslyn. M.W.G.M.)	D.M.
	ALEX. J. STEWART, W.S.,	S.M.
	WILLIAM WILKINSON,	S.W.
	WILLIAM D. M'NEIL,	J.W.
	WILLIAM PRINGLE,	P.L.
1854.	ALL RE-ELECTED.	
1855.	ALEX. J. STEWART, W.S.,	D.M.
	WILLIAM D. M'NEIL,	S.M.
	P. B. SIMPSON,	S.W.
	DAVID CRAWFORD,	J.W.
1856.	THOMAS DRYBROUGH,	R.W.M.
	DAVID CRAWFORD,	D.M.
	ANDREW WATSON,	S.M.
	H. W. M'VITIE,	S.W.
	D. W. BOWIE,	J.W.
	WILLIAM HICKMAN,	Treasurer.
1857.	H. W. M'VITIE,	D.M.
1858.	Captain GRIFFITHS,	D.M.
	Dr. HALL,	S.M.
	MICH. DODD,	S.W.
	J. ZEIRVOGAL,	J.W.

1859.	WILLIAM HICKMAN,	D.M.
	ROBERT STEWART,	S.M.
	C. W. M. MULLER,	S.W.
	WILLIAM HENRY,	J.W.
	J. M. M'COLLOCH, Banker,	Treasurer.
1860.	ALEX. L. ROBERTSON, W.S. (Second time.)	R. W.M.
	ROBERT STEWART,	D.M.
	C. W. M. MULLER,	S.M.
	WILLIAM HENRY,	S.W.
	GEORGE H. EBSWORTH,	J.W.
1861.	JAMES WINCHESTER, LL.D.,	D.M.
	T. A. HILL,	S.W.
	GEORGE H. EBSWORTH,	J.W.
	THOMAS DRYBROUGH, P.M.,	Treasurer.
1862.	WILLIAM G. HENRY, Merchant,	R. W.M.
	THOS. A. HILL,	S.M.
	G. H. EBSWORTH,	S.W.
	Dr. H. R. VEALE,	J.W.
1863.	Do.	S.W.
	J. SCHOPP,	J.W.
1864.	12th Earl of STRATHMORE—Thomas Bowes Lyon,	R. W.M.
1865.	WILLIAM N. FRASER of Tornaveen. (Second time.)	R. W.M.
1866.	RE-ELECTED.	
1867.	GEORGE MELVILLE,	R. W.M.
1868.	THOMAS A. HILL,	R. W.M.
1869.	RE-ELECTED.	
1870.	JOHN W. BARRIE,	R. W.M.
	R. ROWAND ANDERSON, LL.D.,	D.M.
	CHARLES REID,	S.M.
	J. A. STEVENSON,	S.W.
	D. B. BARRIE,	J.W.
	D. S. BUCHANAN,	Secretary.
1871.	RE-ELECTED.	
1872.	JOHANN SCHOPP,	R. W.M.
	D. S. BUCHANAN,	D.M.
	JAMES SCRYMGROUR,	S.W.
	OTTO J. LEYDE, Artist,	J.W.
	Captain LAURENCE ARCHER,	P.L.
	H. C. PEACOCK,	Secretary.
1873.	Dr. JOHN MIDDLETON,	D.M.
	H. E. JONAS,	S.W.
	H. K. DRIGGS,	J.W.

1874.	D. P. COTTON,	S.W.
	ALWIN W. BEDA,	J.W.
1875.	H. E. JONAS,	S.M.
	R. ROWAND ANDERSON, LL.D.,	S.W.
	L. SPANIER,	J.W.
1876.	G. H. EBSWORTH,	D.M.
	R. ROWAND ANDERSON, LL.D.,	S.M.
	R. W. M. MULLER, C.E.,	J.W.
	H. DRECHSEL,	Secretary.
1877.	JOHN MIDDLETON, M.D., Member of Grand Com- mittee,	R.W.M.
	R. ROWAND ANDERSON, LL.D.,	D.M.
	LOUIS SPANIER,	S.M.
	R. W. M. MULLER, C.E.,	S.W.
	T. G. PLUMBER,	J.W.
1878.	L. SPANIER,	D.M.
	Dr. BRYAN C. WALLER,	S.M.
	T. G. PLUMBER,	S.W.
	ANDREW STEVENSON, M.A.,	J.W.
	H. C. PEACOCK,	Secretary.
1879.	LOUIS SPANIER,	R.W.M.
	ANDREW STEVENSON, M.A.,	S.M.
	DAVID S. LOWSON, M.A.,	S.W.
	BRYAN C. WALLER, M.D.,	P.L.
1880.	BRYAN CHARLES WALLER of Masongill, M.D.,	R.W.M.
	DAVID S. LOWSON, M.A.,	S.M.
	JAMES O. STEVEN,	J.W.
	ANDREW STEVENSON, M.A.,	P.L.
1881.	CHARLES BERTIE,	S.W.
	J. R. M'MINIM,	J.W.
1882.	DAVID S. LOWSON, M.A.,	R.W.M.
	CHARLES BERTIE,	D.M.
	J. R. M'MINIM,	S.M.
	ROBERT SMITH,	S.W.
	ALLAN MACKENZIE,	J.W.
	WILLIAM CORBET,	Treasurer.
1883.	ALLAN MACKENZIE, Member of Grand Committee,	R.W.M.
	ROBERT A. TAYLOR,	D.M.
	ROBERT SMITH,	S.M.
	B. LANGLEY MILLS, M.D.,	S.W.
	A. M. SUTHERLAND,	J.W.
1884.	JAMES DRUMMOND, W.S.,	S.W.
	A. P. CATTANACH,	J.W.

1885.	ROBERT SMITH,	D.M.
	H. C. PEACOCK, U.S. Vice-Consul,	S.M.
	JAMES DRUMMOND, W.S.,	S.W.
	J. M ^c INTYRE HENRY, Architect,	J.W.
	R. A. TAYLOR, Accountant,	Treasurer.
	J. RAE SHAND, S.S.C.,	Secretary.
1886.	JAMES DRUMMOND, W.S.,	D.M.
	J. RAE SHAND, S.S.C.,	S.M.
	J. M. HENRY, Architect,	S.W.
	P. W. GRAY,	J.W.
	A. P. CATTANACH,	Secretary.
1887.	JAMES DRUMMOND, W.S.,	R.W.M.
	J. M ^c INTYRE HENRY,	D.M.
	A. P. CATTANACH,	S.M.
	P. W. GRAY,	S.W.
	J. RAE SHAND, S.S.C.,	J.W.
	A. MACKENZIE, P.M.,	Treasurer.
	J. FULTON SMITH,	Secretary.

CHAPTER I I.

 THE CANONGATE KILWINNING LODGE, or ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL, is situated in St. John Street—"one of the heralds of the New Town." This street enters by a spacious elliptical archway from the Canongate, once the Court end of the town, and main avenue from the Palace of Holyrood into the city, and which contained, for several hundred years, all that has become historically interesting in Scotland. St. John Street is so named with reference to St. John's Cross, in the Canongate, where Charles I., at his ceremonial entry into Edinburgh in 1633, knighted the Provost. In the latter half of last century, and beginning of the present, this street was occupied solely by persons of distinction—nobles, judges, and country gentlemen—now it is possessed as exclusively by persons of the middle rank. The first door on the right is that which led to the apartments occupied, in 1766, by Tobias Smollett, Author of *Roderick Random*. No. 1 was the house of Sir Charles Preston, Bart., of Valleyfield, renowned for his gallant defence of Fort St. John against the American General Montgomery, when Major of the Cameronians. No. 3 was occupied by Lord Blantyre. No. 5 by George, 8th Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master Mason, initiated in the Lodge in 1766. No. 8 was the house of Andrew Carmichael, the last Earl of Hyndford. In No. 10 resided James Ballantyne, the faithful printing coadjutor and warm admirer of the author of "Waverley." In No. 13 dwelt that eccentric genius, James Burnet, Advocate—Lord Monboddo—who was initiated

in the Lodge on 24th November 1757, and at whose house Burns was frequently a visitor. Lord Monboddo's youngest daughter, celebrated for her beauty, is described by the poet in his "Address to Edinburgh" in glowing terms :—

" Fair Burnet strikes th' adoring eye,
Heav'n's beauties on my fancy shine ;
I see the Sire of Love on high,
And own his work indeed divine."

The first building on the west side of the street is the Lodge, and an adjoining one was the town residence of the Earl of Wemyss, who was Grand Master in 1786-87. For several years after the dawn of the present century, Sir David Rae (Lord Eskgrove), Dr. Gregory, Sinclair of Barrock, and other distinguished men of that period had their residences in St. John Street.

The Canongate Kilwinning Lodge is one as famous for her vicissitudes of fortune as for the brilliant and celebrated men whom she calls her sons. In neither of those characters has she a rival ; for, while her lot has been to suffer greater misfortunes than any other Lodge, her Roll of Members is one that no other kindred society can equal. The greatest men of the past and present centuries have belonged to her ; and while Burns, and Hogg the Ettrick Shepherd, were her Laureates, St. Clair of Rosslyn, Sir William Forbes of Pitsligo, Dr. James Boswell of Auchinleck, and Henry Erskine were among her officers, and a Prince of the Russian Empire was brought to light in her halls.

At the beginning of last century the Lodge numbered amongst its members the foremost noblemen and gentlemen of Scotland who were devoted to the Stuart cause. The unsuccessful rising in 1715 sent those who had escaped death on the battlefield into exile ; and during the confusion attendant on those times, the whole early records of the Lodge were lost or destroyed, and no trace of them can now be found. At length the survivors, a small but trusty band, met about the beginning of 1735 and resumed the meetings.

Bare at first, the walls of the Lodge-room have become covered with portraits and rare and interesting masonic records and devices, till now there is little space left. Mention in particular may be made of the celebrated portrait of William St. Clair of Rosslyn, which still looks down upon his successors. It is believed to have been painted by Allan Ramsay, son of the Author of *The Gentle Shepherd*, and bears the following inscription :—

“WILLAM ST. CLAIR of ROSLIN

H:G:M:M: OF SCOTLAND

INITD: IN CAN: KIL: LODGE 18 MAY 1736.”

The earliest Minute in preservation is dated 13th February 1735, and is as follows :—

A.D.
“Cannongate, Feby. ye 13th, 1735 : A:M: 5735.

“The Lodge having met *according to adjournment* do appoint Rd. Bulkeley, Edwd. Miller, & Geo. Frazer to meet in order to prepare regulations & by Laws to be laid before the Rt. Worshipful the Master & Wardens against Thursday the 27 instant.

“To which time the Lodge stands adjourn'd.

THO^S. TROTTER *Master.*

R^D. BULKELEY } *Wardens.*
ED^D. MILLER }

From a list of the active Members who belonged to the Lodge at this time, it appears that the number did not exceed ten, seven of whom were Master Masons. It may here be stated that the early Minutes are most carefully and beautifully written; and it is also worthy of notice that the Lodge was never closed, but adjourned to the next fixed day of meeting. At this period the Monthly Meetings were held on the first Thursday of every month, when the Members absent from prior Meetings were bound to pay, not only their *monthly* subscription of 1s., but an extra 1s. of a fine for each regular Meeting at which they were absent. The initiation fee was £1, 8s. 6d., and extra fees were charged for passing and raising. On 27th, William Montgomery, who subsequently was the first R.W.M. of Leith Kil-

winning—from which branched off the present Lodge of St. David's, No. 36—was initiated, and on 20th March "Richard Cooper, *M.M.*, was appointed to act as Junior Warden to the Annual Feast of St. John the Baptist, being the day of Election." The "Treasurer was ordered to pay the Steward 12s. towards defraying ye expenses of ye furniture of ye Lodge." "A Quarterly Communication" was held on Lady Day, 25th March, when the Lodge "adjourned till Monday next for the MASTERS, and the whole Lodge till Thursday the 3d of April being the Monthly Meeting." Here follows the earliest Minute recorded in the Books of a Scottish Lodge of the admission of Master Masons under the Modern Masonic Constitution.

"Cannongate 31st March 1735. Year of M. 5735.

"The MASTERS of the Lodge having mett according to adjournment being duely form'd into a Lodge, admitted William Montgomery Fellow Craft; & William Robertson, Robert Blisset, and George Frazer MASTER MASONS, and the said George Frazer nominated by the R.W. the Master to be S.W. in the room of Mr. Bulkeley who desired to resign with the approbation of the Master & Lodge after having served in that station *for a considerable time* to the entire satisfaction of the R.W. the Master & the whole Members of the Lodge, and adjourns in terms of the preceeding Minute."

The third degree is for the first time referred to in the Minutes of Mother Kilwinning in 1736, and in those of Canongate Kilwinning from Leith (now St. David's, Edinburgh), on 2nd March 1738, when "the Right Worshipful Master, and the other Masters present, granted the desire of the Petitioner, upon his answering such questions in the Apprentice and Fellow Craft part as should be asked to convince them he was qualified to be raised to the degree of Master Mason, and he having answered the questions so put to him which satisfied the Right Worshipful and the other Masters, he was accordingly raised." . . .

The earliest record of this degree having been worked in the Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, appears on 1st November 1738, when

Lord Provost Drummond—who subsequently became R.W.M. of Canongate Kilwinning—was passed and raised.

The bye-law regarding fines was strictly enforced, for an excuse, offered by Geo. Frazer for Wm. Wescomb, absent on 3rd April, was rejected, "in respect he was seen in town about three o'clock afternoon," and he was accordingly fined, with some others. Wescomb afterwards turned out a black sheep, and was expelled the Lodge. On the 11th of October, next year, after sundry meetings held in consideration of his case, "the Lodge took under their cognizance the scandalous behaviour of Wm. Wescomb, and was unanimously of opinion that he never ought to be admitted into this Lodge, nor admitted into the conversation or company of any of the Members of the Lodge, which is hereby recommended to the particulars thereof to observe, and further, gave orders to the Servants of the Lodge that, if ever he should attempt to enter the Lodge, they should treat him as more unworthy than a Cowan." The fines were laid out in refreshments for the evening, and such an order constantly occurs in the Minutes. Were such a bye-law passed now-a-days, the Lodge would, doubtless, be substantially benefited by it. The quarterly accounts were systematically prepared by the Treasurer, for the purpose of audit by a Committee, preparatory to laying them before the Lodge on St. John the Baptist's Day. On this date the Annual Election was appointed to be held, and all the officers expected to be in their proper places. The Steward was instructed to prepare clothing "at each Member's expense." The unpaid fines of absentees from former meetings to be made good "out of the public stock, in order to reimburse the Treasurer, . . . the absenting Members to forfeit a CROWN," and all arrears and forfeitures to be paid up, "or else such Members so in arrear not to be allowed to vote or *ballot*."

The system of election of Office-bearers and admission of Members by ballot, was at this early period the rule in Canongate Kilwinning, and only at the *initiation* of Wm. St. Clair was it dispensed with. It is recorded that "the Lodge, after balloting, agreed that William Tibets be admitted against next meeting, and, in case of absence, Mr. Smart,

who proposed him, to answer in terms of the bye-laws." These two brethren afterwards played an important part at the institution of the Leith Kilwinning Lodge.

A quarterly meeting took place on 29th September, and, as the Minute furnishes the earliest information of the election of a Grand Master for Scotland, it is here transcribed in full :—

"Cannongate, the 29th Septemr. 1735. 5735.

"The Lodge having mett according to adjournment being duly form'd, this being a quarterly meeting, continued the Committee for the Laws, admitted William Montgomery, Master Mason, who pay'd as usual, and appointed David Home, William Robertson, Thomas Trotter, Robert Blissett, William Montgomery, George Crawford, & such other Members as think fitt to attend, as a Committee for framing proposals to be lay'd before the several Lodges in order to the chusing a Grand Master for Scotland, the Committee to meet to-morrow's night at 6 o' th' clock, & to report against Wednesday, to which time the Lodge stands adjourned."

Accordingly, the Lodge met on 15th October, "in the house of Brother Cooper, and, being duly consecrated, the Committee on the bye-laws is continued, and to report against next meeting, and that they also take under consideration the proposals for a Grand Master." The latter subject was thoroughly considered and discussed by this Committee in course of the next few months, and the Members, meanwhile, having placed themselves in communication with William St. Clair of Rosslyn, the next important step in this matter was his initiation, as recorded in the following Minute, dated 18th May 1736 :—

"The Lodge, having occasionally met, admitted WILLIAM ST. CLAIR OF ROSLINE, Esqr., a Brother of the Antient & Honb^{le}. Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, he paying into the Box as usuall, William Montgomery being appointed J. Warden *pro tempore*, and Richard Cooper S. Warden."

No ballot was taken for St. Clair, although imperative and done in every preceding case ; but, when he applies for admission to the F.C. degree on 2nd June, it is recorded that—

“ WILLIAM ST. CLAIR OF ROSLINE, Esq., was *voted* for and admitted a Member of this Lodge. Thereafter Brother John Brown (Bailie) and William St. Clair, Esq., were advanced to the degree of Fellow Craft, they paying into the Box as usual.” . . .

Various meetings of the Committee were then held, and, at the monthly meeting of the Lodge on the 4th of August, “ at the desire of Brother Murray (of Kynnynmound) he was appointed Secretary, for the time, with power to appoint his own Deputy, in order to his making out a scheme for bringing about a Grand Master in Scotland.”

A “ quarterly communication ” was held on 29th September, when “ the Lodge was visited by Brothers John Young, John Dougall, and John Robertson, from the Lodge kept at William Gray’s, Edinburgh ” (Kilwinning Scots Arms, now dormant), “ who made some proposals anent a Grand Master for Scotland, which are to be laid before the Lodge’s first monthly meeting.” . . .

After consulting the brethren of three of the other Lodges “ in and about Edinburgh,” a special meeting was held on 11th October, and the Minute says : “ The Lodge, having mett in order to the concerting proper measures for electing a Grand Master for Scotland, being duly form’d heard proposals for that purpose, which were agreed to, and gave it as an instruction to their representatives at the first meeting (on 15th inst.) of the four Lodges in and about Edinburgh, in the first place to insist that a proper Secretary should be appointed to the meetings of said Lodges, who should be invested with the powers mentioned in said proposals, or such as should be then agreed on, which Secretary was then named,” . . . and, on the 15th October, delegates from the four Lodges—Mary’s Chapel, Canongate Kilwinning, Kilwinning Scots Arms, and Leith Kilwinning—met upon the business for which they were appointed. The following is a portion of the Minutes of their proceedings :—

“ The which day the Masters and Wardens of the said four Lodges having met, they unanimously condescended and agreed upon the Methods underwritten for electing of a Grand Master for Scotland, and upon certain Regulations to be observed thereanent for the good and prosperity of Masonrie in general, in the terms following :—

“ 1. That the Masters and Wardens of the four Lodges in and about Edinburgh do meet in some convenient place, and that there be no precedency insisted upon by either of them, but that they take place according as they enter the room.

“ 2. That the Clerk of Mary’s Chapel shall act as Clerk to their meetings, who is to write out the following proposals, or such as shall be agreed upon.

“ 3. That upon the above Lodges’ agreement to the proposals, circular letters be wrote in name of the whole four Lodges and signed by the Masters of the particular Lodges by turns, to be sent to the respective Lodges in Scotland, with a copy of the proposals enclosed, in order to have their approbation.

“ 4. That the above four Lodges upon the day of election of Grand Master be represented by their respective Masters and Wardens and such Masters and Wardens of the other Lodges, either by themselves or by proxiés to Master Masons.

“ 5. That Mary’s Chapel be the place of election of a Grand Master, where such Master is to name his Deputy and Wardens of the Grand Lodge, and the Clerk of Mary’s Chapel to be Clerk to the first election.”

They also framed Regulations which were to be adopted for the Grand Lodge that was about to be formed. In connection with the four Lodges above mentioned, the following is a copy of an account which is still in possession of the Lodge :—

An Account of Incidents laid out by George Frazer at the Meetings
of the four Lodges.

1736.

October.	To Coffee at the 1st Meeting in Exchange Coffee-house, .	£0	0	3
	At the Meeting in Annandale's,	0	4	6
	The same day at John Slease's,	0	14	6
	At 5 different Meetings at Do. and Coffee-house, . . .	2	17	0
	Cadies,	0	0	2½
	At Gray's with Mr. Alison, .	0	1	8
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		£3	18	1½

On 3rd November "the Lodge took into their consideration the Method proposed for bringing about a Grand Master, and were unanimously of opinion that Brother William Sinclair of Rosline was the most worthy person, and recommended to the Brotherhood his interest in a very earnest manner, and likewise were of opinion that, in case Brother Sinclair should not succeed in his election of Grand Master, that the following persons (all members of Canongate Kilwinning) were proper officers to be named for the Grand Lodge, and hereby recommend their interest to the several brethren, vizt. :—Mr. Hew Murray, S.W.; Dr. John Douglas, J.W.; Thomas Trotter, Treasurer; David Maul, W.S., Secretary. Thereafter appointed the Right Worshipfull and Wardens with the a' named brethren and Bro. Blisset, Bro. Home, Bro. M'Farlane, Bro. (Dean of Guild) Allan, Bro. (Sir Wm.) Nicolson, Bro. Bull, and Bro. Cooper to meet upon the 15th inst. in the house of Bro. Moore in order to their concerting any further matters anent said election of a Grand Master." On this date it was arranged, amongst other matters, to hold a special meeting of the Lodge in course of the following week; and accordingly we find that, on 22nd November, the meeting proceeded "to enter David Laing, servant to our Brother Rosline, a Mason, but not a Member of the Lodge, and raised WM. ST. CLAIR, our brother, to the

degree of Master Mason. Thereafter, in absence of the Junior Warden, Brother Sinclair was appointed Jn. Warden, and, in absence of the Rt. W., Brother Crawford took the chair, who appointed our Brother Sinclair S.W., and Bro. Alex. Hunter J.W. Thereafter, the Rt. Worshipful, George Crawford, being to go away, the S.W., Brother Sinclair, took the chair, who appointed Bro. John Ross Senior Warden, and, after several healths suitable to the occasion, dismissed the Lodge."

Wm. Sinclair Master

It is an interesting fact to observe that immediately St. Clair received the third degree his mother Lodge elevated him to the highest position in her power, and he accordingly signs the Minute of this meeting, together with the acting Wardens.

Another meeting was held on the 29th, when a Committee was appointed to make out "a Return to the R.W. of Kilwinning's Letter." This letter contained "observations on the proposals for electing the Grand Master and regulating the Grand Lodge"; also a proxy to George Frazer to represent Mother Kilwinning. The suggestions it contained, however, were negatived at the first Grand Lodge quarterly communication.

It was resolved by the four Lodges, on 15th October, to send a copy of the following letter to all the Lodges throughout Scotland:—

"BRETHREN,—The four Lodges in and about Edinburgh having taken to their serious consideration, the great loss that Masonry has sustained through the want of a Grand Master, authorized us to signify to you, our good and worthy brethren, our hearty desire and firm intention to chuse a Grand Master for Scotland; and, in order the same may be done with the greatest harmony, we hereby invite you (as we have done all the other regular lodges known by us) to concur in such a great and good work, whereby it's hoped Masonry

may be restored to its antient lustre in this kingdome ; and for effectuating this laudable designe, we humbly desire, that betwixt and Martinmass day next, you will be pleased to give us a brotherly answer in relation to the election of a Grand Master, which we propose to be on St. Andrew's day for the first time, and ever thereafter to be on St. John the Baptist's day,* or as the Grand Lodge shall appoint by the majority of voices, which are to be collected from the Masters and Wardens of all the regular Lodges then present, or by proxy to any Master-mason or Fellow-craft in any Lodge in Scotland ; and the election is to be in St. Mary's Chappell. All that is hereby proposed is for the advancement and prosperity of Masonrie, in its greatest and most charitable perfection. We hope and expect a suitable return ; wherein if any Lodges are defective, they have themselves only to blame. We heartily wish you all manner of success and prosperity, and we are, with great respect, your affectionate and loving brethren, &c."

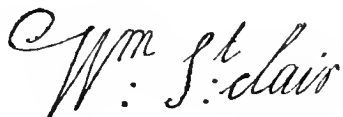
When the Lodge was duly met, on the 30th November, and the Rolls called over, there was produced the following resignation of the office of Grand Master by William St. Clair of Rosslyn, Esq., in favour of the brethren, or whomsoever they should be pleased to elect to that high office.

" I, WILLIAM ST. CLAIR of Rosslin, Esq., taking into my consideration that the Massons of Scotland did, by several deeds, constitute and appoint William and Sir William St. Clairs of Rosline, my ancestors, and their heirs to be their patrons, protectors, judges, or masters ; and that my holding or claiming any such jurisdiction, right, or privilege might be prejudicial to the craft and vocation of Massonrie, whereof I am a member, and I, being desirous to advance and promote the good

* A Resolution adopted by Grand Lodge, on 13th April 1737, changed this date to St. Andrew's Day.

and utility of the said craft of Massonrie to the utmost of my power, do therefore hereby, for me and my heirs, renounce, quit, claim, overgive, and discharge all right, claim, or pretence that I, or my heirs, had, have, or any ways may have, pretend to, or claim to be patron, protector, judge, or Master of the Massons in Scotland, in virtue of any deed or deeds made and granted by the said Massons, or of any grant or charter made by any of the Kings of Scotland, to and in favours of the said William and Sir William St. Clairs of Rosslie, or any others of my predecessors; or any other manner of way whatsoever, for now and ever: And I bind and oblige me and my heirs, to warrand this present renunciation and discharge at all hands; and I consent to the registration hereof in the books of Councill and Session, or any other judge's books competent, therein to remain for preservation; and thereto I constitute my Procurators, &c. In witness whereof I have subscribed these presents (written by David Maul, Writer to the Signet) at Edinburgh, the Twenty-fourth day of November, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-six years, before these witnesses, George Frazer, Deputy Auditor of the Excise in Scotland, Master of the Canongate Lodge, and William Montgomery, Merchant in Leith, Master of the Leith Lodge

Sic Subscribitur



“Geo: Frazer, Canongate Kilwinning, witness.

“W^m: Montgomery, Leith Kilwinning, witness.”

Which being read was ordered to be recorded in the books to be hereafter kept in the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

“After this the brethren proceeded to the election of a Grand Master;

and, in consideration of his noble and ancient family, for the zeal he himself had now shown for the good and prosperity of the craft, they thought they could not confer that high honour upon any brother better qualified or more properly entitled than William St. Clair of Rosslyn, Esq., whose ancestors had so long presided over the brethren, and had ever acquitted themselves with honour and dignity. Accordingly, by an unanimous voice, William St. Clair of Rosslyn, Esq., was proclaimed Grand Master Mason of all Scotland, and being placed in the chair, was installed, saluted, homaged, and acknowledged as such."

The foregoing facts unquestionably prove that the Lodge Canon-gate Kilwinning took the initiative in the erection of a Grand Lodge for Scotland, and whilst Dr. Douglas held the joint offices of R.W. Master, and Substitute Grand Master, for several years, Lord Aberdour, who was initiated in the Lodge on 14th November 1755, was the first Grand Master who was honoured with re-election to that office in 1756.* Previous to the latter year re-elections to the Grand Mastership took place annually.

On 5th October 1737, "the R.W. acquainted the Lodge that the Grand Master had named the Earl of Home for his successor, and had wrote to him to know whether he inclined to accept or not, but as yet he had not received the Earl's answer, but would acquaint the Brethren so soon as it came to hand." . . .

Further information regarding St. Clair's successor does not appear to have been made by him to the Lodge as indicated in the above Minute; but from the following extract from a letter dated Edinburgh, 16th November 1736, it will be seen that the Earl of Home was a candidate for the Grand Mastership when St. Clair was unanimously elected:—

. . . "It is also the opinion of the Brethren that to be perfectly unanimous in the choice of a G.M. will be altogether agreeable to that concord and harmony which wee cherish amongst us, and is the

* In 1757 Lord Aberdour was Grand Master Mason of England.

happy cement of our brotherly affections. I must also acquaint you that many of the Lodges have named my Lord Home (a bro. verry well qualified) to be G.M., particularly Mary's Chapel, Glasgow, Hamilton, Falkirk, Dunfermling, and a great many more, so that it is without doubt my Lord Home will be elected, Thereafter your proxy will be the only one for Ld. Crawford. I acquaint you with this only to exoner myself that you may know the opinions and designs of the other Lodges, because probably you will think it convenient to join unanimously with the rest, and I believe, if I might humbly offer an advice, it will be best. I thought it was not proper to deliver your letter to the Four Masters till I had acquainted you with what I have writ. But upon your answers (by the post) I shall exactly obey all your commands, either by a new proxy or by this I have received as you shall be pleased to direct me.

"*D.B.*—As the elections comes off on Tuesday, the 30th instant, and that by course of the post cannot have your answer, and in consequence your proxy will be lost, Wee entreat of you to renew it in favours of Lord Home, present Mr. of the Lodge of Kilwinning, at the Scots' Arms in Ed., and contrive to send it up as it may be here on Monday ye 29th, either by an express to the first post town or by some trusty private hand, for wee are apprehensive of some competition which we want to frustrate by all means possible. . . .

"(S^d) JAMES DEANS,
"Proxy for Inverness L.

"To Mr. Lauchlan Mackintosh,
"Mercht. in Inverness."

The Earl of Cromarty, however, was elected Grand Master on 30th November 1737.

It is a notable circumstance, and the fact is recorded in a memorandum at the end of the first volume of Minutes in 1760, that down to that date there is no mention made of St. Clair's hereditary dignity. In the Minute of a Grand Lodge visitation on 10th January 1799, which was headed by Sir James Stirling, Bart., Lord Provost of

Edinburgh, the subject is thus referred to:—"It is worthy of remark that an object presents itself to our view in this Lodge nowhere to be found in any other—a whole-length portrait of William St. Clair, Esq., of Rosslyn, the last of the line of Hereditary Grand Master Masons of Scotland—a family which, from the 11th to the 17th century, enjoyed by uninterrupted succession that high, dignified, and honourable office. The personage mentioned stepped forward as the last male heir of that ancient family, and with a generous and truly masonic spirit surrendered his hereditary right into the hands of the Brethren at large, so that from the year 1736 down to the present period the Lodges of Scotland have had the free and uncontrolled privilege of electing their own Grand Masters, a privilege highly to be valued, and which it is to be hoped they will never abuse." . . .

The following is a transcript of the copy of the original Deed of Election in possession of the Lodge, which was presented to it by Brother Aytoun, Professor of Belles Lettres in the University of Edinburgh, who was R.W. Master in 1839. He also presented to Grand Lodge the valuable documents known in Masonic history as the St. Clair Charters.

"At Edinburgh,

"xxx Day of November mdcxxxvi.

"WHICH DAY the Honourable and Worshipfull MASTER and WARDENS of the several Lodges aftermentioned, viz., Mary's Chappell in *Edinburgh*, KILWINNING, Cannongate Kilwinning, *Kilwinning* Scot's arms, Leith Kilwinning, Glasgow, Coupar of *Fife*, Linlithgow, Dumfermling, Dundee, Dalkeith, Atcheson's haven, Selkirk, Inverness, Lessmahagow, St. Bride's Douglas, Lanark, Strathaven, Hamilton, Dunse, Kircaldie, Journeymen Masons of *Edinburgh*, Kirkintilloch-Kilwinning, Biggar, Sanquhar, Peebles, *Glasgow* St. Mungo's, Greenock, Falkirk, Aberdeen, Mariaburgh, Cannongate & Leith, and *Leith & Cannongate*, and Montrose, Being all met and convened in Mary's Chappell in pursuance of the resolutions and regulations Transmitted to them


by the four Mason Lodges in and about Edinburgh, In order to the Election of a GRAND MASTER, Grand Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and other office-bearers over the above and all other regular Mason Lodges in that part of Great Britain called SCOTLAND : In terms of and conform to the said proposals and regulations and Circular Letters sent therewith, all which are appointed to be recorded in the Books to be kept for the use of the said GRAND LODGE. After calling over the names of the honourable and Worshipfull Master and Wardens of the several Lodges above mentioned then present, and discussing and settling certain preliminaries previous to the said Grand Election In manner mentioned in the Minutes thereanent, THEY proceeded to the Election, when, by an unanimous vote of the whole honourable and Worshipfull MASTERS present, WILLIAM ST. CLAIR, of Rossline, Esquire, was elected and chosen GRAND MASTER, and afterwards was saluted by the whole meeting and Invested and Dignified with the cloathing, &c., suitable to that Grand Office, where upon he took Instruments in the clerk's hands upon his said election. THEREAFTER the Most Worshipfull the Grand Master made choice of Captain John Young, Esquire, to be Deputy Grand Master, The Honble. Sir WILLIAM BAILLIE, of Lamington, Senior Grand Warden, and The Honble. Sir ALEXANDER HOPE, of Kerse, Junior Grand Warden, which election was also unanimously approven of, and these Honourable Persons were saluted and Dignified with the proper cloathing accordingly : Thereafter the said Most Worshipfull the GRAND MASTER made choice likewise of John Moncrief, Esq., Doctor of Medicine, to be Treasurer, John M'Donald, Esq., to be Secretary, Eglishfield Griffith, Esq., Andrew Syme, Peter Campbell, and John MacMillan to be Grand Stewards ; and continued Robert Alison, Writer in Edinburgh, Clerk to the said Grand Lodge, which election was also unanimously approven of by the Honourable and Worshipfull Brethren present, and the said Persons saluted and vested in the Grand Offices accordingly : and thereafter the Most Worshipfull the GRAND MASTER appointed their next meeting for the first quarterly Communication to be at Mary's Chappell in Edinburgh

upon Wednesday the twelfth day of January next to come, at three of the clock afternoon, when the whole MASTERS and WARDENS present were appointed to acquaint their respective Lodges to attend that diet by themselves or their representatives. Extracted furth of the records of the said Grand Lodge by the said Robert Alison, Clerk thereto, and to the foresaid Election.

“(Signed) R^o. ALISON,
“*Grand Clerk.*”

As mention has several times been made of “the four Lodges in and about Edinburgh,” it should be explained that, at this period, *six* Lodges existed in the District. The Lodges Canongate and Leith and Leith and Canongate, and Journeymen, were ignored in the negotiations respecting the institution of Grand Lodge, presumably for the reason that they both seceded from Mary’s Chapel—the former in 1688, and the latter in 1709.

CHAPTER III.

 REVERTING to the records of the Lodge in 1735, it is recorded that on the 5th November the report on the bye-laws was given in and agreed to, and at next meeting the Lodge was presented by Brother John Campbell with a "Breeches"* Bible, also "two Tables very useful in Masonry." The Bible is still in use in the Lodge, but the "Tables" have gone no one knows where.

On 3rd December, after the Lodge was closed, "they met with a dispute in the company anent John Scott, Plumber in Edinburgh," who affirmed that he was a Master Mason, and, on being challenged, it was "earnestly recommended," by several visiting brethren, that "Mr. Scott should make good his assertion." Accordingly, all the visiting brethren, having submitted "to take tryall of their qualifications as Master Masons," sufficiently acquitted themselves, but "Mr. Scott, notwithstanding his said alledgance of his being a Master Mason, refused to undergo a tryall in the same manner the other

* This version is thus referred to in *The National Encyclopædia*:
"Sometimes called the *Geneva Bible*, a translation of the Bible into English, which was executed at Geneva by several English ministers who had been compelled to flee from the persecutions instituted by Queen Mary. It was the first edition printed in Roman letter, and the first in which the divisions into verses were marked. Issued in 1557, and provided with explanatory notes of a Calvinistic character, this edition enjoyed considerable favour with the Puritans until it was supplanted by the Authorised Version of 1611. The term 'Breeches Bible' is given from the rendering of Gen. iii. 7, '*Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves BREECHES.*'"

gentlemen visitors did. The Right Worshipfull, having dismissed the Fellow Crafts and Prentices, did interrogate said Mr. Scott, but found him neither Master Mason nor Fellow Craft, and therefore the Lodge was of opinion he had imposed upon them, so far as to misrepresent his degree for Masonry, and thinks he is a very weak entered Prentice, and this all he can pretend to." . . .

At the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the Lodge, having "dined, proceeded to the drinking the healths usuall upon such solemn festivalls, amongst which the *Mother Lodge* of Kilwinning was in particular drunk, with all the honour the Lodge could do it, as also Patrick Montgomerie, the present Rt. Worshipfull thereof, with all honours. Next the Lodge of Mary's Chappell, with the usual ceremonies, and afterwards the Assembly of Masons, who generally meet at Gray's, opposite to the Cross, Edinburgh, to whom the just honours due them were done." . . .

The Lodge met, 18th January, "at the desire of the Right Worshipfull Master," and "advanced William Tibbets to the degree of a Master Mason, upon account of his services done to the R. W. Master, as well as for his personall merit and knowledge in Geometry and Architecture," he having paid his dues as usual.

Early in this year a communication was addressed to the Mother Lodge, of which the following is a copy, requesting a confirmation of the Charter granted in December 1677.

"Cannongate (Kilwinning) Lodge, Edinburgh.

"Right Worshipful Master and Worthy Brethren of the Ancient Lodge of and at Kilwinning.

"We, the Master and Brethren of the Lodge of the Cannongate of Edinburgh, the oldest daughter of your ancient Lodge, do humbly represent to you that the Lodge of the Cannongate, authorised by your ancient Lodge by an Act of your Mason Court, dated 20th of December 1677, to meet together in a lawful Lodge, and to enter and pass any qualified persons as free and accepted Masons in the name and behalf and as part of your ancient Lodge of Kilwinning, and to receive

the entry-moneys due from such qualified persons as should be passed by the said Lodge of the Cannongate, and our predecessors in the said Lodge, and bind themselves and us, their successors, to maintain and defend the rights and privileges of Kilwinning Lodge, and never to do anything prejudicial thereto.

“Now, we having faithfully observed our part by maintaining as far as in us lay the Rights of your ancient Lodge, and being desirous to renew from time to time our engagement to and with your ancient Lodge, which is our Mother Lodge, we send these presents requesting that we may be acknowledged, as we truly are, the eldest daughter of Kilwinning Lodge, promising anew on our part for our Mother Lodge. We, the Master and Wardens of your daughter Lodge of the Cannongate, have subscribed this by order of our Lodge, and are,

“Right Worshipful Master and Right Worthy Brethren,

“Your most affectionate Brethren,

“GEORGE FRAZER, *Master.*
DAVID HOME, *S.W.*
RICHARD COOPER, *D.J.W.*

Cannongate Lodge,
xxvth February mdcxxxvj
M. C.,
Dear of M., v.vjxxxvj

“P.S.—On our promising continuance in our duty to you, our Mother Lodge, we hope you’ll be so good as confirm your grant to us by signing and transmitting a ratification thereof.

“G. F., *D.M.*
D. H., *S.W.*
R. C., *J.W.*”

This letter was neatly written upon a sheet of gilt-edged foolscap paper, and addressed to “Patrick Montgomery, Esq. of Bourtreehill, To the Care of the Post Master of *Glasgow.*” At the present day it appears singular, that letters addressed from Edinburgh to Kilwinning

or its vicinity, should be forwarded to the care of the above official, who resided at a distance of about thirty miles from their destination, yet such were the postal arrangements in those days. The Petition received the most favourable consideration of a committee of the Mother Lodge, to whom it was remitted to be reported on, and the following extracts from their records show how the matter was disposed of:—

“Kilwinning, 9th March 1736.

“The Master presented to the Meeting the Compliment of a Set of Songs from the Cannongate Lodge, together with a Letter desiring a Confirmation of the former Charter.”

The “Set of Songs” referred to was entitled “The Free Masons Pocket Companion,” and was exhibited to a deputation from Canongate Kilwinning who visited the Mother Lodge on the occasion of their Anniversary Meeting, on 20th December 1883—nearly 150 years after the presentation took place. This Meeting, which was attended by a numerous and brilliant assemblage of brethren from most of the Lodges in Ayrshire, was presided over by Brother R. W. Cochran-Patrick, M.P., M.W.P.G. Master of that province. The volume bears the following inscription—part of which is beautifully penned in Old English characters:—

“Cannongate viiith January 1736.
Year of Masonry 5736.

“This day being the Monthly Meeting of ye Cannongate Kilwinning, held at William Clark’s there, They thought it their duty to Transmit by the hands of Patrick Montgomery, Esq., the present Right Worshipful Master of our Mother Lodge Kilwinning kept at Kilwinning, This book for the use of our said Mother Lodge,

Is humbly presented by
Cannongate Kilwinning Lodge. { GEORGE FRAZER, *Master*.
DAVID HOME, *S.W.*
RICHD. COOPER, *J.W.*”

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting, Know ye,
us Patrick Montgomerie of Bowtrickhill Esq^r, Right Worshipfull Master of the Antient Lodge of & at Kilwinning, & David Logan,
Senior Warden, & M^r John Boyd Junior Warden, & the other Members of the Said Lodge of Kilwinning.

Whereas upon a Petition, dated the 6th Day of December 1677 of the Right Worshipfull Master &
Brethren of the Mason Lodge in the Cannongate of Edinburgh, Representing, That as they were part of the Company
belonging to Kilwinning Lodge, & in Regard of the former correspondence betwixt our Said Lodge & them, They humbly craved our
then Right Worshipfull Master, & the other Members of our Said Lodge, would Authorise them to meet together in a Lawfull Lodge,
& to Receive, Enter, & Pass any Qualified Persons as Free & Accepted Masons, in the Name & behall and as part of the Lodge of Kilwinning
and to receive the Entry moneys due to the Said Lodge from such Qualified Persons as should be passed by them. For which Reason, —
They Bound & Obliged themselves Conjunctly & Severally & their Successors to Maintain & Defend the Rights and
Privileges of our Said Lodge, & never to do any thing prejudicial thereto. Which Petition having been considered by our Said
Lodge, They unanimously granted the Desire thereof on all Points, Authorising the Said Brethren in the Cannongate of Edinburgh, To Meet
in a regular Lodge, Receive & Enter Free Masons, and to receive dues for the same as our Predecessors did, as appears from Said Minute
of Kilwinning Lodge Dated the 20th of December in the Said Year. And now Seeing We the present Right Worshipfull Master,
Wardens & Brethren of Said Antient Lodge of & at Kilwinning, are perfectly satisfied of the Fidelity & Regard the said Brethren in
the Cannongate have to our said Lodge, & of their Constant Endeavours to Maintain & Defend the Rights & Privileges of our said Lodge,
And Further in regard George Fraser Esq^r Dep^y Auditor of Excise the present Right Worshipfull Master, David Home
Esq^r Sen^r Warden & Richard Cooper Esq^r Dep^y Jun^r Warden, have for themselves, & in name of the Other Brethren & their Successors
of Said Cannongate Lodge, by their Application & Petition Dated the 16th day of Feb^r 1736 desired to Renew the former Obligations come
under to our said Lodge by their Predecessors, Therefore to have it Confirmed, Ratified & Approven. Likas We, by these Presents,
not only Confirm, Ratify & Approve our said former Grant in the whole heads privileges & clauses, But also
De novo, Give, Grant & Commit to them & their Successors, all the Privileges of a Free Mason Lodge, Particularly with Power to their present
Right Worshipfull Master, Wardens & Brethren, to Meet together in a Lawfull Lodge, Receive Enter & Pass any Qualified Persons —
in name & behall, and as part of our Said Antient Lodge of Kilwinning & to receive the Entry-money due & payable by Entrants, and, —
We hereby declare the said Lodge in the Cannongate to be one of the Antient Branches of our Said Lodge of Kilwinning. And
we Ordain all regular Lodges to Hold And Respect them as such, given at our Mason Court of & at Kilwinning, the 24th Day
of June One thousand seven hundred & Thirty Six Years. —

— Patrick Montgomerie, Master
David Mair Deputy Master
John M Senior Warden

Right Worshipfull Master, Wardens & Brethren, to meet together in a Lawfull Lodge, Receive Enter & Pass any Qualified Persons - in name & behall, and as part of our Said Antient Lodge of Kelwinning. & to receive the Entry-money due & payable by Entrants. and - We hereby declare the said Lodge in the Cannongate to be one of the Ancient Branches of our Said Lodge of Kelwinning. And we Ordain all regular Lodges to Hold and Respect them as such, given at our Mason Court of & at Kelwinning the 24th Day of June One thousand seven hundred & Thirty six Years. - -

Edinburgh 13th Sept 1737. These the Patent or Confirmation above written, was produced in the Grand Lodge by the Right worshipfull the above George Fraser, and being publicly read was ordered to be recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge and to be returned. The same therefore is recorded on the first leaf of the Books kept for that purpose by me Robert Allison Clerk of the said Grand Lodge.

- David Mair Deputy Master
- John Blyk Junior Warden
- James Cunningham Master
- James (Union) James Stewart
- James (Paul) James
- Thomas Miller
- James Goebbels
- John Hay
- Wm. Stirling
- Alex. Cunningham
- James W. W. W.
- Alex. Ferguson
- Wm. Wm. Wm.
- James Gray
- John Kirk
- James Farrelly
- Robert Barclay
- Thomas Robertson
- James Neilson
- Wm. Houston
- John Sutherland
- Donald W. W.
- Alex. Clark
- John Thomson

“Kilwinning, 24th June 1736.

“The Master presented to the Meeting the Charter appointed to be drawn at the Meeting in March last, in favour of the Kilwinning Cannongate Lodge, which, after reading was approved and signed by the R. Worshipful and the other Members present, and it was appointed to hand the said Charter about to them that are absent, that they may sign the same. The Scroll of it was to be put in the Box, together with the Letter desiring the Charter. The Meeting desired the Secretary to the Lodge to pay the expense of drawing the Charter, and bring in an account of it to the next Meeting.”

This document is still in good preservation.

A committee was appointed on 3rd March to “commune with the Deacons and Incorporation of the Shoemakers of Cannongate,” with reference to the property, and to report. At the meeting, on this date, a letter was read from Mother Kilwinning, proposing that the Members of either Lodge should be Members of the other, and a reply was directed to be sent thereto. The above-mentioned Committee reported on 27th inst., when the Lodge would not agree “to take the Tack unless on more reasonable terms,” but re-appointed the Committee, and meantime requested “Mr. Douglas to wait upon Bailie Jack,” with reference to the property upon which the Lodge now stands, and to report. The records bear that, at this period, frequent meetings were held for the purpose of entering, passing, and raising.

On 24th June, John Oswald was elected Steward, and the office-bearers and “servants” were continued as formerly. Several new Members were admitted, and the Minute proceeds :—

. . . “Upon the application of Brother William Montgomerie, Archd. Smart, and William Tibbets, that upon their separating from this Lodge they be formed into a new Lodge at Leith. That, upon the foresaid application, the present Right Worshipfull & other Members of this Lodge went this day down to Leith, & there consecrate & ordained a new Lodge to be there held, conform to an ordination which is Signed upon their foresaid application, & that

the aforesaid William Montgomerie was recommended as Master, & thereupon nominate, by the said Right Worshipfull of this Lodge, whereupon he, the said William Montgomerie, named the a'said William Tibbets his Senior Warden, & Archibald Smart, Junior, who are approved of by this their Mother Lodge."

This is the origin of the Leith Kilwinning Lodge, from which branched off St. David's, No. 36 on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The latter was at first styled the "Canongate Kilwinning from Leith," and the name was altered to St. David's, by deliverance of Grand Lodge, dated 2nd August 1756. The records are of a highly interesting character, neatly written and carefully preserved in several volumes. On its roll appear the names of many illustrious men, including that of Sir Walter Scott, Bart., and from the beginning it has maintained the closest connection with Canongate Kilwinning. There are many instances on record of joint meetings of a congratulatory and convivial nature having taken place between them.

On 7th July, Andrew Hay of Mugdrum and James Haliburton of Pitcurr were admitted, and on 4th August the first affiliation recorded in the Minutes took place. It is stated that Dr. John Douglas, "upon his application to be a Member of this Lodge, representing that he was admitted a Member of Kirkaldy Lodge, but could not attend the same; therefore the Lodge, for services done and to be done, thought him worthy to be a Member of the Lodge, & accordingly admitted such." On 6th October, Sir William Baillie of Lamington was entered Apprentice, when visitors were present from "Leith, the Lodge at Paris, and the Lodge at Gateside, in Bishoppriock of Durham." £16 was taken out of the Box to defray outstanding accounts. Sir William Nicolson was initiated on 3rd November, and, at the Monthly Meeting on 2nd December, Grand Master St. Clair presided and introduced a candidate to his Mother Lodge, upon whom he conferred the first degree.

"The Lodge, being mett and duly form'd, was visited by the Most Worshipfull Wm. Sinclair of Rosslie, Esq., Grand Master of Scotland,

who, having taken the chair, appointed Brother John Douglas Senior Warden, & Bror. Thomas Allen Junr. Warden. Then he proceeded to admit Sir John Scott of Ancrum a Mason, who paid into the Box as usuall, together with 2^{sh} 6^d. for the use of the Grand Lodge, and, after drinking the healths proper to such an Honourable visite, and others, the Grand Master ordered the S. W. to dismiss the Lodge.

WM. ST. CLAIR, *G. Master.*"

The Members had meanwhile built themselves a Lodge Room of their own, as they could not come to terms with the Incorporation of Shoemakers, and St. Clair again takes the field.

"Cannongate, 18th Decr. 1736. A:M:5736.

"THE LODGE having been Summoned to attend the Grand-master at the Consecration of the new Lodge, built by the Subscribers, members of this Lodge, at the House of James Hamilton, Vint. in Cannongate, being mett accordingly, made a procession in due order from his House to the New Lodge, where the Most Worshipfull appointed the Right Worshipfull George Frazer to Consecrate the Lodge, which being done in most due and solemn form, The Several brethren were admitted, viz: Alex. Hay of Drummelzier, John Hay of Belton, Mr. George Loch, — Maxwell, Archibald Hart, and Francisio Mario Barsanti, Masons of the Lodge, the five first-mentioned paying into the Treasr. the Fees as usuall over and above the 2^{sh} 6^d. for the use of the Grand Lodge. Thereafter the Healths proper to the occasion were Drunk. The Lodge was visited by the Deputy Grand-master, by the Junr. Grand Warden, by the Right Worshipfull W^m Montgomerie, Esq^r: with the most part of his Leith Kilwinning Lodge, and by severall other worthy Brethren, Broyr. George Crawford having been appointed Junr. Grand Warden *pro tempore.*"

Wm St Clair G. M.
Geo: Frazer Master

The following Minute, dated the 23rd, contains information regarding the manner of defraying the expense of Masonic Festivals at this period :—

. . . “The Right Worshipful ordered a Letter from the Deputy Grand Master to be read, whereof the contents were that he desired any Brethren representing Lodges should pay up their Shares of the expense upon St. Andrew’s Day last, which the Brethren then present paid. Thereafter the Most Worshipful visited the Lodge and continued the foresaid Wardens as Grand Wardens. Likewise the Lodge took into their consideration the expense of St. John’s Day *next*, and appointed every Brother, *whether present or absent*, to answer to the Steward for 5^{sh}. 6^d., as the expense of Gloves and Aprons for the Day, etc., and . . . the Most Worshipfull ordered the proper Warden to dismiss the Lodge.

WM. ST. CLAIR, *G.M.*
GEO. FRAZER, *Master.*”

The next Minute is the first which is dated “St. John’s Chapel,” and it records the presence of many distinguished Brethren, amongst them John, third Earl of Kintore, who was Grand Master Mason of Scotland in 1738, and of England in 1740, a combination which afterwards took place in the person of Lord Aberdour, who was Grand Master of Scotland in 1755-6, and of England in 1757.

“Cannongate, St. John’s Chapple, 27th Dec. 1736. 5736. A.M.

“The Lodge, having mett upon the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, being duly formed by the Most Worshipfull Grand Master Wm. St. Clair of Rosline, Esq., he appointed the Right Honble. Bror. the Earl of Kintore and Robert Blisset of this Lodge Grand Wardens, *pro tempore*, Thereafter admitted (three gentlemen). The Lodge was visited by three Members from the Kilwinning Lodge kept at Scots Arms, Edinr., by three from the Leith Kilwinning Lodge, and three Members from the Lodge of Mary’s Chapple, and two Members from the Lodge of Leith and Cannongate and Cannongate and Leith, all

which visits were returned in due form by deputations from this Lodge. Were likewise visited by Sir James Carnegie, from the Lodge of Montrose, and Geo. Scott, from the Lodge of Dumferling, and, after the severall healths were drunk suitable to the Grand and Anniversary occasion, the Grand Master ordered the Lodge to be dismissed.

WM. ST. CLAIR, *G.M.*

KINTORE, *G.J.W.*"

On 3rd January, "The Right Hon the Lord Drummore," one of the Lords of Session, was admitted. An interesting reference to Lord Drummore will be found in a subsequent chapter. The Lodge was presided over by the Grand Master on this occasion, and was visited, amongst others, by the "Earl of Kintore, Master of the Lodge of Aberdeen." The Grand Master also presided at the next meeting on the 5th inst., when he proceeded to pass and raise several Brethren. Many distinguished names are recorded, and the Minute is signed by St. Clair and the Earl of Kintore. An inventory of the jewels, and everything belonging to the Lodge, was ordered to be made up at the meeting in February, when Captain John Young, D.G.M., presided; also, complete Lists of Members in arrear, and all accounts against it to be called in, in order that the debts may be ascertained, "and proper orders granted for payment thereof." Various meetings were held for the purpose of conferring degrees, and transacting other business, at short intervals, and, on 6th April, Brother Donaldson of Kinnardie made a present of "*six dozen glasses*" to the Lodge. On 4th May, a Committee was appointed for "settling with Bro. Enzer anent the plaistering of the Lodge, and make an estimate thereof, and to report." On 1st June the Committee was asked to contract for finishing the same, "but for a sum not exceeding £12 sterling;" also, to agree with some "wright for making forms sufficient for the Lodge, which are to be covered with baze, and to have them done with all expedition."

On 24th June the Annual Election took place, and on 6th July the Lodge was visited by the Grand Master Wm. St. Clair, who, having

assumed the chair, appointed Grand Wardens *pro tem.*, and conferred the third degree. Thereafter, Brother Dean of Guild Allan was appointed to represent this Lodge at the approaching meeting of Grand Lodge. The visitors, this evening, included the Master of Mother Kilwinning, and Brethren from Dalkeith, Torphichen, and other Lodges.

St. Clair again presided at the meeting of 3rd August, when the Committee's report on the accounts was given in and passed. Brother George Frazer being allowed a balance due to him, on "his accmpt concerning the Subscription Money for building the Lodge, . . . and, upon the Lodge having an old Folio Bible presented by Bro. Geo. Scot, for the use of the Lodge, the R. W. Master returned him thanks" for the same. This Bible is still in possession of the Lodge. At the August meeting, John Mitchell, who paid a fee of £3, 3s. and 2s. 6d. to Grand Lodge, with 1s. to the Tyler, was admitted, and the Grand Master presided at another meeting this month, when he initiated a new Member.

The following extract from the Minutes of next meeting, held on 7th September, will be read with interest:—

"A motion having likewise been made for altering that, by law oblidging every brother to pay agt. his entrance monie three Guineas the Lodge unanimously agreed to restrict the same to two Guineas and to admit Br. Roger Oswald and John Mitchell, the two late entrants, who paid three Guineas of entrance monie, as Subscribing Members to the new Lodge of St. John's Chapple, upon their paying in other two Guineas, which is hereby declared to be in full of their Subscription monie." The Lodge was visited by several of the Edinburgh Lodges, and by two Brethren from Forest's Coffee-House, London, and by Chas. Scot, a Steward of the Grand Lodge of England.

On 29th September, being a Quarterly Communication, the Grand Master Wm. St. Clair and Acting Grand Wardens preside and sign the Minute. A motion was made for having "ye roof of ye Lodge made water tight." "The Grand Clerk also visited ye Lodge and

returned ye Charter of this Lodge, duly recorded in the Grand Lodge." An occasional meeting was held on the 30th, when Brother George Frazer, "*Old Master*," presided, and admitted a new Member.


On the 28th of October, William Baillie, Factor to the Laird of Lamington, and William Cumming, were initiated. The demise of the latter was thus announced, some years afterwards, in one of the periodicals of the day: "March 27, at Edinburgh, in an advanced age, William Cumming, Esq., many years an eminent Banker."*

The Lodge met on St. John the Evangelist's Day, and was visited by "St. Clair, by the present Provost of Edinburgh, Archd. McAulay, Member of Mary's Chapple, by Brethren from Leith, Leith and Canongate and Canongate and Leith, Scots Arms, Edinburgh, and Brethren from Mary's Chapple, besides several other visitors. Same night, in consequence of a recommendation from the Gr. Lodge, a motion for charity to the relict of the deceast Mr. James Smith, Mason in Edinr., being made, which was heartily agreed to, and the collection from the severall brethren present amounts to £2, 16s." . . .

	£	s.	d.
<i>Note.</i> —Collection of the Anniversary,	7	13	0
To 2 Entry Monies,	4	4	0
For Grand Lodge (3 at 2s. 6d.),	0	7	6
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* He was reputed to be extremely penurious. When walking in the streets he used constantly to keep his arms spread out to prevent the people from rubbing against his coat, and thereby injuring it. He was generally known by the *sobriquet* of "The Crow." His appearance, when walking, presented a striking resemblance to that bird.

CHAPTER IV.

 **A**T the first meeting in 1738, on 4th January, no less than thirteen Lodges are enumerated as being represented—the first deputation beginning with Canongate and Leith and Leith and Canongate, headed by the R. W. Master Brother William Hay, and on 1st February the Lodge is again visited by the Past Grand Master, William St. Clair, and by the present Grand Wardens, Secretary, and Treasurer, the R.W.M. of Mother Kilwinning, and others.

On 5th April a letter was received from the Grand Lodge, anent the Royal Infirmary, “which they referred to next meeting, and George Frazer is excused, he having written a relevant Letter to the R.W. for that effect.” . . .

“The Depute Grand Master, and others, visited the Lodge on 3rd May, the D.G.M. presiding;” and at the meeting on 7th June, “the Lodge took into their consideration the Deficiency of the Brethren as to their monthly payments, &c., and then unanimously agreed that the present Treasurer should endeavour to collect the arrears due to the Lodge, and to make such Compositions as he should think requisite with those Members who should be in the least refractory in payment, hereby declaring that, whatever Composition he should make, should be as satisfactory to the Lodge as if they had done the same themselves.” Then follows a list of visitors from nine Lodges, and “The R. W. Master of Greenock Lodge presented to the Lodge a Letter, under the hand of their Secretary, wherein was enclosed a Copy of Verses done by an Entered Apprentice, which the Lodge approved of,

and returned thanks to the Lodge of Greenock for their Compliment, and ordained the same to be laid up with their other poems, to be sung upon occasions." A meeting was held on 13th June, when "Francis Buchanan of Arnpryer (descendant of the facetious "King of Kippen," in Stirlingshire), George Haliburton, present Eldest Bailie of Edinburgh, and Robert Montgomerie, present Treasurer of said city, were admitted Members."

The Office-bearers were all re-elected on St. John's Day, and the Minutes, from this date onwards, are headed "St. John's Chappel, Cannongate." After recording that representatives were received from several Lodges, including Rome, Inverness, etc., the Minute proceeds:—"Thereafter the Lodge took into their consideration an accompt formerly given in by Bro. Thomas Allan, for Wine, &c., furnished to this Lodge, and finding that it is not convenient for the Lodge Immediately to make payment thereof, but, as it is most reasonable that Bror. Allan should have interest for his monie, until payment, Doe therefore, unanimously, agree that this Lodge shall be obliged to pay, to the said Bror. Allan, the Interest of the sum of Twenty Pounds Stg., as the ballance remaining of said accompt, from and since the twenty-fourth of June, j^m. vij^c. and thirty-seven years, yearly and termly ay' and untill payment of said sum of Twenty pounds of prin^{le}, over and above the prin^{le} sum itself. Thereafter, having Drunk the usual health suitable to such a Grand occasion, the R.W. ordered the proper Warden to dismiss the Brethren."

The next three meetings were visited by various Grand Office-bearers, and on 4th October "The Lodge, having mett according to adjournment, being duly formed, the R.W., in absence of the S.W., appointed the Right Honb^{le}. James Colhoun, Lord Provost of Edinr., the Junr. Warden, to act as Senr. Warden, and Bro. Archd. M^c.Aulay, late Provost of Edinr., to act as Junr. Warden, *pro tempore*. Visited by S.G. Warden, G. Secretary, G. Clerk, &c."

The following Minute, dated 1st November, is copied in full, and is very interesting on account of its quaintness and the information it contains:—

“The Lodge, having mett according to adjournment, being duly formed by the Old Master as R.W. *p.t.*, the Lodge being visited by the present R.W. Master, John Douglas, as Substitute Grand Master, Dr. Chas. Alston and George Drummond, Esq., acting as Grand Wardens, and George Loch, S. Warden, joined with Wm. Seaton, acting as J. Warden of this Lodge. The Lodge visited by Brethren from the Lodge of Mary’s Chappel, Leith Kilwinning, Scots Arms, Paris, Peebles, Greenock, Cannongate and Leith Leith and Cannongate, Glasgow Kilwinning, Falkland, Dalkeith, and New Inn, Exeter. After the usual healths and prosperity to the *Royal Infirmary*, with above Lodges, and the Grand Master Substitute Invited all the Brethren present to attend the seting the work for this season at the R. Infirmary, to-morrow, at 2 o’clock, and ordered the proper Warden to close the Lodge.”

An interesting list of fifty-four Lodges is recorded in the books of Lodge St. David’s, No. 36, and here are transcribed the first seventeen. The list is headed thus :—

“The following Lodges Contributed for Apartments in the Infirmary, Edinburgh, for 5 decayed Brethren, 4 of whom to be presented by the Grand Lodge, and 1 by the Journeymen Lodge.”

1. Mary’s Chappel.
2. Canongate Kilwinning.
3. Scoon and Perth.
5. Canongate and Leith Leith and Canongate.
6. Old Kilwinning St. John Inverness.
8. Journeymen, Edinburgh.
9. Dunblane.
10. Dalkeith Kilwinning.
11. St. John, Maybole.
12. Greenock Kilwinning.
16. St. John, Falkirk.
23. Dunse.
24. Peebles Kilwinning (Old Lodge of Peebles).
30. Ancient Stirling.
35. St. John Falkland.
49. Ancient Dundee.
54. St. Machar, Aberdeen.

On 6th December, "The Lodge, having mett according to adjournment, being duly formed, was honoured with a visite from the Right Honourable and Most Worshipfull the Earl of Kintore, Grand Master for Scotland, the Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, Grand Clerk, and Grand Stewards, when the Most Worshipfull took the Chair, and the Grand Wardens theirs. The Lodge was likewise visited by Brethren from the rexive Lodges following, vizt. :—Mary's Chappel, Rome, Leith, Scots Arms Edinr., Peebles, Cannongate and Leith Leith and Cannongate, Greenock, St. Mongo's Glasgow, Torphichen, Dalkeith, New Inverness, and Old Inverness. . . .

Kintore G.M.

J. LINDESAY, *S.G.W.*
GEO. DRUMMOND, *J.G.W.*"

As usual, the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on the 27th, when the initiation took place of a gentleman who obtained an unenviable notoriety subsequent to the Insurrection in 1745. The Minute records that "the Lodge, having mett upon the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist's Day, according to the usual custom, and being duly formed, they unanimously admitted John Murray, Esq. of Broughton,* a Member of this Lodge. The Lodge was visited by Brethren delegated from the following Lodges, vizt. :—the Lodge of Leith, and all the Lodges in Edinburgh and Canongate." . . .

Appended to the Minute of 3rd January 1739 is a List of Members who "are excused" from attending this evening, and "a Committee of the Lodge, having stayed after the closing of the Lodge, This Committee unanimously agreed that every Article of Payment, as well as

* In the Minute, a pen has been drawn through Murray's name, and interlined are the words, "Expunged by unanimous consent of the whole Lodge." See Autograph, p. 63.

the Collection for the respective nights' Collection from each Member present, shall be put into the Box, and the Treasurer not charged therewith. And as to *Annual Poor's Payments* which he has this night collected, the same are put into the box conform to a signed List under the R.W.'s hand, and at every meeting the Treasurer is hereby ordered to present a List, which the R.W. is hereby desired to sign, and the same—at least the amount of the same—to be grossed in the Minutes, and the money put into the box, and we humbly declare the R.W.'s receipt a sufficient Discharge to the Treasurer of this Lodge."

A Grand Visitation took place on 7th February, when James Drummond, 3rd Duke of Perth, acted as S.G.W.

Perth S.G.W.

At the next meeting, Brother Thomas Gordon of Earlston, who joined at last monthly meeting, acted as Junior Warden *p.t.*, and the Minute goes on to say, "Then a petition being presented by the Ministers of the Gospell, Collectors of the Charity for the Relief of the Indigent Episcopall Clergy and their widows in Scotland, they unanimously gave it as their opinion, and ordained their Treasurer, Alexr. Hunter, to pay the sum after-mentioned to the petitioners or any Collector appointed by them, viz., the sum of Three Guineas." Visitors were received from Lodges at Rome, Paris, Drummond Kilwinning, Dundee, Forres, New Bond Street, London, &c.

On 7th June the Minute finishes thus:—"The Lodge is hereby adjourned to the twenty-fourth instant, being the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist's Day, when the Members are requested to attend, in order to the Election of the Officers of the Lodge, and audit the present Treasr's accounts to be Discharged then, but as

said twenty-fourth inst. was to happen upon a Sunday, the Members are desired to attend upon the 25th, when all brethren visitors after the Election will be welcome."

"St. John's Chappell, Cannongate, 24th June 1739: A:M: 5739.

"The Lodge having mett . . . appointed Brothers Thos. Trotter, P.M., Harry Guthrie, Robert Blisset, and Charles Guthrie, *Stewards*, with John Oswald and John Fyfe to be their *Deputies*. It was unanimously agreed that the first By-law as to entrants should be *deminished* from Three Guineas to Two Guineas, and the seventh By-law is hereby for the future modified from One Shilling stg., for each absent member to Sixpence stg., and no excuse to be admitted unless being out of the Kingdom. Many visiting Brethren were present." . . .

On 4th July, "the Stewards delivered in a subscribed Inventory of the things belonging to the Lodge," which the R. Worshipful ordered to be placed in the box. It is needless to say that this Inventory is not now in possession of the Lodge, neither was it engrossed in the Minutes. At the following meeting on 1st August, "the Treasurer reported that he had pay'd to Isobel Grierson the sum of four pounds four shillings, in consequence of a Decreet Arbitral upon a submission by this Lodge and her, to Bros. Thos. Trotter and John Jack, Sclater, anent a piece of ground upon which part of this Lodge-room was built;" and on this occasion there were present visitors from twelve different Lodges, including the "*Virgin Lodge of St. Mary's*."

At a Special Meeting held on 12th Sept., the R.W. reported that "upon the death of Bro. Wm. Clark, he had ordered the Treasurer to disburse the expense of the deceased's funeral." It was at the house of this Wm. Clark that the Lodge met so often, as alluded to in the Minutes previous to building the present Lodge-room. The Minutes of the remaining seven meetings during this year to St. John the Evangelist's Day, simply record the Entering, Passing, and Raising of several Members, and the receiving of influential deputa-

tions from numerous Lodges, including Solomon's Lodge in Charlestown, South Carolina, Gun Tavern in St. James' Mercatt, London, and "St. Mary's at Drumseugh." On 2nd January 1740, each of the brethren present paid 6s., being their annual poor subscription to the funds of the Lodge, and at next meeting on 6th February it is recorded that suitable healths were drunk, in particular our R.W. Master's "speedy and happy recovery." This Minute is signed by "Geo. Frazer, Old Master." The following three Monthly Meetings in March, April, and May, record nothing of special interest, but on 4th June the Master informed the Lodge "that for the benefit and use of the Lodge there was commissioned from London, one puncheon containing one hundred and eight English gallons of Rum, and one barrel containing two hundred and fifty-five and one half pounds of sugar, which being arrived, Brother Thos. Trotter generously advanced the money for the same, amounting, conform to the Invoice and Bro. Allan's Receipt yron, to the sum of Fifty-four pounds, seventeen shillings and sevenpence sterling. The Lodge in consideration yrof, not only returned him their hearty thanks, but also obliged them, likeas they hereby bind and oblige themselves to content and pay to the said Thomas Trotter, his heirs or assignees, the fores'd sum of Fifty-four pounds, seventeen shillings and sevenpence sterling, with interest yrof from ye sixth of May last, at qch time ye same was pay'd, aye and while payment of the same." On St. John the Baptist's Day, 24th June 1740, the Bye-laws were revised, and Deputations from sister Lodges received in due form, and on 6th August the Lodge was visited by Capt. John Young, D.G.M., and Archd. M'Aulay, Lord Provost, as S.G.W., and other Grand Officers, all of whom sign the Minute. From this date onwards to 27th December, the Monthly Meetings were regularly attended by numerous deputations from sister Lodges. On this date, however, there was admitted David Bethune, younger of Kilconquhar, Esq. The Minute of the first meeting in 1741, on the 7th of January, records that the Lodge appointed a Committee to meet on 31st inst., for various purposes, and to make out a statement "of the

Lodge's circumstances," all which "the Lodge ordain to be reported to next Monthly Meeting." The February Monthly Meeting is headed thus:—

ST. JOHN'S CHAPELL, 11th February 1741, Second Wednesday
(First Wednesday being a National Fast).

The Committee's report was delayed till next meeting, when it was again postponed, and at this meeting, 4th March, a new Member was admitted, the Lodge being visited, amongst others, by brethren from the Theatre Coffee-House in Bridge Street, London, and Vernon Kilwinning.

On 1st April, the Lodge being duly formed "prorogated the time for the Committee's Report till next Monthly Meeting," and on 7th of the same month the Lodge having met occasionally, the R. Worshipful appointed Sir John Scott of Ancrum to be Senior Warden *pro tem.*, and proceeded to admit four gentlemen. "Then the R.W. drunk the health of the Past Grand Master, Rosline, he being present, as also Sir George Mackenzie, with the Lodge of Inverness to which he belongs." At the next two meetings the business was of the usual monthly character, and on 10th June the Committee's report on the affairs of the Lodge was given in, from which it appears "that the Treasurer, Alex. Hunter, has accounted to the Lodge for £9, 5s. 11½d., which he received from Mr. Durham of Largo, as purchaser of Rungally, and for which in his discharge he granted Absolute Warrantice. Therefore it is hereby enacted that the Lodge shall be lyable to relieve him of all damage, interest, and expense he shall happen to sustain or incur yrby."

Numerous delegates from sister Lodges were present to assist in celebrating the Festival of St. John the Baptist. Vernon Kilwinning was represented by Charles Leslie, one of its original Members, who delivered an address at its consecration entitled, "Vindication of Freemasonry," which was subsequently published in the "Freemason's Pocket Companion." While the Lodge of Edinburgh

Mary's Chapel was engaged on this date in "drinking the common and ordinary healths," a visiting brother reported "that one Thomas Cuming, teacher of stenography and a Quaker, had been guilty of an indignity to the Lodge of Canongate Kilwinning, it was resolved not to admitt him in this Lodge, either as a member or visiting brother, untill he give satisfaction for his offence." No reference whatever is made to this circumstance in the Minutes of the Lodge, nor does the name of this Member of the Society of Friends appear on the Roll.

At the Monthly Meeting on 2nd September, the Lodge was presided over by Bro. Thos. Trotter, who was R.W. Master in 1735, and on 2nd December it is minuted "that upon Patrick Duff, Writer in Edinburgh, and Mr. Adams of Whibleide entering the Lodge, tho' it appeared they had been made in an irregular manner, Therefore they were turn'd out till such time as they complyd to enter anew, and upon their paying half fees, the same was done." "At this meeting Mr. Veitch, by letter of this date, begged pardon for an irregular intrusion," and on 28th December it is recorded that "the Lodge detailed certain of their members to visit the several Lodges in and about Edinburgh, and congratulate such Masters and proper officers as shall in these several Lodges be regularly and duly elected. The several members did accordingly visit and report that all the Elections in these several Lodges were regular except in the Lodge of C. & L. L. & C., where they were refused access, and from certain circumstances they had reason to believe there was no proper number of Members in that Lodge to form a regular Lodge, consequently there could be no regular Election of Master and oy^r officers, and upon enquiry, that none was certified to them." It is worthy of remark that deputations from the above Lodge invariably visited Canongate Kilwinning at the Monthly Meetings for several years, and there is no record of another visitation from it until after St. John the Evangelist's Day 1742, when they again begin and continue to attend regularly. The Minutes on to 2nd June 1742, are merely formal notices of the meetings but on this date,

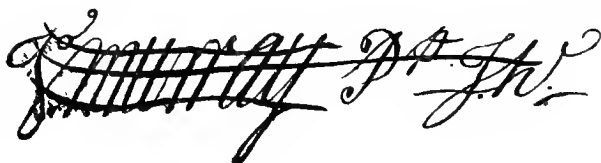
after recording the several visitors present, the Minute proceeds:—
 “Thereafter some Hymns being sung to the memory of Provost James Colquhoun, a late worthy member of this Lodge, who was this day interred,” the Lodge is adjourned till the 24th inst., being the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, and day of Election of Officers for the ensuing year.

Two new Stewards were appointed this year in addition to the former ones, and as customary on every annual Election Day, the whole code of Bye-laws were read to the meeting. On 6th September, the initiation of John Boswell, M.D., Censor of the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh, took place. He was uncle of Boswell the Biographer of Dr. Johnson, and was one of a Committee appointed by Grand Lodge in 1759 “to inquire into and inspect the condition and situation of the French prisoners presently in the Castle of Edinburgh, particularly such of them as they shall find to be Freemasons, and to report as to their necessities and number.”

On 1st December the R.W. Master appointed “Mr. Murray of Broughton, Junior Warden *pro tem.*,” but in terms of the Minute of 27th December 1738, his name was afterwards defaced, as well as his signature to this Minute. The Lodge was on this occasion visited by “the Most Worshipful the Earl of Kilmarnock, Grand Master, Sir John Scott of Ancrum, S.G.W.,” and other Grand Officers, all of whom sign the Minute. Appended are fac-similes of Lord Kilmarnock and Murray of Broughton’s autographs, as here recorded.


 A highly decorative cursive signature in black ink, reading "J. Scott of Ancrum, S.G.W." with elaborate flourishes and a large initial 'J'.

JOHN SCOTT, S.G.W.


 A highly decorative cursive signature in black ink, reading "Murray of Broughton" with elaborate flourishes and a large initial 'M'.

On 27th December, on the occasion of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the R.W. intimated that in consequence of the great inconvenience in sending deputations under cloud of night to congratulate the other Lodges upon their several Elections, he intends in future to visit their first Monthly Meetings, and will give due notice of the necessary arrangements for that purpose. After transacting the other routine business the meeting closed, and the Minute is followed by an important entry, which runs thus:—

“*Eodem die*, after the preceding Minute was wrote, but before the same was signed, it was represented to the Lodge that there was a vacancy of one of the ministers in the Canongate, in the calling of whom the Lodge has a vote. The Master, after advising with the Lodge, it was put to the vote, whether the Lodge would concur in the call to Mr. Hew Blair or Mr. Walker, and it was carried by a majority, to concur in the call for Mr. Hew Blair, and therefore the Lodge hereby authorise the Rt. W. John Douglas, their present Master, in their name to sign a call in favour of Mr. Blair, and to do every other thing necessary in order to make Mr. Blair's settlement effectual, and in case he cannot personally attend to grant a proxie for that effect.”

The usual Monthly Meetings were held in January and February, and on 2nd March 1743 the Minute ends as follows:—“This was wrote by me, Brother Francis Barsanti, for want of better business.” The succeeding Minute of 6th April being written in the same handwriting finishes thus:—“and this was wrote by Brother A. B., for want of better business. I have forgot to mark that the Lodge was visited by Brother Chalmers from Dunferling.”

Murray of Broughton again acts as Junior Warden on 11th May, when the same liberties have been taken with his signature as formerly. At the Annual Meeting, a state of the Lodge affairs was ordered to be prepared, and on 3rd August, Dr. John Boswell was appointed Junior Warden *pro tempore*. This is the first Minute signed by that distinguished member of the Lodge. On 7th December there was admitted The Right Honb^{le} John Gordon, 8th Viscount Ken-

mure (2nd son of William, 6th Viscount, who was beheaded on Tower Hill for the part he took in the Rebellion of 1715), and Mr. James Clydesdale, Minister of Coltquhar, the dues of the latter being dispensed with. It was reported that on St. Andrew's Day, the Right Hon. James, Earl of Wemyss, was elected Grand Master. Nothing of consequence is recorded in any of the Minutes onwards to 25th June 1744, when, with one exception, the officers were continued.

On 4th July, four brethren, including Dr. Boswell, were passed Fellow-Craft, each paying 7s. 6d. for the honour, and on 17th of the same month there were admitted General Hill of Philadelphia, and G. Mathison of Jamaica. On 5th December, it was intimated by the R. Worshipful that The R. Hon. and R.W. James, Earl of Murray, &c., has been elected Grand Master on St. Andrew's Day, and Major Robertson and Dean of Guild Allan of this Lodge, Grand Wardens. He also reported "that Mr. Clifton of the Excise, in name of the owners of the Organ, had made a demand for re-delivery thereof. The Lodge having taken this into consideration, agree that the same be delivered up, upon condition that the proprietors, before delivery, pay into the Treasurer, not only the whole charges expended by the Lodge in transporting the organ yrto, but also the expense of repairing the same from time to time, and House Rent therefore, while it continues in the Lodge, to be made up at the sight of the R.W. and Wardens, and no otherways." This does not refer to the organ at present in possession of the Lodge, as will be seen later on.


On 27th December, the R.W. represented "that as yet there had never been any Right of the property of the Lodge made out in favour of the original subscribers for building the same . . . which the Lodge taking into consideration, they hereby appoint a Committee, three a quorum, to meet, and to give in a Report to next meeting." Thereafter, Wm. Nisbet of Dirleton, and other two gentlemen, were admitted Members of the Lodge. At next meeting in January 1745, the Committee on Lodge affairs was continued, and

“the Steward for the night, at sight of the R.W. pay’d for mending the stair of the cellar, five shillings stg.” Nothing important transpired, except the admission of members, amongst whom was the Honble. Wm. Fraser from Inverness, until 5th June, when “The whole members agreed to indemnify all members of this Lodge both absent and present, from payment of all fines and arrears preceding this date, provided such members, who shall take the benefit of this indemnity, shall not absent themselves in time coming, without a reasonable excuse intimated to the chair in case they are in and about Edinburgh.”

Other three meetings took place before 4th September, when “the Lodge is adjourned to the first Wednesday of December next.” Prior to this latter date the Lodge had invariably been adjourned to the first Wednesday of the succeeding month, and frequent “occasional” meetings were held at intervening dates.

“On 4th December, the Lodge having been adjourned on the 4th of September last to this day, *on account of the troubles of the country*, and having mett in consequence of said adjournment, they were visited by Brother Hugh Hunter from Cannongate & Leith Leith and Cannongate. The proper business of the Lodge being over, and the usual Healths drunk, the R.W. appointed the Senr. Warden to close the Lodge and dismiss the Brethren, and the Lodge is hereby adjourned to the first Wednesday of January next, *or to the first Wednesday of any other month on which the Times will admitt of the Brethren to meet.*”

CHAPTER V.

T appears that the Rebellion did not interfere to any great extent with the meetings of Canongate Kilwinning. The Lodge, however, did not again meet till 24th June 1746 when the "Lodge, having discontinued their monthly meetings sometime past, by Reason of the Troubles of the Land and other misfortunes," proceeded to re-elect the Master and other office-bearers, and recommended the Committee to obtain from George Frazer a Deed "denuding himself of the Rights of the Lodge as formerly directed. Further, they recommend" the Brethren "to attend their monthly meetings as formerly."

The organ at present in use in the Lodge was built in 1754, but at this date, as already stated, the Brethren had provided themselves with one, for on 2nd July 1746, "unlimited power was given to Brother Hunter to agree with Mr. Clifton and the other gentlemen of the Vestry in the English Chapel about delivering up the organ, and to report." On 5th November, a Grand Lodge visitation took place, headed by Henry David, Earl of Buchan, and the other Grand Lodge office-bearers, all of whom sign the Minute. On 3rd December it was reported that William Nisbet of Dirleton was elected G.M. on St. Andrew's Day, and amongst the other officers was Andrew Hay of Mugdrum, J.G.W., the latter having been R.W.M. of Canongate Kilwinning in 1749. The "troubles in the country" seem to have had a depressing effect on the Lodge's finances, for on 4th February it is recorded that "the Lodge, having mett according to appointment, and being duely formed and opened, Did proceed to Audite and fitt the

Amounts laid before them by Alexander Hunter, Treasurer, And the Master and Wardens, in presence of the Stewards and other Members, Found and hereby Declare That there is owing to the said Alexander Hunter a Ballance of Nineteen pounds six shillings and nine pence farthing Sterling, conform to the accompt of Charge and Discharge, Fitted, Docqueted, and Subscribed of this date, Which Ballance, with the lawfull Interest thereof, from the date hereof, The Lodge hereby Bind and Oblige them to Content and pay to the said Alexander Hunter, his heirs and assignees. The Master, Wardens, and Brethren, Having Examined the former Minutes, with an Acct. given in by Brother Thomas Trotter, and Relative hereunto They Find That there is a Ballance due to him at this date of Ninety pounds fourteen shillings sixpence three farthings Sterl., Which Ballance the Lodge Do hereby Bind and Oblige themselves To pay to the said Thomas Trotter, his heirs and assignees, together with the lawfull Interest thereof, from this date untill payment: And It is hereby understood That the above obligation is not to be Binding upon the particular Members of the Lodge, but only to affect the subject of the Lodge itself, and the Rise was given to this Explanation by Brother Doctor Boswall, his protesting That he should be always lyable for the above two Debts, as being Junior Warden *pro tempore*." . . .

Passing over several Minutes of little general interest, and coming to the Annual Election on St. John's Day, 24th June, it is found that the "Worshipfull George Frazer, as Old Master, presided," when the same officers as last year were elected and installed. Thereafter the Lodge took under their consideration the Debt due to Brother Thomas Trotter, when Mr. Frazer agreed to denude himself of all right and Title to the Lodge, in favour of Mr. Trotter, and Mr. Frazer signs this Minute, which fully sets forth the terms of the agreement. Then, on 1st July, a petition for wright work was presented, craving payment of his accompt from James Aitken, Wright, "amounting (as he says) to about £46 stg., besides a ffloor above the Cellar of about 30 sh. more, with which a Missive, subscribed by Thos. Trotter as *preses* to a Committee, dated ye 28th March 1737, being considered by the

Lodge, They unanimously Resolved and agreed to pay the said James Aitken what shall be found still owing to him after measuring his work, as proposed by the said Missive, and allowance of what is already payed him."

On 7th October, Messrs. David Dalrymple and William Binning, Advocates, were admitted, and on 2nd December "John Stewart, eldest son to Provost Archibald Stewart, was duly entered and received a Mason." No meeting was held in January, and on 3rd February it is explained "that the Reason of not meeting on the first Wednesday of last month, as usual, was on account of the Right Worshipful and his family's indisposition at that time, and for some time before."

It was reported on 4th May that Brother Harry Guthrie had got possession of all Papers and Reports relating to the Property, that he had made out a scroll conveyance and Disposition and Bond of Relief in terms of the Minute of 24th June last, but that Mr. Frazer absolutely refused to sign it, or to Denude himself of any right as agreed, "alleging some frivolous pretences and excuses." Thereupon, legal steps were ordered to be taken, to oblige Mr. Frazer to "denude" himself, and the Lodge to pay all expenses incurred. Liberty was granted "to Brother William Robertson the use of the room for Auctioning his pictures and other curiosities in all time coming, but during their pleasure allcantly."

The Minutes for many years subsequent to June this year, are headed with complete lists of the members and visitors present at each meeting, and on 3rd August it is recorded that the sum of £3, 2s. 6d. was paid to Grand Lodge as the dues of "Twenty-five members who have been entered in this Lodge since 28th November 1739 to this date, at the rate of 2s. 6d. each."

On 7th December it was reported that nothing had yet been done in pursuance of the Minute of 4th May last, and instructions were given that action be taken forthwith, and report it to next meeting on St. John the Evangelist's Day, on which date, Brother Jackson attended, and reported that he had a meeting with Mr. Frazer, but without success. The matter was then re-committed, and if necessary

to employ the "assistance of Lawyers." "The Lodge declare they will Repay what money shall be laid out thereanent."

A Grand Lodge visitation took place on 5th April, headed by Hugh Seton of Tough, Esq., Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Wardens and other officers of the Grand Lodge, all of whom sign the Minute. After the Minute of 3rd May, there is recorded an *Eodem Die*, to the effect that if Mr. George Frazer refuses to implement the terms of the Minute of 24th June 1747, an action be raised against him at the instance of Thomas Trotter, in order to force a settlement.

On 24th June the Master and officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, and on 5th July Brother Forbes from Rotterdam presented the Lodge "with a Copy of the French Mason songs set to Music, and received the thanks of the Lodge therefore." On 1st November an account was presented for "plaistering up the West window of the Lodge, amounting to ten shillings, which the members were of opinion was Extravagant, and therefore it was ordered that the work should be measured betwixt this and next meeting, when the usual price for such work should be paid according to the measure." After the meeting of 6th December, it is minuted, "Thereafter and before closing the Lodge, Brother Robert Douglas reported that he had caused Call and Inroll the process at Bro. Thomas Trotter's instance ag^t George Frazer, and that the same was fixed before the Lord Drummorie Ordinary." The matter was, however, referred to Mr. Alexander Boswell and Mr. David Dalrymple, Advocates, as Arbiters, and Bro. Douglas recommended to endeavour to get it brought to a conclusion as soon as possible.

Owing to the "badness of the weather," no meeting was held in February, and on 4th April there was read to the Lodge a submission betwixt the R.W. Master and members of the Lodge on the one part, and William Wilson, Writer in Edinburgh, with consent of James Aitken, Wright, on the other part, concerning a balance of account said to be due by the Lodge, and for which a Process is depending before the Court of Session, of which Submission the Lodge approved.

At the Annual Meeting instructions were given, that "should Mr. Frazer make any delay or shift to sign the Submission, the Process depending before the Court of Session be insisted on with all convenient Despatch." The Minute of 3rd April 1751 records that Bro. George Frazer gave his reason for not denuding himself of the Lodge property, namely, "That he was not in safety in doing so until some debts against the Lodge were liquidated, and for which he was held responsible."

On 1st May, "it was suggested by some of the Brethren, that on account of the dues in use to be paid by Intrans Brethren in this Lodge, being *considerably higher* than most of the other Lodges in Scotland, many gentlemen are deterred from making application for entry in this Lodge, who would otherwise much rather be of this Lodge, if the fees of entry were the same. That therefore, if the said dues of Entry were made lower, and reduced nearer a par with other Lodges, it would greatly promote the interest of the Lodge." This was duly seconded, but owing to the small attendance the matter was referred to next meeting of the Lodge for confirmation. Accordingly at next meeting, on 5th June, the Dues were unanimously lowered and fixed "for all time coming" at One Guinea to the Lodge, ninepence for an apron, one shilling and threepence to the officer, and half-a-crown to the Grand Lodge. Nine brethren from Peebles were present as visitors, and three new Members were admitted, including Dr. Nathaniel Spens.

St. Clair's name is recorded as having attended on 24th June, and again on 4th September, and appended to the Minute of the meeting of 4th December is a memo. of the night's financial affairs, and the following Inventory of the contents of the Lodge, headed thus:— "After dissolving the Lodge the Right Worshipful appointed William Mercer and James Hardie two of the Stewards to Inspect the situation of the cloathing belonging to this Lodge, as also of the Bottles, Glasses, &c., stools thereto belonging, and upon inspection the same was by the said Brethren, found to be as follows, vizt. :—

Four Dozzen Choppin Bottles.	}	Five Chairs for the Officers
Three Dozzen & three Glasses.		acting in ye Lodge.
Five Ribbon'd Aprons.		Twenty Stools.
Two Dozzen Old Aprons.		Six long Tables Covered with
One Dozzen new aprons furnished		Green & Tresses yrfor.
of this date.		Eight Furms or Long Stools.

Two Delph Punch Bowls and a Wooden Punch Ladle, One Peuther Pint and Mutchkin Stoup, and white Iron Filler, Six Delph Plates, One Pair Iron Snuffers, and six Brass Candlesticks and small stone mugg.

Canongate, 4th December 1751.

The above is the Inventory made up of this date by

WM. MERCER.
JAMES HARDIE."

At the meeting of 9th December there were admitted six new members (and every succeeding Minute testifies, for many years, to the great accession of new Members to the roll). This Minute is signed by the R.W. Master, John Douglas, who strongly recommended the Brethren to be punctual in their attendance next meeting, being the occasion of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, but before that date (27th December) arrived, as will be seen from the following extracts, Bro. Douglas himself had passed over to the great majority.

"The Lodge being mett, according to appointment to commemorate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, And the chair being *vacant* by the death of the much lamented and ever-to-be-remembered John Douglas, the late Master, The Right Worshipful George Frazer, Old Master, took the Chair, . . . and the Right Worshipful and other Officers and Members of this Lodge being all clothed in deep mourning, and the Master and Wardens with crapes above their ordinary Jewels." . . . Deputations were appointed

“to visit the Lodge of Mary’s Chappel and the Lodge of Journeymen Masons, and carry the Compliments of this Lodge on their Elections. The R.W. appointed a meeting of the Subscribers to the building of this Lodge to meet in the Exchange Coffee House. . . . The Brethren who were sent to the other Lodges, being returned, Reported that they had found these Lodges all clothed in deep mourning, and their Jewels all covered with crapes, and that they condoled with this Lodge very heartily for their loss by the death of our late Master . . . and desired their compliments of condolence to be made to this Lodge accordingly.”

The breach between George Frazer and the Lodge had now been healed, for he presided at each meeting, and on 24th June was unanimously elected Master for the second time. On 1st January following, the arrears to Grand Lodge were paid up, and a new five-branched Candlestick, for the use of the Lodge, was purchased at the price of One Guinea. A special meeting was held in April for the purpose of Passing and Raising, “and the Lodge to be then clothed for that purpose.” This meeting appears to have been followed by a convivial one, as there is appended to the Minute a note, stating that “There was furnished for the use of the Lodge 2 doz. new aprons, 2 doz. Glasses ‘*not yet paid for*,’ and 2 doz. new bottles.” Wm. St. Clair of Rosline, Old Grand Master, was present on 8th April, when five Fellow Crafts were passed, each paying the usual fee of 5s. It was at this meeting that “a Charter for Constituting a Lodge at Aleppo in Turkey, was signed by the Most Worshipful Master and the other proper office-bearers of the Grand Lodge, and also by the office-bearers of this Lodge.” No corresponding entry of this early Scottish Charter is to be found in the books of the Grand Lodge.

Vigorous steps were about this time set on foot to clear up the debts owing by the Lodge to Brothers Alexander Hunter and Thomas Trotter, and on 6th May a large Committee was formed and appointed to meet with them in order to get a state of the debt made up. On 3rd June, Dr. Mathew Stewart, of the Lodge of

Glasgow, and Professor of Mathematics in the University of Edinburgh, was affiliated. He paid a fee of 5s., with 2s. 6d. for the use of Grand Lodge. Mention of Grand Lodge dues draws attention to the fact that several brethren from other parts of Scotland, on being affiliated into Canongate Kilwinning, were charged these dues, as there were doubts on the question whether their respective Mother Lodges attended to the matter. Witness the Minute of 17th June, when "Brother Dr. Hamilton from the Lodge of Lanerk, George Sutherland from the Lodge of Kirkwall in Orkney, and Roger Stevenson from the Lodge of Glasgow, were admitted members, and paid the dues to this Lodge, 5s. each, besides the Grand Lodge dues. But in case it shall be found upon inspecting the Grand Lodge Books that they are already recorded, the half-crowns are to be returned." On St. John's Day sixty-nine members attended, and George Frazer was again re-elected R.W.M. "The Rev. Mr. James Yair, Minister of the Reformed Protestant Church at Cawnpool was admitted, and his dues dispensed with on account of great use and service done to brethren and countrymen abroad." At the meeting on 13th July, there were also entered several new members, amongst whom appears the name of "The Right Hon. Charles Fleming, Earl of Wigton." Dr. Nathaniel Spens, though only an Entered Apprentice, acted as Junior Warden at next meeting, and the same evening was passed Fellow Craft. The Master was appointed to attend and vote as he should think fit, for a successor to the late Mr. James Walker, Minister of the Canongate. Two brethren from the Lodge of Canongate from Leith (now St. David's), were affiliated on 12th August, paying the usual dues as above stated. It appears that at this period, the fee for passing F.C. was 5s., and for raising, 7s. 6d. each. "R.W. Sig^r. Andrea Hay, Old Master," presided on 4th October, when the Committee's Report, as ordered on 6th May last, was submitted, and unanimously approved. A Committee was then appointed to enquire into the "Progress of Writes of the Lodge, and for procuring and making up proper and legal Titles thereunto, with power to the said Committee if they shall find it necessary to ask the

opinion and assistance of Lawyers, and do everything hereanent, that to them shall seem meet."


Thereafter the copy of an elaborate Report of the Lodge affairs is engrossed, of which the following are interesting extracts :—

"AND THEY DO ALSO FIND, That the ballance resting to Thomas Trotter of principall, bearing interest from the Tenth day of August last, Extends to Forty-one pounds, fifteen shillings, Eight pence $\frac{5}{12}$ Sterling. And That the Ballance resting to Alexander Hunter at this date, is Fifteen pounds Eighteen shillings, tenpence $\frac{1}{2}$ Sterling. . . . The Committee Do further hereby Report to their Brethren of the Lodge, That they did in particular, carefully examine the said Alexander Hunter's accounts with respect to the disposal of the RUM and SUGAR, which was Commissioned by, and for the use of, the Lodge, the price of which was payed by the said Thomas Trotter, conform to his said accmpt, the instructions whereof are still in his hands. And They Do hereby CERTIFY That it is their opinion the same has been all accounted for by Mr. Hunter to the Lodge in the most exact manner, And That the Lodge has received payment of, or allowance for the whole of said Rum and Sugar, sold by Mr. Hunter, and not made use of by the Lodge, Excepting Six Pints of Rum received by Richd. Cooper, which is still resting, and which he refuses to pay, alledging he has a claim against the Lodge to a greater extent ; And Thirteen Pints One Mutchkin of Rum received by James Norrie, Painter, which was given him as a present for his trouble and expenses in painting the Lodge, for which he refused to take any payment, and which if he had done, would have amounted to much more than the value of said Rum so given him. And Excepting also Fourteen pounds Two ounces of Sugar received by Dean of Guild Thomas Allan, and which is also not paid up, by reason of small claim he has against the Lodge for Commission and Exchange, &c., alledged due him for Commissioning the said Rum and Sugar, And that with these Three exceptions it appears to the Committee The whole of the said Rum and Sugar has been used by or accounted for and payed to the Lodge to the last sixpence. AND the Committee do further Report That the said Alexander Hunter has delivered up to them a Bundle of Accounts paid to Tradesmen for building the Lodge, and Cognosced by the Lodge before the Dean of Guild of Edinburgh, in the name of George Frazer, present Master of the Lodge, Together with Mrs. Grierson's Declaration with respect to the Area of the Lodge. . . . One thing further, The Committee beg leave to mention to the Lodge with respect to the said Alexander Hunter, and which is, That a *great many years ago*, Dr. Moncrief of Rungay, having become debtor to the Lodge in the sum of Eleven pounds Sterling by Bill, and after his death his Estate was sold and purchased at a publick roup by Mr. Durham of Largo, who payed to Mr.

Hunter, as Treasurer to the Lodge, the sum of Nine pounds five shillings and elevenpence $\frac{1}{2}$ Sterling, being the proportion of Dr. Moncrieff's Estate, that the Lodge was entitled to draw as a Creditor of his in the above original sum, and which Bill the said Alexander Hunter as Treasurer foresaid, was thereupon obliged to deliver up to Mr. Durham, and did accordingly assign, and in the assignation thereof granted absolute warrandice to the extent of the sum so received, The Committee, are of opinion The Lodge ought to become bound to relieve Mr. Hunter of that Warrandice, seeing he has given Credit for the sum so received in his accompts."

The Report is signed by a Committee consisting of thirteen members.

CHAPTER VI.

 THE act procured in 1767 by Lord Provost Drummond for extending the royalty of the city, was the outcome of exertions put forth by various bodies in Edinburgh, beginning at this period. On 21st November 1752, "the R.W. represented that there was now carrying on a subscription for Beautifying the City of Edinburgh by public Buildings, extending the Royalty, and other Public Works, and if they, as a Lodge, inclined to subscribe to this laudable scheme, which the Lodge unanimously resolved on, and Did, and hereby Do, empower the R.W. George Frazer to subscribe in the name of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, the sum of Twenty Pounds Stg." Besides the above amount, it is recorded that private subscriptions from members this evening for the same object realized Ten Guineas. The Lodge meetings for several years after this occur much more frequently than had been the custom, and often two meetings in one week are recorded. On the 28th five members were admitted, including the "Servant to George Drummond, Esq., late Lord Provost, Grand Master Elect, and his dues dispensed with out of regard to his master." Next evening, other five members were admitted, amongst whom were Messrs. Robert and James Adams, the celebrated Architects. A Grand Lodge visitation took place on 6th December, headed by George Drummond, Grand Master (a fac-simile of whose signature is appended to the Minute of 25th June 1764, when he was elected R.W.M. of Canongate Kilwinning). About one hundred brethren were present, and "the M.W.G.M. addressed the Brethren, and in a very Elegant and Pathetick speech pointed out and recom-

mended to them severally their duty in their respective stations, and concluded with a recommendation to all the Brethren present, the observation of their behaviour as Brethren and Freemasons." On St. John the Evangelist's Day, the Grand Master again visits the Lodge, this time accompanied by the D.G.M., Grand Warden, and other officers of the Grand Lodge. Numerous Intrants having lately joined, a resolution was unanimously passed at this meeting that the dues in future would be raised to Two Guineas for the Lodge, 1s. 3d. for clothing, 1s. 3d. for the Officer, and for Grand Lodge Charity, 2s. 6d. Further, that from henceforth no member be made without presenting a Petition, which must lie on the table one month previous to being entered, except in cases of emergency. "Thereafter, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, The Deputy Grand Master, and Senior Grand Warden, were upon their own application admitted members and brethren of this Lodge, and the dues usually paid on that occasion were refused by this Lodge." On 9th January, the R.W.M. delivered to the Lodge "a very suitable and elegant harangue, recommending the observance of the social virtues and all the other distinguishing marks of the true Brothers of the Craft," after which he reported having admitted, at a special meeting, "the Revd. Francis Porter, Minister of the Gospel in Edinburgh, dispensing with the ordinary dues." The Lodge was called together on the 25th May 1753, in order to enter Sir Ralph Abercrombie, K.B., Younger of Tullibody (hero of the battle of Aboukir Bay), and on 6th June another clergyman was admitted, "The Rev. Mr. Peter Simpson, Minister of the Gospel at Fala, and the usual dues dispensed with, *out of regard to the Ministerial cloth and character.*" The Minute goes on to record that a letter was received from a brother explaining that his creditors were pressing him, particularly the proprietors of "ane Eight-day clock, which the Lodge had detained for and until they got payment of a small debt due by him, and which he now begged the Lodge to cancel, deliver up the clock, and pass from the claim." This the Lodge at once acceded to. On 1st August, amongst other intrants appear the names of James Bruce of Kinnaird (The Abyssinian Traveller),

and William Graham of Airth, Esq., and on 5th September another visitation was made by George Drummond, Grand Master, when he intimated "his intention of laying the Foundation stone of the new Exchange in the City of Edinburgh on Thursday next the 13th inst., and the manner of the procession on that grand solemnity." Some members from "Causewayside near Edinburgh" were admitted on 12th September, "four of them to attend as servants to-morrow at the procession for laying the first stone of the new Exchange." The Minute of the Monthly Meeting in December records that "There was no collection this evening by reason that, to help off some Punch left on hand at the Grand Feast, the Lodge agreed to lett the servant have the benefit of selling so much of it this night." Charles Hamilton Gordon, Esq., Advocate, who was raised in Canongate Kilwinning on 29th November 1752, and elected Grand Master on St. Andrew's Day this year, visited the Lodge on 27th December, attended by the other Grand Lodge officers. They again paid a visit on 6th February 1754, to hold a quarterly communication of Grand Lodge, each official carefully signing the various Minutes. Appended is the autograph of the Grand Master :—

Ch. Hamilton Gordon G. M.

A Special Meeting of Committee was appointed to be held on Thursday at 6 o'clock, "and ordered the officer to have fires put on, and the Lodge in proper order." Another alteration in the dues was made on 3rd April, when they were reduced to £1, 5s. 6d. for Intrants. The matter, however, was challenged at the Annual Meeting on 24th June, when, "after the visiting brethren had retired, the R.W.M. represented that from some reflections which had been thrown out, the proceedings had been irregular and rash, asked the members present to give their opinion on the subject, when they unanimously declared that the dues as settled were high enough, and approved of the reduction." It is stated that on the 24th of April there was

admitted James Coutts, one of the founders of the eminent banking house of Messrs. Coutts & Co., London.

On 18th September, the R.W. Master acquainted the Brethren that the object of this meeting was chiefly to lay before them a proposal for getting a new Organ for the Lodge. That Mr. Snetzlear, the Organist from London, was in Edinburgh, and having been brought down here in the month of June last and shown the Lodge Room, he was asked his opinion of what Organ would be proper for the Room, and what price a proper Instrument would be. Mr. Snetzlear replied that for about £65 or £70 he thought he could promise to make them an Instrument to give entire satisfaction to the Society, and also to answer the size of the Room, and further, that he expected to be back in the month of July next year to put up an organ for a Meeting House in Leith, when he would endeavour to have the one for this Lodge ready, if commissioned to make it. The members unanimously gave their consent and approval, but delayed final instructions till next Monthly Meeting. The Lodge was visited on this occasion by the Right Hon. the Earl of Dundonald, Past Master of the Lodge of Glasgow.

Next meeting took place on 2nd October, when the Chair was occupied by the M.W. George Drummond, Past Grand Master. The Lodge proceeded to consider the motion made at last meeting with regard to the Organ, when the same was unanimously agreed to, and Mr. Snetzlear be instructed to prepare and fit up an Organ for the Lodge to the extent of Seventy Pounds or Seventy Guineas. The M.W. the Master proposed that as Bro. Robertson, the Treasurer, was to set out for London the next day, he be instructed to make a bargain with Mr. Snetzlear agreeably to the meaning and intention of the Lodge. A Committee was thereupon appointed to draw up instructions, and to call to their assistance gentlemen skilled in music and the construction of Organs, in order to state the terms upon which the Organ is to be commissioned, and this to be done without loss of time, with full powers to the Committee which will be binding upon the Lodge. Brother Pescatore, Organist from the Lodge of St.

John's, Portsmouth, was then admitted a member, and his dues dispensed with, "in regard he is to be Organist to the Society, how soon the above Organ can be got from London." The Most W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Oughton, P.G.M., from Minorca and the Lodges there, was present this evening, besides numerous other visitors. At the following meeting on 6th November, the Lodge, "taking into consideration how much the Lodge-room is in dis-repair, and at present in need of painting in the Walls have thought proper to order the same to be done . . . recommended the Messrs. Norrie to begin that work, and complete the same in such neat and genteel manner as they shall think reasonable, and without loss of time." The following statement of the night's transactions recorded after the meeting of 13th of this month, serves as a fair example of the accounts made up at each meeting:—

Dues paid by 3 Intrants,	£3	16	6
Dues of 8 Fellow Crafts,	2	0	0
Dues of Seven Masters,	2	12	6
Collected from ye Br ⁿ present,	0	16	0
			£9 5 0
By Officers dues for 4 Intrants omitted at last Meeting to be paid him,	£0	4	0
By 3 Intrants this night,	0	3	9
By Passing and Raising this night,	0	7	6
			0 15 3
	Balance,	£8	9 9

Sir William Dunbar of Hempriggs, Baronet, was admitted at next meeting on 20th November, and on 4th December the Lodge was visited by the M.W. James Master of Forbes, Grand Master, George Drummond, P.G.M., George Frazer, Sub. G.M., the Wardens, and other officers of Grand Lodge, and many other visiting Brethren. Appended is fac-simile of G.M.'s signature.

Jas. Forbes, G.M.

The M.W. the Grand Master, The M.W. Bro. Lt.-Col. Oughton, and Charles Eccles, Esq., of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, were upon their own desire admitted members of this Lodge, and their healths drunk upon this occasion. The Festival of St. John the Evangelist took place on 27th inst., when the Lodge was again visited by the Grand Master. He declined, however, to take the Chair. A letter anent the organ was read from Snetzlear, London, at the meeting of 5th March, and the Committee instructed to continue their correspondence with him. On 7th May the Lodge was visited by Wm. St. Clair, Past G.M., and on 24th June 1755, John Lumsdaine, Esq. of Stravithie, was again elected R.W.M. At the meeting of 14th December, when George Frazer, Sub. G.M., took the Chair, there were admitted the Right Hon. The Lord Aberdour, James Hunter (Blair), Banker, of Coutts & Co., and Bailie James Stuart. On 3rd December a Grand Lodge visitation took place, when the Grand Master, Sholto Charles, Lord Aberdour, attended with Geo. Frazer, Depute G.M., Richd. Tod, Sub. G.M., the Wardens, and other Grand Officers. A fac-simile of Lord Aberdour's signature to the Minute is given here:—

Aberdour G. M.

Thereafter Colonel John Young, Past Dep. G.M., and four others were admitted members of the Lodge at their own desire. The meetings onwards till 24th June next year were frequent and numerously attended, and many new members were added. On 6th October Lord Provost Drummond was again present, with Sir Wm. Dunbar, Provincial G.M. for Inverness, the Grand Secretary, and other Grand Lodge officers. It is also worthy of notice that the name of the Lodge Canongate from Leith, on this date appears as "St. David's Lodge" [formerly Canongate from Leith], under which title it still

remains. On 29th November, the R.W. George Frazer, D.G.M., proposed "that Bro. Sir Alexander Dick of Priestfield, Bart., from the Lodge at Rome, should be admitted a member, he having requested Bro. Frazer to ask that favour," . . . and he was accordingly admitted, and paid the usual dues. Bro. Andrew Frazer, from Inverary Lodge, was likewise admitted a member, but the Lodge refused to take any dues on account of the many important services done to the Craft by his father the R.W.D.G. Master.

The Grand Master, Lord Aberdour, with all the Grand Officers and Stewards, attended the meeting on 1st December. Septimus Filius Nibbs and Thos. Bullfinch were admitted members, and on 2nd February, Bro. Dun from the *Operative* Lodge was paid 5s. in charity. At the meeting of 2nd March the Right Hon. Bro. David, Earl of Leven, from St. David's, was admitted a member of this Lodge, and on 24th June David Ross of Inverchasey, Esq., was elected R.W. Master. After the other officers were elected, a Deputation was sent to Mary's Chapel, they being met this night. Amongst others admitted on 6th July was Sir John Home of Renton, Baronet. The R.W. informed the Lodge that the organ which they had some time ago commissioned, was now arrived at Leith, and therefore desired a Committee should be appointed to take care of it . . . and Bro. Jas. Fergus,* Architect, to make a plan and estimate of the nich for placing the organ in the West end of the Lodge-room. They were also recommended to proceed with all care and dispatch in setting up the organ. The Minute of next meeting records that (3rd August) at an occasional meeting of the members of this Lodge, held in the Lodge of St. Giles (because they could not sit in this Lodge-room, the West end being laid open at the time), a new member was admitted, and that the Dep. and Sub. Grand Masters were present. The Committee reported "that the Nich on the West end of the Lodge room was now built and plastered, but before the Organ could be set up to-morrow, it would be necessary that the ornaments should be finished." . . .

* Architect of the Royal Exchange.

The R.W. also informed the Lodge that £50 had been remitted to Mr. Snetzlear in part payment, and this was unanimously approved of. On 14th November, no fewer than nine Brethren were raised, including James Hunter, Banker, Mons. Louis Cauvin, French Teacher, and John Scott of Craigentinnie; and at next meeting, on the 21st, The Hon. Hugh Frazer of Lovat was admitted a member, and a list of eighty names drawn up and recorded in Grand Lodge books. On the 24th of the month, four initiations took place, amongst whom was James Burnet of Monboddo, Esq., Advocate (Lorde Monboddo).

At the first meeting in 1758, on 4th January, the Lodge was visited by the following, who sign the Minute along with others, viz., The Right Hon. Alexander, Earl of Galloway, Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, and other officers of the Grand Lodge. Visits were also received from Brethren from other Lodges, "particularly the Right Hon. The Earl of Kelly, Master of St. Giles." On 2nd February the Treasurer was ordered to remit a further payment of £20 to Mr. Snetzlear on account of the Organ, and there was admitted as a member "Bro. Norman M'Leod of M'Leod, Esq., from Inverness Lodge." After the meeting of 19th April the Lodge did not meet till 7th June, in respect of the Brethren being mostly in the country, and then it was intimated that next meeting would take place on 24th inst., "the officers to be exact in distributing Billets to the brethren for attending that high festival." On this date, the regular officers were elected, with (in his absence) Walter Stewart of Stewarthall, Esq., Advocate, as R.W. Master, though only an apprentice at the time. At next meeting, on 4th July, the "Master Elect was regularly passed F.C. and raised to the degree of M.M., took the Chair as Master of the Lodge, and gave his oath *de fidei*." In the Minute of 1st November, *Tyler* is mentioned for the first time. At a meeting of Brethren of this Lodge held in the Lodge of Edinburgh St. Giles on 29th November, a gentleman was admitted as a member of Canongate Kilwinning; and on 6th December the most Worshipful and Right Hon. Alexander, Earl of Galloway, Grand Master of Scotland, and


other Grand Office-bearers again visited the Lodge, "The R.W. left the Chair, and introduced the M.W. into it with all the solemnities." Another visit was paid by the Earl of Galloway, Grand Master, on 4th April 1759, when Alex. M'Donnell, Esq. of Glengarry, was admitted a mason, and the Secretary ordered to pay 5s. to a distressed "Journeyman" mason. At the Annual Meeting on 24th June, Walter Stewart was re-elected R.W. Master, Dr. John Boswell Depute Master, and other officers as recorded, and it was resolved that in future the monthly meetings be held on the second Tuesday instead of the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting took place on 10th July, when Dr. Boswell and M'Donnell of Glengarry were raised to the degree of M.M., and during the latter part of the meeting the former took the Chair. On 14th August the celebrated James Boswell, younger of Auchinleck, the friend and Biographer of Johnson, was admitted a mason and member of the Lodge. He was Junior Warden in 1761; Depute Master in 1767-1768; and R.W. Master 1773 to 1775.

At the meeting on 13th November the following Dues were paid by new members, viz. :—12 Entrants at 25s. 6d., £15, 6s. ; 4 Passed at 5s., £1 ; 4 Raised at 7s. 6d., £1, 10s. ; and 2 Assumed at 5s., 10s. ; Collected for the night, £3, 15s. 6d., in all £22, 1s. 6d. On 16th November Sir Wm. Forbes, of Messrs. Coutts & Co., Bankers and Merchants in Edinburgh, was entered and admitted a mason and member of the Lodge. He was Junior Warden in 1761, Senior from 1761 to 1764, and Grand Master Mason of Scotland in 1776-77.

It was reported on 11th December, that on 23rd ult., Sir William Forbes was passed and raised, and that on 27th Simon Frazer of Ford, and Evan Cameron, younger of Fassifern, were entered apprentices, and they having paid all dues, this was confirmed and ordered to be recorded. Another Grand Lodge visitation took place on 11th February 1760, headed by the Earl of Leven, Grand Master, and "the R.W. being himself Senior Grand Warden, appointed Brother Lumsdaine to act for him *pro tempore*." And at the succeeding meeting the Treasurer was ordered to pay "a Brother of

the Lodge of Perth from Scoon, One Guinea, to assist him in his present distress." The last Minute recorded in the volume under review is dated 10th June, and is signed by Dr. John Boswell, D.M., Dr. James Lind, S.W., and Sir William Forbes, J.W. *p.t.*; and the Secretary adds—"24th June 1760. This Book is concluded and duly closed, the Minute of this night's Election being insert in a new book begun of this date."

CHAPTER VII.

ENTION has already been made of some of the curious customs prevalent last century, such for instance as the granting of a Charter in Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, at their monthly meeting in 1752, to constitute a Lodge at Aleppo. This step seems to have been promoted by Alexander, brother of Lord Provost George Drummond, as on 24th June 1760, "The R.W. having expressed his grateful sense of the honour conferred on him . . . for these last two years past, Desired leave to resign that office, and having accordingly Declared the chair vacant, he proposed for his successor our R.W. Brother Alexander Drummond, Esq., late His Majesty's Consul at Aleppo." Having been absent on this date, Brother Drummond attended on 12th August, when he "gave his oath *de fidei*, and took the Chair with the usual solemnities." All the sister Lodges were present on this occasion, and the Junior Warden's Chair was occupied by Sir William Forbes of Pitsligo, Baronet. At a succeeding meeting "The Hon^{ble}. Lieut. William Murray, Esq., took the Chair," when Bro. Dr. Cairnie was authorized to give a distressed brother 10s., and to pay the dues of eighty members to the Grand Lodge.

The uniformity of working in Lodges engaged the attention of prominent members of the Craft at this period, and a Committee was formed under the following circumstances:—

"10th February 1761.—The R.W. observed that as he had been abroad for severall years till of late, so he had not the pleasure of being in any of the Lodges in Scotland for a considerable time, and

now after visiting sundry Lodges in this town and neighbourhood, he finds that there are a good many alterations in the manners of the Brethren, with respect to certain particular forms. That as he would wish a uniformity should subsist among the Lodges he proposed a Committee should be named to consider of these things, and also of the Funds, in order to make such regulations as shall be thought proper. The Brethren unanimously approved of the motion, and accordingly a Committee was named, to consist of the officers of the Lodge, three Past Masters, two Past Treasurers, the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Chaplain. To whom it was recommended to consider these matters, and report to their first meeting, to be held on Wednesday the 18th current, at 6 o'clock in the evening, in this Lodge. There was a proposal laid before the Lodge from the Lodge of Aberdeen, which was read and referred to the said Committee."

. . . It would thus appear that the matter of uniformity of working in Lodges was taken up by the Aberdeen Brethren, who wished to act in conjunction with the Craft in Edinburgh. The next reference to this question is found in the Minute of 14th April, when "It was recommended to the members of Committee, of 10th February last, to meet upon Friday next at the Lodge, at 6 o'clock in the evening, and then to take under their consideration the matter there remitted to them." On 9th June, arrangements having been made for holding the Festival of St. John the Baptist, "The R.W. further observed that it will be very proper to have the business finished which was recommended to the Committee appointed the 10th February, and therefore appointed the Committee to meet this day se'night at 7 o'clock in Bro. Alexander's, and requested that if any three or more meet they will prepare the business so as to make a Report to the first meeting of the Lodge after the Election, and for that purpose that they may adjourn themselves from time to time as they think fit." It is to be regretted, that so far as the Lodge records show, no Report from this Committee appear to be minuted on the subject of uniformity, though an elaborate one, regarding the Lodge funds and other matters, is engrossed on 9th February 1762.

On 11th March 1761, Bro. Richard Tod, S.G.M., and Master of Leith Lodge, presided, and reported having entered in his own Lodge Mr. James Stewart, Writer in Edinburgh, as a member of Canongate Kilwinning. This was approved of, and he was "accordingly ordered to be recorded as a brother and member of this Lodge." Similar entries—and the custom was not confined to any Lodge in particular—occurred during last and beginning of the present century. It is noteworthy, too, that, during last century especially, no extraordinary event happened without the presence of the Craft in some capacity. In April, "a Benefit play for the use of the poor of the Canongate" was to be performed, and it was requested that "all the brethren would encourage this charitable act of the manager of the Theatre" in every way possible. A galaxy of celebrated actors belonged to the Lodge at this period. St. Andrew's Festival was celebrated on 30th November, and on 4th December, "as the Senior Warden of the Lodge had gone abroad, Sir Wm. Forbes was appointed in his stead, and Brother James Boswell elected Junior Warden, and installed with the usual solemnities." Bro. Robertson, goldsmith, was ordered to "make a piece of plate, value about £10 or £12 Stg., to be given to Bro. Macpherson, in testimony of the sense all the Brethren have of the services he has done the Lodge." Brother Macpherson was "Musician" to the Lodge, and joined as far back as 1747. The R.W. Master of St. David's Lodge, the Earl of Leven, with a deputation, was present on St. John the Evangelist's Day, and on 26th April 1762 a Grand Lodge visitation took place, headed by the Right Hon. Charles, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, G.M., and the other officials of Grand Lodge. Their Minute concludes thus:—"This Lodge being attended with a numerous company, was, after the usual Toasts, Solemnities, and an Harmonious Entertainment, Dissolved in due form." Nine of the then existing Edinburgh Lodges were represented on this occasion, including the "Thistle" Lodge, now dormant, and "St. Giles," originally Vernon Kilwinning, which in 1779 merged in Canongate Kilwinning. On 24th June 1762, George Frazer was for the third time elected Master, and on 14th December

a Minute is recorded containing an account of the high status which Canongate Kilwinning has always occupied in the Grand Lodge Festivals.

"The R.W.M. reported that on St. Andrew's Day last, being told it would be esteemed a particular favour if this Lodge would for that time yield the place due to their Rank in the Assembly (where the Grand feast was to be held) to some of the young Lodges, who never had and could not otherwise have an opportunity of seeing the solemnities usual at that solemnity. And at the same time being fully persuaded the members of this Lodge would always agree to any good-natured proposal, he ordered an entertainment proper for the occasion to be provided by the Stewards at the Lodge. To which, after attending the M.W. Grand Master to the entry of the Assembly Hall, he marched with his Brethren, and were visited by the R.W. Substitute G.M., Chaplain, Treasurer, and Clerk, who in the Grand Master's name thanked this Lodge for their Example of Condescension in favour of the young Lodges. A proper return was made to this Deputation, and after the Lodge was closed, the R.W.M. went to the Assembly Hall, attended by a large number of the members, and joined with the Brethren there in finishing the business of the night like Masons. His conduct was entirely approved by the Lodge."

At the next meeting, "Brother Alexander M'Lellan from the Primitive Lodge of the Conquered Caribbee Islands," and another Brother "from No. 4 in the East Indies," were received as honorary members; "George Warrander of Bruntsfield, Junr.," and other ten gentlemen, were initiated. On St. John the Baptist's Day 1764, The Right Hon. George Drummond, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, was elected R.W. Master, "and installed accordingly." The following is a fac-simile of his signature as recorded in this Minute. George Sinclair of Ulbster, Esq., was on this occasion assumed an honorary member.

1764 G. Drummond M.

“Charles Cochrane, Esq., son to the Earl of Dundonald,” was entered an apprentice on 10th July, and early in 1765 it is recorded that the following gentlemen were admitted, viz., Major James Callander, Jun., of Craigforth, Captain John M'Dowall of Woolmet, and Sir John Whiteford, Baronet. In April, amongst other distinguished Entered Apprentices, appears the name of the Right Hon. Lord Robert Kerr, and later on that of Duncan M'Donnel of Gleggarry. On 4th December the Minute says: . . . “The Lodge along with many others attended the Grand Master for Scotland to the Assembly Hall, where that Great Day was solemnised with that Harmony, Unanimity, and decent mirth, which have ever been the distinguishing marks of Free Masons.” . . . The Lodge having returned to St. John's Chapel, the Minute concludes:—“Last of all, The Most Worshipful the Hon. Alexander Gordon, D.G.M. for Scotland, was assumed a member of this Lodge. But previous to this, Capt. Robert Dalrymple was made a mason and entered an apprentice of this Lodge and paid the ordinary fees.”

On New Year's Day 1766, the Grand Master, James Stewart, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, attended by the proper officials, visited the Lodge. James Townsend Oswald, Esq., ancestor of the present Captain James Townsend Oswald of Dunnikier, Fifeshire, was admitted on 5th February. A guinea was ordered to be granted to a brother who represented “his melancholy situation,” and entries of this nature constantly occur in the Minutes. On 2nd July “a Committee was appointed to treat with the Proprietrix for a piece of ground adjacent to, and on the east of the Lodge, about the purchase of it,” and report to the meeting on the first Wednesday of August. No record of a meeting, however, appears before 1st October, but, as here a full page in the Minute Book has been torn out, it is possible that a note of the transaction was recorded. George 8th Earl of Dalhousie was entered, passed, and raised on 29th November, and on 3rd December his lordship is referred to as visiting the Lodge in the capacity of “Grand Master Elect.” On 27th December it was intimated that the Lodge adjourned till the 7th of January next,

which "is appointed to be a funeral meeting in Honour of the memory of George Drummond, Esq., late Master of this Lodge." Accordingly the Minute of the latter date records that—

"This night being appointed for holding a Funeral meeting in honour of the memory of Geo. Drummond, Esq., once Grand Master for Scotland, and late Master of this Lodge, George Frazer, once Master of the Lodge, took the Chair. . . . The Brethren endeavoured to do all the honour in their power to the Memory of so great a man, so good a Mason, and so worthy a Master, by performing many pieces of musick finely adapted for the occasion, and preserving the greatest harmony and decorum. Every Brother seemed too, to vie with one another in showing their regard for their deceast Leader, and discharging their duty on this mournful occasion, either as Musicians or as Masons." The records of St. David's Lodge contain a poetical reference to the above circumstance.

The following extract from the Minute of 4th February will be read with interest:—"The R.W. Master represented that it would be proper and becoming that the Lodge should contribute out of their Funds towards the support of the Charity Workhouse of Edinburgh, for the benefit whereof there is at present a voluntary publick contribution in the City, and it was at the same time proposed by Mr. Alison that Ten Guineas should be allowed by the Lodge for that purpose, which proposal was unanimously agreed to by the Brethren, and Mr. Mercer the Treasurer was appointed to pay the above sum. Thereafter Bro. Verchild, Master of the Lodge of *St. Luke*, Bro. Stewart, Master of *The Thistle*, and Bro. Peacock, Master of *St. James' Edinr.*, were assumed Honorary Members of this Lodge; and the Lodge having considered the case of a Distressed Brother . . . the Treasurer was directed to give the Supplicant half a guinea." A like amount was granted to "an Operative Mason in distress." At the following meeting on 4th March, it is minuted that "The claim of the Children of Richard Cooper, deceast, was remitted by the Committee to Bro. Wm. Miln and Bro. Chas. Mack, and their conduct (*i.e.*, the conduct of the Committee) is approven of by the Members of this

Lodge, and this approbation is ordered to be recorded." On 1st April it is stated that "The Honble. John Cochran, son to the Earl of Dundonald, was entered apprentice, at a meeting held last night." On 6th May it was ordered that "the Treasurer should pay into the Master of the Grand Stewards what is due by this Lodge on account of the last Annual Feast." At the Annual Meeting on 24th June, Bro. Alison was re-elected R.W.M., and James Boswell, who occupied the Chair, was elected Depute Master.

It should be noted that the Lodge-room at this period was sometimes used for other purposes than that of Masonry, and on the above date it was resolved that "during the pleasure of the Lodge" Mr. Gibson should have the use of it for teaching music. Brother Robert Groat, S.G.W. of England, was assumed a member. On 1st July, "The Right Hon. Thomas, Lord Drummond, and Alexander Abercrombie, Advocate," were entered Apprentices, and £2, 2s. was voted towards defraying the expense of building the Lodge of Dalkeith. The Right Hon. Lord Algernon Percy, and other fifteen entries, were reported on 2nd December as having taken place at special meetings. It was also reported, that to accommodate the younger Lodges, this Lodge celebrated St. Andrew's Festival in St. John's Chapel, and the collection for that evening amounted to £30, 10s. 6d. On 6th January 1768, the Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master, accompanied in due form, visited the Lodge. It may be mentioned that Lord Dalhousie signed various Minutes after his initiation as an acting office-bearer, and annexed is a fac-simile of his signature on this date.

A fac-simile of a handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dalhousie G. M.:".

On 2nd March it was "found necessary to have the roof of the Lodge taken off, and some other *reparations* made, therefore no meeting would take place here for some time." If any meetings were held prior to 24th June, no record has been preserved of them, but on

this date "the Lodge being roofed but not fully repaired, the Brethren, after electing the officers of the Lodge, adjourned to a more proper place for celebrating the festival, and receiving the congratulations of other Lodges." Lord Binning, and several others, were entered apprentices on 7th December, and the dues, &c., on that occasion amounted to £21. This nobleman acted as Depute Master, and signed the Minute as such on 4th January 1769.

Binning J. M.P.

Another Grand Lodge visitation took place on 7th December, headed by Lt-Gen. Adolphus Oughton, when it was reported that at occasional meetings seventeen entries had been made. Among them appears the name of "The Hon. Colonel William Napier of the Royal Scots Greys," afterwards Lord Napier, father of Francis, Lord Napier, who was initiated in Canongate Kilwinning on 2nd March 1775. There is also recorded the large sum of £37, 6s. 6d., as dues, &c., for this evening. Nevertheless the income thus derived fell short of the expenditure, which must have been very great, as set forth in the following extract from the Minute of 13th December. "Thereafter the R.W. Master having represented to the Lodge That by the late Reparations of the same, The Lodge had fallen considerably in arrears. And without the assistance of The Brethren could not possibly be soon in a Situation to Pay off the Tradesmen's Accounts for these Reparations. Therefore Proposed That to free the Lodge of that Embarrassment a Subscription should be opened for the Brethren of this Lodge to Subscribe what sum they shall respectively think fit to Advance for the above purpose. These sums to be again Repaid to these Subscribers so soon as the Funds of the Lodge can afford it."

On the 12th of March a very interesting ceremony took place—that of instituting a Military Lodge—now dormant; but for many years it occupied a flourishing position. The entire Minute is here transcribed.

"Lodge of ST. ANDREW'S ROYAL ARCH in the SCOTS GREYS or Royal Regiment of North British Dragoons held in the Lodge Room of Canongate Kilwinning, the twelfth day of March 1770."

"In consequence of an application made to the Grand Lodge of Scotland on Tuesday last, the Sixth instant, by the Honourable Colonel William Napier in name of himself and several other Gentlemen in the above Regiment, Craving to have a Charter of Constitution and Erection under their Authority when the same was ordered, And this day appointed by the Grand Lodge to meet with the several Brethren to deliver them their Charter, and Consecrate their Lodge THE GRAND LODGE, being duly met and constituted by the MOST WORSHIPFUL, His Excellency GENERAL OUGHTON, THE GRAND MASTER, and several other officers of the Grand Lodge. His Excellency, after a most suitable Lecture on WISDOM STRENGTH and BEAUTY of the Royal Craft, to Colonel Napier, whom he received as Master of the Lodge, He delivered him their Charter, and received Captain Heron as Depute Master, Sir John Nisbet, Senior, and John Nisbet, Esquire, for Junior Wardens, John Christie, Esq., for Treasurer, and James Colquhoun, Esquire, for Secretary. When after the same, their Lodge was Consecrated by Solemn Prayer, under the Stile and Title of the ST. ANDREW'S ROYAL ARCH in the SCOTS GREYS or ROYAL NORTH BRITISH DRAGOONS. And the Evening was concluded with that mirth and harmony known among the Brethren." (Signed) Jas. Adol^s. Oughton, G.M., Andrew Alison, D.G.M., John Ross, S.G.M., Jo. Cairnie, S.G.W., Andrew Wood, J.G.W., Wm. Napier, Mr. Basil Heron, D.M., John Nisbet, S.W., John Nisbet, J.W., Alex. Dougall, G. Secy., and David Balt, G. Clerk.

On St. John's Day, mid-summer, it was reported that the account contracted for Wright work in connection with the Lodge "reparations" amounted to £203, 12s. 5d. stg., and their still remained £100 of this sum unpaid. It was agreed to liquidate this debt by "partial payments as the Lodge shall be in Cash, with interest, at the times of payment respectively." The Master and "all the members of a band of music" were entered on 2nd August free of charge. This practice

of receiving military bands gratis was a common one, even during the first half of the present century, but the custom is now contrary to the Laws and Constitution of Grand Lodge. On 6th December, "The Hon. Colonel Wm. Napier, acting R.W.M., Alex. Allan, of London, and John Wood from our Mother Lodge of Kilwinning were Pass'd and Raised & p^d the dues." The Grand Master, Lt-Gen. Oughton, presided on 7th February 1771, and initiated amongst others Sir Alexander Murray of Balmano, and John Sinclair of Ulbster, Esq. On 12th August, a funeral Lodge was held in "memory of the deceast Alexander Alison, Esq., late Master of this Lodge, and Substitute Grand Master of Scotland." The Grand Master took the chair and delivered "a suitable address," . . . "several solemn pieces of musick were performed proper and suitable to the mournful occasion of this meeting, in which every Member testified the deepest sense of the loss they have sustained in the death of their worthy Brother." It is recorded that Canongate Kilwinning again returned to St. John's Chapel on St. Andrew's Day, there having been insufficient accommodation for all the Lodges in "Parliament House," where the election of the Grand Master took place. Sir James Murray of Hillhead, and Robert Sinclair of Scotscalder, Esq., were initiated on 6th February 1772, and a Grand Lodge visitation took place on 5th March, headed by the Grand Master, The Earl of Dumfries, and accompanied by two Past Grand Masters, namely, the Earl of Leven, and Lt-Gen. Oughton "and many other brethren." The Grand Master delivered an "Elegant speech to the Brethren." The Minute concludes thus:—"So after spending the evening with that cheerfulness and mirth, the same was concluded with that Decency and Decorum known among the Brethren."

Dumfries G.M.

As the Tyler was indisposed, the Treasurer was ordered to pay his wife one guinea, and on the representation of Brother Sir William

Forbes, assistance from the funds was granted to an indigent brother. On 15th July, the Tyler "craved an increase to his allowance for his trouble in dispensing the Circulatory Letters," and the Committee decided that the work be divided between the *two* Tylers—Wm. Dewar and Thomas Cuthbertson—for which "each of them are to have the allowance of two shillings and sixpence stg. monthly;" and on 5th August it was unanimously resolved "that the Lodge should be *set* for no purpose whatever after Whitsunday, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-four." The following quaint Minute of 7th April is transcribed in full:—"The Lodge met, and having passed the Evening in convivial Hilarity as is the consentude of the Brethren they adjourned, by the desire of the Right Worshipful, their further occurrence till the first Thursday of May." The Minute immediately succeeding that of the 24th June 1774, when James Boswell of Auchinleck* was elected Master of the Lodge for the second time, is written and signed by himself. It is dated 7th July, and says:—"St. John's Lodge, The Lodge having met, although there were very few brethren present, for which, those who were absent should be reprimanded, the evening was passed in social glee, every brother having sung, though not as a precedent, and the Lodge was adjourned to the first Thursday of August next."

James Boswell. M.

The Most Worshipful David Dalrymple, Grand Master, made a Grand Lodge visitation on 2nd February 1775, when he "expressed his highest satisfaction with the conduct of this Lodge, and in a

* In 1592 a man who was tried and condemned at Edinburgh for witchcraft, was also accused of raising the devil at the Laird of Auchinleck's dwelling-place in the Canongate.

particular manner as he had been Initiated in the principles of masonry within this Lodge." . . .

David Dalrymple G. M.

When Lord Napier was admitted on 2nd March, the treasurer reported that an annuity of one pound five shillings, which had been paid annually to the widow of the late Tyler, was now to be discontinued. On 7th December "Mr. Dougal Stewart, Professor of Mathematics in the College of Edinburgh," was entered apprentice, and also on 1st February following "The Right Hon. Lord Dunglass."

It was represented to the meeting of 4th July, by Bro. James Hay, Senior Warden, that inconvenience to the members and much detriment to the Funds of the Lodge arose from the present mode of making Entries at occasional meetings. In order, therefore, to prevent any possibility of Intrants escaping payment, as well as to prevent improper persons from being admitted in this Lodge, it was agreed that no Entry should be made unless one of the Committee was present, that a Book for this purpose should be kept and signed by the Brother who acted as Master *pro tem.*, and also by two of the Brethren as Wardens, and which should be transferred each Monthly Meeting to the regular Minute Book of the Lodge. The Tyler was therefore instructed to refuse admittance "to any of the Brethren unless one of the Annual Committee was present."

And on St. Andrew's Day, finding "it impossible that every Lodge could be accommodated in the Assembly Hall, that of Canongate Kilwinning was obliged to resort to their own Chapel, where they expressed in the most sincere manner their approbation of the choice

the Fraternity had made in selecting the Most Worshipfull Sir William Forbes, Bart., as Grand Master."

A Masters' meeting was held on 2nd December, and the Minute recording the proceedings is too quaint to be passed over :—

"A meeting of Master Masons was this Evening held in the Lodge, at which were present several Masters of the different Lodges in this City and Neighbourhood. All the Members of our Ancient Fraternity contributed to the general Joy of the Evening, and much Amusement and Instruction were reaped from the various Questions and Answers concerning the Craft from the respective Brethren present. After having passed several hours in this social and agreeable Manner, the Lodge was then solemnly closed as usual." Amongst those present were Dr. Nathaniel Spens, Substitute G.M., and the Junior Grand Warden.

At the earliest opportunity the Grand Master visited his Mother Lodge in his official Capacity, for on 4th December the Minute records that "This day the Lodge of Canongate Kilwinning was visited by the Most Worshipful Sir William Forbes, Bart., G.M., James Boswell, Dep. G.M., Dr. Nathaniel Spens, Sub. G.M., the Wardens, Secy., Chaplain, and G. Clerk, when the Grand Master in a most Excellent Charge to the Brethren, Required their careful attention to all the Duties of Masonry, as the most proper means of keeping it alive in its genuine spirit and purity."

William Forbes
Grand Master

On 24th January, died William St. Clair of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master, aged 78 years. The following is a passage from Sir William Forbes' address to the Grand Lodge on St. Clair's death :—

"The uncertainty of life is of all reflections the most obvious ; yet though the most important, it is unhappily too often the most

neglected. What a damp would come over our spirits, what agitation would be raised even in this Assembly, were the book of fate to be unrolled to our view! If Providence should permit us to penetrate this moment into futurity, and to foresee the fate of ourselves and others only to the end of the present year, some of us, who, perhaps, suppose death to be at a great distance, would see him already at the door. Some who in full security are dreaming of a long course of years yet to come, would find that they have already entered on their last; and that before it come to a close, they, like our departed brother, shall be mingled with the dust. A great part of this Assembly, by the course of nature, will probably survive a little longer; but it is morally certain that some of us before the sun has made another annual revolution, will be removed hence to that unchangeable state, where our doom will be fixed for ever. And although Heaven has wrapped in impenetrable darkness who they are that shall pass through the vale of the shadow of death during that short period, in order that we may all live in a state of habitual preparation, yet who can have the presumption to say that he himself shall not be the first to visit

‘ That undiscover’d country,
From whose bourne no traveller returns ’? ”

Alexander Nasmyth, Artist, was Entered on 5th February this year.” New Year’s Day 1778 being the date of the first Monthly Meeting, it was reported that amongst others, the Right Hon. George Lord Haddo was initiated in this Lodge, and the following is the Minute of 5th February:—“ The Lodge having mett according to their former adjournment, with several other Jovial, Social, and Friendly toasts, a Cup of Congratulation having been drunk to the R.W. Master, on his late *Entry into the Matrimonial State*, the Lodge was closed with Harmony & Pleasure.” On 24th June, “ Doctor Nathaniel Spens, Fellow of the Róyal College of Physicians,” was elected R.W.M.

Nathl. Spens M.

On 2nd December he took up his position as S.G.M., on the occasion of a Grand Lodge visitation headed by "The Most Noble John, Duke of Athole, Grand Master Mason of Scotland." The autographs of each are appended to the Minute, and here is a fac-simile of that of the Grand Master.



During the evening fifteen initiations took place, including Louis Cauvin, French Teacher. It was here that Burns the poet formed the acquaintance of that gentleman, from whom he received lessons in the French language thrice a week, during a course of three months. On 3rd February 1779, "Wm. Cullen, Esq. of Parkhead, was admitted . . . the Lodge was immediately clos'd on account of some disturbance in the Town."

A Union on certain conditions was agreed upon at this time, between the Haddington Lodge and Canongate Kilwinning, resulting in the formation of ONE ASSOCIATE LODGE. The particulars are as follows:—

On 3rd March, Francis Charteris, jun., of Amisfield, S.M. of Haddington Lodge, and other three members of said Lodge, were assumed members of Canongate Kilwinning.

"The Right Worshipful represented to the Lodge that it had been proposed by the Brethren of the Haddington Lodge (1st) That the Lodges of Canongate Kilwinning, Edinr., and of Haddington, should reciprocally assume the whole Brethren of the said two Lodges in such manner as to form one associate Lodge; (2nd) That in all public processions at Edinburgh, the Haddington Brethren should walk as members of the Canongate Kilwinning, and on similar occasions at

Haddington, the Brethren of Canongate Kilwinning should walk as members of the Haddington Lodge ; (3rd) That in every other respect the two Lodges should remain perfectly independent of each other, and masters of their own funds ; (4th) That no member of either Lodge should have any voice in the Election of Office-bearers, or in any other thing that concerns the particular administration of the other Lodge ; (5th) That neither of the Lodges should be bound to receive any Brother as a member of the other Lodge at any publick procession, either at Edinburgh or Haddington, unless he is vouched by a Brother, and be such, or has a Certificate thereof from one of the present Office-bearers in his Mother Lodge.

“The Lodge having taken the foregoing proposal under their consideration, they appoint the present officers, Brother Cairnie, Brother Frazer, and Brother Brown as a Committee, to consider the same, to correspond with the Haddington Lodge on the subject, and to report the result of their deliberations to the next Monthly Meeting.

(Signed) NATH^L. SPENS, *M.*
 THOMAS HAY, *D.M.*
 DAVID STEUART, *S.W.*
 WILL. BALDERSTON, *J.W.*

ST. JOHN'S CHAPPEL,
 10th March 1779.

“The Committee above named having met, they unanimously approve of the proposals made by the Haddington Lodge, which were remitted to their consideration by last Monthly Meeting, and they request the Right Worshipful Master to transmit a copy of this Minute to the Haddington Lodge, in order that an act may be entered in the Books of each Lodge to the above effect (Signed, as above).”

7th April. “The Lodge met this evening, and having considered the Report made by the Committee appointed to correspond with the Haddington Lodge, they hereby approve of the same in every respect, and the Right Worshipful Master is requested to communicate

the substance of this Minute to the Right Worshipful Master and Lodge of Haddington at his first convenience." . . .

On 5th May, "The Right Worshipful Master, in obedience to the last Minute, communicated the substance of same, together with Report that preceded it to the Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge at Haddington, from which there was a Visitation in form, and both Lodges cordially agree to their Union in the Terms formerly mentioned."

His Highness Paul, Prince of Dashkov, was initiated on 13th May, and passed and raised on the 20th of the same month, and in November, Edinburgh St. Giles, formerly Vernon Kilwinning Lodge, amalgamated with Canongate Kilwinning. The record of the transaction is as follows :—

"St. John's Chapel, 3rd Nov. 1779.

"The Lodge being constituted in due form, proceeded to the admission of Peter Beaver, Esq., 25 Regt. of Foot, and John Wright, Mercht., Edr.

"After which, the R^t. W^l. M^r. reported that some months ago the Lodge of Edr. St. Giles had signified a wish to be incorporated with this Lodge, that they had had several meetings with their Brethren, and after having wrote a Circular letter to all the Members of the Lodge of St. Giles Known to be in life in this Country, at last meeting, finally resolved to adjust their funds, to pay in the Ballance to the Treasurer of this Lodge, and to deposit their Jewels for its use."

"The Members of this Lodge having considered this resolution and wishing to show every mark of respect the Lodge of St. Giles so justly deserves, and to promote the good of the Craft, unanimously agreed to unite the two Lodges in order to be productive of harmony, brotherly love, and good fellowship.

"The Brethren of Edinburgh St. Giles having attended, were received most cordially, and the two Lodges are henceforth declared to be one

under the title of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge. In testimony of this conjunction being equally agreeable to both Lodges, this Minute is signed by the present officers of the Lodge, and by the Committee appointed for that purpose at the last Meeting of Edinburgh St. Giles."

It was customary at this period for each Lodge to elect annually a Steward, to represent them at Grand Lodge.

On 1st December, "Brother Cullen informed the Lodge that last night, during the Celebration of St. Andrew in the Assembly Hall, Mr. Watson, late Grand Steward of this Lodge, had shown repeated marks of disrespect to the then Right Worshipful Master and to the whole Lodge, that he thought his behaviour unbecoming the character of a Mason, and after having given a detail of the circumstances, moved that the said James Watson be expelled from this Lodge for ever, if he did not make a proper acknowledgement of his fault. After hearing all parties, at great length above two hours, and the said James Watson refusing to make any acknowledgement, the Lodge were proceeding to pass a vote upon his conduct, when he took off his cloathing and threw it down in the Lodge in the most arrogant manner, and retired. The Lodge thereupon unanimously expelled him, and ordered his name to be erased from their Books. The Right Worshipfull Master and Masters of the different Lodges who were present this night, and Witnesses to the said James Watson's improper behaviour, proposed that an intimation of the above resolution of the Lodge should be sent to all the Lodges in Town, which was unanimously agreed to."

About this period the question of reducing the fees by Grand Lodge was being discussed, for on 5th April, "after having heard a letter from the Lodge of Journeymen Masons of Edr. read, respecting the lowering the dues of admission, are unanimously of opinion that the doing so would be attended with the worst consequences, and therefore recommend it to the attention of their representatives in the Grand Lodge to support the Complaint of the Journeymen Masons." On 5th May the usual annual examination of the

Treasurer's accounts took place, and on 24th June 1780, the Honourable Henry Erskine, Advocate, was elected R.W. Master in succession to Dr. Spens. On 2nd August, "the Lodge being duly constituted, and the ordinary business ended, Brother Alexander Gardner, Treasurer of the late Lodge of St. Giles, paid to Bro. Mercer, Treasurer of this Lodge, the sum of Twenty pounds Stg., being the remainder of the funds of the Lodge of St. Giles, after payment of all claims against that Lodge."

On 3rd January 1781, "The Committee appointed at last meeting to consider the request of our Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, reported that upon considering the state of the Lodge's Finances they thought Five Pounds Sterling would be afforded towards defraying the Expense of the Room they were then building (at Kilwinning), which being declared to the Brethren by our R.W. Master, was unanimously agreed to." "Our R.W. Master then read a letter from the M.W. the Right Honble. the Earl of Balcarras, Grand Master for Scotland, informing the Brethren that the Play for the Fraternity was appointed for Monday next, and their presence requested." On 6th June, "The Business being finished, the R.W. Master requested the attendance of the Brethren on Friday the 25th instant, at 12 o'clock, for the Election of Officers for the ensuing year;" and on St. John's Day a letter was read from the Hon. Henry Erskine, R.W.M. of the Lodge, "representing that he found it incompatible with the business in which he was engaged to fulfil the duties of his office in the Lodge. That he had the highest respect for it, and on that account could not think of continuing longer in that high office, when it was evidently prejudicial to the Interest of the Lodge, and therefore begged leave to propose Bro. Thomas Hay, Surgeon in Edinr., as his successor, which was unanimously agreed to."

Henry Erskine M.

The R.W. read a letter from the Grand Secretary, "respecting the dues of admission, which was referred to the Committee. It was agreed that the Cloathing and Jewels of the Lodge should not be taken out of it unless upon a visit to the Grand Master."

A Grand Lodge visitation took place on 2nd January 1782, headed by the Earl of Buchan, Grand Master, and others in "their proper cloathing." Appended is a fac-simile of his Lordship's autograph.

Buchan G. M.

On 4th December 1783, John Beugo, the engraver of Nasmyth's portrait of Burns, was entered, and on 1st April following it was resolved to procure a seal for the Lodge. It is evident that a seal was procured, but was lost for a considerable time, as it is recorded on 12th March 1845, that the clerk to the Magistrates of the Burgh of Canongate restored to the Lodge a seal found amongst their records. It has not been seen, however, for the last thirty years. On St. John's Day, 24th June this year, Bro. Alexander Fergusson of Craigdarroch was elected R.W.M., and he proposed Charles More of the Royal Bank to be Depute Master. Sir George Dunbar was admitted on 2nd December, and a Grand Lodge visitation, headed by Lord Haddo, Grand Master, took place on 6th January 1786. He was attended by the usual Officers, including Dr. Nathaniel Spens, D.G.M., and Thos. Hay, S.G.M.

Haddo G. M.


The next visitation from Grand Lodge took place on 7th December, and was headed by the Grand Master, Francis Charteris, Esq., younger of Amisfield, accompanied by the Right Hon. James

Sandilands, 9th Lord Torphichen (who was initiated in Canongate Kilwinning this year), Deputy Grand Master, and the other Officers of Grand Lodge, all of whom sign the Minute. At this meeting the Earl of Errol, the Hon. Mr. Gordon of Kenmure, Wm. Campbell, Esq. of Fairfield, and others, were assumed as members.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Charteris D. G. M." The signature is written in dark ink and features a prominent horizontal flourish at the bottom.

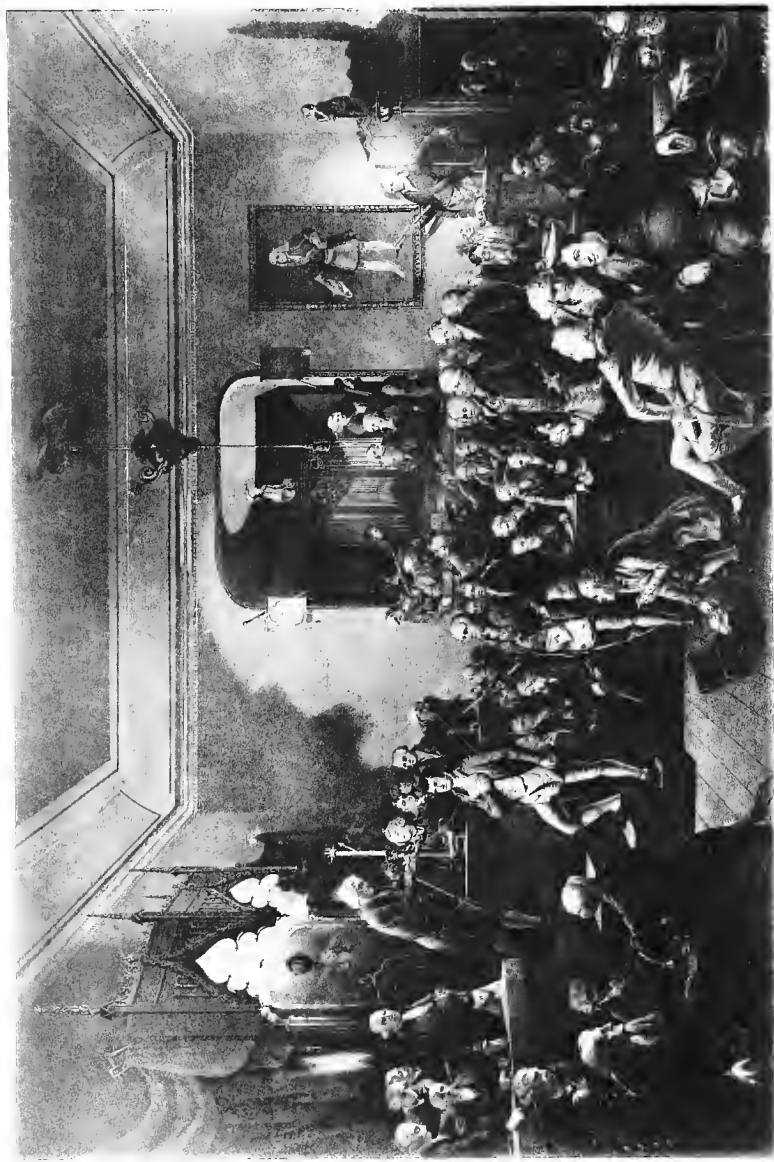
The next meeting was held on 27th December, St. John the Evangelist's Day, when the usual ceremonies took place, and the succeeding Minute is that which records the affiliation of Robert Burns as a member of the Lodge.

CHAPTER VIII.

 ROBERT BURNS was entered an apprentice on 4th July 1781, in the Lodge St. David's, Tarbolton, Ayrshire. He was then in the twenty-third year of his age. In July 1784 he was elected Depute Master, an office which he held for several years; and although it does not appear that Burns ever occupied the dignified position of R.W. Master, it is evident from the Minutes of the Tarbolton Lodge that he frequently acted as such, for he,

“Oft honoured with supreme command,
Presided o'er the sons of light.”

It is well known, that owing to a farming speculation which proved a failure, Burns resolved to leave Scotland altogether, and entered into an engagement to act as book-keeper in Jamaica. In these circumstances he took farewell of the Tarbolton Lodge, in a lyric couched in such noble masonic language, that it is acknowledged to be one of the best Masonic songs that ever was composed. In this year—1786—Burns printed a collection of poems which met with splendid success. The result was, that instead of proceeding to Jamaica, he visited Edinburgh, where he published a second edition of his poems. This edition contains a list of about 2800 subscribers, many of whom were members of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge. Burns “left Mossgiel on horseback, by way of Biggar, for Edinburgh, where he arrived” on 28th November 1786, and took up his residence in a house in Baxter's Close, Lawnmarket. The first Lodge to which



Inauguration of ROBERT BURNS as Poet-Laureate of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2.
1787.



I. Grand Master's Group.

0. Alexander Fergusson, Esq., of Graigdarroch—R.W.M.
1. The Hon. Francis Charteris (Lord Elcho)—Grand Master.
2. James Sandilands, 9th Lord Torphichen—R.W.M. 1787-8.
3. Archibald, 11th Earl of Eglinton.
4. James Cunningham, Earl of Glencairn.
5. David, Earl of Buchan.

II. Depute Master's Group.

6. Charles More, of the Royal Bank of Scotland—Depute Master.
7. Patrick Millar, of Dalswinton.
8. James Dalrymple, of Orangefield.
9. Sir John Whiteford, of Ballochmyle.
10. Sir William Forbes, of Pitsligo, Bart.

III. Secretary's Group.

11. John Mercer, Secretary.
12. William Mason—Grand Secretary.
13. Robert Meikle, (absent).
14. James Burnet, Advocate (Lord Monboddo).
15. The Hon. Henry Erskine, Dean of Faculty—R.W.M. 1780.

IV. Treasurer's Group.

16. George Spankie, Treasurer.

V. Senlor Warden's Group.

21. William Dunbar—Senior Warden. R.W.M. 1788.
22. Kenneth Love, Tailor and Clothier for Lodge.
23. William Nicol, of the High School.
24. William Cruickshank, of the High School.
25. Louis Cauvin, French Teacher.

VI. Musician's Group.

26. Allan Mastertoo, Composer of Music.
27. Signor Stabilini, Violinist.
28. James Tytler, Author, etc.
29. Thomas Neil, Precentor of Old Tolbooth Church.
30. John Dhu—Grand Tyler.
31. Alexander Campbell, Organist, etc.
32. John Campbell, Teacher of Music.
33. Samuel Clark, Organist of Cowgate Chapel.
34. Gordie Cranston, Vocalist.
35. J. G. C. Schetky, Musician.

VII. Chaplain's Group.

36. Professor Dugald Stewart.
37. William Creech, Publisher.
38. Peter Williamson (Aberdonian)
39. Peter Smellie, Publisher.
40. Peter Hill, Bookseller.

VIII. Grand Treasurer's Group.

41. Sir James Huoter Blair—Grand Treasurer.
42. Francis, 7th Lord Napier.
43. James Boswell, of Auchinleck, Biographer of Johnson.
44. Alexander Nasmyth, Limner.
45. James Johoson, Music-seller, etc.

Group IX.

46. Captain Francis Grose, F.A.S., of London and Perth.
47. James Gregory, M.D.
48. Alexander Wood, Surgeon.
49. David Ramsay, Journalist.
50. John Gray, W.S., City Clerk.

X. Junior Warden's Group.

51. John Millar, Advocate, The Historian.
52. Captain Fr. Bartlet, of Milton House.
53. Robert Ainslie, Writer to the Signet.
54. William Woods, Tragedian.
55. A Visiting Brother.

Group XI.

56. The Tyler.
57. Figure representing *Secrecy*.
58. Figure representing the *Light of Masonry*.
59. Portrait of William St. Clair of Rosslyn.
60. Henry Sedgfield, Royal Navy.

he paid a visit was Canongate Kilwinning, on 7th December, and after leaving it that night he wrote to his friend Gavin Hamilton, of Mauchline :—"My Lord Glencairn and the Dean of Faculty, Mr. Henry Erskine, have taken me under their wing; and by all probability I shall soon be the tenth worthy, and the eighth wise man of the world." A Minute of a meeting of the Royal Caledonian Hunt, held at Edinburgh on 10th January 1787, says :—"A motion being made by the Earl of Glencairn, and seconded by Sir John Whitefoord, in favour of Mr. Burns of Ayrshire, who has dedicated the new edition of his poems to the Caledonian Hunt . . . they subscribe for one hundred copies," for which Burns received Twenty-five pounds only. Burns attended St. Andrew's Lodge on 12th January 1787, when a Grand Lodge visitation took place, and next day he recorded the fact in a letter to his friend Mr. John Ballantine of Ayr.

The Minute of the meeting when Burns was affiliated a member of the Lodge is as follows :—

"St. John's Chapel, 1st Feby. 1787.

"There being no meeting in January, the Lodge met this Evening, and being duly Constituted, it was Reported, that since the 27th December last, the following gentlemen were entered Apprentices, viz. :—Mr. Burns, Mr. Speid, Captain Bartlet, Mr. Haig, G. Douglas, Esq., E. B. Clive, Esq., Loyd Lynn Norfolk, Mr. Maule, Mr. Wother-
spoon, Mr. Moir, Mr. L. Carnegie, Mr. Archd. Miller, and Mr. James Buchan, and that the following brethren were Passed and Raised to the High Degree of Master Masons, vizt. :—Mr. Haig, Captain Bartlet, Loyd Lynn Norfolk, Baron Norton, Mr. Craigie, and Mr. L. Carnegie, who all paid their dues to the Treasurer, as also Mr. Alexr. Boog.

"The Right Worshipful Master having observed that Brother Burns was at present in the Lodge, who is well known as a great Poetic Writer, and for a late publication of his works, which have been

universally commended, and submitted that he should be assumed a member of this Lodge, which was unanimously agreed to, and he was assumed accordingly.

“Having spent the Evening in a very Social, Affect^{ed} & Brotherly manner, as the meetings of this Lodge always have been, it was adjourned till next Monthly Meeting.”

13 Entries,	£15	18	6
7 P. & R.,	4	0	6
Collected,	2	12	6

ALEXR. FERGUSSON, *M.*
CHAS. MORE, *D.M.*
JO. MILLAR, JUNIOR, *J.W.*

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On 6th February Burns petitioned the Managers of the Kirk and Kirkyard Funds of Canongate for leave to erect a headstone over the grave of Robert Fergusson the Poet, and on the 24th he wrote to Ballantine, “I am getting my *phiz* done by an eminent engraver (John Beugo, Princes Street), and if it can be ready in time, I shall appear in my book, looking, like other fools, to my title-page.” This refers to the well-known portrait of the poet painted by Brother Alexander Nasmyth, Artist, Writer’s Court. It was about this time, too, that Burns and Professor Dugald Stewart were wont to take morning walks together to the Braid Hills.

The last Monthly Meeting of the season was held on 1st March, when Colonel Dalrymple of Inveresk, F. J. Hamond, Esq., and Captain R. A. Maitland of Marchfield were entered apprentices, and it was reported that at a recent meeting eleven members were passed to the degree of fellow craft, including Mr. Gray and Mr. Buchan, the City Clerk and City Chamberlain. Other two important items of business were transacted on this occasion, namely that of transmitting congratulations to the English brethren on the initiation at the Star and Garter, London, on 6th February 1787, of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, *and*, of conferring a tribute of respect on Burns. In course of the evening, the R.W. Master, Alexander Fergusson of

Craigdarroch, Advocate, hero of the "Song of the Whistle,"* conferred upon him the title of Poet-Laureate of the Lodge, and the Minute is signed by the Master, also by Charles More, D.M., and John Millar, Advocate, J.W. The Senior Warden at this time was Wm. Dunbar, W.S., respecting whom Burns says, in connection with his song, *Rattlin' Roarin' Willie*: "The hero of this chant was one of the worthiest fellows in the world, William Dunbar, Esq., Writer to the Signet, and Colonel of the Crochallan Corps, a club of wits who took that title at the time of raising the fencible regiments." Amongst the other active members of the Lodge were William Nicol and William Cruickshank, both teachers in the High School; the former Burns resided with, and the latter was originally a member of St. Luke's Lodge. In acknowledging a present of Spencer from Dunbar, Burns presented him with some "tattered rhymes" as a mark of esteem, and from the following extracts it will be seen that the Laureateship of the Lodge furnishes the subject of part of them:—

" 'And wha gaes there?' thrice Millar grunit;
 'I,' rattlin' Willie roar'd and duntit,
 As twal is Tron'd we a' link out,
 The moon—a raggit washin' clout—
 Glints shame-fac'd to ae waukriff starrie:
 The nicht's been wat—the caus'y's glaurie,
 In Davie's straucht, and numbering aicht.
 A bowl's filled to the rarest
 For sang or story;—or wha glory
 In drinkin' to the fairest.

 But Latin WILLIE'S reck noo raise,
 He'd seen that nicht RAB crown'd wi' bays,
 And heard the corps, wi' ready roar,
 Be-Knappin' a' his classic lore.
 Still CRUIKIE offers NIC a wage,
 Which best could tell the very age,

* The original manuscript was sold by auction in Edinburgh, 28th March 1887, for 230 guineas—the highest price on record for a single MS. by the Poet.

When Draco * and when Iram flourished,
And if they baith Freemasons nourished?"

About this period there was an impression abroad that Burns' rustic manners were assumed. The following verse selected from several that appeared in the *Edinburgh Evening Courant*, of 23rd June 1787 serves to shew this :—

" I'm no for riving off your brow
The laurel folks hae thocht your due,
But gin a while you left the plough,
T' tend the College.
Why should you smore the thing that's true,
Wi' a' your knowledge?"

The earliest mention in the Minutes of his having held the office of Poet-Laureate of the Lodge is recorded in that of 9th February 1815, when the " R.W. Master stated that he had observed a public subscription had been commenced for the purpose of erecting a Mausoleum to the Memory of ROBERT BURNS, who was a member and Poet-Laureate of this Lodge. That a printed notice had been handed him under the authority of a Committee of Subscribers appointed to manage the different matters connected with the undertaking, pointing out the mode in which it was intended to proceed with the work, &c. He then submitted to the meeting the propriety of the Lodge commencing a Subscription, in order to contribute towards the erection of that work, being the only manner in which they can testify their respect for the memory of a public character so immediately connected with them, and who on many occasions contributed so generally to the harmony of the Masonic order, and to that of this Lodge, Canongate Kilwinning, in particular; which motion was seconded by Worshipful Brother Jaffray, and having met with the

* DRACO, an Athenian legislator who was living in 621 B.C. The proverb of the ancients was that Draco's laws were written, not in ink, but blood—hence the phrase " Draconian severity."

unanimous approbation of the Brethren, the Secretary was directed to furnish the Steward and Tyler with Subscription Lists, in order to carry the views of the Lodge into execution." . . .

As appointed, a meeting of the General Committee was held on 8th June, and after the R.W. Master stated the purposes for which it was called, "attention was in the first place called to the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Lodge, held on the 9th of February last, when it was unanimously resolved to open a public subscription by the individual members of the Lodge, in aid of the General Subscription by the friends and admirers of the lamented Bard ROBERT BURNS (who had been Poet-Laureate of this Lodge), for the erection of a Mausoleum to his memory. . . . It was moved from the Chair, that as, taking into consideration the state of the funds of the Lodge, the character of its members, and the veneration in which all held the Memory of Burns, no sum below Twenty Guineas could with propriety be offered in aid of such an undertaking . . . and that the sum of £21 should be transmitted to the Rev. Thos. Duncan, Secretary to the General Committee of Subscribers, for the erection of the Mausoleum. . . . Brother Jaffray moved that the R.W. Master should in the meantime write to the Rev. Mr. Duncan, intimating the intention of the Lodge to transmit the above sum after their Annual Meeting of 24th June, when it was necessary that the resolutions of the Committee should be reported to the Lodge, and that the Treasurer should continue his exertions to obtain subscriptions from such of the Brethren as had not yet subscribed, which motion, having been seconded by BROTHER CHARLES MORE, was also unanimously agreed to."

"At a General Meeting of the Committee held on 2nd January 1816, the Secretary produced a sealed packet which had been left for him in the course of the day, addressed to '*Right Worshipful George Burnet, M. of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, or the Preses of the Committee of the time*,' which having been opened, was found to contain a Letter from W. Brother Simson, Past Master, apologising for his not being able to attend the Meeting, and stating, having in con-

sequence of the previous Minutes of the Committee and of the Lodge received from the Treasurer the sum of *Twenty Guineas*, which had been voted in aid of the funds for the erection of a Mausoleum to the Memory of ROBERT BURNS, late Poet-Laureate to the Lodge, he had transmitted that sum to the Reverend Dr. Duncan, Dumfries, Treasurer to that fund, and had received a letter in return, expressed in very proper terms of gratitude to the Brethren, which letter he now reported to the Committee, and requested, that if it met their approbation, it should be submitted to the Lodge at its first meeting, and put up among its Archives."

Accordingly, at the Monthly Meeting on 8th inst., this "having been done, the same met the entire approbation of the Brethren, and the correspondence, &c., was directed to be put up among the Archives of the Lodge."

The following is a copy of the letter received in reply to Bro. Simson's remittance to Dr. Duncan :—

"Dumfries, Decr. 31st, 1816.

"SIR,

"I am commissioned by my brother, who is one of the Secretaries to the Committee for conducting the affairs of the Subscribers to Burns' Mausoleum, to acknowledge the very liberal contribution of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge to their funds; and in name of the Committee to request that you will communicate to the Lodge the grateful sense which the Committee must entertain of the approbation and confidence of that respectable Brotherhood. This tribute of respect to the memory of your LAUREATE is not only most interesting in itself, but must be highly gratifying to all the admirers of the Bard.

"I have this day caused the sum inclosed in your letter (twenty guineas) to be placed to the Treasurer's Credit in the Bank of Scotland's Office, and sent a note of it to the provincial newspapers, too late, however, for insertion till next week.

“My brother was obliged to go to the country without having it in his power to write this acknowledgment, but requested me to make his apology.

“I have the honour to be, Sir,

“Your most obedt. Servt.,

“THOMAS T. DUNCAN.”

Addressed outside,

“GEORGE SIMSON, Esq.,

“Writer in Edinburgh.”

There is still to be seen hanging on the wall in the south-east corner of the Lodge-room — Burns' Corner — the original list of individual subscribers to the Mausoleum Fund, with their respective amounts. Several Brethren whose names appear there, are shown by the records to have been initiated about the year 1786-90, and in particular the name of Dr. Adair may be mentioned, who subscribed one guinea. He it was who accompanied Burns “on a ten days' tour when they left Edinburgh together in August 1787.” At Stirling they met Nicol of the High School of Edinburgh, who had been his companion on his Highland tour, when Burns compared himself with “such a *compagnon de voyage* to a man travelling with a loaded blunderbuss at full cock.”

The notice referred to as having been sent to the provincial papers was as follows, which is here extracted from the *Dumfries Courier* of 7th January 1817:—“The Canongate Kilwinning Lodge of Freemasons have transmitted to Dumfries, through the hands of George Simson, Esq., their R.W. Master, the sum of Twenty Guineas towards the completion of Burns' Mausoleum.”

The following interesting correspondence on the subject of the Laureateship took place between Mr. D. Murray Lyon and the Secretary of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, prior to the appearance of “*Freemasonry in Scotland (and History of Lodge No. 1)*,” pp. 332-334. Several portions are quoted *verbatim* in the above-named work, and it will be seen that most of the information contained therein was derived from this source:—

“Edinburgh, 23rd January 1873.

“D. MURRAY LYON, Esq.

“Dear Sir and Brother,

“I am directed by the R.W. Master and Office-bearers of Lodge ‘Canongate Kilwinning,’ No. 2, to write you in consequence of a statement made lately in the Lodge by a visiting Brother to the effect that in your forthcoming work entitled ‘History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary’s Chapel), No. 1, *Embracing an Account of the Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Scotland,*’ the connection of Robert Burns the Poet with our Lodge is discredited.

“In these circumstances it is my duty to inform you that there is ample evidence of the Poet’s association with this Lodge as currently reported, and I shall be glad to be assured by you that the statement referred to is erroneous.

“Yours fraternally,

“(Signed) H. C. PEACOCK, *Secy.*”

“Dalhousie Cottage, Ayr,

“24th January 1873.

“Dear Sir and Brother,

“Thanks for your note of yesterday’s date. The statement to which you refer is scarcely correct. It is not my object to depreciate any Lodge in regard to its association with eminent characters. I have, in noticing Burns’ connection with Canongate Kilwinning, stated the following FACTS:—1st. That B. was ‘assumed a member’ of the Lodge, Feby. 1, 1787; 2nd. That Feb. 9, 1815, B. is designated (for the *first* time) POET-LAUREATE of the Lodge; 3rd. Canongate Kilwinning records contain *no* evidence of Burns being *elected* Po.-L., or of his having been *installed* as such—as represented in the Picture painted by Stewart Watson. But if you can show me proof that the Picture in question is a representation of *what actually took place*, I shall only be too glad to avail myself of the evidence. In my remarks on Canongate Kilwinning, I embrace a fac-simile of its *original commission* as a branch of Mother Kilwin-

ning, and also give it full credit for having taken the initiative in the erection of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and of its being the mother Lodge of St. Clair. My notes on *Burns'* connection with Canongate Kilwinning will be in the printer's hands in a few days. Communicate at once.

"Yours fraternally,

"(Signed) D. MURRAY LYON."

"Edinburgh, 7th February 1873.

"D. MURRAY LYON, Esq., Ayr.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"In reply to your favour of 24th ultimo, I beg to state on behalf of the R.W.M. and Office-bearers of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, that, although we fully believe, as you profess, that it is not your object 'to depreciate any Lodge in regard to its association with eminent characters,' and we have every faith in your desire to be impartial in your History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel, No. 1), yet, the explanation contained in your letter respecting the notice therein of Burns and Canongate Kilwinning, I regret to say, looks very like a confirmation of the report of it, which had reached us; and from your mode of stating isolated facts, it appears after all that in your intended notice, the connection of ROBERT BURNS with this Lodge, as commonly reported, is discredited.

"If I had that notice before me in full, as you purpose publishing it, I should know better how to reply, and we might be saved some correspondence; but, with the statements regarding it as are given in your note, I shall nevertheless endeavour to answer you.

"Had any doubt ever been previously thrown on the universally accepted connection of Robert Burns with the Canongate Kilwinning, the nature of your reference to it might be looked for in such a comprehensive work as you propose to publish; but, when it is considered that only *now*, when few of the living links remain, connecting us with those who had often borne testimony to their personal acquaintance with Burns, and to their having been at meetings of the

Lodge, when he was there as its Poet-Laureate, the tenor of your notice appears extraordinary.

“The work published in 1846, entitled ‘A Winter with Robert Burns,’ gives a faithful exposition of the Picture of Burns’ Inauguration as Poet-Laureate, and contains much interesting matter relative to the individuals portrayed therein, and the Poet’s intimacy with them; and when the materials for that work were being collected, there were several members of the Canongate Kilwinning alive, having vivid recollections of the Lodge meetings of 1786-7, from whom much of the information was derived. Such testimony as those then living witnesses of the events of 1786-7 in Lodge Canongate Kilwinning is not available to us now, *but what they did testify to was* WIDELY CIRCULATED AND NEVER CONTRADICTED. Their accounts of Burns and his intimate association with the Canongate Kilwinning, of his holding the appointment of Poet-Laureate, and of his having been formally elected as such, were never doubted. Such a circumstance, therefore, is strong evidence of the truth of what is narrated in the ‘Winter with Robert Burns.’

“It is well known that the author of that work investigated the subject it treats of very thoroughly, and from sources of information which may not now be open to us, especially as just stated, from his intimate acquaintance with many of the old members,—and that is shewn by his own words, and other evidence in the Minutes, also from having had the advantage of much historical information gleaned by a Committee of the Lodge, formed a few years previously to the date of his book, for the express purpose, as defined in the Minutes, ‘of investigating the Records of the Lodge and to frame such an account (of the Lodge) as may seem to them most advisable.’ That Committee consisted of Mr. H. Jardine, Advocate, R.W.M. (son of Sir H. Jardine, R.W.M. in 1790), the D.M., Mr. Jas. Jardine, the Sub. M., William Edmonstone Aytoun, Mr. Alexander Robertson, Writer to the Signet, and several others. Further, as one guarantee in favour of the truthful compilation of the work under notice, we have the status and well-known talent of its author; and as another

guarantee we have the fact, well known to a wide circle of Brethren, that the matter contained in it with which we have at present to do had been certainly *obtained from or based upon the Minutes* of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning. No one has ever impugned the work in any way or discredited its narratives; and, after nearly thirty years now of its existence, it seems past the time to attempt doing so.

“ In 1815 there must have been many among the Brethren of a Lodge so strong in numbers who had either been associates of Burns or well acquainted with those who had been in his company at their meetings; and in the Minute of 9th February of that year the statement incidentally occurs regarding ROBERT BURNS, that he ‘*was a Member and Poet-Laureate of this Lodge.*’ Certainly if such designation could not then have been truthfully applied, and if the Brethren of that time had not perfect faith in it, we are bound to believe that the Minutes would not bear any such record. You say that in your notice of Burns and the Canongate Kilwinning, you have stated certain ‘FACTS,’ and one of them is ‘that February 9th, 1815, B. is designated (for the *first* time) POET-LAUREATE.’ I trust to be excused pointing out that such a fact, set forth with any such emphasis, and standing *alone*—without qualification or further information of any kind relative to it—is not likely to convey the *real truth* to the reader. It may be the first time the designation occurs in the Minutes, but it would be palpably wrong to suppose, therefore, that Burns was only then for the first time termed Poet-Laureate, unless the absurdity can be supposed that the men—of acknowledged worth and status in society—who took leading part in that meeting, had become for that occasion most unscrupulous and untruthful, and that the men of equal position and character who formed the meeting of 9th June 1815, when the Poet is again referred to as ‘*the lamented Bard ROBERT BURNS (who had been Poet-Laureate of the Lodge),*’ had likewise become equally dishonourable. The Lodge was a strong one in those days; for a long period its members were exceedingly numerous, and had either the matter of Burns’ Poet-Laureateship, or of his formal election to the office of Poet-

Laureate—so long and widely known—been untrue, the contradiction would assuredly have been known also. Brethren who attended those two meetings in 1815 can be shown by the earlier Minutes to have been active members of the Lodge for many years prior to the close of last century. In particular, I may mention ALEX. JAFFRAY (repeatedly elected R.W.M.), and CHARLES MORE, who had filled various prominent offices in the Lodge; and here, regarding the latter brother, I may state one fact which possibly you may have overlooked, namely, that in that Minute of 9th June 1815, Bro. CHARLES MORE seconds a resolution anent the Lodge's subscription towards the general fund then being raised for erecting a Mausoleum to the memory of BURNS, who is so distinctly at this time, and by so many worthy witnesses, acknowledged as Poet-Laureate of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, and one therefore in whom the Canongate Kilwinning had special interest. *This Charles More, whose name occurs so prominently in the Minute of 9th June 1815, is the same whose signature as Depute Master is appended to the Minute of 1st February 1787, when BURNS is affiliated, and to the following Minute of 1st March 1787, at which date it is understood the Inauguration took place.** Indeed, Brother Charles More appears, by his signature to the Minutes, to have attended *all* the Meetings during the period of BURNS' visit to Edinburgh 1786-7. The Secretary, Mr. Paul Taylor, who wrote these Minutes of 1815, had held office for over ten years, and must have been fully conversant with reminiscences of the Poet and his connection with our Lodge, derived from the very men who had enjoyed the Poet's society.

"It may be reckoned comparatively slender evidence to add to the foregoing, yet it may be remarked as some satisfaction to know that there are members of the Lodge at the present time who associated for years with those members who had the privilege of BURNS' company in the Lodge when he wore the jewel of his office as Poet-Laureate; that further, that jewel was also worn by the ETRICK

* The reference to 1st March 1787 is not embraced in Lyon's History.

SHEPHERD as Poet-Laureate of Canongate Kilwinning, and it had the name of ROBERT BURNS engraved upon it when the Poet-Laureateship was conferred upon him.

“Incidentally I may state also, regarding the foregoing matter, that in the Minute of 16th January 1835, it appears a resolution was carried to the effect ‘that it was expedient that the honorary office of Poet-Laureate of the Lodge, which had been in abeyance since the death of the immortal BROTHER ROBERT BURNS, should be revived, and that JAMES HOGG the “Ettrick Shepherd,” on whom his poetic mantle had fallen, should be respectfully requested to accept the appointment as the highest tribute to his genius and worth which the brethren have it in their power to bestow,’ which motion it is said ‘was unanimously and enthusiastically carried.’

“It is not much to be wondered at that reference to BURNS does not occur more often in the Minutes, because, in the first place, the Minutes for many years prior to 1789 are few, while we know from various sources that meetings of the Lodge were very frequent, and those Minutes are invariably brief; little else but a record of intrants, passings, and raisings,—and generally written in a somewhat clumsy and negligent manner. Their brevity in some instances cannot be excelled—only a line and a half or eighteen words—and this at a time, too, when there is every reason to believe that events worthy of note were frequent in the Canongate Kilwinning; secondly, at the time that ROBERT BURNS was affiliated to the Lodge and was elected its Poet-Laureate he was not the distinguished Poet that he afterwards became. Indeed it was only after his death in 1796 that the man or his works were esteemed at anything like their value, and only after many years was his memory regarded with anything like the veneration accorded to it now.

“I have had conversation on this matter with a distinguished member of the Canongate Kilwinning who has been connected with it for more than five-and-thirty years, and who stands high in the Craft.* He knew Bro. William Petric of our Lodge, who had been

* Bro. Samuel Somerville of Ampherlaw, M.D.

present at the Inauguration of Burns as Poet-Laureate, and has heard from his lips many very interesting reminiscences of the Poet, and of events which had occurred in the Lodge when there in company with him. Further, the member I refer to informed me that he also knew intimately Bro. W. Campbell, W.S., who was for very many years a member of Canongate Kilwinning, and who had similar recollections of Burns, and I find in the Minute of Meeting of 12th November 1845, which records matter connected with the project of painting the Inauguration, that this same Bro. Campbell seconds the resolution 'that Bro. Watson have access to sketch the antique and picturesque interior of the Lodge with a view to his painting the Inauguration of Robert Burns as her Poet-Laureate,' and adds that he had '*had many opportunities of giving testimony in favour of the particulars referred to,*' that he had travelled in company of Burns, 'and spent two of the most happy days with him at Auchtertyre Castle.' It is recorded in this Minute also that Bro. James Marshall, who proposed the motion quoted above, concluded his remarks by saying that 'years ago, when he—Brother Marshall—attended this Lodge, he took a chief interest in the reminiscences of old men connected with such events, but of these he feared few survived.' Further on it is said, 'Brother Marshall was requested to furnish the *authenticated particulars* to a subsequent meeting, when the motion should be disposed of.' Meantime it was unanimously 'entertained.' And in the Minute of next Meeting, 19th November 1845, when Brother Marshall brought up his motion as directed, we are told that 'the motion was seconded by the R.W.M., and unanimously carried.'

"But besides the unimpeachable oral evidence I have just adduced, I should add the instance of another eminent member of Canongate Kilwinning, whom I have the privilege of knowing,* and who has informed me that the late Mr. Alex. Robertson, W.S. (R.W.M. of the Lodge 1819 to 1830), and Mr. Alex. M'Neill, Advocate (and R.W.M.

* Bro. Wm. N. Fraser of Tornaveen, R.W.M., and present Chairman of the Lodge Committee, 1888.

1830 to 1837), whom he knew intimately, had no doubt whatever of the fact of the Inauguration having actually taken place, and they must have associated with, or met many brethren who were present on the occasion. Evidence so direct as this cannot be disputed.

"I need add no more now, except that I apologise for delay in replying to your communication, occasioned by very great pressure of business, which certainly has prevented me giving this subject the attention it deserves; but, should you be kind enough to favour me with a copy or proof of such notice of Burns and the Canongate Kilwinning as you intend publishing, I shall be very glad to write you again with remarks upon it.

"Yours, &c.,

"(Signed) H. C. PEACOCK, *Secy.*"

"Ayr, February 11, 1873.

"My dear Sir and Brother,

"I have to thank you for the very full statement you have made anent the Inauguration, in name of the R.W.M. and other Officers of the Canongate Kilwinning. I recognise the satisfactory nature of the evidence you have submitted, and shall have pleasure in giving effect to it in my forthcoming work. The delay which has occurred on your part prevents my being able to submit a slip of my remarks, the printers being close up to that particular part of my MS. I would take the liberty of saying, that while I shall embody the facts you have put me in possession of, I will not require to *alter* a single sentence of what I had previously written. The *report*, to which you have twice alluded, must certainly have been exaggerated. No one out of Ayr has seen the MS. on the subject, as finally prepared for the printer—*i.e.*, before you addressed me on the subject. Again thanking you, I am,

"Ever faithfully yours,

"(Signed) D. MURRAY LYON,

"H. C. PEACOCK, Esq.,

"Edinburgh."

While Bro. Stewart Watson was putting the last touches to the painting of "The Inauguration," formal circulars were sent to the Editors of all the Edinburgh Journals, inviting them or their critics to a view of it, and the *Scotsman* said :—"The incident in the life of our great Scottish poet which it represents, may at first sight be thought a comparatively unimportant one ; but when we recollect that it was one of the few occasions on which, during his lifetime, his poetic genius was publicly acknowledged and proclaimed, we must at once allow that in this view the event is not without its interest and significance." The *Weekly Chronicle and Pilot* said :—"The ceremony itself is interesting, as it brings the Bard of Ayr into view in one of the few situations in which, during his own lifetime, his genius was duly acknowledged. He is represented as about to be crowned with the poetic wreath by the Master of the Lodge. His portrait strictly corresponds with an engraving which we had the privilege of hearing Mrs. Begg, the poet's sister, pronounce to be the most faithful likeness of her illustrious brother among a number shewn to her at the same time." The *Edinburgh Evening Post* :—"The Lodge at the moment is filled by the most distinguished and notable men of the day in groups, and so arranged as to show the friendships and remote intimacies subsisting among them. All this is in admirable taste. The leading characters are evidently portraits, but they are animated and lighted up by the interest of the scene and the passing conversation arising out of it. The group on the Master's left is composed of distinguished visitors, such as Lords Elcho, Torphichen, Glencairn, Eglinton, and the Earl of Buchan. On his right we have Sir William Forbes, Sir John Whitfoord, Mr. Dalrymple of Orangefield, Mr. Millar of Dalswinton, &c. The next most prominent group of the whole is graced by the interesting portraits of Lord Monboddo and Henry Erskine. The next presents the 'Man of Feeling,' Baron Norton, and Lord Kenmure, engaged in conversation. A prominent group now presents itself, amongst whom Dunbar (Rattlin' Roarin' Willie) appears, supported by Nicol and Cruickshank, masters of the High School, Louis Cauvin, and Allan Masterton, who, being a composer of music,

is addressing himself to the orchestra. We have then Dugald Stewart, William Smellie, and Creech the publisher; also Sir James Hunter Blair, Lord Francis Napier, the celebrated James Boswell, Alexander Wood, Captain Grose, with many more interesting and well-known persons connected with the history of the period."

The Centenary of the Inauguration of Robert Burns as Poet-Laureate of Canongate Kilwinning, was celebrated on Tuesday, 1st March 1887, when the venerable Lodge-room was crowded with brethren from the sister Lodges at home, and several from the American, Australian, and other far distant Lodges. On this interesting occasion the toast of the evening was appropriately delivered by Past-Master W. N. Fraser of Tornaveen, who spoke as follows:—

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brothers,

"I rise to perform the duty which has devolved upon me of proposing a toast to an illustrious man and a former Poet-Laureate of this Lodge—Robert Burns. On the 1st of February 1787, the then R.W. Master of the Lodge, Mr. Alexander Fergusson of Craigdarroch, a member of the Scottish Bar, proposed that Burns should be affiliated a Brother of the Lodge. This was unanimously agreed to, and he was assumed accordingly. The Minute records that the evening was spent in a most agreeable manner. On the 1st of March following—just one hundred years ago to-day—Fergusson of Craigdarroch, Master of the Lodge, was again in the Chair, and conferred upon Burns the title of Poet-Laureate of the Lodge. The appointment thus conferred was creditable to the Right Worshipful Master, while the honour was fully appreciated by the Bard. He alludes to the circumstance in the following lines:—

' To please you, and praise you,
Ye ken your Laureate scorns;
The prayer still—you share still
Of grateful minstrel Burns.'

At this time of day it is useless to expatiate on the matchless genius of Burns. The civilized world acknowledges it. Wherever the English language is spoken, his poems are read and his songs are sung. It is recorded that when, in a company of the highest spirits, a question was raised as to what was deemed the most poetical passage in the English Language, Byron's quotation was:—

'Kings may be blest, but Tam was glorious,
O'er a' the ills of life victorious.'

And Sir Walter Scott, the greatest of Romancers, said that the stanza which I now quote was worth a thousand romances:—

'Had we never lov'd sae kindly!
Had we never lov'd sae blindly!
Never met or never parted,
We had ne'er been broken-hearted.'

The words are the Alpha and Omega of feeling, and as the distinguished Mrs. Jameson remarked, 'contain the essence of the existence of pain and pleasure distilled into one burning drop.' Before I sit down, Brethren, I cannot resist mentioning what has often occurred to me, that I consider it a great want of taste in speakers at meetings held in honour of Burns, that they oftentimes dwell—and at great length—on the failings of this illustrious man. It is time that those should now be buried, never again to see the light. Scotsmen ought only to remember the lustre which his genius has shed upon their common country. I cannot help thinking that his friends and contemporaries—many of them were of elevated rank and talent—ought to have procured for him some more congenial occupation than an appointment in the Excise. I can believe that this failure on their part was the great cause of the misfortunes which befell him.

'HE lives whom WE call dead.'

I now ask you, R.W. Sir and Brethren, to drink in solemn silence, a toast to the Memory of our great Poet-Laureate—ROBERT BURNS."

CHAPTER IX.

LORD TORPHICHEN was elected and installed as Master of the Lodge on 24th June 1787, when Mr. Fergusson, jun. of Craigdarroch, was affiliated ; and at the succeeding meeting four guineas were paid to a "Brother in distress," whose case could "admit of no delay." The earliest mention of a Substitute Master having been elected is on 24th June 1788, and on this occasion a deputation from the Roman Eagle Lodge—instituted 7th February 1785—is for the first time recorded, when six of their number, which probably formed the entire deputation, were affiliated. On 4th December, a "Brother from the Union Kilwinning Lodge at Charlestown, South Carolina, was affiliated ;" and on St. John the Evangelist's Day the Grand Master, Lord Napier, celebrated that Festival, "no entertainment having been on St. Andrew's Day on account of the indisposition of His Majesty."

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Napier Grand Master". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'N' and a long, sweeping underline.

On 6th January 1789, the R.W. Master was authorized to vote for a minister for the Canongate Kirk, and during the evening a Grand Lodge visitation was received, headed by Lord Napier. This Minute records, for the first time in the books, that a deputation from the Lodge Edinburgh Defensive Band—instituted 4th November 1782—was present. On 5th February, "estimates were received for white-washing the roof and walls of the Lodge, and for procuring new

ribbons for the officers, and proper jewels for the Depute and Substitute Masters, which should be entrusted to the Master and Depute Master, both which were agreed to by the Brethren." *N.B.*—"At this meeting Brother Dr. Adair presented the Lodge with a new Sword, to be used at entering Brothers, which was accepted of with thanks."

On 2nd April, it was intimated that there was no meeting in March, as the Brethren attended the Grand Master to St. James' Lodge "on that occasion." Dr. Touch, Grand Chaplain, was passed and raised at this meeting, his fees being dispensed with "on account of his profession." At the Annual Meeting on 24th June, Brother Dunbar was re-elected Master, and the Lodge was favoured with deputations from St. James' Lodge—instituted 19th August 1765—and the Thistle Lodge—instituted August 1751, but became extinct in 1823—"the former of which was returned by Brother Hay, Substitute Grand Master, Brothers Wilmot and Holman, to show the regard the Lodge have for their Operative Brethren." At the following meeting on 6th August, Brother Neill, of St. James' Lodge, was assumed a Member "for his brotherly attention to the Interests of this Lodge." This evening several visiting Brethren were present, particularly the "Master of the Ancient Lodge of Edinburgh, and of St. George's, Dunse."

They met again on Tuesday, 3rd November, "in place of Thursday, which is the Town's Fast Day." It was reported "that, by particular desire of the Grand Lodge, several persons, who were to be part of the band of Singers at the ensuing procession, had been entered Apprentices *gratis*."

"The Right Worshipful Master informed the Brethren that the Foundation Stone of a new University was to be laid upon Monday, the 16th inst., by the Grand Master, and that the Brethren were to join him in procession to the place in their different Lodges. He thereupon requested that the Brethren of this Lodge would meet him on that day in the Goldsmiths' Hall, at a quarter before eleven o'clock forenoon.

“He then mentioned that, as this edifice was to be built upon an elegant and commodious plan, and at an expense exceeding what the Town, as a body, was able to do, that it would require the assistance of every one to contribute, as far as in their power, to the execution of this useful and ornamental work. He hoped, therefore, the Brethren of the Lodge would authorize him to subscribe, in their names, Nine Guineas (being a Masonic number) for this purpose. This proposal met with the most cordial approbation of the Brethren.

“Success to the new University, and the Learned Professors in it, and the Healths of the Lord Provost and Council, the proposers of it, and of Bro. Adam, the Architect, were drunk with the greatest applause.

“The Band of Music, Vocal and Instrumental, who were to assist at the Procession, were present, and rehearsed the several Anthems, &c., to be sung upon that occasion.

“Two Brethren of the Roman Eagle were assumed Members. The evening was spent in a most agreeable and happy manner. The meeting was numerous and very respectable. It was attended by several Members of the Town Council, and many Masters and Members of different Lodges. Closed in proper form.”

The next Minute is dated—

“St. John’s Chapel,

“St. Andrew’s Day, 30th Nov. 1789.

“This evening the Brethren met in their Lodge-room to celebrate this Festival, there being no Procession or General Meeting of the Brethren. A Supper was prepared for this occasion, which was partaken of by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Lodge of St. David’s, and a numerous and respectable body of Brethren.”

It was reported that the R.W. Depute, in absence of the Master had, with the Brethren of the Lodge, attended the laying of the Foundation Stone of the new University; also, that since last Monthly Meeting, fourteen gentlemen were received and entered Apprentices,

including Professor James Gregory, and George, seventeenth Earl of Morton. The Right Worshipful intimated that, as no business fell to be transacted on St. John's Day, he would take that opportunity of returning the visit of the Lodge of St. David's.

A second Minute of this date says:—"This evening the Lodge . . . was visited by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Brother Thomas Hay, Grand Master *p.t.*; the Right Honourable the Earl of Morton, Grand Master Elect;" and others, who all sign the Minute, "The Grand Lodge was received wth the greatest respect. They Supt and spent the evening with the greatest freedom, ease, and happiness. The Lodge was attended this evening by the Right Worshipful Lodge of St. David's."

The following is an extract from the Minute of 7th January 1790:—"Tho' the meeting was by no means numerous, it was by no means deficient in mirth and good humour, as usual on meetings of the Brethren of this Lodge. The meeting was honour'd wth the presence of the Most Worshipful Sub. Grand Master Hay, and was much pleased wth the performances of B^r. Aitchison on the Organ. Closed in proper form and proper time."

The Annual Meeting took place on 24th June, when H. Jardine was elected Master. At the meeting of 2nd December the Grand Master, the Earl of Morton, was present when the ordinary monthly business was being transacted, and a Special Meeting of this date records that—"Thereafter the Right Honourable and Most Worshipful the Earl of Morton, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, attended with the Right Worshipful Thomas Hay, Esq., Substitute Grand Master; William Campbell and John Scott, Esqs., Grand Wardens; William Mason, Esq., Grand Secretary; and Robert Meikle, Grand Clerk, preceded by the Grand Stewards, were pleased, to favour the Lodge with a visit." . . . The autograph of the Grand Master is appended.



Morton G. M.

On St. John the Baptist's Day—24th June 1791—the Master and other office-bearers were all re-elected for this year, and as the custom of assuming Brethren of sister Lodges had become rather common, the R.W.M. proposed “that, in future, no Brother should be assumed as a Member of this Lodge without a motion for that purpose having lain a month before the Lodge.” Agreed to unanimously. Sir David Carnegie, and twelve others, were reported to this meeting as having been entered, passed, and raised. The following is the Minute of 7th November:—“An Extraordinary Meeting having been called to appoint a Substitute Master, to supply the vacancy occasioned by Br. Lehrie's having gone abroad, the meeting unanimously appointed Brother Dr. Adair to fill that chair, when he was admitted accordingly.”

At this period the Lodge continued to hold the Festivals of St. Andrew in their own room, for, on the 30th November this year, it is again found that the celebration took place in St. John's Chapel, “when the attendance at this meeting was numerous, and the evening was passed with much conviviality.” Ten new Members were reported as having joined since last meeting.

The Minute of the Annual Meeting opens thus:—

“St. John's Chapel, 25th June 1792.

“The Lodge, having met this evening (the 24th being Sunday) to celebrate the Anniversary of the Feast of St. John the Baptist, the Titular Saint of this Lodge.” . . . Dr. Thomas Cochrane was elected Master, etc. The Lodge received deputations from Mary's Chapel, St. James', and St. David's. On 30th November, the Lodge met to celebrate the Festival of St. Andrew, when it was reported that, since last meeting, several gentlemen were entered, passed, and raised, amongst them being the Right Hon. William Earl of Ancrum, afterwards sixth Marquis of Lothian, and Grand Master 1794-95; and the Right Hon. Francis Lord Doune, afterwards ninth Earl of Moray, and Grand Master Mason of Scotland in 1796-97. “The Lodge was very numerously attended.”

The Minute of 17th January records that as "the Lodge having celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist on the 27th ultimo with their sister Lodge of St. David's, there was no meeting till this evening." Having "received a Resignation from Dr. Cochrane, Master of the Lodge, who was to leave this city, they elected Dr. Farquharson to supply his place," and "then adjourned to celebrate the Festival of St. Ive, with their sister Lodge of St. David's."

At the Annual Meeting Brother Dr. Farquharson was continued R.W. Master. "The Lodge was visited by Bror. Home and the Lodge of St. David's in form, and received Deputations from the Lodges '*Old Journey Men*,' represented by Bror. Wilkie, and *The Thistle*, by Bror. Peter, which were properly returned." Although a meeting took place on St. John the Evangelist's Day this year, none appears to have been held on St. Andrew's.

On 13th February it is recorded that "a letter was received from the Right Worshipful Substitute Grand Master of Scotland, Thos. Hay, Esq., intimating that the Most Noble and Most Worshipful the Marquis of Huntly, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, proposed visiting this Lodge the earliest opportunity." It does not appear, however, that his Lordship ever found an opportunity of carrying out his intention. On 24th June 1794, Brother Dr. Farquharson was again re-elected Master, and it was reported that twenty-one entries had taken place since last meeting. The Treasurer's annual accounts were passed. *Two Minutes* are again recorded on 1st December, the first of which mentions the entering, passing, and raising of several gentlemen, including Sir James Foulis, Bart., and concludes as follows:—"The Lodge this evening received the Honour of a visit from the Right Hon^{ble} and Most Worshipful the Earl of Ancrum, Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and were attended by several other of the Lodges of the City; and, after spending an evening with a conviviality and good humour which has seldom been equalled and never surpassed, the Lodge was with regret adjourned." Then follows the second Minute, recording the Grand Lodge visitation in the usual stereotyped and monotonous phraseology of the Grand

Clerk. The signatures to this Minute are those of the Earl of Ancrum ; Thos. Hay, D.G.M. *p.t.* ; Colonel M'Dowal of Logan, *M.P.*, S.G.M. *p.t.* ; Sir James Foulis, Bart., and Andrew Houston, G.W.s ; John Hay, G. Chaplain ; and Robert Meikle, G. Clerk.

The next Minute of interest is that of 24th June 1795, when Brother Robert Moir was elected R.W.M. During the evening he referred to a meeting of which no record has been engrossed. "The Rt. Worshipful stated that the Brethren would recollect that an Extraordinary Meeting had been called early in the Winter, for the purpose of uniting the Royal Edinburgh Volunteers with Masonry, the proceeds of which meeting it was agreed, should, without any deduction whatever, be applied to charitable purposes. The whole sum collected on that night amounted only to £8, 8s., and was as yet unapplied. The Right Worshipful took the liberty of suggesting that, in order to make it a Masonic number, one guinea should be taken from the funds of the Lodge, when he proposed to distribute these NINE GUINEAS in the following manner: Three to the INDUSTRIOUS POOR, Three to the DESTITUTE SICK, and Three to the INDUSTRIOUS BLIND, which propositions were unanimously acceded to."

On 12th November, a Brother of the Melrose Kilwinning was assumed an Honorary Member, and the Lodge was attended by Brother Hay, S.G.M., and Brother Campbell, late J.G.W.

30th November :—"This evening, being the Festival of St. Andrew, the Lodge met for the purpose of paying their respects to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, along with the other Lodges in Edinr., on which occasion the attendance was both numerous and respectable." It is minuted on 3rd December, that "This night the Lodge was visited by the Caledonian Lodge, under Brother Duff, the Depute Master." . . . "The Lodge was not closed till a late hour, as the Brethren, from the unusual conviviality and good humour which prevailed this evening, showed a very great disinclination to separate."

On 24th June 1796, Brother Robert Moir was continued R.W. Master.

The usual annual business was transacted, and the Lodge was visited by deputations from "St. David's" and the "Journeymen." It was reported on 10th November that, amongst others, Dr. John Barclay, Preacher of the Gospel, had been entered Apprentice and Member of the Lodge, but that his fees (as is usual from his profession) had been dispensed with.

The following is copy of the Minute of 30th November, which is too quaint and original to be omitted here:—

" St. Andrew's Day 1796.

"The Lodge having met this evening, and having been opened in due form, the Treasurer reported that, since last meeting, Messrs. Murray of London and George Watt had been entered apprentices, and paid their dues accordingly, and that Brother Laing had been passed and raised.

"There having been, on this day, no public entertainment for the Brethren, the Members of this Lodge celebrated the Festival in their own Lodge-room, where a Cold Collation was served up. There was a very Numerous and respectable assembly of Brethren, among whom were many of the oldest Members of the Lodge, whose appearance and behaviour added much to the festivity of the meeting. The Lodge was attended by the Lodge of Saint David's, and by several of the Magistrates of Edinburgh, to whom and the Visiting Brethren the proper honours were paid and gratefully received.

"A proper Compliment was also paid to our Right Worshipful Master on his promotion to the place of Junior Warden of Scotland.

"After spending one of those happy evenings that FREE MASONRY bestows on its votaries, the Lodge was closed at high Twelve with the proper solemnities."

On 12th January, "the Lodge being constituted, the R.W. *p.z.* intimated to the Brethren that, owing to a severe indisposition of the R. Worshipful Master, the Secretary had got instructions not to intimate the meeting which should have taken place in December

last. After congratulating the Members on the convalescence of their worthy Right Worshipful, a circumstance at which they cordially rejoiced, the R.W. *p.z.* proposed that Brother William Wight and David Wight of St. Luke's, and John Galbreath of St. Stephen's, sh^d. be admitted Hon. Members of this Lodge." Unanimously approved of. At the next monthly meeting on 2nd February, the Secretary intimated that, through inadvertence, Brother Alex. Jaffray's entry had not been inserted in the Minute Book; that he was entered and admitted a Member of this Lodge on 24th June 1795; and, since last monthly meeting, was passed and raised. "The R. Worshipful intimated to the Brethren that, owing to the Fast Day previous to Dispensing the Sacrament, L.S., in the Parish of Canongate, happening on the night on which next meeting would fall, he adjourned the meeting to the 6th day of April next."

On 24th June 1797, Brother Robert Moir was for the third time elected R.W. Master of the Lodge, and deputations were received from St. David's and St. Stephen's. The following is the Minute of 30th November, St. Andrew's Day, copied in full:—"This evening a very numerous body of the Brethren met the Right Worshipful Master, and other office-bearers of the Lodge, and proceeded to the Parliament House to attend the Election of the office-bearers of the GRAND LODGE, which being finished, they walked in procession with the Grand Lodge and office-bearers, and Members of the other Lodges in Scotland, amounting to upwards of One thousand of the Brethren, to the King's Arms Tavern, where a repast was prepared." At the December meeting, it was reported that eight gentlemen were entered as Members of the Lodge, amongst whom were Messrs. William Dalrymple and Charles Ker, two of the Magistrates of Edinburgh. "The R.W. was congratulated on his re-election to the office of Junior Grand Warden of Scotland. The evening was spent with much Harmony, to which the Brethren composing the Band of Music to the Second Battalion of the 2d. Regt. of Royal Edinr. Volunteers contributed not a little."

The first succeeding Minute of interest occurs on 1st March, when the Secretary records that "The Lodge this night was visited by the Grand Lodge in form, as mentioned in the Minute thereof on the opposite page." Then follows the Minute referred to, and as it is written by a new Grand Clerk, successor to Brother Meikle, the phraseology is consequently different, and the whole is here transcribed:—

"This evening the Lodge, being duly constituted by the Right Worshipful Brother Robert Moir (present Junior Grand Warden of Scotland), thereafter the Lodge was visited by the Right Worshipful Thomas Hay, Substitute Grand Master (in absence of Francis Lord Viscount Doune, Most Worshipful Grand Master). Upon this occasion he was attended by the Right Worshipful John Grieve, Master of the Journeymen Lodge, and William Stoddart of St. Stephen's as Grand Wardens *p.t.*, and Thomas Sommers, Grand Clerk.

"The meeting upon this occasion was visited by the R.W. Master of the Journeymen Lodge, Edinr., St. Stephen's, Do., and Edinr. Defensive Band, Do., and proxies of various Lodges.

"The Most Worshipful from the Chair addressed the Brethren in a suitable manner, to which they made a suitable return.

"Upon the whole the meeting was opened with Propriety, conducted with Regularity, and concluded with Harmony and true Masonic form."

On 10th April "the meeting was numerously attended, and the evening was spent with true Masonic Joy." The R.W., in intimating that next meeting would be the Election one, on St. John's Day, took the opportunity of thanking the Brethren as follows:—"That he then meant to vacate his seat, and in a short but warm address returned his thanks to the Brethren, not only for the honour which they had conferred upon him by having elected him to preside over the Lodge for three successive years, but also for the support and countenance which they had uniformly given him by their numerous and regular attendance."

The Election meeting took place on Monday, 25th June, "yesterday being Sunday." The R.W. Master "recommended Brother Hugh Smith Mercer, W.S. (whose father had for a period of twenty years held the important offices of Steward, Treasurer, and Depute Master of this Lodge), as a proper person to succeed him." The election of Depute Master was deferred till the first meeting in November. The Lodge of St. David's, as has been their uniform practice for many years, spent the evening with the Lodge, also the Lodge of Canongate and Leith Leith and Canongate. The Journeymen, and several of the others in town, sent congratulatory deputations. The first meeting of the season took place on 15th November, when Mr. Butler, organist, was admitted gratis, "and contributed much to the entertainment of the evening by his performances on the organ."

On St. Andrew's Day, "in consequence of a previous intimation, a numerous body of the Brethren assembled at Mr. E. Murray's, Vintner, Parliament Close, to attend the R.W. Master and the other Office-bearers. Upon this occasion the Brethren had to regret that distresses of a family nature prevented their Worthy Master from presiding over the Lodge, but they were fortunate in having this loss ably supplied by the presence and presidency of their late Master, Brother Moir. When the Brethren had assembled, they proceeded to the Parliament House to attend the Election; and when it was over, they, with the Grand Lodge and the other Lodges in town, and Deputations from a great many Lodges in Scotland, walked in a splendid and well-conducted procession to the King's Arms Tavern, where a cold collation was prepared. This Lodge spent a most agreeable and happy evening in a separate room, where they were attended by the Brethren of the Band of the First Regiment of Edinburgh Volunteers, and at High Twelve the Grand Lodge was closed."

At the monthly meeting on 6th December the Treasurer reported a list of fifteen new Members who had lately been admitted, besides "several of the individuals of the Band of the 2d Battalion 2d Regt. of Edinburgh Volunteers *gratis*, on consideration that their services were required on St. Andrew's Day." On 27th December, "Brothers Neil

M'Vicar and Archibald M'Dowal, of St. David's, had been passed and raised to the dignity of Master Masons, they having also paid the usual fees." Similar records of Brethren who were entered Apprentices in other Lodges constantly occur throughout the Minutes for many years prior and subsequent to this date. "The R.W. Master then read to the Brethren a Circular Letter which he had received relative to the building of a MASONIC HALL, mentioning that it was expected that this Lodge should subscribe such part of the Funds as the Lodge could afford towards the expense of building it. Having read the Letter, he submitted to their consideration till a future meeting what sum ought to be subscribed from the Funds."

Appended is a fac-simile of the signature of the Earl of Ancrum, Grand Master, afterwards sixth Marquis of Lothian.

A fac-simile of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Ancrum G M" and is followed by a long, horizontal flourish line.

The following copy of the Diploma, issued at this period to Members of the Lodge, is supplied by Brother Alexander W. Marshall—representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in South Carolina—who is grandson of the party mentioned:—

To all whom it may concern, These are to Certify that the Bearer hereof, THOMAS MARSHALL, Esquire, from Charlestown, South Carolina, was duely and regularly admitted an Apprentice, passed Fellow Craft, and afterwards raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason in the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, holding of THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND, as appears from Authentic Documents produced to the GRAND LODGE aforesaid: In Testimony whereof these presents Are Subscribed by the Grand


Secretary and Clerk, the Seal of the GRAND LODGE hereto appended,
At Edinburgh, the Fourteenth day of July, in the year of Our Lord
one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and of Light Five
thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) WILL. MASON, *G. Secy.*

(Sgd.) R. MEIKLE, *Gd. Clk.*"

[*Seal of Grand Lodge (Lion rampant,
and Castles) being attached.*]

CHAPTER X.

 AT this period the Craft proposed to build a Freemasons' Hall for Grand Lodge, and for this purpose invited subscriptions from the various daughter Lodges. At the last meeting of the season—1798—"the R.W. Master intimated that in the event of the proposed measure being carried into execution, as the funds were but trifling, he expected that the Brethren would subscribe individually whatever they thought proper, so as this Lodge might be able to make up an handsome sum of a subscription—at least to equal those which have already been given by several of the other Lodges in town." The Lodge then adjourned, and spent the evening with St. David's.

The first meeting held in 1799 received a Grand Lodge visitation, headed by Sir James Stirling, as already stated,* and the Minute closes thus: "The meeting upon this occasion commenced with masonic propriety—conducted with regularity—and concluded with that harmony and exemplary behaviour which ever distinguish the meetings of the Brethren."

At the monthly meeting on 7th February, seven entered Apprentices of St. David's and one of St. James' Lodge were passed and raised in Canongate Kilwinning, and paid the dues; and on 14th March, "when the public business was finished, the brethren were *set to work*, and the evening was spent with unusual conviviality and merriment till the accustomed hour, when the Lodge was closed and adjourned till Saint John's Day."

An extraordinary meeting, however, was called on 18th April, to take into consideration the propriety of "the Lodge's subscribing

* *Ante*, page 40.

towards building a Free Masons' Hall." The R.W. then read the Minute of the last Committee meeting of the Lodge held on 9th inst., which stated at length the plan to be adopted by the Lodge relative to this matter, and which was to the following effect: "That the funds could not then afford a subscription equal to the magnitude of the object in view, but individual members to be applied to for subscriptions; that those already received, with whatever sum the Lodge could occasionally afford, be paid into bank; that the Committee make occasional Reports of the success of the individual subscriptions; and when they are of opinion that the subscriptions should close, make up and lay before the Lodge a Report of the whole, and crave instructions how to proceed—five additional Members to be added to the Standing Committee. The Secretary to prepare as full and correct a List of the Members as he possibly can, distinguishing the GRAND MASTERS chosen from this Lodge, also the different Members who have been Masters of the Lodge, and to report to the meeting of the Lodge to be held on 18th current." No record of any meeting, however, appears between this date and 24th June, when the Annual Election took place, at which the R.W. Brother Hugh Smith Mercer was continued in office. He "was necessarily absent that night on military duty, the Corps of Royal Edinburgh Volunteer Light Dragoons, of which he is a Member, being at present quartered at Musselburgh."

On St. Andrew's Day, "there having been no public Entertainment for the Brethren this day, the Members of the Lodge met in their own Lodge-room for the purpose of celebrating the Festival of the Titular Saint of Scotland."

The Minute of 12th December records that "This Evening the Lodge was visited by the R.W. Master and Brethren of the Caledonian Lodge, among whom was Jamie Thomson the Kinleith Poet, who repeated a number of his Poems, and sung several songs of his own composition, much to the satisfaction of the Brethren, who were much gratified at seeing among them a Brother who promises to do honour to the Scottish Muse."

On 20th March 1800, the R.W.M. informed the Brethren that the

meeting of the Lodge which should have taken place on the first Thursday of the month had been necessarily delayed till this evening, owing to the meeting of the Journeymen Lodge being held that evening for the purpose of receiving visits from the other Lodges in town, when it had been "usual for this Lodge to wait upon them, and which had been done accordingly." A visitation from the Journeymen was received this evening.

The next meeting took place on 24th June, when Brother Mercer was again elected Master, and the Treasurer's accounts and other business transacted. The R.W. Master and a numerous deputation from St. David's were received.

"At this meeting Brother HENRY BROUGHAM, Advocate (Lord High Chancellor of England), of the Stornoway Lodge, was assumed a Member of this Lodge."

St. Andrew's Day falling upon Sunday, the Festival was held on Monday, 1st December, when the Brethren proceeded to "the King's Arms Tavern to pay their respects to the Right Honourable and Most Worshipful Earl of Dalkeith, who was this day elected Grand Master for Scotland."

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated with the Lodge of St. David's.

At the meeting of 2d April 1801, "Brother Turpin, of the Theatre-Royal, was passed and raised gratis on account of the amusement he affords the Lodge," which was not closed till a late hour, the Brethren showing "little inclination to separate."

On 13th May "the R.W.M. informed the Brethren that the Foundation Stone of the New Wet Docks at Leith was to be laid to-morrow by the Grand Master of Scotland, and that the Brethren were to join him in procession to the place in their different Lodges. He therefore requested that the Brethren of this Lodge would meet him to-morrow morning at the Assembly Rooms, Leith, at *Eight o'clock*, to join in the procession."

At the Annual Meeting on 24th June, Brother Alexander Jaffray was elected R.W. Master (Sir George Mackenzie and Daniel Ainslie

entered), and on 16th November, being the first regular meeting of the season, "upwards of one hundred of the Brethren met, and after spending the night with heartfelt pleasure and satisfaction, the R.W. Master closed the Lodge in due form." The Festival of St. Andrew's was presided over by the Earl of Dalkeith, Grand Master, and the R.W. Master of Canongate Kilwinning sat as Senior Grand Warden, consequently the Depute Master opened and presided over the Lodge, when they proceeded to join Grand Lodge at the King's Arms Tavern.

On 3rd December, "The Honble. Henry Ramsay, at Lady Dalhousie's, St. Andrew Square, was received as an Honorary Member." . . . "The Lodge was not closed till a very late hour; what with Br. Schetky's violoncello, Messrs. Campbell and Butler playing upon the organ, and a great number of delightful singers, it was with reluctance the Brethren left the room after the Lodge being closed in due form."

15th December 1801: "A very select meeting of Master Masons took place at the Lodge this Evening. . . . A vote of thanks was given by the Worshipful Depute Master, and joined with endeared delight by the rest of the Brethren, to our Rt. Worshipful Master, for his having made a Present of a very handsome Sword, elegantly mounted in Silver, with a proper Motto engraved upon it, viz.: '*Post Nubila Phœbus*' (After Darkness comes Light), for the use of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge."

On 7th January 1802, "Br. Fran^s. Oliver L'Evesque, Orator in the Lodge of the Reunited Arts at the Orient of Caen," was affiliated, and it was reported that, at the meeting of 15th December, Brethren of the Thistle Lodge, Ancient Brazen Linlithgow, and St. Magdalen of Linlithgow, were all received Honorary Members. At the meeting of 3d March, Patrick Stirling of Kippendavie was entered, passed, and raised.

At the Election Meeting on 24th June, the R.W. Brother A. Jaffray, and all the other Office-bearers, were re-elected. "The Committee recommended that a new seal should be got for the Lodge, and remit to

Messrs. Jaffray, Russell, and Carroll, to project a proper device. Likewise that the fee for a Diploma should be seven shillings and sixpence sterling. They approve of four prints which were got for the Lodge, and they recommended that the Lodge should be painted, and that new Covering should be got for the Tables. All the above-mentioned has met with the approbation of the Brethren." Deputations were present from St. David's and Journeymen, and the Lodge "was closed with regret, after a night spent with the greatest harmony and delight, and to the heartfelt satisfaction of every Brother present."

On 2d November the Minute says, "This Evening the Lodge was opened by the R.W. Master, who had never been absent from that ceremony since he came to the chair: a numerous meeting took place," and amongst fourteen new Members reported as having been entered since last meeting appears the name of the Right Honourable George, ninth Earl of Dalhousie, who was M.W. GRAND MASTER from 1804 to 1807; and at next meeting, on 23d of the same month, several gentlemen were entered, amongst whom appears the name of Nicolas Sablankoff, Major-General in the Russian Service, and the Earl of Dalhousie was passed and raised. The following copy of the Minute of 30th November—St. Andrew's Day—will be read with interest: "This being the Anniversary of St Andrew's, the Brethren of this Lodge assembled in the Old Justiciary Court-Room, and from thence proceeded to the Parliament House for the purpose of Electing the Office-bearers of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year. Accordingly the following Noblemen and Gentlemen were elected with reiterated demonstrations of applause, viz.:

THE EARL OF ABOYNE,	. . . .	Grand Master.
EARL OF DALHOUSIE,	. . . .	D.G. Master.
JOHN CLERK, ESQ.,	. . . .	S.G. Master.
SIR GEO. MACKENZIE,	. . . .	G. Warden.
JAS. T. GORDON,	. . . .	"
JOHN HAY, ESQUIRE,	. . . .	G. Treasurer.
MR. WILLIAM GUTHRIE,	. . . .	G. Secretary.
REV. DR. TOUCH,	. . . .	G. Chaplain.
MR. JAS. BERTRAM,	. . . .	G. Clerk.

“After which the different Lodges, according to their seniority, walked in procession down the High Street to the King’s Arms Tavern. The streets were lined with the City Guard, a large Division of the 42d Regiment, and an immense number of boys with Torches, all under the direction of Sergeant-Major Gould, who had great merit for the correct manner he conducted it.

“The Evening upon the whole was spent with a great deal of happiness. The crowd was very great, which caused many to leave the Room who could not be provided with seats. It was a long time before they were all in order, the bustle at the door prevented the Stewards of the different Lodges from getting their respective Brethren provided with ammunition, which delay made the Brethren very unruly, and caused a great noise which was not quieted until a very late hour.

“All the other business was carried on by the Right Hon. & R.W. the Earl of Dalhousie, D.G.M. (in absence of the Earl of Aboyne), who gave a great number very appropriate Toasts, which were drunk by the Brethren with every mark of esteem and regard.

“The Lodge was not closed until a very late hour, and Peace and Quietness reigned throughout the City.”

The first meeting this year (1803) took place on 6th January, when a Grand Lodge visitation took place, headed by the Earl of Dalhousie,

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who signs the Minute. He was accompanied by Sir George Steuart Mackenzie of Coul, Bart., Sub.-G.M., and the other Grand Office-bearers, “who were ushered in by the Stewards in their rods, and received by the Lodge with the usual and accustomed honours.”

On that occasion Deputations were received as follows :

Mary's Chapel,	R.W. Bror. Wilkie.
Journeymen,	„ Moir.
Edinr. St. Andrew's,	„ Edgar.
„ St. James',	„ Dunn.
Caledonian,	„ M'Kenzie.

“All in the Cloathing of their respective Lodges.” The Minute goes on to describe the evening's proceedings in the usual manner.

At the Annual Meeting on 24th June, Brother Jaffray was again elected R.W.M., and it was resolved, “That although Brother Alex. Forbes, who had so long and faithfully served the Lodge as Tyler & Steward, was incapacitated from doing the duties of his office by age and infirmity, that he nevertheless sh^d continue to draw such a proportion of the fees of Entries, &c., as he had been accustomed to do.”

On 29th November, the meeting was attended by the Earls of Dalhousie and Errol, Colonel Campbell of Shawfield, &c. The Earl of Errol was assumed a Member, and the following, amongst others, were entered Apprentices, viz. : The Right Hon. Lord Rancliffe, the Right Hon. Lord Forbes, and Thomas Sheridan, Esq., *Aides-de-Camp* to Lord Moira.

“After passing a pleasant evening, distinguished by true Masonic harmony, the Lodge was in due form closed, but not till an *early* hour.”

Another Grand Lodge deputation, headed by the Earl of Dalhousie, was paid on 28th December. On this occasion he was accompanied by Sir John Stewart of Allanbank, and others, and deputations from various sister Lodges were present. The Masters of Canongate and Leith and Leith and Canongate and St. Andrew's Lodges acted as Grand Wardens.

It appears that, on a deputation paying a visit to the Thistle Lodge about the beginning of the year 1804, some misunderstanding occurred during the evening, and, in consequence, a Committee of Canongate Kilwinning was summoned for next day, 3rd March, to take the matter into consideration, and to determine what steps should

be taken to vindicate the alleged aspersion cast upon No. 2 by the Master of the Thistle. "The Committee having met, Bro. Joseph Dixon, W. Sub. Master, stated that he had, on the preceding evening, gone with a deputation of the Lodge to visit the Lodge of Thistle, where R.W. Bro. Seivwright presided. That upon the occasion of Bro. Seivwright's drinking to him and his brethren as representing the Lodge of Canongate Kilwinning, the former made a long harangue, which instead of conveying any Compliment to the Lodge, had for its object to impress upon the minds of the whole brethren present that the Lodge of Canongate Kilwinning was very deficient in brotherly love and respect to the Sister Lodges, and intentionally treated them with neglect, pluming herself on her own opulence and prosperity. That the W. Bro. Dixon, in answer, endeavoured to vindicate the Lodge from so unjust an aspersion, when R.W. Bro. Seivwright, instead of apologising for what he had said, called upon the brethren present to support him. That, in such circumstances, he left it with the Committee to determine what steps they might think proper to take to vindicate the honour of the Lodge.

"It was RESOLVED, That the R.W. Bro. Jaffray should write such a letter to R.W. Bro. Seivwright as he sh^d. think proper, demanding an apology alongst with the answer to be received thereto (if any), they ordered to be engrossed in the Sed^t. Book, and in case no answer was received, or one that should not be deemed satisfactory, that the Committee would then consider what line of conduct ought to be adopted."

Accordingly a letter, of which the following is a copy, was written by the R.W. Master to R.W. Bro. Seivwright :—

"St. John's Lodge, 3rd March 1804.

"SIR,

"I was not a little surprised when Mr. Dixon informed me of the abusive attack which you made from your chair upon the Lodge of Canongate Kilwinning last night, and your conduct was the more

unexcusable considering the purpose for which Mr. Dixon, with a deputation of the Lodge, visited you, who, by every rule of hospitality and good manners, required your respect, and, if necessary, your protection.

“ If the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning has, upon any former occasion, given offence to the Lodge Thistle, it certainly was your duty to have remonstrated with the Master of the Lodge, to whom alone, in the first instance, responsibility attaches. By this means an opportunity would have been afforded of offering either a vindication or, if necessary, an apology. But to invite a Lodge to a friendly visit and then take an opportunity of traducing it, not only in presence of the Members of your own Lodge but before the brethren at large, was adding injustice to insult.

“ The Lodge of Canongate Kilwinning never since I knew it, and certain I am never since I had the honour to fill the chair, wittingly gave offence to any of the sister Lodges ; and although fortuitous circumstances have placed her high on the Roll of Lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and fortune hath liberally supplied her treasury, yet I am conscious that the Lodge never, on account of the one or other, entertained any other sentiment for the sister Lodges but the most profound regard and respect. Your insinuation, therefore, was illiberal and unfounded.

“ As Master of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, ever tenacious of its honour, I consider it to be my duty, and I have the approbation of my brethren in office for so doing, to call upon you to make an apology for the attack you made upon the character of the Lodge, which I trust a love of justice will incline you immediately to do, so that the friendly intercourse betwixt the Lodges may not be interrupted.

“ I am, Right W. Sir,

“ Yours, &c.,

“ ALEX. JAFFRAY, *M.C.K.*

“ To AND^{W.} SEIVWRIGHT, Esq.,

“ R.W.M. of the Lodge Thistle.”

To this letter the following answer was received :—

“Edinr., 3rd March 1804.

“R.W. SIR,

“I have received yours of this date, and am exceedingly sorry that I should have given so great offence to the visiting Brethren of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning. I acknowledge the observations were ill-timed ; but I hardly think I could have forgot myself so far as to have made an *abusive attack* upon your Lodge. However, as the visiting Brethren have considered themselves ill-used, I think it a duty I owe to myself and the Lodge over which I have the honour to preside, to apologise for my conduct, and have to request that you will accept of the same, that the friendly intercourse betwixt the Lodges may not be interrupted. I have only to add that I have not consulted my office-bearers on the present occasion, but with my own feelings.

“I am, with Respect,

“Right Wor. Sir,

“Your most obedt. Servt.,

“(S^d.) AND^w. SEIVWRIGHT, *M.T.L.*

“To R.W. Brother JAFFRAY,

“Master of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning.”

“5th March. The Committee are of opinion that this apology should be received, and recommend it to R.W. Brother Jaffray to cause these Minutes, with the above Letters, to be read at the first monthly meeting of the Lodge.”

On 24th June Brother Robert Moir was, in his absence, a second time elected R.W.M. of the Lodge, and at next meeting on 6th July he was duly installed with the usual ceremony. “The admission that night was 4s., as the proceeds of the meeting were applied for behoof of Brother Schetky, whose merit and attendance on the Lodge entitled him to the attention of the Brethren.”

On 29th November, the evening previous to St. Andrew’s Day,

there were entered, passed, and raised altogether the extraordinarily large number of thirty gentlemen. Next day the Brethren met in the old Justiciary Room, from whence the usual procession took place down the High Street, along the North Bridge, to the Theatre.

"The streets were lined with different Companies of the Militia Regiments in Town, and an *innumerable number of Boys* with torches, which had a most splendid effect."

The Minute of 5th December says :—"This was the second Monthly Meeting of the Lodge for the Season. There were *upwards of 150 of the most respectable Brn. of Edinburgh* attended, and they were highly entertained by the musical talents and abilities of Messrs. Elliot, Evans, and Watt, who were passed and raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons on the 29th of last month;" and on 27th December, "The Lodge met that evening and visited St. David's Lodge, headed by the Past Master, the R.W.M. not being able to attend, which the Brn. regretted exceedingly."

On 3rd January 1805, the Lodge St. David's, headed by the R.W.M., Brother Joseph Gillon, paid a return visit, when he and the Master of the Dunfermline Lodge were admitted Honorary Members.

The following Minute, it is interesting to remark, records that a meeting was held in the Lodge-room by Mary's Chapel, No. 1 :—

"St. John's Chapel, 24th Jany. 1805.

"The Lodge met this evening for the purpose of visiting the Lodge of St. Mary's Chapel, the Brethren of which had been accommodated with the Lodge Room of CANONGATE KILWINNING, and accordingly visited the Lodge, headed by the Right Worshipful Master."

"Afterwards the Lodge of St. Mary's Chapel was visited by the Right Honble. and Most Worshipful the Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, when R.W. Bro. Moir had the honour to act as Senior Grand Warden. It was likewise visited by the Lodges of Journeymen Masons, St. David's, St. Andrew's, St. James's, and Caledonian, headed by their respective Masters."

On 7th February a new Secretary was elected in place of the old one, who resigned in consequence of severe indisposition, and the Lodge was this evening visited by R.W. Brother Wilkie of Mary's Chapel and R.W. Brother Mitchel of the Caledonian Lodge, both of whom were assumed Honorary Members of Canongate Kilwinning, together with Brother Macpherson of the Lodge Muthil St. John ; and on 4th March "The Lodge met for the purpose of visiting the Lodge 570 on the Register of Ireland, presently at Piershill Barracks, and the R.W. Master, along with a numerous and respectable Deputation, proceeded accordingly in Coaches to the Barracks, where they were received with every mark of attention and respect. After spending a pleasant evening, they returned at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 o'clock."

At the Annual Election on 24th June, Brother Moir was again appointed to fill the chair, and the usual financial and other business was transacted. The following meeting on 7th August was an extraordinary one, under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie. "The Collection for this evening was intended to be applied to the Funds of that useful and benevolent Institution, the ASYLUM FOR THE INDUSTRIOUS BLIND."

On St. Andrew's Day the Lodge, as was usual on this anniversary for several years back, took part in the Grand Lodge ceremonies, when the Earl of Dalhousie was re-elected G.M. and the Earl of Moira D.G.M.


On 24th June 1806, John Lawson, Esq., was elected R.W.M., and deputations were received from St. David's and St. James's Lodges. During the remainder of the year the meetings seemed to have been rather thinly attended, and on that account the Minutes are short and uninteresting, although they record the admission of numerous entrants.

On 5th March 1807, being the fifth monthly meeting for the season, the Lodge was visited by "Sir John Stewart, R.W. Master of St. Luke's Lodge, at the head of a very respectable Deputation." In June, at the Annual Meeting, Brother Lawson was re-elected R.W.M., and on St. Andrew's Day the "Brethren met in the Council Chambers

(according to appointment), and from thence proceeded to the Parliament House, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was elected G.M., with the Earl of Moira Acting G.M. under H.R. Highness, etc., after which the different Lodges, according to their seniority, walked in procession down the High Street to the Tron Church, where a sermon was preached on the occasion by the Rev. Brother Brunton. Thereafter a respectable number of this Lodge dined with the R.W.M. and office-bearers in the Royal Exchange Coffee House, and in the evening proceeded from thence to their Lodge-room, when a numerous attendance of the Brethren took place," . . . and Deputations attended from Mary's Chapel, St. David's, and the Royal Arch.

On 4th February, amongst other deputations present was one from the Thistle Lodge, being the first record of a deputation from that Lodge since the letter of apology to R.W. Brother Jaffray. Another deputation from it is minuted at the very next meeting in March, and it may be concluded that all differences were now forgotten. At this meeting "the R.W.M. requested the Brethren to allow a Candidate to pass through the Lodge to the Stewards' Room, to be entered an Apprentice, and this was duly carried out."

CHAPTER XI.

 ON 4th May 1807, Dr. John Mitchell, R.W.M. of the Caledonian Lodge, moved in Grand Lodge that “an address be presented to His Majesty,” thanking him (*inter alia*) for “supporting the established religion of the country.” The motion was defeated. Next year, on January 21, Dr. Mitchell was found guilty, by a majority of 159 to 91, of having, at one of the Caledonian Lodge meetings, proposed that “it should secede from Grand Lodge.” He was suspended from masonic privileges *sine die*, and three days later the Doctor was re-installed in the chair of the Caledonian Lodge, when it was resolved “to discontinue their connection with the Grand Lodge.” Thereupon Dr. Mitchell and some Members of his Lodge were expelled—2nd May 1808—while certain Members of Mary’s Chapel, and other alleged abettors of the schism, were suspended. This determined the Lodge of Edinburgh—21st June—to discontinue *their* connection with Grand Lodge. Similar resolutions were come to by the Lodges St. David, St. Andrew, and Canongate Kilwinning, whilst counter resolutions were passed by those Lodges in Edinburgh which remained firm in their allegiance to the Grand Lodge.

Following up the resolutions under which they left the Grand Lodge, the seceding Lodges met—July 18—in the Lodge-room of Canongate Kilwinning (St. John’s Chapel) and organised themselves into a separate body, under the designation of “The Associated Lodges seceding from the present Grand Lodge of Scotland.”

The following are copies of the Resolutions and Reports of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge in connection with this dispute, as engrossed in the Minutes of the period :—

“At a meeting of the General Committee of the Lodge held on the 20th June 1808,

(Present—17 Members),

“The Treasurer’s accounts having been found correct and duly passed, the R.W. Master informed the Committee that he had received from the Lodge St. Mary’s Chapel, and from the Lodge Edinburgh St. Andrew, certain Letters and Resolutions of those Lodges regarding some late proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which he was requested to lay before the Brethren of this Lodge ; but he thought it his duty to call this meeting for the purpose of taking these into their consideration previous to St. John’s Day, and to make out a Report of their proceedings, to be laid before the Lodge at their first meeting, which was ordered for the 23d current. Several other Letters having been laid before the Committee, and after a very full deliberation of the whole, they had but one opinion of the merits of these Communications, &c. They therefore remitted to a Sub-Committee to put their sentiments into proper form.” The proceedings of this and the Sub-Committee meetings are fully detailed in the following Minute :—

“At a General Meeting of this Lodge held upon the 23d day of June 1808,

“The Lodge being duly opened, the R.W. Master stated, That he had lately received from the Lodge of St. Mary’s Chapel, and from the Lodge Edinburgh St. Andrew, certain Letters and Resolutions of those Lodges regarding some late proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which he was requested to lay before the Brethren of this Lodge.

“These Letters and Resolutions he considered it his duty, in the first place, to submit to the Standing Committee of the Lodge, which he had accordingly done at a meeting held upon the 20th June current ; as also a Letter, of date the 6th instant, which he had received from the Grand Secretary, desiring him to attend a meeting of the Grand Lodge on the 13th instant, and prefixing copies of Letters, from which it appeared that one of the purposes of said meeting was

to suspend from all masonic privileges certain Members of that Lodge, who, it was alleged, had attended meetings of the Caledonian Lodge. From this Letter it did not appear who the Members were against whom these proceedings were intended ; but in another Letter of same date, also laid before the Committee, addressed to Brother Stevens, Junior Warden of this Lodge, the name of that Brother was included in a list of those who were to be thus suspended.

“ The Committee, after a very full deliberation, appeared to have but one opinion of the merits of these communications. They therefore remitted to a Sub-Committee to put their sentiments into proper form, and thereafter to report their proceedings. The Sub-Committee met, in consequence of the above remit, and gave in a report which, after deliberate consideration, was unanimously approved of by the Committee, and the R.W. Master was requested to call the present meeting for the purpose of laying that report before them.

“ On the question being put from the chair, the Lodge was unanimously of opinion that the Report of the Committee should be read, which was done accordingly.

“ R E P O R T .

“ That in common with many other Brethren we have viewed with deep regret a system of innovation in the late proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which threatens the annihilation of the Masonic Order in this country, and has already been productive of a Schism in the Craft.

“ That under the pretext of chastising a Right Worshipful Brother, who, it was alleged, *had endeavoured* to create dissension among the Brethren, there had followed a species of persecution hitherto unknown in the annals of Masonry, and repugnant alike to the liberal principles of the Order, and the independent feelings of a man.

“ That at the period when the prosecution against the R.W. Master of the Caledonian Lodge was instituted, the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge refrained from taking any side in the contest ; nor did they feel disposed to do so, until from the subsequent proceedings of the Grand Lodge it evidently appeared that instead of originating in a desire of preserving the dignity of the Order and the respect due to its head, this prosecution arose from far different motives and was kept up by

party spirit and political cabal; and that in the vindictive career of these inconsiderate proceedings, the common rights of a Brother Mason, which had hitherto been held sacred, were broken in upon to gratify the dictates of unrestrained revenge.

“That under such circumstances, and perceiving that the steps which were now meditating in the Grand Lodge would lead rapidly to confusion and disaster among the Masonic Order of the country, this Ancient Order feel themselves called upon to lend their assistance in arresting the progress of measures replete with such dangerous consequences.

“That this Lodge have on all occasions demonstrated a wish to support the Grand Lodge, and would have been glad to have continued the same attachment, and preserved the same respect which they have had so long for it. When therefore the Sentence of the Grand Lodge had been pronounced against Bro. Mitchell, *suspending and interdicting him from all masonic privileges*, however much this sentence was deemed by the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning severe and unwarranted, and however absurd the interdiction of any Brother from all Masonic privileges appeared to them to be, yet as this sentence had been pronounced by such a tribunal, it was observed by this Lodge with becoming attention.

“Had the proceedings of the Grand Lodge stopped here, the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, from an anxious desire to prevent any division in the craft, might have acquiesced in this decision with silence tho’ not without regret. But unfortunately the sentence against Bro. Mitchell can now be viewed in no other light than as the first step towards the organization of a system of oppression which menaces the happiness and social comfort of the Brethren at large.

“In prosecution of this system, this Lodge has beheld with painful astonishment, the most impolitic and ill-judged attacks upon the members of several Lodges of this city, upon the representatives of some of the Provincial Lodges, and finally upon their Ancient Lodge, in the person of its Junior Warden. This Brother has been denounced in the Grand Lodge and threatened to be suspended from all Masonic privileges, without any notice of such a step being communicated to this Lodge, and without any other reason assigned, than that he had gone to a convivial meeting of the Caledonian Lodge, as a private visitor, and not as a representative of this Lodge.

“It is impossible to contemplate the oppressive and unwarrantable conduct which has been displayed in these proceedings of the Grand Lodge, without anticipating the total subversion of the Masonic Order, and the humiliating enthrallment of the Brethren. When we view the present period of Masonic History, and contrast it with that mild, and

conciliatory temper which characterized former times, every Mason must deprecate the change which has been produced in the system, by those who have proved themselves the inauspicious guardians of its rights and independence. The growing evil of their ill-directed power has at length become intolerable: its baneful influence has extended itself to this Lodge, by its having been wantonly and grossly insulted in the person of one of its Office-bearers; and as by submitting to this degradation it can only expect a repetition of similar insults, it behoves the Brethren to consider what steps the violated rights of Masonry, and the indignity offered to this Lodge, call upon them to pursue.

“The committee do therefore propose the following resolutions for the consideration of this Lodge:—

“1mo. That the proceedings above detailed which are sanctioned under the name of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, are of a nature so totally different from anything that has yet occurred in the annals of Masonry as to demand the serious attention of every Brother interested in the prosperity of the Order.

“2do. That these proceedings have been contemplated for some time by this Lodge, with deep though silent regret: and much as it felt inclined to remonstrate against such alarming innovations, it has hitherto rested in the fond expectation of the extinction of that spirit which has inspired them. The recent proceedings of the Grand Lodge, however, and their apparent determination to persevere in measures palpably hostile to the interest of the Craft, now call upon the Brethren of this Ancient Lodge for their strenuous intervention to put a stop to grievances so intolerable and unprecedented.

“3tio. That although from the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland it may possess the power of interdicting and prohibiting all the Lodges holding under it from corresponding in their corporate capacity with other Lodges that do not acknowledge its authority, there is no such power vested in the Grand Lodge over their actions as individuals, either by the Laws and Constitution of that Lodge, or by the immemorial usage of Masons in this or any country.

“4to. That, on the contrary, it has ever been understood among Masons, as the inherent privilege of every Brother of the Craft, to frequent the Society of his Brethren and Friends in every situation, and in every Lodge or Masonic meeting throughout the world, of whatever denomination and wherever constituted, whether by authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland or not, provided such Lodges or meetings are tolerated by the laws of the land.

“5to. That, accordingly, since the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in the year 1736 down to the present time, there is no one

instance on record of a Brother being challenged or censured for frequenting, as a private visitor, any Lodge or meeting of the Brethren, although such Lodges or meetings did not acknowledge the authority of the Grand Lodge or had withdrawn their allegiance therefrom.

"6to. That therefore the Lodge do consider the assumption of such powers by the Grand Lodge over the *personal conduct of individuals* as a stretch of authority far exceeding the Jurisdiction of any Masonic Tribunal, as a step altogether unprecedented in the annals of Masonry, equally destructive to the harmony and repugnant to the feelings of Masons.

"7mo. That in order to manifest the abhorrence with which this Lodge contemplates the approach of a system, which thus threatens the dissolution of every sacred tie that connects the Brethren of the Craft, and to preserve as much as in its power the purity of the Order, the Lodge is driven with reluctance to the only remedy now left, *of withdrawing itself from the present Grand Lodge.*

"8vo. That it is the opinion of this Lodge that a meeting of all the sister Lodges who approve of the principles of these resolutions ought to be held for the purpose of electing a Grand Master and other Officers-bearers, or of adopting such measures as may appear to them to be most conducive to the interests and prosperity of the Masonic Order.

"Upon these Resolutions being read, Brother Robert Jameson, after expressing his entire dissent from their spirit, requested leave to protest against any vote of the Lodge that might be passed in approbation of them. Brother Lang, Worshipful Depute Master, then moved that the Report and Resolutions be adopted by the Lodge, which motion was seconded by Brother Harrower. Thereafter Bro. Jameson moved that the Report and Resolutions be dismissed, which motion was seconded by Bro. Donaldson. The vote was then put, ADOPT or DISMISS, when, by the joint report of the tellers, Brothers Ballantine and Jameson, there appeared

" For Adopting the Report and Resolutions,	57
" For Dismissing them,	15
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" Majority,	42

“Brother Jameson then entered his Protest in name of himself and the fourteen Members who adhered to him, against the Resolutions which the Lodge had thus adopted, and requested a copy of these Resolutions, which the Secretary was directed to furnish him with accordingly.

“Upon Bro. Lang’s motion, it was resolved that these Minutes should be printed, and copies thereof transmitted to all the sister Lodges in the Kingdom.

“The thanks of the Lodge were then voted to the Members of the Committee for the attention they had shown to the interests of this Lodge, and the welfare of the Masonic Order. . . .

“The above-mentioned Protest by Brother Jameson and his adherents is as follows, vizt. :—

“WE, the Subscribers, Protest and Dissent against the Resolutions of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning at their meeting of 23rd June, for the reasons following :—

“1st. Because it is necessary for the preservation of Masonry that a power of *controul* over the Members of the Craft should somewhere exist, and that this power cannot elsewhere be placed than in the Grand Lodge, which is the Representative of the whole Order, chosen by a fair and general suffrage. A supreme right of decision in all Masonic questions has accordingly been hitherto acknowledged to reside in the Grand Lodge by all the Lodges holding under it, and every Brother is at his admission taken bound to submit to its mandates and decrees. In particular, the Lodge of Canongate Kilwinning, at one of the first communications after the institution of the Grand Lodge, applied for and received a confirmation and ratification of the Charter she had formerly held from the Mother Kilwinning, under the express declaration that she should be bound by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge then made, or to be made in future, and to these Regulations she has since paid dutiful attention.

“2nd. Because wherever authority exists there must also exist a

power of enforcing that authority. The Grand Lodge must therefore have the right to punish such Brethren as may depart from the principles of Masonry, and, if necessary, to expel them from the Craft, and to interdict them from participating in Masonic privileges. Were the doctrine maintained in these Resolutions to be sanctioned, the Craft would soon have cause to regret the loss of that purity which has hitherto been its boast; and no Brother, however unworthy and however undeserving of Masonic privileges, could be excluded from their participation. We can draw no line of distinction betwixt obedience to the Grand Lodge due by Lodges in their corporate capacity and that due by individuals who compose these corporations. The same obedience which is due by the Lodge as a body, must be due by every Member who forms a part of that body, otherwise this absurdity would follow—that the whole, as individuals, might lawfully and properly do that which, if done by the whole as a body, would be essentially wrong.

“3rd. Because it is evidently inconsistent with the plainest principles of policy for the minority in any numerous and well-regulated society to withdraw, through motives of temporary dissatisfaction, from all connection with the majority. It is impossible to set bounds to a spirit of division and schism when this is improperly introduced, and unless timeously suppressed in the present case, it obviously must lead to anarchy and confusion in the Craft, to the annihilation of that brotherly love which ought to be the characteristic of Masonry, if not the utter contempt and destruction of the Order.

“4th. Because we are of opinion that the Grand Lodge, in all the measures lately adopted, has been actuated by a general regard to the welfare of Masonry. We must express our strong disapprobation of the violent and disrespectful language of these Resolutions, which attribute to that body motives of ‘party spirit and political cabal,’ as well as of ‘unrestrained resentment and unwarranted revenge,’ against an individual. It appears to us to be perfectly impossible that a body so numerous as the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and composed of Members so various in their relations to society, could be actuated

by personal resentment to any individual, while we think it clear that, in all its proceedings, the Grand Lodge has shown itself particularly anxious to guard the Craft against the unlawful influence of political discussions. Were any confirmation wanted on this head, it would be found in the cordial approbation which the proceedings of our Grand Lodge have received from the Grand Lodge of England, a body which cannot surely be suspected of being influenced by any other motive but the true interest of Masonry.

“5th. Because if the measures complained of in these Resolutions are ‘of a nature totally different from anything that has yet occurred in the annals of Masonry,’ the reason is that the offences which called for the adoption of these measures have been hitherto unprecedented and unknown amongst Brethren.

“6th. Because we are of opinion that the Lodge, by withdrawing from the protection of the Grand Lodge, will lose its title to the legal toleration which the Act of the 39 Geo. 3d., cap. 79, extends only to Lodges who act ‘in conformity to the Rules prevailing among the Societies or Lodges of Free Masons in this Kingdom,’ and because the Craft has been assured, upon the high authority of the Illustrious Patron of their Order, that upon no other terms than the strict maintenance of the authority of the Grand Lodge, will Government now permit the existence of Lodges.

“Lastly. Because we do not consider the vote given upon these Resolutions as a fair test of the general sense of this Lodge. On a question so important to the interests of the Lodge it was unquestionably incumbent on the Office-bearers, not only to give timely notice to all the Members, but also to impart to them the general nature of the measures to be proposed. But in the present case the notice given was shorter than that of the usual monthly meetings, and the proposed measures were so industriously concealed from those likely to oppose them that the protesters were altogether ignorant of their nature till they heard the Resolutions read in the Lodge. In consequence of such precautions, no opportunity was given for taking the real opinion of the Lodge. As many respectable Members have since

declared to the protesters their surprise at what had passed, and that had they been aware of the Resolutions to be proposed, they would have given them their most decided opposition." (Signed by fourteen Members.)

On 24th June, Brother Lawson was again elected R.W. Master, and deputations from Mary's Chapel, Royal Arch, St. Andrew's, Caledonian, and St. David's Lodges attended at the celebration of St. John the Baptist; and at the meeting of 10th November six Members of Mary's Chapel, two of St. David's, one of Canongate and Leith, one of the Caledonian, and one of Edinburgh St. Andrew's Lodge were affiliated as Members of this Lodge.

On 23rd February the Minute records that "The Lodge was visited by several Brethren from the different Lodges who have withdrawn themselves from the Grand Lodge." . . . The usual monthly meetings were regularly held, at which various new entrants were received, and on 24th June the R.W. Brother Lawson and all the old Office-bearers "whom he was much indebted to for their support in the measures which had been adopted by the Lodge," were re-elected. "Bro. Alex. Jaffray, Past Master, rose and stated to the meeting that several Members of this Lodge had acted very improperly by attending meetings and supporting the election of a Lodge calling themselves the Canongate Kilwinning, and had on many occasions behaved in a disrespectful manner towards this Lodge, vizt.:"—(Here follow the names of seventeen Brethren, including Brother Jameson.) "He therefore moved that the above-mentioned members be in future declared incapable of holding any office in this Lodge, and be deprived of having any vote either as to the Election of Office-bearers or otherwise until they make satisfactory apologies for their conduct," which motion was seconded "and unanimously approved of by a numerous meeting of the Lodge."

Overtures for a re-union were made on behalf of the Seceders, February 3rd, 1812; and by the appointment of a special Committee, to consider the proposals for a reconciliation, the Grand Lodge met

them more than half-way. But although this led to the appointment of a similar committee by the associated Lodges, the breach was not healed until 1813, on March 31st of which year the sentences of suspension and expulsion (excepting in the case of Dr. Mitchell) were removed, and the seceding Lodges returned to their former allegiance. The Grand Lodge Minute of this date declared the whole offices in the various Lodges . . . to be vacant from this date, and at the disposal and appointment of the Brethren at large of the said respective Lodges without distinction. But in order that the new Elections might be made with all that solemnity and dignity befitting so important an occasion, it was unanimously enacted that the respective Elections should take place within the Free Masons Hall.

It was also unanimously enacted that, "at each of these respective Elections, the Acting Grand Master, whom failing the Substitute Grand Master, and two other constituent members of the Grand Lodge, together with the Grand Secy. and Grand Clerk, should preside and act, and that the Elections should be inserted in the Grand Lodge Books, of which copies of the Minutes of the respective Elections, together with these Resolutions and Minutes, shall be inserted by the Grand Clerk in the Minute Books of the various Lodges."

The following is copy of the Minutes relating to No. 2, in the Books of Canongate Kilwinning :—

"At an adjourned quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held in the Free Masons' Hall, Edinburgh, the Eighth day of April 1813.

"Present :—

"R.W. William Inglis, Esq., Substitute Grand Master.

"R.W. Bro. Houston Rigg Brown, (St. David's) S.G.W. *p.t.*

"R.W. Bro. Black, (Roman Eagle) S.G.W. *p.t.*

"R.W. Bro. Alex. Lawrie, Grand Secy.

"R.W. Bro. James Bartram, Grand Clerk.

"The Lodge being opened in due form, reading the Minutes of the meeting of the 31st March was dispensed with,

“The Brethren of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, being met in terms of the Resolution of the Grand Lodge of 31st March. The Substitute Gr. Mr. requests these Brethren to proceed with the Election of officers to fill the different situations in the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, when Bro. John Lawson proposed Bro. Alex. Jaffray to be Master of that Lodge, which was unanimously agreed to.” (The other officers were all re-elected.)

“The Substitute Gr. Mr. having administered the oaths in common form to the different Office-bearers present, and approved of the above Election of Office-bearers for the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge accordingly.”

At the end of the Minutes relating to the various Lodges inserted in Canongate Kilwinning Books, the Grand Clerk writes:—

“What is contained on this and the Sixteen preceding pages is a true and faithful copy of the Minutes and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland of 31st March 1813, and of the Election of Office-bearers of the Lodge is (already named with dates), all as extracted from the Grand Lodge Books, and engrossed in the Sederunt Book of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, by

“J. A. BARTRAM, *Gr. Clk.*”

The quarrel between Grand Lodge and the Secessionists, which had thus fortunately terminated, at one time assumed alarming symptoms for the subsequent prosperity of the Craft. Keen litigation was carried on for a considerable time, the Grand Lodge having applied to the civil power to interdict the seceding Lodges from holding meetings, and in 1810 the following judgment of the Court of Session was given in the case of CANONGATE KILWINNING:—

“Edinburgh, 7th July 1810.—The Lords having resumed consideration of this process and advised the mutual memorials for the parties, in respect the suspenders insist in the character of office-bearers of a self-constituted society which is not entitled to the privileges of a corporation, repel the reasons of suspension, refuse the interdict, and decern.—C. HOPE, *J.P.D.*”

[The Right Honourable Charles Hope, of Granton, Lord Justice-Clerk, was initiated in Canongate Kilwinning on 4th March 1784.]

Past Master Brother Alexander Jaffray was again elected R.W. Master on 24th June 1813, and the whole of the old Office-bearers were continued.

On 24th June 1814 George Simson was elected R.W.M. in succession to Brother Jaffray, who filled the Chair for several years. At a general Committee meeting held on 8th November the "Secretary laid before the meeting estimates and plans which he had procured as directed." The following were accepted, and orders given to proceed with the work immediately, viz.:—

1. Estimates for completely painting the Lodge ornaments, ceiling, and cove, &c. £15 15 0
2. Covering tables with green cloth, two new chairs for Wardens, and sundry small jobs which cannot be included till finished—in all not to exceed . 25 0 0
3. For two window curtains, painting in the Wardens' recess, cleaning the painting of St. Clair of Rosslyn, &c., &c., not to exceed 10 0 0
4. For cleaning and lackering the chandeliers, &c., amounting to 3 3 0

Several other small matters were suggested, besides repairing and tuning the organ, which were agreed to.

The Minute of this *Committee* Meeting winds up thus:—"Thereafter the following were entered apprentices, viz.:" Here follows the names of four gentlemen.

On 15th November the Lodge met for the purpose of visiting the Lodge of St. David's, but before proceeding there five apprentices were admitted, and on the 29th of this month another meeting was held for the purpose of initiating gentlemen previous to the Festival of St. Andrew, when ten apprentices were admitted and nineteen passed and raised. The usual ceremonies took place next day at the

election of the Grand Office-bearers, and on 20th December another congratulatory visit was paid to St. David's. On the Festival of St. John the Evangelist the Lodge met again for the purpose of visiting the "Lodge of St. David's, where they always met with the warmest reception."

As mention has so often been made of St. David's Lodge, a few of the many events in its history, culled from its own records, may be noted here. "On 2nd March 1738, a Commission was registered in the books of the Grand Lodge authorising William Montgomery, 'Grand Master Substitute,' to CONSTITUTE BROTHER SMART and the other separating Brethren into a new Lodge called CANONGATE KILWINNING FROM LEITH," and it is recorded that Brother Montgomery, Master of the Leith Kilwinning, often visited the new Lodge. At a meeting held on 9th April 1740, "it was moved by Brother Atkin, Junior Warden *p.z.*, that Brother David Buchanan his health should be drunk, whom wee had in last Munday's *News* to have been the man who first gott in at the iron port of Portobello* when taken, and did place the British collours there; which was unanimously agreed to by the Lodge, and his health drank with three claps and three hussas." On 10th October 1744 the meagre attendance is attributed to the "Judgement Weather" then prevailing. No meetings were held between 24th June 1745 and the same date in 1746. On 27th December 1752 twenty-two members subscribed £16 for the Public Works in Edinburgh, and on 22nd June next year the Lodge removed from Canongate to Shoemakers' Hall. Previous to this they often met in St. John's Chapel, and the hall of the Thistle Lodge. On 24th June 1755 a deputation went to Canongate and Leith Leith and

* The news arrived in this country on 13th March 1740 that Porto-Bello in the Isthmus of Darien was taken from the Spaniards by the British with six ships under Admiral Vernon. The Vernon Kilwinning Lodge, so named after the Admiral, instituted 1741, sprang from Canongate and Leith. Its designation was afterwards changed to St. Giles, and in 1779 joined Canongate Kilwinning. *Vide* p. 103.

Canongate, but were refused admission on account of "Lodge not constituted;" and on a further desire to be admitted, the reply given was "private business." They then visited their mother Lodge, "and were received with extraordinary marks of Maternal Love." The name was altered to St. David's on 2nd August 1756, and on 12th December 1757 a new Lodge-room was consecrated in Hyndford's Close by Charles Hamilton Gordon, Grand Master. On 12th September 1757 ten guineas were voted to the "Edinburgh Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Science, Manufactures, and Agriculture," as follows:—"£5, 5s. to the person who shall best explain, and by proper experiments ascertain, the nature and properties of quick-lime as a cement in building." And £5, 5s. "to persons who shall best explain the nature of the freestone liable to blow, that is, to crumble down, and be dissolved on being exposed to the air, with the means of knowing such stones in the quarry." On 16th March 1762, "Dissertations" were given in and submitted to a select committee to report. It may be added that the date on which Sir Walter Scott, Bart., was initiated in St. David's Lodge was on 2nd March 1801.

At the monthly meeting on 5th January 1815, deputations were received from several Lodges, including one from the "New Edinburgh Kilwinning, R.W. Brother Nisbet." Meetings, at which numerous initiations took place, were held on the 17th of this month, and on the 3rd and 9th of February. At the latter some very interesting and important announcements were made, and the following is a copy of part of the Minute:—"The R.W. Master (before closing the Lodge), stated that having had occasional meetings with some of the Masters of the Edinburgh Lodges, he suggested the propriety of the several Lodges in Edinburgh holding a joint meeting. That in consequence of this suggestion a meeting was called of the Masters of the Edinburgh Lodges in Free Masons' Hall, which was fully attended by the Masters of the different Lodges, when it was unanimously resolved that the different Lodges after-mentioned should suspend their general meetings for the ensuing

month of February, and in place thereof that a general meeting should be held in Free Masons' Hall upon the 17th February, whereof the Master of the Canongate Kilwinning and the Master of St. Luke's were requested to give intimation to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to request that the Great Room in the Masonic Hall should be allotted for the purpose of the meeting; which they accordingly did, and were instructed to report that the Hall would be freely granted. The R.W. Master further stated that this general meeting would have several important objects in view. In the first place . . . a tendency to draw closer the ties of true Brotherly Regard and Masonic intercourse; 2nd. In some measure it would compensate for visits of Grand Lodge, which, until of late years, had been frequently paid, as by its constitution it was bound to do; . . . and 3rd, It would relieve the officers and Members of the different Lodges of a great deal of laborious, although no doubt pleasing, duty, of visiting the sister Lodges, owing to the suspension of their monthly meetings. It was then stated that the Masters of the different Lodges agreed that the Master of Mary's Chapel (R.W. Brother Robertson), as the oldest Lodge in Edinburgh, should take the chair, &c., supported by his own Wardens. That due intimation should be given to the Brethren at large of the intended meeting by advt. in the several Edinr. Newspapers, and to the Brethren of this Lodge in particular, by Printed Card."

7th February. This being the evening appointed for the "General Meeting of the Edinburgh Lodges, and the Lodge being duly constituted, it was reported that" seven gentlemen had joined as apprentices. The Committee was appointed to meet upon the 8th June next for the purpose of considering a state of the general view of the funds and debts of the Lodge, and of the accounts of expenditure upon repairs and other matters.

The Lodge was then duly closed, when the Members joined the sister Lodges in the Freemasons' Hall, where they passed a most harmonious evening, "and the general sentiment seemed strongly in favour of a continuance of such meetings."

It was the opinion of the Committee that the repairs, improvements, and embellishments on the Lodge-room had been executed not only with great taste, but with becoming economy, and they unanimously approved of the Treasurer's contracts with the tradesmen.

"It was unanimously agreed, and the Treasurer was instructed to order five dozen of plain clothing, to be stamped in front with the Iron of the Lodge. But as a set of dress clothing would be very expensive, it was suggested that the present might be cleaned and repaired, so as to serve until the funds of the Lodge were in a more opulent state."

The R.W.M. then signified his wish not to be again put in nomination for the Chair, and submitted the name of George Burnet, Advocate, as a Brother qualified to succeed him in such a manner as to ensure the harmony and happiness of the Brethren and the respectability of the Lodge. A Sub-Committee was then appointed to wait upon Brother Burnet, and intimate to him this proposition; and at an adjourned meeting of the General Committee, held on 24th June, it was reported by the Sub-Committee "that Brother Burnet had, with expressions of gratitude, agreed to his being put in nomination . . . and if he should meet with the approbation of the Brethren to take the Chair at the celebrating the Anniversary of St. John.


"The Committee directed the Treasurer to purchase from the Funds of the Lodge a new Minute-Book, and to open the same with the insertion of the Minutes of the Election about to take place.

"This Book is accordingly closed.

"GEO. SIMSON, *M.*

"P. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*"

CHAPTER XII.

EORGE BURNET, Advocate, was elected and installed as R.W. Master on 24th June 1815, and the usual routine business having been disposed of, the meeting, which "was numerous and respectable," was closed in proper form.

On 27th July "a very select meeting took place," when seven gentlemen were entered and passed, and other eight raised. "The meeting was not numerous, but very respectable."

The names of nine gentlemen who were initiated, passed, and raised at various meetings prior to 14th September were reported on that date. "The R.W. Master then stated that this meeting had been called for the purpose of initiating those gentlemen who were anxious to join in the Grand Procession at the laying of the foundation stones of the REGENT BRIDGE and NEW JAIL, and he requested that those Brethren who intended to join this Lodge in the Procession should meet here upon Tuesday first, the 19th instant, at half-past 10 o'clock a.m. precisely, and from thence to walk up to the Parliament Square at 11 o'clock, where they would join the Grand Lodge and Sister Lodges. He also stated that a Subscription Paper was lying before him for such of the Brethren who wished to dine together here after the Procession, and that Brother William Young had engaged to "furnish a good dinner, Porter, Beer, and Drams, with a bottle of good Rum Punch, for 6s. each."

The Minute of 19th September contains an elaborate account of the procession and laying of the foundation stones of Regent Bridge and New Jail. The following are extracts, and to show the import-

ance with which the Lodge Office-bearers at this period were assigned their various posts of precedence, the opening paragraph of the Minute is copied verbatim :—“The Brethren having assembled in the Lodge at the hour appointed, the Right Worshipful Master stated that the greater part of the Office-bearers being at this season of the year in the country, it would of course fall upon some of the Brethren present to fill the vacant offices, when the following were chosen to fill these offices :—Bro. Horn, Junior Warden, to be Senior Warden ; Bro. W. Smith to be Junior Warden, Bro. Birrell (Secy.) to be *Past Master* ; Bro. Dr. Abm. Armstrong to be Depute Master, Bro. J. Welch to be Sub. Master, Bro. Traill to be Treasurer, and Bro. Alex. Paterson to be Secretary.” . . . At 12 o'clock the Grand Lodge was opened in the High Church Aisle by the Right W. William Inglis, Esq., Sub. G. M. A communication was received from the Right Honourable the Lord Provost that the Magistrates and Council, with the Parliamentary Commissioners, were assembled at the City Chambers and ready to start. The Procession contained upwards of 2500 persons, and having reached the site of the Regent Bridge the “*King's Anthem*” was performed, the different bodies present all standing uncovered. “*Hail, Masonry !*” was then sung, after which the Right Worshipful and Rev. Dr. Lee, Grand Chaplain, offered up a most impressive Prayer. Thereafter the “Grand Master directed the proper officers to place in the cavity of the stone the bottles containing coins of the present reign, &c., &c., &c.” “*On, on, my dear Brethren !*” and the “*Mason's Anthem*” were sung in full chorus. The Grand Master, resuming his place on the platform, in course of a “short but impressive speech,” expressed his gratification at having the honour on such an occasion to represent His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Patron of the Order, and Regent of these realms, and in dedicating to his name the magnificent structure they were about to raise, which would commemorate their gratitude for that happy era when universal peace was at length restored to Europe. He concluded by congratulating the Lord Provost, the Right Hon. Sir John Marjoribanks, of Lees, Baronet, M.P., on the

zeal he had uniformly and successfully displayed. The Procession then "moved off to lay the foundation stone of the New Jail on the Calton Hill," when a similar ceremony was observed, "while the Brethren and spectators now joined in full chorus, and rent the air with loud and reiterated acclamations." The Procession of the Lodges and Brethren returned to the Parliament Square in an inverted order, and joined the Grand Lodge in the High Church Aisle, where they were addressed by the Substitute Grand Master; and after a reply had been returned by the acting Grand Master under His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, viz. the Most W. and Right Hon. James, Earl of Fife, &c., &c., Grand Lodge was closed in "ample form."

"According to appointment, the Brethren assembled in the Lodge-room at 4 o'clock, and the Lodge being duly opened by the Right Worshipful Master and blessing asked, the Brethren were furnished with a plentiful supply of provision and ammunition. . . . The company was as usual very respectable, and after enjoying the afternoon with that harmony becoming Masons, the R.W. Master closed the Lodge in regular form."

Various meetings were held prior to St. Andrew's Day, at which initiations, &c., to the extent of some twenty-four, took place, and on 30th November the Minute ends thus:—"The Grand Lodge was not closed till a late (or rather, *early*) hour; the cause of which was owing to a Subscription being set on foot in the Hall, for the assistance of some unfortunate persons who, by reason of the great pressure towards the close of the Procession, had fallen into an area in Blair Street, by means of the iron railing giving way. A very liberal Subscription was obtained for their relief."

At the meeting of 1st February 1816, it was reported that Mr. Benson of the Theatre Royal, and other nineteen gentlemen, were entered, "and owing to the great turn-out of the Brethren, Deputations were prevented from visiting us." At the immediately succeeding meeting, 7th March, the names of other fourteen entries are given, and it may be here remarked that at every Monthly

meeting during the course of the next few years, from ten to thirty initiations were reported as having taken place at special meetings held for that purpose. The Minute of this date winds up as follows : —“The Lodge was solemnly closed after spending the evening in the usual affectionate and Brotherly manner for which this Lodge is particularly conspicuous.” On 4th April, being the last meeting of the season, the Lodge was visited amongst others by “R.W. Bro. Ferrie of the Lodge of the gallant 42nd Regiment, holden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and R.W. Br. Wylie of the Lodge of the gallant 42nd Regiment, holden of the Grand Lodge of Ireland,” who were assumed Hon. Members together with the Masters of St. Luke’s, St. James’, New Edinburgh Kilwinning, and Union Dunfermline.

“The Committee at their meeting this evening authorised the Secretary to pay to Widow Strachan (whose late husband filled the office of Grand Steward in this Lodge for a considerable period) the sum of Thirty shillings, to be paid by weekly instalments.” Various directions and regulations were drawn up and recorded at the Committee meeting of 11th June anent the financial affairs of the Lodge, and under heading 6th it is minuted that “they do further report their opinion that the Treasurer should be enjoined to advance out of the first ready funds in his hands the requisite sum to enable the Right Worshipful Master to remit to the Secretary of the Committee for the erection of a monument to the memory of BURNS, the sum of TWENTY GUINEAS, voted by the General Meeting in June last year, and to make up the deficiency from the proper funds of the Lodge if the Subscriptions do not amount to that sum. (Sd.) Geo. Burnet.”

On 24th June Mr. Burnet was re-elected R.W.M., and it is noteworthy that this is the earliest date on which the election of *Deacons* is recorded. Four French masons were assumed members, and a deputation from St. David’s attended, headed by Sir Patrick Walker of Coates, the R.W. Master. The clauses 2, 4, 5, and 7 of the Minute of the Committee Meeting of the 11th current were ordered to be printed, and a copy sent to every member of the Lodge “with all

possible despatch." The document in question contained an appeal to Members to cash up, and a notice that all initiation fees be paid forthwith.

The Minute of St. Andrew's Day ends as follows: "The Procession was conducted with the greatest regularity. The night being very fine the streets were crowded to excess, but the access to the Grand Lodge was made perfectly easy by the 2nd Battalion of the 92nd Regiment lining the streets. There were upwards of seventy Members of this Lodge joined in the Procession."

The Lodge having been duly constituted on 19th December by the R.W. Master, he stated to the Brethren that this meeting was expressly called for the purpose of initiating some of the gentlemen belonging to the suite of the Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia, presently on a visit to Scotland. The following were then entered, passed, and raised, viz.:—

Captain Nicholas Mausey,	} Aides - de - Camp to General
Lieutenant Basil Peroffsky,		} Kutusoff.

Dr. William Archibald Crichton, Physician to the Grand Duke Nicholas.

Numerously attended meetings were held during this period, and on 3rd April 1817, when several deputations were present, "the harmony of the meeting was greatly disturbed by the riotous and un-masonic conduct of a Brother. . . . However, the Brethren being determined not to submit to such interruption, he was, by orders of the Chair, put out of the Lodge-room. Thereafter . . . and on many other occasions (which were well known to the Brethren) . . . a motion was unanimously carried that he be expelled this Lodge, and the customary intimation to be given by the Secretary. Brother Jaffray then moved that the thanks of the Brethren present should be given to the Right Worshipful Master, George Burnet, for the moderate and gentlemanly, and at last, when it became necessary, the firm conduct he pursued, which motion was approved of by general acclamation."

On 24th June, when George Burnet was re-elected Master, it was

“intimated to the Brethren that the Committee had resolved that a die for a medal should be struck, and that such of the Brethren who wished to have one might leave their names with the Secretary, who would order them to be ready in a few weeks. Dues, with name engraved, 10s. 6d.”

It was in St. John's Chapel, on 28th August 1817, that the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was instituted by the representatives of thirty-four chapters, at a General Convocation of the Order. At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in November, the following motion was carried by a majority of 155 to 27: “That from and after the 27th of December next (1818), no person holding an official situation in any Masonic body which sanctions higher degrees than those of St. John's Masonry, shall be entitled to sit, act, or vote in the Grand Lodge of Scotland.” A General Meeting of the Committee of Canongate Kilwinning was held on 17th November 1817, when sixteen Members attended. “R.W. Brother Burnet stated that a resolution had been lately passed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, declaring that all Members of that body who held offices in the Chapters of the Royal Arch and Knight Templars should be incapacitated from being Members of the Grand Lodge. The Right Worshipful added that he was a Member of the Royal Arch Chapter, and as by this vote he was afraid he might be considered as deprived of representing the Canongate Kilwinning in the Grand Lodge, he thought it his duty to call the present meeting, and to ask their opinion what, in this unprecedented attempt to deprive him of his rights as Master of this Lodge, they thought the most desirable line of conduct for him to pursue?”

“The meeting, without giving any opinion on the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, took this opportunity of expressing the high sense they entertained of the Right Worshipful Master's strenuous exertions towards the respectability and dignity of the Lodge, and their anxious desire that he should still continue to preside over it. They certainly cannot but regret that any resolution should have been passed by the Grand Lodge that could create any dubiety in the line of conduct to

be adopted by the Right Worshipful Master, but they confidently hope that their unanimous opinion above expressed will induce him to continue in the Chair of a Lodge which confessedly is now, both in numbers and respectability, the first that graces the roll of the Grand Lodge."

At a meeting of the Lodge on the 25th of this month, the Committee Minute of the 17th was read, and "unanimously approved of, the Lodge participating most cordially in the feelings of the Committee towards their much esteemed and respected Right Worshipful Master, as well as their sentiments of the tendency of the above resolution of the Grand Lodge. They do most earnestly enjoin the Right Worshipful Master, and such of the Brethren as are Members of the Grand Lodge, to take every constitutional measure to obtain a repeal of that resolution, and to report to the Lodge (at a meeting to be called for that purpose) the result of their efforts, that the Lodge may thereupon consider what it is incumbent on them to do for the preservation and the purity of Masonic principles and their own dignity."

"The Right Worshipful Master then, in a very feeling and impressive manner (and at great length), informed the Brethren that owing to the late great and melancholy loss which this nation had sustained by the death of the ever-to-be-lamented PRINCESS CHARLOTTE of Wales, the Grand Lodge had come to the resolution of dispensing with holding the usual Festival on St. Andrew's Day, and instead thereof, intended to devote part of that day in humbling themselves before Almighty God, and he trusted that this Lodge would join most cordially with Grand Lodge on this occasion . . . in full uniform . . . in procession to the High Church, where the R.W. and Reverend Dr. Lee, Grand Chaplain, would deliver an appropriate address to the Brethren."

The Secretary then reported the initiations of twenty-four gentlemen since last meeting of St. John the Baptist, and at the following meeting on 7th January 1818, a list of twenty-one new Members is recorded, and the Masters and Wardens of several of the Edinburgh

Lodges elected Honorary Members, "A General Meeting of the Office-bearers, Members of the Committee, and individual Members of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning" was held in Young's Tavern on Monday the 2d day of February 1818, "for the purpose of taking the steps necessary for our Right Worshipful Master to adopt at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland which was to be held this evening. . . . After some discussion it was moved and seconded that he should appear in his place in Grand Lodge, and if objected to, that he should protest, in name of this Lodge, against their R.W. Master being excluded from a seat in the Grand Lodge." An amendment was moved, "That in order to avoid all disputes with Grand Lodge, Brother Burnet be requested to resign his situation in the Royal Arch." The motion was carried by a "great" majority. The minority entered a protest, which is recorded at length, and signed by seven Members. On 5th February the R.W.M. reported that he had attended the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, and found it necessary to take a protest against their proceedings in name of this Lodge. After making some further statements regarding the harsh steps the Grand Lodge had adopted against all Office-bearers of the higher degrees in Masonry, he recommended that full consideration of the matter be adjourned till another meeting of the Lodge. On this occasion visitations were received from Mary's Chapel and many other Lodges. The Minutes of 2d and 5th current were read at a Special Meeting held in Young's Tavern on 9th February, when it was moved and seconded that the R.W.M. "should give up his situation as an Office-bearer in the Royal Arch Chapter, in respect that they are desirous he should remain their Master." Thereafter an amendment was moved by Sir Patrick Walker (R.W.M. of St. David's), "that in place of requesting Brother Burnet to resign the Royal Arch office, a representation be made to Grand Lodge against the law which has caused the present discussion signed by all Members of the Lodge), couched in the most mild and conciliatory terms, and requesting that they will consider the whole matter and communicate with the Grand Lodges of England and

Ireland. . . . and establish the acknowledged orders of Masonry on the best footing, and also that a statement of the grievances of which the Masons of Scotland complain accompany the representation . . . which amendment was carried by an immense majority." The proposer of the motion recorded his protest, which was signed by seven others, and the meeting then appointed a committee of Brethren (who were not Royal Arch Masons) for the purpose of drawing up a representation. The records do not show what result accrued from this representation to Grand Lodge, or what answer, if any, was received; but considering that overtures to the same effect, emanating from other Lodges at this period, were summarily rejected, it is assumed that a similar fate met this "representation." Although the motion regarding Higher Degrees has not been rescinded, it is evident that Grand Lodge soon after this set aside the enactment relative to officials holding office in any order "other than St. John's Masonry." Canongate Kilwinning Royal Arch Chapter is No. 56 on the Roll of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and was instituted in 1835.

The last meeting of the season was held on 16th March in "Fortune's Tavern, Princes Street," and the Minute opens thus:—"Before supper the Right Worshipful Master constituted the Lodge in the usual solemn manner. . . . An excellent Band that attended played some airs suitable for the occasion; most of the professional singers in town visited the Lodge on this occasion. . . . The health of the R.W. Master was proposed and drank to with unbounded applause (which he well merited), and for which he made a suitable reply. From the good humour and happiness that prevailed every one seemed inclined to keep up the meeting until an early hour, and it was not until the light had dispelled the darkness that the meeting was adjourned."

On 15th June, "the Committee having taken into their consideration the great expense of lighting the room with wax and tallow candles, Resolve that the Secretary and Treasurer wait upon the Manager of the Gas Company and learn of him what might be the expense of

introducing gas into the Lodge, and in the event of it not being much more than £40, authorise them to conclude a bargain on the best terms possible, it being understood that this sum was to include chandelier, gas pipes, &c., and to have the same in readiness for the meeting on the 24th inst."

When Brother Burnet was elected Master on this date, he appointed a Committee for the purpose of making up Titles to the Lodge. This matter had been allowed to lie over since August 1752 (*vide* p. 74).

On 5th January 1819, Brother John Aytoun of Inchdairny, of the Phoenix Lodge, Paris, was admitted a full Member of the Lodge, and at the next Monthly Meeting—4th February—"Brother Maconochie presented to the Lodge a Toast Book, which was formerly the property of Brother Moir now deceased, who filled the chair as R.W. Master in the years 1795-6-7, and 1804-5." At a General Meeting of the Committee held in Young's Tavern on 19th June, the Secretary proposed that a full member of this Lodge residing in London should be appointed to act as Corresponding Member of the Lodge there, and a similar election to take place each year on 24th June—agreed to unanimously. On St. John the Baptist's Day this year, Brother Alexander Robertson, W.S., an enthusiastic Member of the Lodge, was elected R.W. Master, and Brother Plenderleith was unanimously elected to the office of Corresponding Member of the Lodge in London. On 20th September, Past Master Brother Jaffray took the chair, when his son was initiated; but "owing to his extreme youth the R.W. Master requested that his being made Fellow Craft and Master Mason might be postponed until a future date." . . . The health was drunk "in a particular manner of our *old, old* Past Master, who filled the chair."

It is recorded on 10th November "that on this occasion the Jewels and other Regalia of the Lodge were covered with crape, and the Members present with the visiting Brethren condoled with the Right Worshipful on the great loss this Lodge and Masonry in general had sustained in the death of our ever-to-be-lamented Friend and Brother, BROTHER ALEXANDER JAFFRAY. He had, while this Lodge was

threatened with dangers on every side, stood up manfully in its support, and his exertions were at last crowned with success. The memory of such a Brother, the Right Worshipful trusted, would ever be held in the highest respect and veneration by every true Member of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge."

The usual Monthly Meeting was held on 3d February 1820, "but owing to the great calamity which has thrown these realms into the deepest distress by the death of our ever-to-be-beloved gracious sovereign GEORGE THE THIRD, the greater part of the Members had absented themselves with the idea that the meeting would be postponed. . . . It was then ordered that those who had met this night should be served with a very small allowance of ammunition, and requested that the Brethren should conduct themselves in as orderly a manner as possible suitable to the occasion. No songs were allowed, and the musician played some loyal airs, but on the lowest key, in consequence of which the joyous hilarity which has hitherto distinguished the meetings . . . was this evening laid aside. The deputations from Mary's Chapel and Journeymen were likewise served with a small allowance *gratis*."

On 24th June Brother Robertson was re-elected R.W.M., and Brother Plenderleith Corresponding Member in London.

A General Meeting of the Committee was held in Young's Tavern on 18th December, when the R.W. Master "stated that he had felt it to be his imperative duty to call this meeting for the purpose of considering what measures ought to be pursued towards those Brethren who had behaved in an unmasonic manner on the 30th ultimo . . . from the various unpleasant reflections thrown out against the Lodge . . . and however disagreeable it might be to him, he must attend to the interests of the Lodge. He then produced a letter from a Brother who could not attend the meeting. The letter is in these terms :—

"DEAR SIR,—I find it will be impossible for me to attend the meeting of the Committee . . . to-day.

“I am very sorry for the riot which took place at the meeting of 30th ult., and for anything personal I may have said to you I beg to apologise. All I meant to do was to express my surprise at what appeared to me at the time, and, I must add, still appears to me to have been, orders which no Master of a Lodge has the power to issue.—I am, &c.”

The R.W. Master explained that no personal apology was expected or required, but he was bound to say that that Brother had openly disobeyed orders proceeding from the chair, orders which no Mason could suppose to be beyond the powers of a Master to issue. The Secretary reported that the expense of the damage amounted to upwards of five guineas. It was resolved to send an extract of these Minutes to the Brother in question, giving him a fortnight from this date to make good the above loss, and apologise for his conduct, failing which, the whole matter to be laid before a General Meeting of the Lodge.

It was then unanimously agreed that a meeting should be called for the purpose of “considering the propriety of addressing our august Patron, His Majesty King George the Fourth, assuring him of our love to his sacred person, and our veneration for the constitution of Great Britain.” A General Meeting was therefore called for the 26th December, when the Secretary read the draft of an address which he had drawn up. It was thereupon moved and seconded, “That the address now submitted to the meeting should be thrown out . . . as it tended to throw discredit upon the Lodge by entering upon politics, &c.” After some discussion it was put to the vote, “address,” or “no address,” when 7 against 33 voted for “no address.” The address was headed as follows :—

“TO THE KING’S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—We, &c. &c.” It was signed by R.W. Brother Robertson in name of himself, Office-bearers, and Brethren, the seal of the Lodge being attached thereto. The Secre-

tary was then directed to forward it to Lord Sidmouth, to be presented to His Majesty.

A meeting was called on 10th January for the purpose of laying before the Members an answer from Lord Sidmouth to the address, of which the following is a copy :—

“ Whitehall, 5th January 1821.

“ SIR,—I have had the honour to lay before the King, the very loyal and dutiful address of the Master, Wardens, Office-bearers, and Brethren of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, and I have the satisfaction to inform you that His Majesty was pleased to receive the same in the most gracious manner.—I am, &c.,

(Signed) “ SIDMOUTH.

“ The Secretary of the Lodge
“ Canongate Kilwinning.”

Then follows the copy of a long letter from the offending Brother, acknowledging receipt of the Minute of the Committee Meeting of 18th ultimo, expressing regret for the riot therein referred to, and enclosing £5, 5s. “ for the sake of quiet,” but pointing out that as an individual he was not liable for the breakage on the 30th November. The R.W. Master replied as follows :—

“ Edinburgh, 28th December 1820.

“ SIR,—I have this day yours of the 26th current, enclosing £5, 5s., and containing an apology for your conduct at Smart’s Rooms on the evening of St. Andrew’s Day.

“ As Master of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, I may express to you my entire approbation of the conduct which you have pursued both prior to and since the evening of the 30th ult., and my sincere hope that the handsome manner in which you have now come forward may for ever obliterate the recollections of that evening.


“ Your wishes that your letter should be engrossed in the minutes shall be complied with.—I am, &c., ALEX. ROBERTSON.”

On 25th June 1821 Brother Robertson was again elected R.W. Master, but no mention is made of a Corresponding Member in London for this year. It is worthy of remark that on this occasion, amongst the deputations present, was one from the Lodge Celtic, No. 291, headed by the R.W. Master, Brother Fernie. This flourishing Lodge was instituted on the 7th of May this year, and in point of numbers and influence at the present time is equal to any on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Minute closes thus: "In consequence of a disturbance that took place between two Brethren, the same was referred to the General Committee to meet in Young's Tavern on Thursday evening first at eight o'clock, . . . and having spent the evening with the greatest harmony (with the exception of about ten minutes during the above-mentioned disturbance), the Lodge was closed with the usual solemnity."

At the Committee Meeting it was agreed "that at the first monthly meeting in November the R.W. Master should from the chair reprimand the offending Brother in such terms as he should think proper." No meeting, however, was held in November, but on 6th December, "in terms of the resolution of the Committee of 28th June last, Brother Ritchie, Steward of the Lodge, was called in and reprimanded from the chair for improper conduct at the meeting for the celebration of the Festival of St. John on the 25th June last."

On 7th March 1822, a distressed Brother received 5s. 6d. from the funds, and about £3 from private Members of the Lodge. At the Annual Meeting this year, Alex. Robertson was again elected Master, and the other Office-bearers, with exception of the Secretary, were also re-elected.

CHAPTER XIII.

 ON 27th August 1822 the foundation stone of the National Monument on the Calton Hill was laid, and as the Minute of this date records the event in a most elaborate manner, the following extracts will convey an idea of the graphic description therein recorded. The opening part of the Minute is here transcribed exactly as it stands in the Lodge Books :—

“GRAND PROCESSION

AND

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE
OF THE
NATIONAL MONUMENT.

THE TRIBUTE OF A GRATEFUL COUNTRY

TO

HER GALLANT AND ILLUSTRIOUS SONS

AS

A MEMORIAL OF THE PAST AND INCENTIVE
TO THE FUTURE HEROISM OF
THE MEN OF
SCOTLAND.

FOUNDED on the 27th August, in the year 1822—5822, and in the third year of the glorious reign of GEORGE the FOURTH, under his immediate auspices, and in commemoration of his most gracious and welcome visit to his Ancient Capital and the Palace of his Royal Ancestors. JOHN, DUKE OF ATHOLL ; JAMES, DUKE OF MONTROSE ; ARCHIBALD JOHN, EARL OF ROSEBERY ; JOHN, EARL OF HOPETOUN ; ROBERT, VISCOUNT MELVILLE ; and THOMAS, LORD LYNEDOCH, officiating as Commissioners in name and behalf, and by special appointment, of His August Majesty, the Patron of the Undertaking.”

The Brethren met in the Lodge-room at eleven o'clock a.m., the R.W. Master supplying the vacant offices consequent on the absence of some of the Office-bearers. At twelve o'clock they walked in procession to the Parliament Square. The Grand Lodge was opened at one o'clock in the Signet Hall, the First Division of the Court of Session. The Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, was then introduced and sworn into office. The Procession was then formed, preceded by the Grand Master, the Duke of Argyle Grand Master elect; the Earl of Rosslyn officiating as Past Grand Master, and the other Grand Office-bearers as enumerated, also by Sir John Marjoribanks, Past Grand Master, and all the Provincial Grand Masters. The whole moved off from Parliament Square exactly at two o'clock p.m. At the Waterloo Hotel they were joined by the Commissioners of the King, and officers of the Army and Navy, the Lord Provost and Magistrates of the City of Edinburgh, and the Committee of Contributors to the Monument, etc.

On reaching the site of the stone, the band played "*God Save the King.*" The Grand Master then intimated that the Grand Lodge had attended at the desire of His Majesty to lay the foundation stone of the National Monument.

The Duke of Atholl having addressed the assemblage, the Duke of Hamilton, in obedience to His Majesty's commands, said it was their duty to proceed with the work. The band then played "*Hail, Masonry!*" and the Rev. Dr. John Lee, Grand Chaplain, engaged in prayer. Bottles hermetically sealed were then placed in the cavities of the stone, containing coins, newspapers, &c., of that period, the names of the Magistrates of Edinburgh and of the Office-bearers of the Grand Lodge, the band playing "*Great Light will Shine.*" The other ceremonies having been completed, and the benediction pronounced, there followed *three cheers.*

Corn, wine, and oil were then poured upon the stone, and the Grand Master made some very impressive remarks, after which there was loud and continuous cheering; and a signal gun having been

fired from the Calton Hill, salutes were immediately fired from the guns of the Castle, Salisbury Crags, Leith Fort, and the ships in Leith Roads, the band playing the "*Mason's Anthem*." The Duke of Hamilton then delivered a long and brilliant speech, in which he alluded to the "bright but melancholy memorial of our illustrious hero of Trafalgar," the glorious victory of Lord Abercromby, and many other incidents of Scottish history, and wound up as follows:— "I must beg now to offer my thanks to the different Masters, Wardens, Officers, and Brethren for their numerous attendance upon this solemn occasion. Having concluded the duty of the day, let them return home, and animated with new zeal for the spirit of masonry, let them encourage in their respective situations the sacred and mysterious ceremonies of our august institution, formed in due humility upon the basis of true and genuine philanthropy; let them promote with industry the practice of Love and Charity. As the Great Architect of our Universe is the Creator of all that is good or great, so be you the instruments and ministers of His will, continuing to teach and encourage the virtue of fraternal affection."

His Grace the Duke of Atholl, having returned thanks to His Grace the Duke of Hamilton, and the other Officers of Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Masters, and Worshipful Brethren, said that they could not conclude better than by reading the preamble of the Act under which they had now officiated:—"Whereas it is expedient that a Monument should be erected in Scotland in testimony of gratitude to Almighty God for the signal successes of the British arms by sea and land in the late eventful war.' The ground was broken on the anniversary of His Most Gracious Majesty's birth, and the foundation laid by us, the Commissioners . . . on the anniversary of the day when Christian slavery was abolished, when the captive's bonds were broken, and the prisoner set free by British valour under the walls of Algiers, thus gloriously terminating the achievements of our gallant countrymen." The band played "*Rule Britannia*," and the ceremony concluded. The Procession returned to the Freemasons' Hall guarded by parties of the Scots Greys and the 3rd Dragoon

Guards, and a party of infantry, the Magistrates by a party of the High Constables, and the Calton Constables. "Upon the whole, it may be said that this was the most splendid Masonic ceremony and procession ever witnessed in this country."

On 6th March 1823, a meeting of the General Committee was held for the purpose of nominating a Junior Warden instead of Brother Michie Gleig, deceased, and on the same date the monthly meeting was held—the Jewels and other Regalia of the Lodge being covered with crape. The announcement was then made to the Brethren of "the death of our much respected Junior Warden, Brother Michie Gleig, a Brother who was a warm friend to the Lodge and a most zealous supporter of its interests, possessed of great abilities and of the most amiable disposition. His memory can never be effaced from the minds of those who had the pleasure of being acquainted with him." Brother Walter Dickson, junior, W.S., was then elected to fill the vacant office. At this meeting the following Brethren were admitted Honorary Members—namely, six of Mary's Chapel, one of St. Andrew's Lodge, one of St. Luke's, "and George Muir of the Lesmahagow's St. John's (*a Poet*)."

At the Festival of St. John the Baptist, Brother Alexander Robertson, W.S., was again elected to the chair, and the other annual business having been transacted, the meeting closed, and the Minutes of the next Monthly Meeting on 12th November record that, "As the usual day of meeting of the Lodge this month happened to be on the same day on which the Fast previous to the dispensation of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper took place in Edinburgh, the meeting was postponed to this date." At this meeting Sir Patrick Walker recommends two candidates for initiation, and during the evening there was received a deputation from St. David's Lodge, headed by Sir Patrick Walker. A letter was submitted from Mr. Robert Cargill, W.S., requesting the use of the Lodge-room for teaching a Sabbath-school. It was remitted to the Master's Committee to do as seemed proper.

The Committee met on the 14th November, when Mr. Cargill's

letter was read, and the meeting was "of opinion that under all the circumstances of the case it may be proper to allow the room for the purpose mentioned in the foregoing letter, at least for half a year from this date." Accordingly, Mr. Alexander Robertson replied by letter granting the request on the following conditions:—"1st. As no rent is expected or wished for the room, it is expected that the teachers shall be careful of the room and furniture, and be responsible for their preservation in good order. 2nd. The keys of the room will be given to the masters by Mr. Thomas Ritchie, Jack's Close, and it will be requisite that he be in attendance to see the rooms opened and shut. 3rd. If the masters find it advisable, they may have the use of the gas on paying the sums exacted by the Gas Company for the use of it by the schools, which sum does not exceed 10d. per hour."

The Festival of St. Andrew's was celebrated on Monday the 1st of December, and the proceedings are recorded at length by the Secretary in his usual neat and careful style. The Minute of a meeting of the General Committee, held on 17th of this month, records very fully the particulars of a disagreeable incident which occurred at St. Andrew's Festival, the perpetrator of which, having admitted the offence, explaining that no evil intentions were meant, was called upon to "make an apology," and to "be excluded from the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge for the space of three months." On account of the delinquent's unmasonic behaviour after receiving the above sentence, the Committee unanimously resolved that he should be for ever prevented from attending the meetings of the Lodge, and at the monthly meeting on 5th February 1824—the visitors having retired into an adjoining room—the Committee's recommendation was unanimously confirmed.

An Extraordinary Meeting and Dinner took place on Saturday, 15th May 1824. "The dinner was furnished by Brother Budge of Mary's Chapel, who, having laid out the table in a tasteful manner, a select company sat down at 5 o'clock, the chair being filled by the R.W. Master. After the cloth had been removed and the daylight shut out, the Lodge was opened in the usual form. At high

twelve exact the Lodge was closed and the Brethren departed, ‘*happy to meet, sorry to part, but happy to meet again.*’”

At the Committee meeting of 19th June, the R.W.M. stated that in consequence of the damage done to the Lodge-room by the children, he had written to Mr. R. Cargill, W.S., declining to allow the Sabbath-school to be held there any longer, and this was approved of.

On 24th June Alexander Robertson, W.S., was again elected Master ; and after recording the election of Grand Lodge Office-bearers on St. Andrew’s Day, the Minute says :—“In consequence of the confusion and distress occasioned by the recent dreadful conflagration, the Grand Lodge considered it prudent not to have any public celebration of the Festival. A select number of Members of Canongate Kil-winning, however, dined in John’s Coffee House, and the evening passed in a most agreeable way.”*

About seventy members of the Lodge attended a reception meeting

* The “dreadful conflagration,” which is here alluded to, broke out on the evening of Monday, the 15th November, on the south side of the High Street, about half way between the Tron Church and St. Giles. Cockburn describes the advocates running out from the Parliament House, “gowned and wigged,” to see the conflagration. The author of the “*Memorials*” says :—“I found the south-east angle of the Parliament Close burning violently. This was in the centre of the same thick-set population and buildings, but the property was far more valuable. It was almost touching Sir William Forbes’ bank, the Library of the Advocates, and of the Writers to the Signet, the Cathedral, and the Courts. Of course the alarm was very great, but this only seemed to increase the confusion. No fire ever got fairer play. Judges, Magistrates, Officers of State, dragoons, librarians, people described as ‘*Heads of Bodies,*’ were all mixed with the mob, all giving peremptory and inconsistent directions, and all with angry and provoking folly claiming paramount authority. It was said to have been mooted, and rather sternly discussed on the street, whether the Lord Provost could order the Lord Justice Clerk to Prison, or the Justice the Provost, and whether George Cranstoun, the Dean of the Faculty, was bound to work at an engine when commanded by John Hope, the Solicitor-General, or *vice versa*. . . . Amidst this confusion, inefficiency, and squabble for dignity the fire held on till next morning, by which time the whole private buildings in the Parliament Close, including the whole east side and left half of the south side, were consumed.”

held by the Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Viscount Glenorchy, in Freemasons' Hall, 28th January 1825, and the Minute of next monthly meeting, 3rd February, closes with an interesting paragraph as follows :—

“ Old John Reid, who for many years was a faithful servant of the Lodge,* died a few days ago. He was upwards of 85 years of age, was born near Stirling, and bred a weaver. In his latter years he was officer to the Incorporation of Hammermen of Canongate. He was initiated about sixty years ago in the Lodge Royal Arch, Stirling, and acted in this Lodge as Tyler, and was present in that capacity when the Lodge assembled for the Grand Lodge meeting on the 28th ultimo.” J. Graham, Esq., of Leitchtown, Royal Arch Lodge, Stirling, was affiliated an Honorary Member to-night. At the meeting of 3rd March, amongst several other initiations reported, appears the name of Mr. David Paterson Howden, of Sir William Forbes & Co., proposed by James Thomson, banker, and the following reply was received from the Earl of Dalhousie, a member of the Lodge and a Past Grand Master (who was understood to be at that time at Dalhousie Castle), to an invitation sent to attend the meeting :—

“ LONDON, 4th February 1825.

“ SIR,—Your letter of 31st January reached me here this morning, and I hasten to offer my apology that I could not attend the invitation of the R.W. Master, Officers, and Brethren of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge. Without doing this I should have feared my silence might have been misinterpreted.—I am, sir, your most obedt. humble servant,

Dalhousie

* Affiliated 2nd December 1767.

Alex. Robertson, W.S., was re-elected R.W.M. on 24th June, and the Minute of 16th November records that a deputation attended the laying of the foundation stone of the new High School by the Right Hon. Lord Viscount Glenorchy, Grand Master, on 26th July ; " and although there was not a numerous attendance of the members, the dignity of the Lodge was fully supported." The Annual Committee Meeting in June 1826, preparatory to the annual election, took place in Cook's Tavern, No. 1 North St. Andrew Street, and on St. John the Baptist's Day Brother Robertson was continued Master. It was reported that the Rev. David Ritchie was along with others initiated since last meeting, but on account of his profession his fees were dispensed with. The Minute of Grand Lodge Election on St. Andrew's Day being given very fully, a copy is here transcribed of the principal part of it, namely :—" The Grand Master officiating (Brother William Inglis) then proceeded to the election of Office-bearers. The Grand Office-bearers were unanimously elected, until it came to Brother W. A. Lawrie as *Assistant Grand Secretary*. When this election was proposed, Brother Robert Kennedy (No. 2), R.W. Proxy Master of the Lodge Camperdown, Dundee, rose and objected to the said nomination on the ground that this was not an appointment of any of the known and regular Office-bearers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which perhaps, although he doubted it much, might have been legally and validly made at a previous meeting of the Grand Lodge, but was, in fact, the creation of a new office, which, from its very nature, is occasional and temporary, and the creation of which ought then to be submitted to the consideration of the Grand Lodge at the meeting on St. Andrew's Day. This motion was seconded by R.W. Bro. Peter Campbell (No. 2), Proxy Master of the Dunbar Castle Lodge, and supported by the Master of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge. Before this motion was disposed of by the Grand Lodge, the said R.W. Peter Campbell, of the Dunbar Castle Lodge, moved that the consideration of the propriety of creating this office should be delayed until the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge ; thereafter the R.W. Sub. Grand Master from the chair asked repeat-

edly whether there were any lunatics in the hall. This question having been followed by most general expressions of disapprobation on the part of the Brethren present, Brother James Allan Maconochie (No. 2) moved that the Grand Lodge be closed, which motion was duly seconded by the R.W. Master of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge. While these various motions were still undisposed of, and the R.W. Master of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning was with becoming propriety speaking to the question, he was interrupted by the chair, and was not allowed to proceed, and at the same instant the gross conduct of an individual, who charged Brethren with coming in a state of drunkenness to annoy the meeting, and which conduct, although it immediately called for the unanimous disapprobation of the Brethren present, was passed over unnoticed by the chair. The Sub. Grand Master then threatened to bring in a body of police to disperse the meeting, thereby threatening to introduce into the regularly constituted Grand Lodge of Scotland a body of men or individuals of the body who were not members of any recognised Lodge. In these circumstances, while the creation of this new office was still undecided, Brother Maconochie proposed that the meeting should proceed to the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew, which was accordingly done, by drinking the health of His Most Gracious Majesty, as Patron of the order—by sanction of the chair.

“After having joined in the toast proposed by Bro. Maconochie, and the acclamations which followed, the R.W.M. of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, in consequence of the most irregular and extraordinary conduct adopted on this occasion by the Sub. Grand Master, and of the repeated interruptions he met with whilst addressing the chair, in consideration of the total want of order which prevailed, and considering the effect which the continuation of such a scene must have had on the minds of those Brethren under his care, who for the first time were within the walls of the Grand Lodge, paid the accustomed obeisance to the R.W. Grand Master and Wardens, left the Grand Lodge accompanied by his Brethren.”

Having thus left the Grand Lodge, the Brethren of the Canongate

Kilwinning returned to St. John's Chapel, when the Lodge was constituted with all due solemnity.

“The Brethren having expressed their decided disapprobation of the extraordinary conduct of the Sub. Grand Master, it was moved and duly seconded that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of taking the matter into consideration, and report . . . such proceedings as they think should be adopted for maintaining the dignity, rights, and privileges of the Craft, and the due and regular election of the Office-bearers of the Grand Lodge.

“A numerous deputation attended from Mary's Chapel, and the Lodge was likewise visited by a number of Brethren from the sister Lodges. Reports of several initiations having taken place since last meeting, and the other routine business finished, the meeting closed, to meet again on the 7th December.”

On this date a very numerous attendance of the Brethren took place, and amongst others reported as having been initiated in the Lodge since last meeting, appears the name of the celebrated lawyer, Henry Glassford Bell.

The R.W.M. submitted to the meeting the report of the Committee appointed on 30th ult., which is of the following tenor:—“Report by the Select Committee of the Ld. C. K., appointed to consider the proceedings which took place at the election of Office-bearers of the Grand Lodge on 30th November 1826. The Com. having proceeded to take into consideration the remit made to them . . . and having maturely and deliberately considered the circumstances attending the extraordinary line of conduct adopted by the Sub. Gr. Mr. on the occasion in question, the Com. unanimously report and recommend to the Lodge, that before adopting further proceedings they sh. give instructions to the Secy. to forward to the Secy. of the Gr. Ld. a copy of the Minute of the meeting which took place on the 30th ult., so far as the same regards the proceedings which took place while present with the Gr. Ld., and the resolution which the Ld. C. K. adopted thereafter relating thereto. And that the Gr. Secy. be requested to lay the same before the Gr. Lodge, at their first

meeting, in order that an opportunity may be afforded to the Sub. Gr. Mr. to explain the conduct which he adopted towards the R.W. Master and Brethren of the Lodge C. K. on the occasion referred to: And further, to explain why, on the said occasion, the irregularities specified in the said Minute were connived at: And further still, why the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew was begun by proposing a toast, while the motions therein mentioned were undisposed of, and while a disputed election was still undecided by the Gr. Ld." Deputations were received on this occasion from St. David's and the Celtic Lodges. On 4th January 1827 the Secretary reported having transmitted to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the extract from the Minute of 30th November, together with a copy of the Committee's Report of 13th December 1826, and apologies were received from the R.W.M. and Depute Master on 1st February, consequent on their inability to attend the monthly meeting of that date, the latter "being obliged to preside at the first anniversary of the 'SIX FEET CLUB,' of which he is Captain."

Brother Robertson was on 24th June re-elected R.W.M., and Captain Ruddock of the St. Andrew's Lodge, Banff, was assumed an Honorary Member. It was reported on 15th November, "that on 15th August last the Lodge attended at the ceremony of laying the Foundation Stones of the Southern and Western Bridges (named King's Bridge, and King George the Fourth Bridge), of the intended Improvements . . . when a numerous attendance of the Brethren took place."

The acting R.W.M. then stated that the painful task devolved upon him of announcing to the meeting the irreparable loss the Lodge had sustained in the death of their late much lamented Senior Warden, George Walker Maxwell, of Carruchan, a brother who had endeared himself to every individual member of the Lodge.

Another General Meeting of the Lodge was held on 21st December for the purpose of disposing of a charge preferred against Bro. James Soutar of this Lodge for unmasonic and ungentlemanlike conduct at the Festival of St. Andrew on 30th November last in the

Grand Lodge, the circumstances connected with which had been fully investigated by the Committee and duly recorded. A long discussion took place as to the competency of this Lodge to institute proceedings for an offence committed in the Grand Lodge by a duly qualified member of that body, and eventually a motion was carried to the effect that the "whole proceedings are irregular, and dismiss the complaint;" the R.W.M. and Office-bearers considering it to be quite unnecessary to press the matter against him, "in respect of what had already been done operating as sufficient warning to prevent him conducting himself for the future in an unmasonic and ungentleman-like manner."

It is minuted, on 7th February 1828, "that the R.W.M. having, in addition to the many services to the Lodge, made a present of two splendid paintings, the same were on this occasion hung up in the room, and a vote of thanks to him was carried by acclamation." Like many other interesting circumstances recorded by the Secretary, the information given is so meagre, that it is now doubtful what paintings were alluded to, no names being given.

"On this occasion Bro. James Andrew presented an elegant Snuff Horn, for which he received a vote of thanks." This Horn is still in possession of the Lodge, and appears in the Inventory of Effects. Deputations were in attendance from Mary's Chapel, Journeymen, St. Andrew, and Portobello,* headed by the R.W. Masters and four Brethren from each Lodge.

On 31st May 1833, a Committee meeting took place by request of the R.W. Master for the purpose of (1st) "To obtain a settlement of accounts from the Secretary, and (2nd) To concert measures" . . . as to certain improvements and repairs on the Lodge.

Those repairs, for obvious reasons, had been rendered absolutely necessary, and were suggested to the Master by various Office-bearers. He had consequently given instructions to proceed with such of these as were most pressing, so as to have the Lodge in good order by the

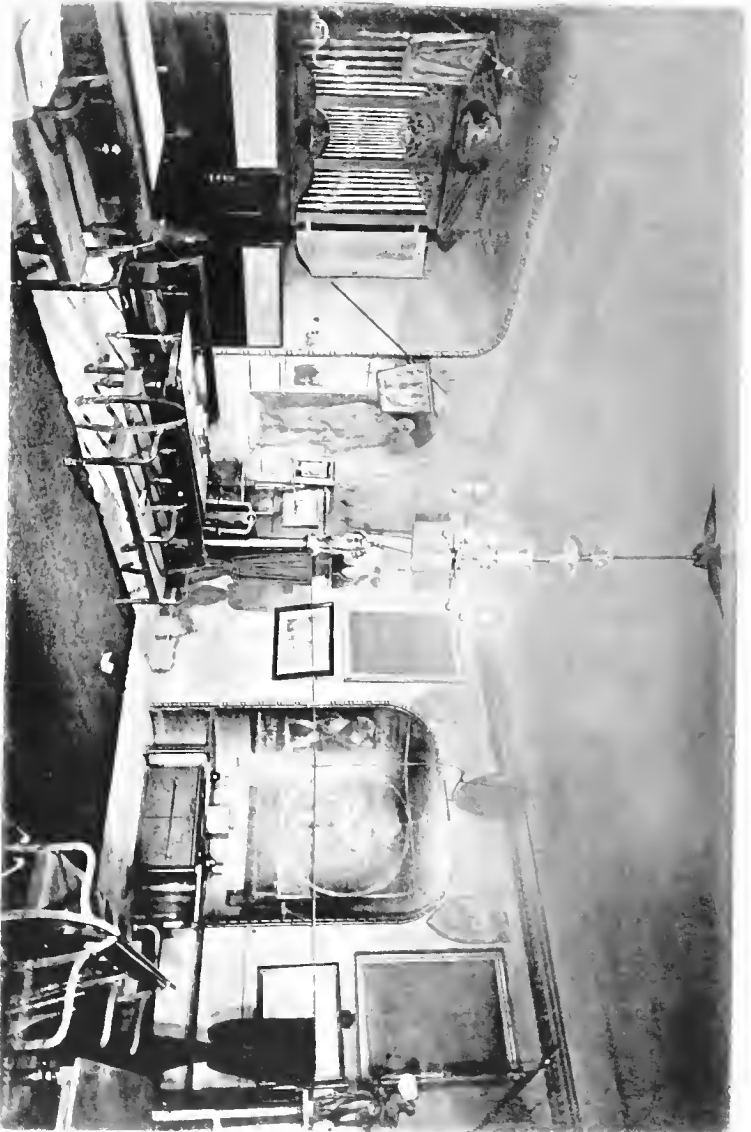
* Instituted 1st August 1808.

ensuing election. It was resolved to call another meeting of the Committee on the subject in a few days, and accordingly on 3rd June a meeting was held in the "Royal Saloon." A plan of the proposed improvements and repairs was laid on the table, which being approved of, a Committee was appointed to superintend the work. It was then stated that Brother Anthony Trail, W.S., and the R.W.M. had been in communication with the adjacent proprietor for an entrance to the Lodge by St. John Street (formerly the entrance was by St. John's Close), with the result that such an entrance was offered for £20. The meeting agreed to accept this offer, and remitted to the Special Committee to meet with the proprietor, procure the title to be granted to the Lodge, and get the entrance completed as expeditiously as possible.

It was further resolved that a general subscription should be entered into to defray the great expense necessarily attending the proposed repairs, and the Secretary was ordered to furnish a correct list of the "whole of the present Members of the Lodge," that the same may be as generally and expeditiously circulated as possible. It was also directed to get the Jewels repaired and clothing renewed, which were in "very bad and almost disreputable order." The Secretary's letter stated that the books and papers of the Lodge still in the possession of the two former Secretaries, would be delivered up at the General Meeting on 24th June, and that the present Secretary may in the meantime have access to them.

The General Meeting of Committee was held on 20th June 1833, when the Secretary's accounts for the year from June 1831 to June 1832 were laid on the table, but in the absence of the accounts for the current year they deferred auditing the same until the whole were before them.

On 24th of this month the R.W. Master stated "that the meeting had been called at this early hour (4 o'clock p.m.), according to the Laws and Customs of the Lodge, for the election, &c." He was then continued in the Chair for the ensuing year, and after the election the meeting adjourned to dinner, and again assembled in the evening to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist.



Interior of Lodge-room, looking South-West, showing ORGAN built in 1754; Litho-portrait of STEWART
WATSON; Photo of Deposition to Mother Kilwinning in 1883; Junior Warden's Chair;
Allegorical Oil Painting on Wall; etc.
1888.

“A handsome sword was on this occasion presented by Brother Deuchar (of Mary’s Chapel) to the Lodge on behalf of himself and the Knight Templars of Scotland, and Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, as a mark of their esteem, and in return for the kindness which they had at all times received from the Lodge, in granting them the use of the Chapel for their meetings. The Sword being intended to be worn by the Outer Tyler of the Lodge, and to act as a greater incentive to him in the exercise of his duties.” Thanks were returned by the R.W.M. for the gift. It may be remarked that this sword is not now in the possession of the Lodge.

A Special Meeting of Committee again took place on 5th July for the purpose of advising as to the state of the Lodge repairs, and the best means of liquidating the expense, when it was resolved to make every effort amongst the Members to accomplish this, before having recourse to a loan.

It was stated that great inconvenience was felt from the want of a proper Diploma plate, when the Secretary was ordered to get one engraved forthwith.

At another Special Committee Meeting held on 4th November the Secretary stated that he had now arranged with the adjoining proprietor, Mr. John Morison, for an entrance to the Lodge by St. John Street at the price of £19, 10s., to be payable on a promissory note by the Office-bearers, with interest, at Martinmas 1834. “The Secretary also stated that he had been in communication with Mr. Lockhart, the proprietor of the cellar below the Lodge, who had agreed to give £10 for renouncing in his favour the present right of entrance to the Lodge by St. John’s Close, and so much of the mutual area below as was not requisite for a lobby to the Lodge. Mr. Lockhart, however, had stipulated that in the event of the Lodge obtaining the proposed entrance he should be entitled to avail himself of the entrance by striking a door through the Green before the Lodge, into it.” With the exception that instructions were given that Mr. Lockhart was on no account to have an entrance communicating with the proposed one by St. John Street, the meeting unanimously approved

of the Secretary's arrangement with Mr. Morison, and the parties present signed the promissory note.

The Secretary having stated that there were several very pressing debts which required immediate settlement, the Master, Past Master, Depute Master, and Secretary each agreed to advance the sum of £5, 5s. as a loan, to be indemnified from Subscriptions obtained towards the repairs.

"Copy Pro. Note . . . delivered to Mr. Morison.

"£20, 9s.

"Edinburgh, 31st October 1833.

"Against the term of Martinmas 1834, we couly and seally promise to pay to Mr. John Morison, Spirit Merchant, High Street, Edinr., within his shop, the sum of £20, 9s. sterling, value received, as the price of Entrance to the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge by St. John Street."

"19th Decemr.—At this meeting the Secy. laid before the Lodge the Missives of Sale entered into between him and John Morison for the Entranee to the Lodge by St. John Street, dated 25th Novemr. last, and the Minute of Agreement between him and Mr. James Lockhart, the Proprietor of the Cellars and Property below the Lodge, for ceding possession of the late entrance by St. John's Close, dated 13th and 16th December current, which were approved of by the meeting.

"(Signed) ANTH. TRAIL, *Secy.*
"A. M'NEILL, *Master.*"


On 22nd January 1834 a Grand Lodge visitation took place headed by Sir John Hay, of Haystoun, Bart., M.P. for Peeblesshire, S.G.M. in absence of the Marquis of Douglas and Clydesdale, M.W.G.M., accompanied by Sir Thomas Dick Lauder, Bart., Provl. G.M. of Elgin, and many others; also by deputations from eight of the then existing Edinburgh Lodges. The usual style of Minute is recorded in full and signed by the Grand Lodge Office-bearers, after which follows

the regular Minute of the Lodge, entitled "*Eo die et Loco*," and signed by the Master and Secretary.

At the Annual General meeting Bro. M'Neill was re-elected R.W.M., and the meeting, considering that the only way to liquidate the outstanding debt on the Lodge was to obtain a valid feudal title to the property, remitted to Bro. Trail to get the same completed as expeditiously as possible; the title to the property to be taken in favour of Brothers M'Neill, M'Dougal, Turnbull, Leslie, and Trail, as trustees for themselves and the other Members—the majority a quorum.

A meeting of the Committee took place on 26th November 1834, when Mr. Trail laid before them "the Act of Council relative to the new Charter, and also the Charter of Novodamus, &c., by the Magistrates of Edinburgh to Mr. M'Neill and others as trustees for the Members of the Lodge, to the Subjects in St. John's Close and St. John Street, which the meeting approved of."

CHAPTER XIV.

 THE subject of a revival of the Poet-Laureateship of the Lodge was at this time engrossing the attention of the Members, and it is recorded that, on 16th January 1835, the Committee unanimously resolved to invite the "Ettrick Shepherd" to join the Craft, with a view to elect him Poet-Laureate of the Lodge. The Minute says:—"It was proposed by R.W. Brother M'Neill, Master, and seconded by Worshipful Brother Turnbull, Substitute Master, that it was expedient that the honorary office of Poet-Laureate of the Lodge, which had been in abeyance since the death of the immortal Brother ROBERT BURNS, should be revived, and that JAMES HOGG, the Ettrick Shepherd, on whom his poetic mantle had fallen, should be respectfully requested to accept of the appointment as the highest tribute to his genius and private worth which the Brethren had it in their power to bestow, which motion was unanimously and enthusiastically carried. Brother John Forbes, in consequence of his being personally acquainted with Mr. Hogg, was instructed to communicate to him this resolution, and at the same time, in the name of the Master, Office-bearers, and Members, to invite his attendance at a full meeting of the Lodge on Friday, the 6th day of February next, at 8 o'clock evening, to have his brow encircled with the laurel wreath, the insignia of his office. The Secretary was instructed to provide an entertainment suitable for the occasion, and on purpose to give additional interest to the meeting, to have in readiness the diplomas for the Polish officers, lately admitted Members, to be then formally presented to them."

In pursuance of the above request, Brother Forbes communicated with Mr. Hogg, and received the following reply :—

“ALTRIVE LAKE, *January 25, 1835.*

“DEAR FORBES,—I am sixty-five years of age this night. I am not a Mason, and never have been, having uniformly resisted the entreaties of my most influential friends to become one. I am, however, intensely sensible of the high honour intended me, which, coming to my hand on the morning of my birthday, has, I feel, added a new charm to the old shepherd's life. My kindest respects to the Hon. Master and Members of the Lodge, and say that I cannot join them, nor be initiated into the mysteries of the Art, for I know I should infallibly . . . And, alas ! my dear John, I am long past the age of enjoying Masonic revels. I shall, however, be most proud to become nominally the Poet-Laureate of the Lodge, to have my name enrolled as such, and shall endeavour to contribute some poetical trifle annually.—I remain, Yours and the Honourable Brotherhood's most affectionate,
JAMES HOGG.”

It will be seen that the refusal of Mr. James Hogg, at this date, even to join the Order, arose chiefly from a resolution to withdraw himself from public society. Nevertheless, what cannot be considered otherwise than a most graceful compliment to the Craft, Mr. Hogg, after mature consideration of the value of Freemasonry, about three months afterwards, declared his willingness to join, and subsequent to becoming a Member, frequently expressed himself more than satisfied with the Fraternity, and looked upon the circumstances attending his initiation as marked by complimentary exceptions in his favour.

As circumstances prevented Mr. Hogg from attending a meeting of the Lodge in Edinburgh, a Masonic excursion was determined on, to go to Peeblesshire for the purpose of initiating him into the Order ; but, previous to doing so, a warrant, or dispensation, to constitute a Lodge there was obtained, and it is minuted that—

“At a meeting of the Committee of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, held on the first day of May 1835. The which day it was moved and unanimously approved of: That, in consideration of the eminent character and acknowledged worth of James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, he be admitted a Member of this ancient Lodge, and for that purpose a deputation, headed by Bro. Jas. Deans as acting Master, assisted by Bro. Anthony Trail and Alex. Mackie as his Wardens, and other Brethren, do proceed to Innerleithen, or any other convenient place there, to open and hold a meeting of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, and to initiate the said James Hogg or other gentlemen present on that occasion: For doing whereof this shall be your Warrant.

“Given under our hands and seal at St. John’s Chapel, Edinburgh, this 1st day of May 1835, and of Masonry 5835.

(Sd.) CHARLES MACDOUGAL, *D.M.*

„ W. B. D. D. TURNBULL, *S.M.*

„ JOHN LESLIE, *S.W.*

„ A. MACKIE, *Secy.*”

The ceremony was accordingly fixed for 7th May 1835, and on the morning of that day two of the Brethren, Messrs. Adam Wilson and William Pringle, drove to Mr. Hogg’s house at Altrive Lake, when they found him prepared to mount his steed for the occasion. After being hospitably welcomed to the Banks of Yarrow, the party started on a short fishing excursion. Having arrived at the Cleikum Inn, St. Ronan’s, the expectant Brethren were all introduced to him, and the proper paraphernalia having been brought from the city, the Lodge was duly constituted, and the three degrees conferred upon the “Shepherd,” after which the Brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast in the Cleikum Inn, kept by Meg Dods. After the usual Masonic toasts, the R.W.M. proposed “the health of the newly initiated Brother, JAMES HOGG,” and in so doing alluded to the remarkable circumstance of Burns having been the Poet-Laureate of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, and said, that as the “Ettrick Shepherd was

universally looked upon as the successor of that immortal poet in his poetic fame, so the Members had felt the greater anxiety to enrol the name of James Hogg, Poet-Laureate of the Lodge.”

Mr. Hogg, in returning thanks, said “that he felt the honour which the Lodge had conferred upon him, and although hitherto he had resisted the invitations of many friends to join the Craft, he could not but rejoice—the ordeal past—that he had at length yielded to the solicitations of his friend Adam at his side ; that his mind was deeply impressed with the solemn injunctions this day received, and assured the Brethren that their travelling such a distance was deeply felt by him. The W.M. has alluded to myself (said the Shepherd) as being the successor of Robert Burns. I have fought hard for my literary fame. The first time that it ever entered into my head to court the Muses, was upon the occasion of my having heard recited ‘The Cottar’s Saturday Night.’ I learned it by heart, and thought I would try if I could do something like it. I have experienced great kindness from my literary friends ; indeed, I will do Burns the justice to say that he had to struggle through far greater difficulty than myself, and consequently is entitled to higher praise.”

Brother Mackie, Secretary of the Lodge, said, “This is a proud day for the annals of Masonry, and particularly for the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, which has had the honour of enrolling in its records the Ettrick Shepherd as a Brother Mason. While we congratulate ourselves on this auspicious event, we should not forget the name of our illustrious and departed Brother, Robert Burns, whose worth and transcendent talent were only fully appreciated after the grave had closed over him. Allow me, without in the most remote degree attempting to depreciate the well-earned fame of our worthy Shepherd, to propose the memory of Robert Burns as ‘the last Poet-Laureate of this Lodge.’”

Brother Burnes, M.D., and F.R.S., H.E.I.C.S., Bombay Army, brother of the celebrated traveller, “begged, before proceeding to propose a toast which he felt convinced would be received with enthusiasm by all present, to acknowledge himself a relation, though distant, of

the immortal Burns, and to return his heartfelt thanks to the company for the introduction of the name of Burns on this occasion. He concluded by proposing 'the health of R.W. Master Deans, whose merits were so well known to the Brethren as to require no eulogium on his part.'

Many other toasts were drunk, among which was "the health of Brother Professor Wilson, the friend and patron of the Yarrow Bard."

The Ettrick Shepherd sang some of his own sweet lays, such as "When the Kye comes Hame." Next day three of the Brethren went home with Brother Hogg, with whom they dined, returning delighted with his hospitality and agreeable family and fireside.

Under the above date (7th May) it is minuted that—

"In virtue of the above dispensation, We, the undersigned Brethren, did this day meet within the Cleikum Inn at Innerleithen, and there held a Lodge, at which James Hogg, of Altrive Lake, the Ettrick Shepherd, was regularly initiated as an Entered Apprentice, passed a Fellow-Craft, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

"Given under our hands and seal this 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1835, and of Masonry 5835."

(Sd.) JAS. DEANS, *M.*
 „ ANTH. TRAIL, *S.W.*
 „ A. MACKIE, *J.W.*

James Hogg

"James Burnes, M.D., H.E.I.C.S.; Adam Wilson, Dan. M. Davidson, R.A., John Donald, Wm. Jeffries Dowlin, And. Sievwright, Pat. Sandiman, Wm. Pringle (*afterwards Poet-Lauréate*), John Forbes, C. Neaves (*afterwards Lord Neaves*), Rob. Boyd, A. Mackie, *Secretary*."

On 15th May it was reported that Brother James Burnes, M.D., M.M., of the Lodge of Montrose, had been admitted a full Member.

on 30th April. The Minute of the Committee of the Lodge, held on the 1st May curt., having been read, "Brother Deans rose and informed the meeting that he, along with several of the Members, had gone to Innerleithen on the 7th curt., and he was happy to say that this Lodge was now able to enrol the name of James Hogg, of Altrive Lake, Yarrow, as a true and faithful Brother, duly and fully initiated a Master Mason of the Craft, and read the Sederunt of that meeting. The Lodge unanimously approved of the whole proceedings, and hoped the Shepherd would be long spared to enjoy his new honours."

The following note of expenses and particulars in connection with the Ettrick Shepherd's initiation will be of interest to the Brethren. It appears that in order to attend the ceremony the Lodge Tyler was provided with a white steed, on which he rode to Innerleithen, conveying with him the necessary paraphernalia. A new uniform was provided for him at a cost of £7, 10s. 11d., and the coat and vest are still to be seen hanging in the ante-room of the Lodge. Some of the items contained in the bill for the above amount are as follows :— Superfine crimson cloth, blue shag, gilt lace, gilt buttons, pair knee buckles, &c. Besides this account, the expenses of the "deputation going to Innerleithen," &c., charged to the Lodge, were £8, 8s.

On this occasion the Right Hon. James Andrew, Lord Ramsay, afterwards tenth Earl and first Marquis of Dalhousie, was passed and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This nobleman was initiated at a meeting held on 6th February this year, and the ceremony was followed by a banquet in the Lodge-room, at which about one hundred of the Brethren were present. R.W. Brother M'Neill occupied the chair, and was supported by the official dignitaries of the Lodge and a number of distinguished Members, among whom were Sir Patrick Walker of Coates, and Ranald M'Donald Seton of Staffa, &c., &c. Brother Deans, late W.M. of the Lodge of Emulation, London (who initiated the Ettrick Shepherd), and Brother Charles Doyne Sillery, appeared in the splendid costumes of the Knights of Malta. Although no deputations were expected on the occasion, Brother Deuchar, R.W.M. of Mary's Chapel, honoured

the Lodge with a visit and deputation. Many excellent toasts and speeches were delivered during the evening. The eloquence and truly Masonic feeling of the youngest Mason then present, Brother Lord Ramsay, excited general admiration and applause, especially in his speech returning thanks to the Brethren for dedicating a bumper to the health of his father, the Earl of Dalhousie, an old Member of the Canongate Kilwinning. With great propriety, his Lordship drank the health of a little band of Polish Brethren who were present, who had been forced to fly from their homes by the edict of the northern autocrat. The other gentlemen who were initiated this evening were Major Walker, Captain Rutherford of the Bengal Army, and Mr. Robert Blackwood, publisher.

The Minute of 15th May concludes thus: "Lord Ramsay left the meeting at an early hour, having to proceed to London next day, but the meeting did not break up till late."

Appended is his Lordship's autograph as it appears in the Petition Book.



At the meeting of 17th June "the Right Worshipful Master said he was highly gratified in laying the following letter from the Polish Brethren before the meeting—

" 38 RANKEILLOR STREET,
" EDINBURGH, 4th June 1835.

" SIR,—Being desirous of expressing the sense we entertain of the honour conferred upon us in admitting us Members of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, our respect for the Brotherhood, and our regard for yourself, we beg you will do us the favour to permit our countryman, Mr. Samockie, to paint your portrait as Master of the

Lodge, and accept of it as a gift to the Brethren from, Sir, your most obedient servants." (Signed by ten Polish officers.)

"Addressed to Alexander M'Neill, Esq., Advocate, Right Worshipful Master of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge."

To which letter he made the following reply :—

"10th June 1835.

"GENTLEMEN,—I have had the honour to receive your letter proposing that my portrait should be painted by Mr. Samockie, and in acceding to your request I beg to assure you that I feel extremely grateful and honoured by this mark of your kindness, and in name of the Lodge I can also assure you that they will ever entertain a grateful sense of the compliment you have conferred. We have considered ourselves flattered in being able to write you amongst our Members, and our best wishes will always accompany you in whatever situation you may be placed, and I am, &c.,

"(Signed) A. M'NEILL."

"Addressed to Lieut. Stanislas Polinski, &c., and the other Polish Masonic Brethren, Edinburgh."

This was approved of, and a vote of thanks passed to the Poles for their kindness.

The draft of the Bye-Laws, for the framing of which a special Committee was recently appointed, together with the report of the Committee thereon, were then laid before the meeting. The report was approved of, and ordered to be engrossed in the Sederunt Book, and the Bye-Laws were recommitted to a Committee to be revised and proofs distributed before the 24th curt., when the election of Office-bearers for the ensuing year would take place.

"The report of the Special Committee for framing Bye-Laws and Regulations for the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning" is recorded at length, and contains much matter of a very interesting Masonic character. It winds up as follows :—"In conclusion, the Committee have

only to request that you will give to their united endeavours your candid consideration, prepared cheerfully to bow to your decision thereupon, and with truth they declare that, whatever may be your final verdict, they shall ever feel proud of the confidence reposed in them in appointing them to so important a charge, an appointment, they feel persuaded, in itself, a proof among many of the increasing desire to support the character of the Craft, and in particular, the interest of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning. The day, they would fain hope, is not far distant—nay, is already come—when the pure and elevating principles of Freemasonry shall be fully appreciated and practised in these realms, when our high and holy association shall no longer be stigmatised as immoral or ridiculed as puerile; but when it shall take its station among the noble institutions of the land, which have for their object the improvement of mankind, both moral and material, and the union of the whole into one great and glorious brotherhood.

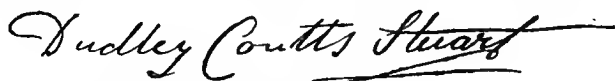
*'Jam redit et virgo redeunt Masonica Regna.'***

On 24th June Brother A. McNeill was re-elected Master for the sixth time, and amongst the other Office-bearers appears the name of JAMES HOGG as Poet-Laureate. The meeting was called by advertisement in the now defunct *Edinburgh Courant*, and the revised proof of the Bye-Laws having been submitted to the Lodge and approved of, the meeting adjourned to dinner, which was provided in the Lodge-room. It was resolved to present an address of condolence to His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, M.W. Grand Master of England, "upon the affliction with which it has pleased Providence to visit him." An address was then drawn up "To His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, Earl of Inverness, Baron Arklow, &c., &c.," and Brother Lord Ramsay was requested to present the same. The address is engrossed in the Minutes at length. This evening Brother A. Mackie, Past Secretary of the Lodge, was presented with a splendid gold watch as a token of respect for his great attention to the duties of his

* "Undeiled as a virgin the masonic kingdoms return."

office, and on the occasion of his being about to leave the country for the East Indies.

At the meeting of 11th December twenty-one initiations were reported, amongst them being David Rhind, architect; Sir John Rose Cormack, M.D., &c., Paris; Count L. Zamoyski, Lord Dudley Coutts Stuart, M.P., Marshal Waldimar Gadon, Major J. Urbanowicz, Chief Commander of the Samogitian Patriots; and other distinguished men of that period. Appended is a fac-simile of Lord Dudley Coutts Stuart's autograph.



The Lodge was this evening favoured with a visit from Prince Czartoryski, who was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge, and was pleased to express himself much gratified with the honour and the reception he had met with. Lord Ramsay took occasion to observe, that in pursuance of the resolution of the Lodge on the 24th June last, he had presented the address, voted on that day, to His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, who had been pleased to express himself much gratified with the attention of the Brethren of this Lodge, and had forwarded to his Lordship the following answer:—

“To the R.W. Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the ancient Lodge
Canongate Kilwinning in the City of Edinburgh.

“BRETHREN,—Accept my sincere and best thanks for your kind and affectionate address which I have this day had the satisfaction to receive from the hands of the noble Brother the Lord Ramsay, conveying the expression of your sympathy with me on the severe affliction under which I have for some time past been suffering, and of your earnest prayer that it may please the Almighty speedily to restore to me the enjoyment of perfect health.

“To the Dispensations of the Divine Will it is my endeavour, as it is my duty, to submit with resignation, and to His mercy and goodness I look with humble confidence for a restoration to the blessing of sight, from the enjoyment of which I have so long been nearly deprived.

“The expression of your approval of the manner in which I have discharged the important duties of Grand Master of Masons in England is most acceptable to me. I have ever viewed the Masonic World as one Body connected by the strongest ties of affinity, governed in their actions by the same principles of Universal Benevolence, and seeking to advance the general good; but more especially have the operations and advantages of these principles impressed themselves on my mind and engaged my attention in reference to the Craft in the different portions of the British Empire, where the Community of National interest is concurrent with our Fraternal regards as Masons. To cement and preserve these my best energies will ever be exerted, and I pray the Great Architect of the Universe to prosper the works of all the sister Lodges, to grant Health and Comfort to the Brethren individually, and to continue to the end of time mutual affection and Brotherly Love.

“(Signed) AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, *G.M.*

“Kensington Palace, *11th July*, A.L. 5835,

“A.D. 1835.

“By command of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex.

“(Signed) WILLIAM H. WHITE, *G.S.*,
“*of Grand Lodge of England.*”

“The Brethren stood up while Lord Ramsay read the above answer, and testified their approbation and respect for the fraternal manner in which His Royal Highness had been pleased to accept their address, and the unanimous thanks of the meeting were voted to Lord Ramsay for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him in presenting the same.”

James Hogg did not survive long after his initiation, for having suffered severely for four weeks he died on the 21st November 1835, as calmly, “and to all appearance with as little pain, as if he had fallen asleep in his grey plaid on the side of a moorland rill.” At the Monthly Meeting of 27th January 1836, the R.W. Master took occasion to observe “that as the office of Poet-Laureate had been vacant since the lamented death of Brother James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, and as they had had this evening the honour of initiating into the Craft a gentleman who was well known as the able translator of the Greek Anthology, he suggested that if that Brother could


be prevailed upon to accept the office for the remainder of the year, the Lodge would feel proud of naming him as the successor of Brother Hogg. This proposition was cordially received by the Lodge, and Brother William Hay* was unanimously elected Poet-Laureate for the remainder of the year." Brother David Rhind was then appointed Architect and Superintendent of Works to the Lodge.

A Committee was appointed to consider the propriety "of having a Masonic Ball, the profits of which to be appropriated towards the Subscription now being raised for the benefit of the widow and family of the late Brother James Hogg."

On 6th April the Secretary reported that since last meeting forty-two gentlemen were initiated in this Lodge. In the list recorded are the names of Robert Grant of Kincorth, Esq.; W. M. Steuart of Glenmorrison; Sir Walter Elliot of Wolflee, H.E.I.C.S.; James Blair of Glenfoot; Mr. Scott Kerr of Chatto; and Captain Walter Scott, H.E.I.C.S.

* "The Lintie o' Moray."

CHAPTER XV.

 THE Members of the Roman Eagle Lodge celebrated their jubilee meeting in St. John's Chapel on Tuesday, 10th February 1835. "The application for the hall having been considered, the unanimous opinion was that, out of respect to Brother Marshall, R.W.M., and considering that it is the jubilee meeting of the Roman Eagle Lodge, they resolved to grant his request." It may be here remarked that it was on the same evening, 6th February 1835, when Lord Ramsay was initiated, that Brother James Deans was admitted a full and free Member of Canon-gate Kilwinning.

On 24th June 1836 Mr. M'Neill was, for the seventh time, elected R.W. Master, and on his taking a retrospect of the proceedings for the past year, stated "that it was impossible not to feel extremely gratified at the progress which Masonry had made, more particularly in this Lodge, a result which was attributable to Brother James Burnes more than to any other. I speak," said the R.W.M., "my own individual sentiments, and I am convinced that I alike speak the sentiments of every Brother of the Lodge when I say that Brother Burnes deserves every encomium that we can bestow, all the good-will that we can offer—in a word, our most hearty and grateful thanks. . . . I do feel, my Brethren, that I should not perform the duty incumbent on this chair if I neglected to propose, that the cordial thanks of this Lodge be tendered to Brother James Burnes, LL.D., F.R.S., for his great and meritorious exertions during the past year

in advancing the cause of Masonry in this country, and in this Lodge in particular."

The Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of this Minute to Brother Burnes. The first Monthly Meeting of the season was held on 9th November, when it was referred to the Committee "to consider the propriety of tendering to Grand Lodge the use of the picture of St. Clair of Rosslyn at the ensuing celebration of the Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the 30th inst." The Lodge was specially summoned to meet on 8th March 1837 in consequence of a notification from the Right Hon. Lord Ramsay, M.W. Grand Master, of his intention to visit the Lodge, accompanied by the other Grand Lodge dignitaries. On this occasion the Secretary reported "that upwards of seventy Members of this Lodge had attended on St. Andrew's Day last at the celebration of the CENTENARY of the GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND, on which occasion nearly one thousand Brethren assembled, and that the Committee had tendered the use of the picture of St. Clair of Rosslyn, which had been accepted with thanks by the Grand Lodge, and that it had been returned to the Lodge without injury." On 24th June the R.W. Master referred to the decease of his late Majesty King William IV., Patron of the Order, and moved "that a Committee be appointed to prepare an address of condolence and congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria." At the Monthly Meeting on 6th November it was reported that an address had been drawn up—

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty."

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It is embodied in the Minute of this date, and before transmission to Lord John Russell, Secretary of State, had been engrossed on vellum. The following answer was received :—

"WHITEHALL, 14th August 1837.

"SIR,—I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the loyal

and dutiful address, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Accession to the Throne, from the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the ancient Lodge of Freemasons Canongate Kilwinning, Edinburgh.

"And I have the honour to inform you the same was very graciously received by her Majesty.

"I have the honour to be, Sir,

"Your most obedient Servant,

"(Signed) J. RUSSELL."

"The Master—to be enclosed to Mr. Deans."

The above letter, neatly framed and surmounted with a crown, is still in possession of the Lodge, and hangs on the south wall of the hall.

On 27th December 1837, two deputations were formed to visit the Edinburgh Lodges. One of them returned and reported that they had been most hospitably received. The other "not having returned at high twelve, the Lodge was closed and adjourned."

A convivial meeting was held on 17th January 1838, and one of the prominent toasts of the evening was "*Prosperity to the Freemasons' School for Female Children*," about to be established in Edinburgh, and of which many Members of this Lodge had become supporters.

On St. John the Baptist's Day Brother M'Neill proposed as R.W. Master for the ensuing year "a Brother who had, in addition to his other qualifications, the happiness of being the son and grandson of two Brethren who had filled that Chair; he alluded to his esteemed friend Henry Jardine, Advocate."

On 27th December it was unanimously carried, "that some short historical account of the Lodge should be prepared, and for that purpose

a Committee was appointed to investigate the records of the Lodge and to report." No action, however, appears to have been taken in the matter, and the subject was allowed to drop. Professor Aytoun was elected R.W.M. on 24th June 1839, and a Grand Lodge visitation headed by the Grand Master, Sir James Forrest of Comiston, Bart., Lord Provost of Edinburgh, took place on 16th January 1840. During the evening one of the officers of the 78th Highlanders remarked that he had visited a Lodge in the centre of the Island of Ceylon, which was at that time composed entirely of natives, and his reception by them could not be exceeded in any other Lodge whatever.

The R.W. Master, in acknowledging "the honour conferred by the Grand Master, and in reference to his holding at the same time the office of Lord Provost of the city, took occasion to notice an historical fact connected with the latter, namely, that out of thirty-nine individuals who had held the office of Lord Provost during the sixty-five years preceding 1803, no less than fifteen of them were Members of this Lodge; these fifteen filling the Civic Chair for a period of forty-four out of the sixty-five years, and that three of these fifteen had been Grand Masters, and one, the late Sir James Hunter Blair, for many years filled the office of Grand Treasurer." On 18th March two apprentices of the Paris Lodge "La Rose du Parfait Silence," were passed and raised to the degree of Master Masons; and the Committee of 15th June resolved that a rent of three guineas per annum would in future be charged to the Royal Arch Chapter and the Priory for the use of the Chapel.

The following is an extract from the Minute of the 12th of August:—"Resolved, That for the purpose of facilitating the arrangements on the occasion of laying the Foundation Stone of the Monument to the memory of Sir Walter Scott, Bart., the Brethren shall assemble in St. John's Chapel at twelve o'clock on the 15th inst., and proceed to the University."

On this date the Lodge met, when four gentlemen were passed and raised, and then the Minute records the

"PROCESSION
 ON THE OCCASION OF
 LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE
 OF
 THE MONUMENT
 TO THE MEMORY OF
 SIR WALTER SCOTT, BART.

"This splendid and interesting ceremonial occurred this day, the 15th of August, being the anniversary of the birth of the immortal Scott, under the most favourable circumstances. . . . The R.W. Master and Wardens of the Lodge Edinburgh Mary's Chapel . . . presented the Grand Master with an elegant silver trowel, which bore the following inscription:—*'To commemorate the laying the Foundation Stone of the Monument in Edinburgh in honour of the immortal Scott, this Trowel, to be used at the Ceremony, was presented to the Right Hon. Sir James Forrest, Bart., Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason over all Scotland, by the Right Worshipful Master, Office-bearers, and Brethren of the Grand Master's Mother Lodge, the Ancient Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1. August 15th, 1840.'*"

A plate containing the following inscription was deposited in the foundation stone:—

"This graven PLATE, deposited in the base of a votive building on the 15th day of August, in the year of Christ 1840, and never likely again to see the light till the surrounding structures are crumbled to dust by the decay of time or elemental violence, may then testify to a distant posterity that his countrymen began on this day to raise an effigy and architectural monument to

THE MEMORY OF SIR WALTER SCOTT, BART.,

whose admirable writings are allowed to have afforded more delight

and suggested better feelings, to a larger class of readers than those of any other author, with the exception of Shakespeare; and which were, therefore, thought likely to be remembered long after this act of gratitude on the part of the first generation of his admirers should be forgotten.

“He was born in Edinburgh, 15th August 1771, and died at Abbotsford, 21st September 1832.”

Another plate containing the names of the Office-bearers of the Grand Lodge, &c., was deposited in the stone, and a glass jar containing coins, newspapers, &c.

It appears that a tavern bill had several times been presented to the Lodge for payment, but as the contents had been contracted between 15th August 1827 and 18th June 1832, the Brethren declined to liquidate the amount. On 11th December 1840 a summons was served on the Master and Office-bearers, when George Cumming, W.S., was instructed to remove the case from the jurisdiction of the Sheriff on the plea that a majority of the defenders were members of the College of Justice, or to proceed otherwise as he thought proper. Ultimately a Committee was appointed to search the records for similar items, and they reported that such entries were made at various times, although the attention of the Lodge had never been specially directed to the subject. It was thereupon resolved to meet with the tavern-keeper and obtain as amicable a settlement as possible, but only “on the understanding that the liability of the Lodge for this claim is not admitted, nor for any other charge incurred without the full and express sanction of the Lodge.”

On 7th April 1841 the Secretary, Brother Lloyd, was presented with a Masonic Jewel on the occasion of his departure for New Zealand, where he would hold the office of Provincial Grand Master. At this meeting also, a Committee was appointed to attend to the “improvement of the Diploma plate, and to obtain a supply of Diplomas on the most advantageous terms.” Brother James Blair of Glenfoot was elected R.W. Master on 24th June, and “about one

hundred Brethren sat down to supper, which, with the dinner and the wines, afforded much satisfaction. The R.W.M., Brother Blair, presided at dinner with the greatest urbanity and dignity. . . . The Past Master pronounced the usual closing benediction, when the Brethren separated." On St. Andrew's Day Brother Blair was elected Junior Grand Deacon. At the meeting of 9th February 1842 the Tyler was desired to get the roof and back part of the Committee-room examined "on account of the dampness."

A meeting was called on 25th August for the purpose of considering what should be done as to the Lodge joining the proposed procession of the Grand Lodge to lay the foundation stone of the General Assembly Hall of the Established Kirk of Scotland during the intended visit of Her Most Gracious Majesty to the Scottish Metropolis, when, after a good deal of discussion, it was agreed "that the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning deem it inexpedient that they should take any part as a body in such a procession," and that this be communicated to the Grand Secretary.

A Monthly Meeting was held on 8th February 1843, at which it was stated that a Deputation from this Lodge had attended the Convivial Meeting of the Lodge Edinburgh Mary's Chapel, No. 1, on the previous evening, and that in consequence of certain proceedings which had there occurred it was unanimously resolved that the Grand Secretary be immediately requested to convene a meeting of the Grand Committee, for the purpose of investigating what had taken place, with the view of bringing the whole proceedings under the notice of the Grand Lodge.

The next Minute is dated 10th February, and is headed "Special Meeting of Masters and Wardens of Edinburgh Lodges." Present, the R.W.M. and Wardens of Canongate Kilwinning, the R.W.M. and Wardens of Canongate and Leith Leith and Canongate, the R.W.M. and Wardens of Journeymen, the R.W.M. and Wardens of St. David's, the R.W.M. and Wardens of St. Andrew's, the R.W.M. and Wardens of St. James', the R.W.M. and Wardens of St. Stephen's, the R.W.M. and Wardens of Defensive Band, the R.W.M. and Wardens of Roman

Eagle, the R.W.M. and Wardens of Celtic. The Lodge was opened in the first Degree, and Kenneth M'Leay, R.S.A., was entered Apprentice. The R.W.M. Brother Smith then stated the object of the meeting. . . . After the matter was thoroughly discussed, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to ; it was signed, accordingly, by all the Masters and Wardens present, and forwarded immediately to the Grand Secretary :—

“ ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL,
“ EDINBURGH, 10th February 1843.


“ We, the Masters and Wardens of all the Edinburgh Lodges, in full Lodge assembled at St. John's Chapel, Canongate Kilwinning, having taken into consideration various reports relative to the late meeting of the Lodge Edinburgh Mary's Chapel No. 1, held on the 7th inst., reports which, if well founded, are inconsistent with the first rules and principles of Freemasons and Freemasonry, Request that a meeting of the Grand Committee be forthwith called for the purpose of “ making such inquiries, taking such proof, and adopting such proceedings as to them may seem meet, with a view of reporting *quam primam* to a *pro re nata* meeting of the Grand Lodge.”

The Master and an Office-bearer of the Lodge William Frederick at Amsterdam visited the meeting of 14th February, and both were unanimously assumed Honorary Members of Canongate Kilwinning.

The “ proceedings ” in question, to which such prompt action and decided exception was taken, was the presence of ladies at the celebration of the Annual Festival of Mary's Chapel, held in the Waterloo Rooms on 7th February. The above resolution was laid before Grand Committee at a meeting held on 16th February, and both the Master and Past Master of Mary's Chapel attended to give explanations of the circumstance. Ultimately the whole question was remitted to Grand Lodge on 1st March 1843, when “ a motion was made to suspend the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), for twelve months ; ” but as it appeared that only two or three of the

Members of the Lodge were aware that ladies were to be admitted, an amendment to the following effect was carried:—"In respect that the irregularity was not persisted in when complained of, and also that those Brethren acted from inadvertency merely, and have expressed great contrition for their conduct: Find, That it is sufficient to visit the same with a severe reprimand, and direct the Acting Grand Master to reprimand them accordingly." Whereupon "the offending Brethren were called in front of the Acting Grand Master, and were by him reprimanded, in accordance with the finding of Grand Lodge."

CHAPTER XVI.

N concluding these extracts from the records of Canongate Kilwinning, space will not admit of transcribing at any length the details of interest which appear in the books subsequent to this period. Without being too concise, however, a sketch of the leading events is given in this chapter.

On the 6th May 1843, the Right Hon. Lord Glenlyon, D.G.M., opened the Lodge and presided during the evening, when he initiated Colonel John Kinloch of Kelvie. Thereafter Lord Glenlyon was made an Honorary Member. At the Committee Meeting of the 19th of June, the offices of Secretary and Treasurer were recommended to be conjoined, and this was confirmed at the Annual Meeting. On 15th November, the Hon. Henry Walpole of St. David's Lodge was affiliated a full and free Member, and the ballot was taken for John Drummond, Esq. of Hawthornden.

Thomas Drybrough was initiated on 6th December this year. At the present date (1888) this Brother retains a warm interest in the Lodge. He has held, during his long connection with it, the chair of R.W.M. for four years, and acted as Treasurer for many years, besides having filled other offices. The Lodge owes Brother Drybrough a debt of gratitude for the many substantial services he has rendered to it. At a meeting on the 10th of this month the following gentlemen, amongst others, were initiated: Richard Hay Drummond of Hawthornden; Andrew Wauchope, Esq. of Niddry; and James Pringle, Esq. of Stichell.

A Special Meeting of the Committee took place on 5th January

1844, when the R.W.M. "stated that he had a Schedule of Protest served upon him by certain parties pretending to dispute the Lodge's right of entrance by St. John Street." The parties stated that a bond over the property of John Morison had been granted by him in their favour, but owing to his bankruptcy the property had now fallen into their possession. The matter was referred to Brother John Jamieson as Law Agent, to report to next Quarterly Meeting of Committee, or to a Special Meeting, to be called if found necessary.

"Brother Professor Aytoun presented the Committee, to be the property of the Lodge, with a very interesting document which he had found amongst family papers, viz. : the original Deed of Election by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in favour of William St. Clair of Rosslyn, the first Grand Master elected by the Grand Lodge, and bearing date, Edinburgh, 30th November 1736."

"The Committee unanimously agreed to record a vote of thanks to Brother Aytoun for his very handsome present, and the Secretary was instructed to get the document framed and suspended in the Lodge-room." As already mentioned,* this document is still in possession of the Lodge, and is of much interest to the Masonic student. In February, deputations visited the sister Lodges of "Ancient Brazen," Linlithgow, and "Mid-Calder"; and on 13th March, at a meeting of the Lodge, "by request" of a deputation from St. David's, a request which "was at once complied with," JOHN GUTHRIE, YOUNGER OF GUTHRIE, was initiated in the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning as a Member of the Lodge Edinburgh St. David. It is recorded on the 15th that £15 was paid for a valid Title for entrance to the Lodge by St. John Street. On 2nd April, Dr. Thatcher joined the Lodge, and a deputation attended a "funeral Lodge held by the Lodge Edinburgh St. Andrew to the memory of their late lamented Brother Kemp"—the architect of Scott's Monument in Princes Street.

It was proposed in November this year, to invest part of the Lodge "funds in the purchase of shares in the Guarantee Loan of the

* *Vide* p. 40.

SCOTTISH FREEMASONS' LIFE ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION ;" but better counsels prevailed, and the subject dropped.

On 19th February 1845, it was reported by the R.W.M. that, on the evening of 14th inst., "he, accompanied by a numerous deputation of the Brethren of the Lodge, visited the Lodge Edinburgh St. Andrew on the occasion of its Centenary Meeting, when they were cordially received and hospitably entertained. The Chair was on that occasion filled by Brother White Melville, S.G.M."

It is matter of much regret that the ancient Seal of the Lodge has long ago disappeared, and, as already indicated, cannot now be found. At a meeting held on 12th March 1845, "the R.W.M. read a letter he had received from the Clerk of Town Council of the Burgh of Canongate, intimating that an ancient die of the Seal of the Lodge had been discovered in the Repositories of the Burgh, and which the Council had desired him to restore to the Lodge." A vote of thanks was unanimously carried, "to be conveyed to the Magistrates and Town Council of the Burgh of Canongate for their kindness in restoring this ancient die of their Seal to the Lodge."

The subject of the Inauguration Picture of Burns occupied the attention of the Brethren on 12th November as already detailed, and on 15th August 1846, "a numerous body of the Brethren proceeded as a deputation—at 11 o'clock a.m.—to join the procession at the High School Yards, and having taken up their position as No. 2, proceeded to the Monument of Sir Walter Scott in Princes Street." The interesting ceremony of Consecrating the Statue was then performed by the Grand Master, Lord Glenlyon, in due Masonic style. Several of the Brethren thereafter joined the Festival in the Music Hall in honour of the occasion.

It appears that at this period Annual Festivals took place at which all the Edinburgh Lodges were represented, and these Festivals were presided over by the R.W.M. of each Lodge in rotation. On the 25th of February 1847, the meeting was under the direction of the Canon-gate Kilwinning Lodge, and was attended by deputations from Canongate and Leith Leith and Canongate ; Mary's Chapel ; Celtic ; St. David ; Journeymen ; St. Andrew ; St. James' ; Defensive

Band ; Roman Eagle ; St. Mark's, Glasgow ; and Thistle and Rose, Glasgow. The music during the evening was supplied "by a first-rate military band from Piershill, and the voices of many amateur singing Brethren ; also by the strains from the Harp of Brother Byrne, the last of the old IRISH HARPERS." On 31st March £5 was received from Brother Thomas Cockburn, London, "for distribution amongst the poor and distressed Brethren and their families in Edinburgh."

At this period a new Lodge was chartered in the Edinburgh province, and from its designation—that of St. Clair—it very appropriately began its existence within the walls of St. John's Chapel. A copy of the title-page of the ceremonial used at the consecration says :—

" CEREMONIAL OF THE CONSECRATION AND ERECTION
OF
THE LODGE ST. CLAIR, EDINBURGH, No. 349,
IN ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL, ST. JOHN STREET
(*Canongate Kilwinning Lodge*),
ON MONDAY, 31ST MAY 1847, AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

—○—
The Rev. J. Boyle, B.C.L., Grand Chaplain, will,
by Special Appointment of the Grand Lodge, conduct the Ceremonial.

—○—
Brother Montignani, Grand Director of Music, will preside at the Organ."

It is interesting to note that Lodge St. Clair, for several years afterwards, rented St. John's Chapel, and added many distinguished names to the roll of membership during their tenancy. Subsequent to their relinquishing the Chapel for a more convenient meeting-place, they, on one occasion at least, were granted the use of the Hall for their Annual Assembly—a social meeting, the popularity of which at the present time is second to none in the province.

On 9th February 1848, the initiations of five distinguished officers took place, including "Walter Scott Lockhart Scott of Abbotsford, Lieut. 16th Lancers," and amongst those present was Lord Fergus Kennedy, of the Grand Lodge of England, who replied to the toast of the Earl of Zetland, G.M. of that body. The R.W.M., in proposing the toast of the evening, said "that, when he looked around him and beheld a descendant of that immortal man Sir Walter Scott (tremendous cheering), and then so many of those who, when occasion requires, are ready valiantly to fight under the banner of their country, he must say he felt no small degree of pride in having been the humble means of enrolling such men under the ancient and no less honourable banner of the CANONGATE KILWINNING LODGE." The toast was replied to by Captain William John Wilson, Madras Army, "in name of himself and fellow-apprentices."

The last meeting of the season was held on 12th April, and whilst preparations were being made for the introduction of candidates, "it was moved by Brother Sir T. Dunbar, Bart., that thanks be accorded to the Office-bearers in the Lodge who had held office during last year"—for the able and efficient manner in which they performed their various duties. Colonel James M'Dowal of Logan was entered on 4th August, and "Brother Colonel Kinloch proposed his friend, Brother Lord Raneleigh, as an Honorary Member."

On the 13th, when Sir John Don Wauchope of Edmonston, Bart., was initiated, the matter of weekly meetings being discontinued was referred to opinion of Brother Gavin and Dr. Somerville, who referred the subject to the first meeting in February. The matter, however, does not appear to have been again brought up. In those days it was no easy matter to get admission to the Lodge, neither was charity dispensed unless the genuineness of the applicant was fully tested. The following case—briefly recorded here, though fully set forth in the Minutes—will clearly prove this. The Secretary stated that there was in waiting a person named James Ponton, who stated that he was entered, passed, and raised in Canongate Kilwinning on 24th June 1813. On referring to that date, no such name was

mentioned, the nearest to it being "James Pott." On referring to Grand Secretary, neither of those names, it was found, had been recorded in Grand Lodge books. In addition to these obstacles, Mr. Ponton, although he stated many circumstances connected with the ceremony of initiation, had altogether failed to impart the peculiar token by which true Brethren are known to each other. Under these circumstances, the R.W.M. decided that it was necessary, in order to prevent all chance of being imposed upon, that the applicant (for charity) should go through the ceremony of initiation; but as he stated that his fees had been paid before, they be now dispensed with. At the following meeting on 7th February, he was passed and raised, and although not recorded, there is every reason to believe that pecuniary assistance was then bestowed on him.

Lord Gilbert Kennedy was initiated on 21st February, and at next meeting in March each of the Lodge Trustees agreed to pay £3, 3s. towards defraying expense of drainage action or damage, for which a receipt was granted, bearing that the amount would be refunded whenever the Lodge funds would admit of it. Each acknowledgment was duly sealed with the Lodge Seal. On 14th March another of the long line of celebrated artistes of the Edinburgh stage who had been connected with the Lodge was initiated, in the person of R. H. Wyndham of the Theatre Royal, who subsequently held office for several years as Director of Ceremonies. The Hon. William George Boyle was entered apprentice.

On 19th December 1849, the affiliation of W. N. Fraser of Torna-veen took place. This highly-esteemed Brother, whose Mother Lodge is Old St. Machar, Aberdeen, was elected R.W.M. in 1853, when Lord Loughborough acted as Depute Master, and was a second time elected to the chair of the Lodge in 1865, having succeeded the Earl of Strathmore. He has, for many years, presided as Chairman of Committee, and at present (1888) occupies that position.

Lord Nigel, Brother of Lord Gilbert Kennedy, was initiated on 30th January 1850, and at the next meeting on 13th February, when a numerous assemblage took place, the R.W.M. proposed the health of

“Bro. Bertie (known better to the public as Mr. Ranger), who during a long period had held so distinguished a place among the Professors of the British Drama.” On 13th November the Brethren were asked their opinion on the motion just carried in the Grand Lodge, enacting that a fortnight must elapse between conferring each degree, when it was agreed to observe how the system worked until next Grand Lodge Meeting, and act accordingly. His Grace the Duke of Athole, G.M., presided at the meeting on 5th February, and conducted the business during the whole evening. On the 12th of February 1851, the Hon. Alexander Eric George Sinclair was initiated, and attended several of the subsequent meetings. On St. John’s Day the R.W. Master presented to the Lodge “an antique clock.” It would be interesting to know where this clock is now to be found. The Lodge affairs were discussed this evening, and a deputation was sent to the Lodge St. Clair, they being visited this evening by the Grand Master.

On 18th February 1852, it was explained that the Royal Arch Chapter, No. 56, paid a rent of £6 to the Lodge. A large deputation from St. David’s visited the meeting on 31st March, when the Minute records at length the usual compliments that were interchanged on the occasion. The inauguration of the Statue of the Duke of Wellington, in front of H.M. General Register House, took place on 18th June with Masonic honours. Brother Pringle, P.L., asked on 10th November “what had become of the print of Brother Stewart Watson’s picture of the Inauguration of Burns, which had been subscribed for by the Lodge, and moved that the Secretary be empowered to furnish the same, which was unanimously agreed to.” It is worthy of notice that Mr. Stewart Watson was at this period Secretary and Treasurer of the Lodge, and signed each Minute as such. On 9th March a deputation from West Calder Lodge, No. 290, consisting of the Master, Office-bearers, and a few members, was received “with all Masonic honours.” It appears that the R.W. Master of the West Calder Lodge was initiated in Canongate Kilwinning, and the rather lengthy Minute concludes thus : “and an evening being spent in the greatest harmony,

enlivened by many songs from the Brethren and tunes from the *brass band of Germans* in attendance," the Lodge was closed. On 15th June the R.W.M. resigned, and took a long and sad farewell of the Brethren of the Canongate Kilwinning, having shortly to depart for Canada. "Before resigning the mallet he begged the Lodge to accept of two volumes of the Roll of Members of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, compiled by himself, as a small keepsake of his regard for his Mother Lodge." The thanks of the Lodge were tendered to Brother Mowbray for this handsome present. On 1st of August 1853, Lord Loughborough was affiliated, and invested as Depute Master of the Lodge. As Earl of Rosslyn, his lordship afterwards was Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

Members of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge who have been Grand Master Masons of Scotland :—

	Initiated	Affiliated	Grand Master
WILLIAM ST. CLAIR of Rosslyn,	1736	...	1736
WILLIAM NISBET of Dirleton, . . . . .	...	1744	1746
GEORGE DRUMMOND, Lord Provost of Edinburgh (R.W.M. of Canongate Kilwinning, 1764), . . . . .	...	1752	1752
CHARLES HAMILTON GORDON, Advocate,	1752	...	1753
JAMES, Master of Forbes, afterwards 16th Baron Forbes, . . . . .	...	1754	1754
SHOLTO CHARLES, Lord Aberdour, afterwards 16th Earl of Morton,	1755	...	1756
DAVID, 6th Earl of Leven, . . . . .	...	1757	1760
JAMES STEWART, Lord Provost of Edinburgh,	1755	...	1766
GEORGE, 8th Earl of Dalhousie,	1766	...	1768
Lieut.-General JAMES ADOLPHUS OUGHTON, . . . . .	...	1754	1770
DAVID DALRYMPLE, afterwards Lord Westhall,	1747	...	1775
Sir WILLIAM FORBES of Pitsligo, Bart.,	1759	...	1777
ALEXANDER, 6th Earl of Balcarres,	1775	...	1781
GEORGE, Lord Haddo,	1778	...	1785
FRANCIS CHARTERIS, Junr. of Amisfield, Lord Elcho, . . . . .	...	1779	1787
FRANCIS, 7th Lord Napier,	1775	...	1789
GEORGE, 17th Earl of Morton,	1789	...	1791
WILLIAM, Earl of Ancrum, afterwards 6th Marquis of Lothian,	1792	...	1795

	Initiated	Affiliated	Grand Master
FRANCIS, Lord Doune, afterwards 9th Earl of Moray,	1792	...	1797
GEORGE, 9th Earl of Dalhousie,	1802	...	1805
JAMES ANDREW, Lord Ramsay, afterwards 10th Earl and 1st Marquis of Dalhousie,	1835	...	1837
FRANCIS ROBERT, 4th Earl of Rosslyn (Depute Master, Canongate Kilwinning, 1853), . . . . .	...	1853	1870

In 1756, when Lord Aberdour was Grand Master, "it was unanimously resolved that the Grand Master for the time being be affiliated and recorded as a member of every Daughter Lodge in Scotland." The above list, therefore, only contains the names of those who were initiated in the Lodge and those who were *affiliated prior* to their occupying the Chair of the Grand Orient.

The three last Grand Lodge visitations took place on the following dates:—25th March 1863, when it was headed by the Duke of Athole; 20th December 1877, on the occasion of the Lodge celebrating its Bi-Centenary, headed by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart Bart.; and on 25th January 1884, on the occasion of the celebration of the Festival commemorative of the natal day of BURNS and HOGG, headed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie.

Annexed is a list of Lodges at present existing "in and about" Edinburgh, with their respective dates of institution, and colour of clothing:—

No.	NAME.	WHEN INSTITUTED.	COLOURS.
1	The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel).....	Unknown	Light Blue.
2	Canongate Kilwinning.....	20th December 1677	Crimson.
5	Canongate and Leith Leith and Canongate.....	1688	Crimson.
8	Journeymen.....	1709	Dark Blue.
10	Dalkeith Kilwinning.....	1724	Crimson and Silver.

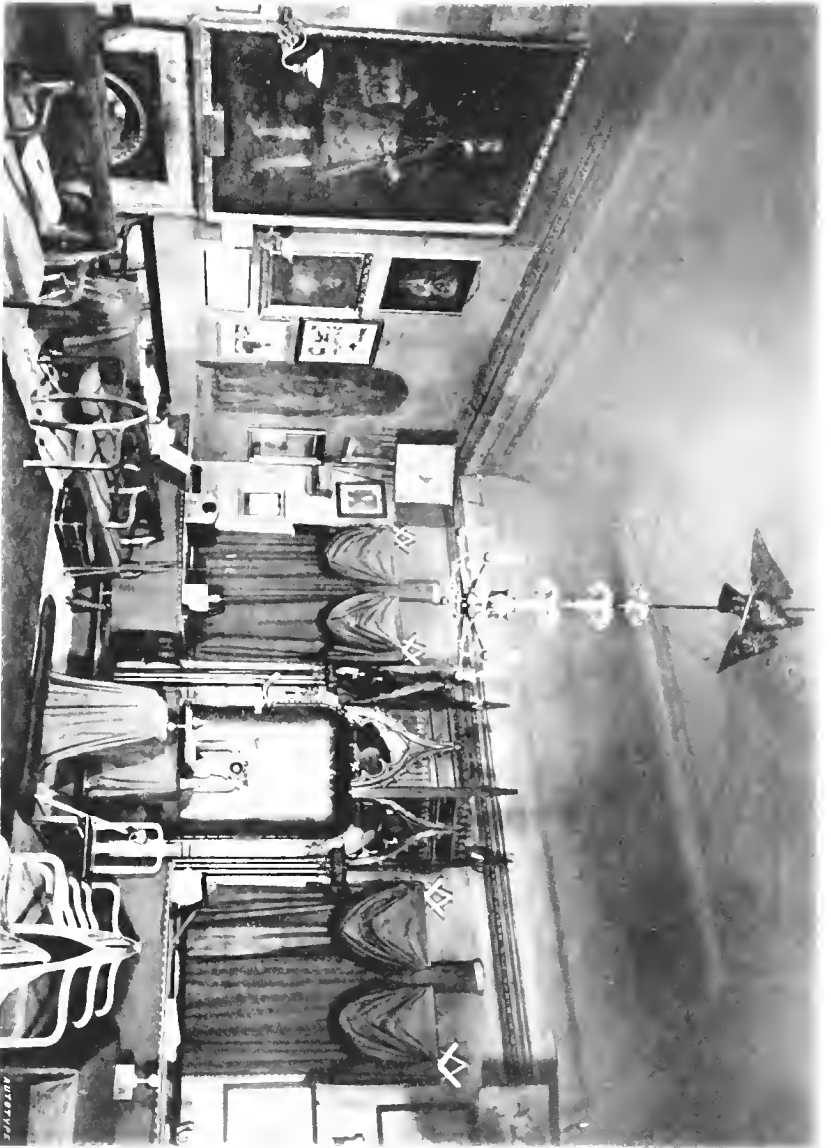
No.	NAME.	WHEN INSTITUTED.	COLOURS.
36	St. David (originally Canongate from Leith)	7th February 1739	Dark Green.
44	Holyrood House (St. Luke).....	18th May 1744	Crimson.
48	St. Andrew (originally the Scots Lodge in Canongate).....	2nd April 1745	Mazarene Blue & Yellow.
97	St. James.....	19th August 1765	Dark Blue.
145	St. Stephen.....	15th September 1777	Green.
151	Edinburgh Defensive Band.....	4th November 1782	Blue and Orange.
160	Roman Eagle	7th February 1785	Scarlet.
223	Trafalgar Leith.....	1st February 1808	Red, White, and Blue.
226	Portobello.....	1st August 1808	Dark Blue.
291	Celtic Edinburgh and Leith.....	7th May 1821	Royal Stuart Tartan.
349	St. Clair.....	3rd May 1847	Crimson.
392	Caledonian.....	2nd May 1859	Hunting Stuart Tartan.
405	Rifle.....	7th May 1860	Thistle Green.
597	North British Railway.....	5th February 1877	Dark Blue.

From numerous entries which visitors from a distance have made in the Lodge Attendance Book, the following two are copied here, the first having been written by the Poet-Laureate of Freemasonry in America :—

“August 9, 1878.—This day, under guidance of R.W.M. and Rob. S. Brown, I visited the Hall of the Old Canongate Kilwinning Lodge No. 2, and saw, with profound emotion, the place consecrated in the memory of so many great and good masons.

“ROB. MORRIS, LL.D.,

“*Past Grand Master of Kentucky, U.S.A.*”



Interior of Lodge-room, looking North-East, showing Portraits of Sr. Clair of Rosslyn, 1st M. W. G. M., and W. N. Fraser of Tornaveen, P. M.; also, the R. W. Master's Chair, and "Horns' Corner," etc.

1888.

"July 20, 1881.—I have had the pleasure of inspecting the Lodge-room Furniture, Minute Books, etc., of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, an act fraught with especial interest, and which will ever be cherished in remembrance.

"JOHN MILLS BROWNE,
"Past Grand Master of California."

On 17th September 1877, the Members of the Lodge commenced, with a Concert, a Series of Musical and Literary Entertainments, which were attended by numerous deputations from the Sister Lodges, and which led up to the Bi-Centenary Celebration held on 20th December of that year. The Grand Master, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, presided on this important occasion, and in proposing the toast of the evening, said :—

"It was an occasion of very great importance, not only to this Lodge, but to Scottish Masonry, that this night, 20th December, two hundred years ago, in 1677, their Mother Lodge was founded. (Applause.) He was struck when he received a memorandum of the roll in printed form containing, in some respects, a history of the Lodge. He knew it was an ancient Lodge, he knew it by name and reputation, but he certainly was struck on reading the list of names of the men of distinction who had been made Masons, initiated, or affiliated in this Lodge. There were men of renown in all walks of life—soldiers, lawyers, and professional men of every description. They had indeed a history to cherish, and he felt sure it would not suffer by the Brethren of this generation. (Applause.) It was a curious thing to reflect upon, that this night 200 years ago, in this very district, he believed, this Lodge was founded. Let any one imagine for a moment being taken back 200 years, to find himself suddenly placed in the company which was then assembled. The company might not be so large as the present. He would, no doubt, be surprised at their manners and customs and ways of carrying on the business, but he did not doubt the ancient company

would be found equally qualified for any amount of conviviality. (Laughter and applause.) Then let them imagine, for a moment, if one of the founders of the Lodge could be brought in flesh and blood amongst them that night. Did they not think he would be rather astonished? (Laughter.) In the first place, the ancient visitor would see them all dressed not only in Masonic but evening costume—in sombre serious black, that perhaps might make the visitor feel rather dismal. (Laughter.) Fancy taking one of the heroes of the past, one of the founders of their Lodge, a trip through to Glasgow the one hour and bringing him back the next, or still more wonderful, giving him a trip to London on the 'Flying Scotsman'—that would astonish him—(laughter)—or introduce him to the telephone, and he would immediately jump back 200 years. (Laughter.) It was indeed a matter for some congratulation their meeting on this 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Lodge. He believed that No. 1—Mary's Chapel—was the only one, besides Canongate Kilwinning, now in existence of the four Lodges who met together for the institution of the Grand Master Mason of Scotland. (Applause.) He could only express the hope, as indeed it was his belief, that their ancient history was a memory which would be cherished by the members of the Lodge and by every lover of Masonry in this country. He felt sure that that history would not be tarnished by this generation or succeeding generations, but that they would add to its lustre as well as Masonry in Scotland, and that, when the next century came to be celebrated, it would be in as flourishing a condition as at present. (Applause.)”

The toast was responded to with full Masonic honours. An ode was recited commemorative of the occasion, composed by the Poet-Laureate of the Lodge, Brother Captain L. Archer. The names of many of the eminent Members of the Lodge were skilfully introduced, and the poem was well received.

The CHAIRMAN suitably responded to the toast of the evening.

Music, vocal and instrumental, varied and enlivened the evening's enjoyment. A souvenir of the Bi-Centenary Celebration was circulated

amongst the company. It contained a sketch of the history of the Lodge, with a facsimile of the Minute in the Books of the Mother Lodge, Kilwinning, dated 20th December 1677, referring to the institution of this Lodge. The illuminated printing is not the least remarkable feature of the memorial. There is also a selected list of names from the roll of members of the Lodge, arranged under the various professions. Under “Law,” there are such names as the Hon. Henry Erskine and Lord Brougham; “Medicine,” James Gregory, M.D.; “Army,” General Sir Ralph Abercrombie and the Hon. Colonel William Napier; “Literature,” Bruce the Abyssinian Traveller, James Boswell of Auchinleck; Robert Burns, and James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, who both held the office of Poet-Laureate of the Lodge. The company honoured in silence the “Memory of St. Clair of Rosslyn,” who occupied the chair of the Lodge in his day, and was the first Grand Master of Scotland. The evening’s festivity then terminated, the Lodge being closed in due form.



A P P E N D I X.

SOME OF THE RECORDS, PAINTINGS, AND OBJECTS OF INTEREST AT PRESENT IN POSSESSION OF THE LODGE.

THE MINUTES of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge. Six Volumes, dating from 13th February 1735.

BLACK-LETTER (Breeches) BIBLE, 1589. Presented by Brother John Campbell (*vide* Minute, 14th November 1735).

ROLL OF MEMBERS. Two Volumes—alphabetical—made up to 1857.

BLACK-LETTER FOLIO BIBLE, 1642 (*vide* Minute, 3rd August 1737).

PATENT OR CONFIRMATION OF AUTHORITY (granted 20th December 1677 by the Mother Lodge at Kilwinning), dated 24th June 1736.

“DEED OF ELECTION” of Brother William St. Clair of Rosslyn as Grand Master, and of other Office-bearers of Grand Lodge, dated the xxxth day of November MDCCXXXVI. Presented by Brother W. Edmonstoune Aytoun (*vide* Minute, 15th January 1844).

ROLL OF MEMBERS, and the original Code of Bye-laws of the Lodge Vernon Kilwinning. The name of “Lodge Vernon Kilwinning” was adopted in honour of Admiral Vernon, celebrated for his successful expedition against the Spaniards in 1739. The designation of the Lodge was changed to that of “St. Giles,” which ultimately united with the Canongate Kilwinning (*vide* Minute, 3rd Nov. 1779).

“THE BOOK OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS of the Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Scotland entitled Vernon Kilwinning, Anno Mundi 5841.”

LETTER FROM LORD JOHN RUSSELL, dated 14th August 1837, conveying thanks for the loyal and dutiful address from Canongate Kilwinning on the occasion of Her Majesty's Accession to the Throne.

“THE CONSTITUTIONS of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.” Printed at the BLACK SWAN in PATER-NOSTER ROW, MDCCLVI. Vulgar year of Masonry 5756.

OTHER RECORDS OF INTEREST.

- FULL-LENGTH PORTRAIT of M.W.G.M. William St. Clair of Rosslyn. The Artist is believed to have been Allan Ramsay, son of the Poet, who became a Mason in 1736 (*vide* "Laurie's History of Freemasonry," p. 99, *note*).
- PORTRAITS in Oil of Bailie Robert Jack and Mrs. Jack. Presented by their great-grand-nephew, Brother David Greig, in 1880, with the stipulation that, if accepted, they must not be separated. On the back of Bailie Jack's portrait there is the following statement written :—
- "Portrait of Mr. Robert Jack in his robes as a Magistrate of the Canongate of Edinburgh. He was the proprietor of the most part of Jack's Closes in the Canongate, to which his nephews, Mr. James Gibson, Surgeon, and Captain Horsburgh succeeded about the year 1754."
- Vide* Minute, 24th June 1880
- PORTRAIT of Alexander M'Neill, Advocate. R.W.M. 1830—38. Presented by Prince Czartoryski, Charles Samoski (the artist), and other Polish Patriots, admitted Members of the Lodge 1835 (*vide* Minutes).
- PORTRAIT of Alexander Lambe Robertson, W.S. R.W.M. 1819—30, and 1860—61. Painted by Brother Stewart Watson.
- PORTRAIT of Samuel Somerville of Ampherlaw, M.D. R.W.M. 1843. Painted by Brother Stewart Watson.
- PORTRAIT of William Nathaniel Fraser of Tornaveen. R.W.M. 1853—54—55, and 1865—66. Painted by Brother Stewart Watson.
- LITHOGRAPH. Inauguration of ROBERT BURNS as Poet-Laureate of the Lodge—1st March 1787—with Key.
- LITHOGRAPH. Laying Foundation-Stone of Edinburgh University by Lord Francis Napier (whose portrait appears in the *Inauguration* picture). M.W.G.M., 1788—89.
- LITHOGRAPH. The Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn. M.W.G.M. 1870—73. Presented by the Countess of Rosslyn, 1883.
- PHOTOGRAPH. James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd. Poet-Laureate of Canongate Kilwinning, 1835.
- PHOTOGRAPH. Meeting of James Boswell of Auchinleck (in 1773, when R.W.M. of Canongate Kilwinning) and Dr. Samuel Johnson with Flora Macdonald. *Vide* Boswell's Tour to the Hebrides.
- PEWTER INKSTAND, having Masonic Emblems engraved on Lid, also the inscription "Cannongate Lodge, 5735."

FINE CHINA PUNCH BOWL, profusely illustrated with Masonic Emblems, and dated 1685.

FINE CHINA PUNCH JUG, similarly illustrated. Both presented, 1884—6, by Brother J. C. Merry, P.M., Lodge Arboretum, Derby. The Jug bears on the outside the first verse of the *Apprentice Anthem* and the following lines :—

“Swiftly see each moment flies,
See and learn be timely wise,
Every moment shortens day,
Every pulse beats life away.
Thus thy every heaving breath
Waft thee on to certain death.
Seize the moments as they fly;
Know to live and learn to die.”

SNUFF MULL, silver mounted. Presented by Brother James Anderson, 1828.

MASONIC DRINKING HORN, mounted in silver and elaborately carved with Masonic devices, also with the following lines :—

“Some praise the glasses of the rich,
Their liquors rare and fine;
The humble horn, I'll sing its praise
When filled with ale or wine.”

ANTIQUÉ MALLET, in use prior to 1735,—was dug up in the ruins of Rosslyn Chapel.

MALLET, formed from portion of one of the cedars at Lebanon. “From Bro. John Tweedie, Royal Navy, to his Mother Lodge, Canongate Kilwinning No. 2, as a relic of Cedar from the Mountains of Lebanon. August 1863.”

“*So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire.*”—1 Kings, 5th chapter, 10th verse.

THE ORGAN built by Schnetzler of London (*vide* Minutes 18th September 1754; 6th July 1757; and 3rd August 1757).

Other Paintings and Objects of Interest, also Records, &c., belonging to THE LODGE, THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, NO. 56, and THE KNIGHT TEMPLARS.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF A FEW SELECTED NAMES
FROM THE ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Affiliates indicated by an Asterisk.

	Initiated.
ALISON, ANDREW, Bailie of Edinburgh. R.W.M. 1766; S.G.W. 1764; S.G.M. 1771,	June 17, 1752
ALEXANDER, WILLIAM, Lord Provost of Edinburgh,	August 21, 1752
ADAMS, ROBERT, Architect, } Designers of many magnificent build- ADAMS, JAMES, Architect, } ings in the United Kingdom,	November 29, 1752
ABERCROMBIE, RALPH, Younger of Tullibodie—General Sir Ralph Abercrombie—Lord Abercrombie of Aboukir,	May 25, 1753
ABERDOUR, Right Hon. SHOLTO CHARLES, Lord. M.W.G.M. of Scotland 1755 and 1756, and of England 1757,	November 14, 1755
ADAIR, Dr. THOMAS,	,, 17, 1767
ALISON, JAMES, S.G.M.,	,, 19, 1770
ADAM, ALEXANDER, LL.D., Rector of the High School,	December 5, 1771
ANDERSON, SAMUEL, of St. Germain, Banker,	,, 28, 1778
ARNOT, HUGO, Author of "History of Edinburgh,"	,, 28, 1778
ADAIR, JAMES MAKETHICK, Lichfield,	June 24, 1778
ANCRUM, Right Hon. WILLIAM, Earl of, afterwards 6th Marquis of Lothian. M.W.G.M. of Scotland 1794,	November 30, 1792
AYTOUN, JOHN, of Inchdairnie,	January 17, 1819
ARKLY, PATRICK, of Dunninald, Forfarshire,	December 16, 1835
AYTOUN, WILLIAM EDMONSTOUNE, Professor of Literature and Belles Lettres, Author of "Lays of the Scottish Cavaliers," etc. R.W.M. 1839,	March 9, 1836
ANSTRUTHER, Sir WILLIAM WYNDHAM CARMICHAEL, Bart.,	December 27, 1839
BROWN, JOHN, Bailie. J.G.W. 1749,	,, 3, 1735
BAILLIE, Sir WILLIAM, of Lamington. First S.G.W. 1736,	October 6, 1736
BAILLIE, WILLIAM, Factor to "The Laird of Lamington,"	,, 28, 1737
BUCHANAN, FRANCIS, of Arnprior,	June 13, 1738
BETHUNE, DAVID, Younger of Kilconquhar, Esq.,	December 5, 1740
BRYMER, Captain DAVID, of Edrom,	April 7, 1741
BARCLAY, JAMES, Teacher of Humanity,	December 2, 1741
BOSWELL, Dr. JOHN, Censor of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh. S.G.W.,	September 6, 1742

W. Boswell S.G.W.

	Initiated.	
BEATSON, THOMAS, of Kilrie, Esq.,	March	4, 1752
BLAIR, Dr. HUGH, Lecturer on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres,	„	4, 1752
BRUCE, JAMES, Younger of Kinnaird—the Abyssinian Traveller,	August	1, 1753
BLAIR, Sir JAMES HUNTER. Grand Treasurer,	November	14, 1755
BURNET, JAMES, of Monboddoo, Esq., Advocate—Lord Monboddoo,	„	24, 1757
BOSWELL, JAMES, Younger of Auchinleck—the Biographer of Dr. Johnson. R.W.M. 1773; S.G.W. 1773; D.G.M. 1777,	August	14, 1759
BRODIE, WILLIAM (“Deacon” Brodie),	January	8, 1763
*BROWN, Dr. JOHN, Founder of the “Brownian System of Medicine,”	November	4, 1767
BINNING, Lord, afterwards 17th Earl of Haddington,	December	5, 1768
BALFOUR, JOHN, of Balbirnie,	March	16, 1770
BALCARRES, ALEXANDER, 6th Earl of. M.W.G.M.,	November	20, 1775
BUEGO, JOHN, Engraver of Naesmyth’s Portrait of Burns,	December	4, 1783
BAIRD, Captain, afterwards Sir DAVID, K.C.B.,	„	2, 1784
BARTLET, Captain F., of Milton House, Canongate,	February	1, 1787
*BURNS, ROBERT. Poet-Laureate 1787—96,	„	1, 1787
BROUGHAM, JAMES, Advocate, brother of Lord Brougham,	December	10, 1797
*BROUGHAM, HENRY, Advocate—Lord Brougham—Lord High Chancellor of England,	June	24, 1800
BELL, JOHN, Surgeon,	„	24, 1816
BELL, HENRY GLASSFORD,	December	6, 1826
BOYD, JOHN, Publisher,	January	24, 1828
BLACKWOOD, ROBERT, Publisher,	February	6, 1835
*BURNES, JAMES, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., etc.,	April	30, 1835
BLAIR, JAMES, of Glenfoot. R.W.M. 1841; J.G.D. 1841,	March	9, 1836
BENNETT, JOHN HUGHES, M.D., Professor of the Institutes of Medicine,	November	23, 1836
*BAILLIE, Sir WILLIAM, of Polkemmet. J.G.D.,	„	27, 1844
BLACKWOOD, JOHN,	February	18, 1846
BLACKWOOD, JAMES,	„	23, 1848
BEATTIE, ALEXANDER, Architect,	April	12, 1848
BLACKIE, GEORGE STUART, M.D.,	March	25, 1857
CONGALTON, WILLIAM, “of that Ilk,”	December	15, 1736
COLHOUN, JAMES, Lord Provost of Edinburgh 1738,	October	25, 1737
CAUVIN, LOUIS, French Teacher,	December	4, 1752
COUTTS, JAMES, Banker (of Coutts & Co., London),	April	24, 1754
CAIRNIE, Dr. JOHN. D.M., Treasurer, and S.W.,	May	7, 1755
CARDONELL, MANSFIELD, Commissioner of H.M. Customs,	October	6, 1756
COCKBURN, GEORGE, Advocate,	July	6, 1757
CAMPBELL, ILAY, Advocate, Lord President of the Court of Session,	November	1, 1758
CAMERON, EVAN, Younger of Fassfern,	„	27, 1759

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CULLEN, WILLIAM, son to Dr. Cullen,	November 30, 1763
COCHRAN, CHARLES, son to the Earl of Dundonald,	June 26, 1764
CALLENDER, Major JAMES, of Craigforth,	January 30, 1765
COCHRAN, JOHN, son to the Earl of Dundonald,	March 31, 1767
CAMPBELL, CATHCART, of Dunloshen,	May 3, 1770
CAMPBELL, ARCHIBALD, of Springfield,	January 7, 1773
CRANSTON, Hon. GEORGE, Ensign,	December 2, 1778
CAUVIN, LOUIS (Burns' French Teacher),	,, 2, 1778
CULLEN, WILLIAM, of Parkhead,	February 3, 1779
*CHARTERIS, FRANCIS, Younger of Amisfield — Lord Elcho. M.W.G.M.,	March 3, 1779
COCHRAN, Hon. GEORGE,	August 1, 1781
*CAMPBELL, WILLIAM, of Fairfield,	December 7, 1786
CARNEGIE, Sir DAVID,	June 24, 1791
CRICHTON, Dr. WILLIAM A., Physician to the Grand Duke Nicholas,	December 19, 1816
CONSTABLE, THOMAS, Publisher,	March 13, 1835
COWAN, JAMES, Moray House, Lord Provost, afterwards M.P.,	,, 13, 1835
CORMACK, Sir JOHN ROSE, M.D., Paris,	November 30, 1835
*CZARTORYSKI, Prince, of Poland,	December 11, 1835
CUNNINGHAM, JOHN, of Newton,	March 18, 1846
CARR, RICHARD, 90th Regiment Stirlingshire Militia,	November 14, 1855
*DOUGLAS, Dr. JOHN. First S.G.M. 1737—52; and R.W.M. 1737—50,	August 4, 1736
DONALDSON, WILLIAM, of Kinnardie,	September 1, 1736
DALRYMPLE, HEW—Lord Drummore, one of the Lords of Session,	January 3, 1737
DALRYMPLE, DAVID, of Westhall—Lord Westhall. M.W.G.M.,	October 7, 1747
DRUMMOND, Doctor THOMAS,	February 3, 1748
DONALDSON, ALEXANDER, Publisher,	June 23, 1752
DRUMMOND, COLIN, M.D.,	November 28, 1752
*DRUMMOND, GEORGE, Lord Provost. M.W.G.M. and R.W.M. of Canongate Kilwinning,	December 27, 1752
DUNBAR, Sir WILLIAM, Bart., of Hempriggs,	November 20, 1754
*DICK, Sir ALEXANDER, Bart., of Priestfield (from the Lodge at Rome),	,, 29, 1756
*DRUMMOND, ALEXANDER, late H.M. Consul at Aleppo (brother of George Drummond),	June 24, 1760
DALHOUSIE, GEORGE, 8th Earl of. M.W.G.M.,	November 24, 1766
DRUMMOND, Lord THOMAS,	July 1, 1767
DON, ALEXANDER, son of Sir Alex. Don Newton, Bart.,	April 5, 1770
DALZIELL, Lord RICHARD,	November 27, 1770
DUNCAN, Dr. ANDREW, Founder of the Edinburgh Dispensary,	December 27, 1774
DUNGLASS, Lord,	February 1, 1776

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DASHKOV, His Highness PAUL, Prince of, St. Petersburg, . . .	May	12, 1779
DUNBAR, Sir GEORGE, Bart., of Hempriggs,	December	2, 1784
DOUNE, Lord Viscount FRANCIS, afterwards 9th Earl of Moray. M.W.G.M.,	November	30, 1792
DALHOUSIE, GEORGE, 9th Earl of. M.W.G.M.,	"	23, 1802
DRUMMOND, Right Hon. Sir WILLIAM, Bart., Perthshire, . . .	June	24, 1816
DRYBROUGH, THOMAS, Councillor. R.W.M. 1856; J.G.D. 1858, .	December	6, 1843
DON, Sir WILLIAM, Bart.,	July	8, 1856
ERSKINE, The Hon. HENRY, Dean of Faculty. R.W.M. 1780; J.G.W. 1773,	June	24, 1780
*ERROL, Right Hon. 14th Earl of,	December	7, 1786
*ERROL, Right Hon. 15th Earl of,	November	29, 1803
ELLIOT, Sir WALTER, of Wolflee, H.E.I.C.S.,	February	10, 1836
FRAZER, GEORGE. R.W.M. 1735; S.G.M. 1752; D.G.M. 1755—61, . . .	Prior to	1735
FERGUS, JOHN, Architect of the Royal Exchange,	November	1, 1752
*FORBES, JAMES, Master of Forbes. M.W.G.M.,	December	4, 1754
FRAZER, WILLIAM, of Foord, C.S.,	November	19, 1756
FRAZER, Hon. HUGH, of Lovat, Esq.,	"	21, 1757
FORBES, Sir WILLIAM, of Pitsligo, Bart. M.W.G.M.,	"	16, 1759
FRASER, SIMON, Advocate. R.W.M. 1776; S.G.M. 1777,	"	27, 1759
FRASER, HUGH, of Nockie,	March	2, 1775
FRASER, Hon. ALEXANDER, Master of Salton,	April	2, 1778
FARQUHARSON, Dr. WILLIAM. R.W.M. 1793; J.G.W. 1781,	June	24, 1780
FERGUSON, ALEXANDER, of Craigharroch, Hero of Burns' "Song of the Whistle." R.W.M. 1784; S.G.W. 1783,	December	27, 1783
FERGUSON, CUTLER, Younger of Craigharroch,	June	1, 1787
FOULIS, Sir JAMES, Bart.,	December	1, 1794
FORBES, WILLIAM, Younger of Echt,	January	24, 1825
FERGUSON, WILLIAM, Surgeon, F.R.C.S.—Sir William Fergusson, Professor of Surgery in University College, London, 1836. Surgeon in Ordinary to H.R.H. Prince Albert, 1849,	February	4, 1830
*FITZCLARENCE, Lord FREDERICK. M.W.G.M.,	January	19, 1842
*FRASER, WILLIAM NATHANIEL, of Tornaveen. R.W.M. 1853—65, .	December	12, 1849
GILSLAND, JAMES, Goldsmith (to whom Sir Henry Raeburn was apprentice when aged 16 years),	August	4, 1752
GORDON, CHARLES HAMILTON, Advocate. M.W.G.M.,	November	29, 1752
GRAHAM, WILLIAM, of Airth,	August	1, 1753
GUTHRIE, JOHN, Younger of Guthrie, Esq.,	January	10, 1759
GENTLE, JAMES, Brewer in Canongate (Baillie of Edinburgh), . .	October	4, 1760
GRANT, LESLIE PETER, of Balqahain,	"	29, 1762

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GORDON, Hon. ALEXANDER, 3rd son of William 2nd Earl of Aberdeen. D.G.M.,	December 4, 1765
GRAYIE, Hon. CHARLES,	November 17, 1767
GORDON, The Hon. WILLIAM, of Kenmuir,	December 7, 1786
GREGORY, JAMES, M.D., Professor of the Practice of Physic,	November 30, 1789
GUNN, WILLIAM MARSHALL, High School,	" 15, 1825
GRANT, JOHN CHARLES, H.E.I.C.S.,	January 11, 1826
GRANT, ROBERT, of Kincorth,	February 4, 1836
*GILFILLAN, ROBERT, Grand Bard,	March 8, 1837
*GLENLYON, Right Hon. GEORGE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK JOHN, Lord, afterwards 6th Duke of Athole. M.W.G.M.,	May 6, 1843
HAY, ANDREW, of Mugdrum. R.W.M.,	July 7, 1736
HALIBURTON, JAMES, of Pitcurr,	" 7, 1736
HAY, ALEXANDER, of Drumelzier,	December 18, 1736
HAY, JOHN, of Belton,	" 18, 1736
HAY, JOHN, of Balbethan,	September 21, 1737
HOME, Sir JOHN, of Renton, Bart.,	July 6, 1757
HAMILTON, JOHN, brother to Wishaw,	November 23, 1758
HAMILTON, ROBERT, of Wishaw, Esq.,	" 26, 1761
HAY, CHARLES, Advocate—Lord Newton,	" 5, 1766
HAMILTON, Dr. JAMES, sen.,	October 12, 1774
HAY, Dr. THOMAS. R.W.M. 1781; J.G.W. 1783; S.G.M. 1782—98,	" 12, 1774
HADDO, Right Hon. GEORGE, Lord. M.W.G.M.,	January 1, 1778
HAY, JOHN, Younger of Haystoun,	November 30, 1778
HOPE, CHARLES, Advocate—The Hon. Charles Hope of Granton, Lord Justice-Clerk,	March 4, 1784
HAMILTON, Captain, of Wishaw,	" 2, 1786
HAMILTON, Dr. JAMES, jun.,	January 6, 1789
HEPBURN, ROBERT, Younger of Clerkington,	March 4, 1790
HONEYMAN, PATRICK, of Armadale,	December 10, 1797
HAY, SAMUEL SINCLAIR, H.E.I.C.S.,	" 16, 1798
HOGG, JAMES, of Altrive Lake, Yarrow—"The Etrick Shepherd"; Poet-Laureate,	May 7, 1835
HORNE, JAMES, jun., of Langwell,	November 17, 1841
HUNTER, JAMES, Captain 42nd Highlanders,	May 16, 1843
HENDERSON, JOHN GRAY, of Abbotsrule, Roxburghshire,	November 15, 1843
HENDERSON, WILLIAM SCOTT, Do. Do.	March 13, 1844
HUNTER, JOHN, Drum House, Liberton,	November 19, 1845
HUNTER, EVAN ALLAN, Liberton,	December 10, 1845
HAY, JOHN D. BUCHANAN, Younger of Morton,	" 23, 1846
HALDANE, DAVID RUTHERFORD, M.D.,	June 1, 1848

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HUNTER, ANDREW, Captain 25th Bengal N.I.,	February 24, 1849
HUNTER, JAMES ADAM, M.D., Edinburgh,	April 18, 1849
HORNE, THOMAS E. O., W.S.,	January 2, 1850
HAY, JAMES, St. Kitts, West Indies,	December 7, 1853
HAY, JOHN CROSSLAND, Col. 92nd Highlanders,	January 9, 1856
HUGHES, GORDON, Do.	" 9, 1852
*HART, ALBERT FREDERICK, Lieut. R.N.,	March 25, 1858
JARDINE, Sir HENRY, Advocate. R.W.M.	December 4, 1782
JARDINE, HENRY, Advocate. R.W.M.,	" 16, 1836
JARVIS, Sir HENRY MEREDITH LOUIS WHITE, Bart.,	November 30, 1837
KENMURE, Right Hon. JOHN, Viscount,	December 17, 1743
KER, Right Hon. Lord ROBERT,	March 29, 1765
KINLOCH, FRANCIS, of Gilmerton,	December 13, 1769
KINCAID, ALEXANDER, Lord Provost,	" 5, 1771
KERR, WILLIAM SCOTT, of Chatto,	March 23, 1836
KINLOCH, Colonel, of Kilmie,	May 6, 1843
KIRKWALL, Right Hon. Lord Viscount, 92nd Highlanders,	December 17, 1845
KENNEDY, Lord GILBERT,	February 21, 1849
KENNEDY, Lord NIGEL,	January 30, 1850
LUMSDAINE, JOHN, of Stravithy. R.W.M. 1754; S.G.W. 1754,	" 3, 1750
LEE, JOHN, Comedian,	May 7, 1755
*LEVEN, Right Hon. DAVID, 6th Earl of. M.W.G.M.,	March 2, 1757
LIND, Dr. JAMES, of Gorgie. R.W.M. 1769; S.G.W. 1770,	August 2, 1758
LOVE, JAMES, Comedian,	March 11, 1760
LEITH, Sir George,	November 11, 1784
LESLIE, Sir JOHN,	March 2, 1786
LOCKHART, ALEXANDER M'DONALD, of Carnwath,	January 26, 1826
LOCKHART, JOHN GIBSON. The Biographer of Scott,	" 26, 1826
LAUDER, Sir FREDERICK DICK, Lord Provost,	February 6, 1835
LOCKHART, ALEXANDER GIBSON, 78th Highlanders,	January 8, 1840
LOCKHART, WALTER ELLIOT, Madras Civil Service,	August 14, 1840
LUMSDEN, HENRY, Pitcaple Castle,	January 13, 1847
LEE, Dr. ROBERT, Edinburgh,	December 12, 1849
*LOUGHBOROUGH, FRANCIS ROBERT, Lord, 4th Earl of Rosslyn. D.M. Canongate Kilwinning 1853; M.W.G.M. 1873,	August 1, 1853
MONTGOMERIE, WILLIAM. First R.W.M. of Leith Kilwinning Lodge, constituted by Canongate Kilwinning 1736,	February 27, 1735
MURRAY, HUGH, of Kynnymound,	Prior to 1735

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MONTGOMERY, ROBERT, City Treasurer,	June 13, 1738
MURRAY, JOHN, Druggist. J.G.W. 1743,	„ 24, 1738
MURRAY, JOHN, of Broughton, Secretary to Prince Charles Stewart,	December 27, 1738
MURRAY, PATRICK, of Cherrytrees, Advocate,	November 24, 1757
* M'LEOD, NORMAN, of M'LEOD, Esq., of Inverness Lodge,	February 2, 1758
MURRAY, Hon. WILLIAM, of Lord Effingham Howard's Regiment,	August 8, 1758
MURRAY, ALEXANDER, Younger of Murrayfield, Advocate.—Lord Henderland,	November 16, 1758
MOWBRAY, WILLIAM, of Duckburn, W.S.	December 6, 1756
M'DONNELL, ALEXANDER, of Glengarry, Esq.,	April 3, 1759
M'LEOD, Captain, Younger of M'Leod,	December 9, 1760
M'DONALD, JOHN, of Dallness, Esq.,	November 26, 1761
MUNRO, Dr. ALEXANDER, jun., Professor of Anatomy,	August 10, 1762
M'LEAN, Sir ALLAN, Bart.,	March 13, 1764
M'DOWALL, ARCHIBALD, Broadcloth Merchant,	December 11, 1764
M'DOWALL, Captain JOHN, of Woolmet,	January 30, 1765
M'DONNELL, DUNCAN, of Glengarry,	July 9, 1765
MACONOCHIE, ALLAN—1st Lord Meadowbank,	December 2, 1767
MORE, CHARLES, of the Royal Bank. D.M.,	February 8, 1769
MURRAY, Sir ALEXANDER, of Balmanno, Bart.,	„ 7, 1771
MURRAY, ALEXANDER, Younger of Abercainrey,	April 4, 1771
MURRAY, Sir JAMES, Bart., of Hillhead,	February 6, 1772
M'LEAN, Rev. ARCHIBALD, Minister of Rothesay,	November 29, 1775
MAXWELL, Sir WILLIAM, of Monreith, Bart.,	July 4, 1781
MACKENZIE, HENRY—"The Man of Feeling,"	December 2, 1784
MILLAR, JOHN, Advocate—The Historian,	March 2, 1786
MOIR, ROBERT. R.W.M. 1795; J.G.W. 1767,	February 1, 1787
MAITLAND, R. A.,	March 1, 1787
MORTON, Right Hon. GEORGE, 17th Earl of. M.W.G.M.,	November 30, 1789
M'LACHLAN, ROBERT, Advocate,	December 14, 1814
M'DONNELL, Lieut. ANTHONY, of Lochgarry,	June 24, 1816
MAUSAY, Captain NICHOLAS, Aide-de-Camp to General Kutusoff,	December 19, 1816
M'RITCHIE, THOMAS ELDER, of Craigton and Dunork, W.S.,	March 5, 1818
MACKENZIE, KENNETH, Younger of Hilton, W.S.,	„ 4, 1819
M'LACHLAN, DUNCAN, of Kinlochaline,	November 10, 1819
MARSHALL, ARCHIBALD,	„ 10, 1819
MACKENZIE, WILLIAM, of Greenyard,	January 6, 1820
MACKENZIE, WILLIAM (son of Henry Mackenzie),	November 13, 1822
MUIR, GEORGE—"A Poet,"	March 6, 1823
MAXWELL, GEORGE WALTER, of Carruchan, Esq.,	February 5, 1824
MACNEILL, ALEXANDER, Advocate. R.W.M.,	June 24, 1824
MURRAY, Hon. JAMES,	„ 24, 1829
MOIR, DAVID MACBETH, M.D. (Delta),	„ 24, 1829

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M'KAY, ROBERT, Artist,	March	18, 1835
MACKENZIE, WILLIAM FORBES, of Portmore—"Forbes Mackenzie,"	"	8, 1837
MURRAY, JAMES WOLFE, of Cringletie,	"	11, 1840
MAITLAND, FERGUSON GEORGE, Younger of Hermand,	June	15, 1840
MACONOCHE, HENRY DUNDAS, of Meadowbank House,	November	4, 1840
MACLEAN, HECTOR FREDERICK, W.S., of Hill Street,	December	8, 1841
M'LEAY, KENNETH, R.S.A.,	February	10, 1843
MAITLAND, ALEXANDER G. C., Bannockburn House; Stirling,	October	25, 1843
*MILLER, Sir WILLIAM, of Glenlee, Bart.,	December	10, 1845
MENZIES, JAMES GILBERT, 42nd Royal Highlanders,	March	10, 1847
MILLER, ROBERT, Captain Scots Greys,	"	31, 1847
M'DOWELL, JAMES, of Logan, Lieut.-Colonel,	August	4, 1848
MOWBRAY, RICHARD, of Hartwood,	December	12, 1849
MACDOUGALL, ALEXANDER, 33 Royal Terrace,	"	26, 1849
MACKINNON, WILLIAM ALEXANDER, of Skye,	May	7, 1851
MENZIES, JAMES ALEXANDER, of Pitnacra,	March	7, 1855
M'CULLOCH, JOHN M., Banker,	January	14, 1857
NICOLSON, Sir WILLIAM,	March	3, 1736
NISBET, WILLIAM, of Dirleton. M.W.G.M.,	December	27, 1744
NAPIER, The Hon. WILLIAM, Col. of the Scots Greys, 6th Lord Napier,	December	7, 1769
NAPIER, FRANCIS, 7th Lord. M.W.G.M.,	March	2, 1775
NAESMYTH, ALEXANDER, Artist,	February	5, 1777
NORTON, The Hon. FLETCHER, Baron Norton, of the Exchequer,	"	1, 1787
NAESMYTH, CHARLES JAMES, 14 Windsor Street,	October	7, 1845
NAPIER, ALEXANDER JOHN,	June	22, 1847
NAESMYTH, JOHN, George Street,	July	9, 1850
OSWALD, ROGER, of Fingalton,	February	22, 1737
*OUGHTON, Lieut.-Col. JAS. A. M.W.G.M.,	December	4, 1754
OSWALD, JAMES TOWNSEND, Dunnikier,	February	3, 1766
OLIPHANT, STUART, Younger of Rossie,	June	24, 1789
OGLVY, CHARLES, of Seafield, Zetland,	April	5, 1854
PORTER, Rev. FRANCIS, D.D., Edinburgh,	January	9, 1753
PERCY, Right Hon. Lord ALGERNON,	November	28, 1767
PAUL, His Highness, Prince of Dashkov,	May	13, 1779
PRINGLE, JAMES, of Stichell,	December	13, 1843
PIKE, FRANCIS, Lieut. 92nd Highlanders,	January	9, 1856
ROSS, JAMES (Brother to Ross of Inverchasely),	May	6, 1752
ROBERTSON, PATRICK, Goldsmith and Jeweller,	"	25, 1752

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RAE, Sir DAVID, of Eskgrove, Bart., Advocate—Lord Eskgrove,	November	13, 1753
RAMSAY, PETER, Landlord of the "White Horse Inn,"	"	2, 1755
ROSS, DAVID, of Inverchasey, Advocate. R.W.M. 1757; S.G.W. 1758,	December	3, 1755
RUTHERFORD, Dr. JOHN (Uncle of Sir Walter Scott),	November	17, 1767
RAMSAY, JOHN, of Banff,	December	15, 1769
ROSS, MUNRO, of Pilcainy,	February	4, 1773
*RAMSAY, Hon. HENRY, at Lady Dalhousie's,	December	3, 1801
RICHARDSON, MARK, M.D.,	November	12, 1823
RUTHERFORD, WALTER, H.E.I.C.S., 28th B.N.I.,	January	24, 1835
RAMSAY, Right Hon. JAMES ANDREW, Lord, afterwards 10th Earl and 1st Marquis of Dalhousie. M.W.G.M.,	February	6, 1835
RHIND, DAVID, Architect,	November	28, 1835
ROBERTS, FRANCIS, 92nd Highlanders,	December	26, 1855
ST. CLAIR, WILLIAM, of Rosslyn. First M.W.G.M.,	May	18, 1736
SCOTT, Sir JOHN, of Ancrum, Bart.,	December	2, 1736
STEWART, JOHN (eldest son to Provost Archibald Stewart),	"	2, 1747
SPENS, NATHANIEL, F.R.C.P.E. R.W.M. 1778; S.G.M. 1776—82; D.G.M. 1782—86,	June	5, 1751
STEWART, Captain JAMES, of Lord Drumlanrig's Regiment,	February	5, 1752
STEWART, Dr. MATHEW, Professor of Mathematics,	June	3, 1752
SCOTT, ROBERT, of Skelfhill,	November	30, 1752
STUART, Dr. GILBERT (father of Gilbert Stuart, the Historian),	March	14, 1753
SIMPSON, Rev. PETER, Minister of the Gospel at Fala,	June	6, 1753
SCOTT, JOHN, of Craigtinnie,	November	14, 1755
STUART, JAMES, Lord Provost of Edinburgh. M.W.G.M.,	"	14, 1755
STUART, JOHN, of Ballochleish,	December	3, 1755
STEUART, WALTER, of Steuarthall, Advocate. R.W.M. 1758; S.G.W. 1760,	July	4, 1757
ST. CLAIR, Sir JOHN, of Stevenson,	January	5, 1757
SIMPSON, ANDREW, of Viewfield,	December	1, 1760
SINCLAIR, GEORGE, of Ulbster,	June	25, 1764
STODDART, WILLIAM, Lord Provost,	November	16, 1764
STEWART, DAVID, Lord Provost,	December	27, 1765
SPENCE, Dr. DAVID, Edinburgh,	November	29, 1770
SINCLAIR, Sir JOHN, Bart., of Ulbster,	February	7, 1771
SINCLAIR, ROBERT, of Scotscalder,	"	6, 1772
STEWART, DUGALD, Professor of Moral Philosophy,	December	4, 1775
STEWART, HENRY, of Allanton,	January	2, 1777
SPANKIE, GEORGE, Bailie, Treasurer of the Lodge,	December	2, 1778
SWINTON, Mr., Younger of Swinton,	"	28, 1778
SCOTT, Captain JOHN, of Maleny,	May	3, 1780

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SPENS, NATHANIEL, of the Royal Navy,	February 2, 1784
*STEWART, JOHN, of Allanbank,	December 2, 1784
SHAW, D., of the Boar Club,	February 3, 1791
STIRLING, PATRICK, of Kippendavie,	March 3, 1802
SUBLANKOFF, NICHOLAS, Major-General "in the Russian Service,"	November 23, 1802
STEWART, GEORGE, of Murthly Castle, Perthshire,	June 24, 1816
SHARPE, CHARLES KIRKPATRICK, Younger of Hoddam,	October 31, 1816
SPROTT, MARK, of Gurnkirk, Advocate,	January 7, 1818
SINCLAIR, Hon. GEORGE, Royal Navy,	" 7, 1819
STEWART, CHARLES, H.E.I.C.S.,	" 6, 1820
SINCLAIR, Lieut. ARCHIBALD (son of Sir John Sinclair),	March 3, 1825
*STEWART, SHAW WILLIAM, of Lochnagar,	April 3, 1828
SURENNE, JOHN T., Professor of Music,	January 9, 1833
STEWART, CHARLES ERSKINE, H.E.I.C.S.,	December 9, 1835
STUART, Lord DUDLEY COUTTS, M.P.,	" 11, 1835
SPIED, JAMES, of Aldovie,	" 16, 1835
STEWART, W. M., of Glenmorrison,	February 10, 1836
SCOTT, Captain WALTER, H.E.I.C.S.,	April 6, 1836
SMYTH, Sir JAMES ROBERT CARMICHAEL, Bart.,	March 11, 1840
SOMERVILLE, SAMUEL, of Ampherlaw, M.D.,	October 14, 1840
STEWART, ALEXANDER JAMES, W.S.,	December 27, 1842
*SUIRDALE, Viscount, 4th Earl of Donoughmore,	January 9, 1846
SOMERVILLE, WILLIAM, Milton House, Canongate,	" 27, 1847
SCOTT, WALTER SCOTT LOCKHART, Lieut. 16th Lancers,	February 9, 1848
SINCLAIR, The Hon. ALEXANDER ERIC GEORGE,	" 12, 1851
SMALL, JAMES, of Dirnanean,	January 14, 1857
*STRATHMORE, THOMAS BOWES LYON, 12th Earl of R.W.M. of Canongate Kilwinning 1864,	June 24, 1863
TROTTER, THOMAS, Merchant,	Prior to 1735
TRAILL, GEORGE, Surgeon to Colonel Scott, Commander-in-Chief in the East Indies;	November 21, 1752
TYTLER, JAMES, W.S.,	June 24, 1771
TORPHICHEN, JAMES SANDILANDS, 9th Lord. R.W.M. 1787; D.G.M. 1786-87,	March 2, 1786
THOMSON, GEORGE, Teacher of Music,	January 4, 1798
TURNBULL, W. B. D. D., Advocate,	November 21, 1833
TROTTER, R., of Hapland, Advocate,	February 17, 1836
TWEEDIE, Captain JOHN, R.N.,	March 3, 1847
THOMSON, LOCKHART, Edinburgh,	December 12, 1849
VESEY, GEORGE H., Royal Artillery,	January 16, 1850

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WIGHTMAN, JOHN, of Mausley, W.S.,	May	25, 1752
WIGHTON, Earl of—Charles Ross Fleming,	July	13, 1752
WALKER, JOHN, Bailie of Edinburgh,	August	1, 1753
WOOD, ALEXANDER, Surgeon,	November	6, 1754
*WEDDERBURN, ALEXANDER, Advocate—Lord Loughborough, 1st Earl of Rosslyn, Lord High Chancellor of England,	December	3, 1755
WARRENDER, GEORGE, jun., of Bruntfield,	November	1, 1763
WHITEFOORD, Sir JOHN, Bart.,	February	12, 1765
WOOD, ANDREW, Surgeon,	April	7, 1769
*WALKER, Sir PATRICK, of Coates,	June	24, 1816
WILLIAMS, HUGH WILLIAM, Landscape Painter,	August	27, 1822
WILSON, ADAM, Writer,	June	24, 1824
WATSON, WILLIAM STEWART, Portrait Painter,	March	6, 1828
WILSON, JOHN, Professor of Moral Philosophy—Christopher North,	February	2, 1830
WATKINS, Captain JOHN, H.E.I.C.S.,	March	2, 1831
WATKINS, Major JAMES, H.E.I.C.S.,	February	6, 1835
WILSON, ALEXANDER, H.E.I.C.S.,	April	4, 1839
WAUCHOPE, ANDREW, of Niddry,	December	13, 1843
WAUCHOPE, Sir JOHN DON, of Edmonstone, Bart.,	„	13, 1848
WYNDHAM, ROBERT HENRY, Theatre Royal,	March	14, 1849
*WALPOLE, Hon. HENRY (of St. David's Lodge),	November	15, 1849
WINCHESTER, JAMES W., Surgeon, Bombay Army,	January	5, 1853
WATT, JAMES, of Logie House, Dundee,	„	12, 1853
WINCHESTER, CHARLES ALEXANDER, M.D., H.M. Diplomatic Service,	November	23, 1853
YAIR, Rev. JAMES, Cawnpore, India,	July	1, 1752
*YOUNG, Colonel JOHN. D.G.M.,	December	3, 1755
YOUNG, ADAM, Surgeon,	January	28, 1825
ZABA, NAPOLEON FELIX, from Poland,	December	27, 1834
ZAMOYSKI, Count LADISLAS, from Poland,	„	11, 1835

POEM composed and read by Brother ANDREW STEVENSON, M.A.,
Poet-Laureate, at the Meeting held on 1st March 1887, to celebrate
the Centenary of the Inauguration of ROBERT BURNS as Poet-
Laureate of the Lodge :—

THE LAUREATE WREATH.

A hundred years to-night,
(Let the spot be sacred ground)
Your Poet stood 'mid the Sons of Light,
His brow with the laurel crowned;

And the shout of loud acclaim
That round your banners curled,
Hath pealed afar till that son of fame
Is the Laureate of the world;

Triumphant over time,
Beyond its hopes and fears,
His memory swells to a height sublime,
And grows with the growing years.

This night the wreath renew
Around that ooble head,
And bend the soul of the leal and true
At the shrine of the mighty dead.

O I weave ye a chaplet fair,
And weave it of ivy green;
And plant ye the sweetest of wildings there,
To bloom in the glittering sheen.

Say, what shall the garland be?
The *daisy* that spangles the sod;
The *blue-bell* that waves on the pearly lea,
Where the feet of the minstrel trod,

A spray of the milk-white *thorn*,
That has listened the tender tale;
And the *rose-bud* that wakes at the kiss of morn,
To breathe out its love on the gale.

Let the bloom of the *heather* be seen,
From the home of the dancing rills,
When the earth is a glory of purple and green,
And the shadows asleep on the hills.

Yet sweeter beyond compare,
And flushed with a lovelier hue,
Are the orient blooms of that garden fair
Where the sun never sipped the dew.

In the beating hearts of men
As they struggle and toil for bread;
As they hope, and fear, and rejoice—and then
Are peacefully laid with the dead.

The quivering thrill of love;
The music of fireside glee;
The anthem that swells to the Heaven above
From the hearts of the pure and free.

The leap of the exile's heart
At the sound of old Scotia's name;
The joy that heroic deeds impart,
And the patriot's noble flame.

The pride of lowly worth;
The clasp of an honest hand;
The faith divine that the sons of earth
In brotherhood all shall stand.

These, these are the blossoms rare
We shall bind on his sacred brow;
And we summon the souls that beheld him there
To join in our homage now.

Then reach ye adown the past—
The love of a loyal hand;
And welcome the brothers that bind us fast
To that soul in the silent land.

THE POETS-LAUREATE OF THE LODGE.

- 1787—1796. ROBERT BURNS. See *ante*, Chapter VIII.
1835. JAMES HOGG, the "Ettrick Shepherd." See *ante*, Chapter XIV.
- 1836—1841. WILLIAM HAY. See *ante*, note to page 211. "The Lintie o' Moray," a Collection of Songs of the Edinburgh Morayshire Society, a large portion of which were composed by WILLIAM HAY. The original edition was edited by GEORGE CUMMING, W.S. (see *ante*, page 217), and during the period in question—1829 to 1841—the Lodge was regularly attended by their most intimate associates, such as "Christopher North"; John Thomson Gordon, Sheriff of Midlothian; Robert Grant of Kincorth; and many others.
- 1842—1845. E. W. LANE, M.D.
- 1846—1849. FRANCIS NICOLL.
- 1850—1851. JAMES MARSHALL.
- 1851—1853. M. J. MAUSIBINIS.
- 1854—1859. WILLIAM PRINGLE.
- 1860—1871. ANTHONY O'NEAL HAYE, Editor of *The Scottish Freemason Magazine* (now dormant), and R.W.M. of Lodge St. Stephen, No. 145.
- 1872—1878. Captain LAWRENCE ARCHER.
- 1879—1880. BRYAN CHARLES WALLER, of Masongill, M.D., and R.W.M. 1881.
- 1881—1887. ANDREW STEVENSON, M.A. (See *ante*, page 248.)
1888. CHARLES H. M'KAY.

Just on the eve of publishing this Volume the celebration of the Bi-Centenary of Lodge Canongate and Leith Leith and Canongate, No. 5, has taken place—5th May 1888. Nearly two hundred Brethren attended, and the R.W. Master, Brother ALEX. CLARK, S.S.C., presided. A large deputation from Grand Lodge was present, headed by the M.W. Grand Master Sir ARCHIBALD C. CAMPBELL, of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., accompanied by Brothers W. J. C. ABBOT, P.M. No. 1, acting S.G.W.; ALLAN MACKENZIE, P.M. No. 2, acting J.G.W.; D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary; DAVID KINNEAR, Grand Cashier; and others. Amongst the deputations from Sister Lodges was one from Canongate Kilwinning, headed by the R.W. Master, Brother JAMES DRUMMOND, W.S.

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Lodge Canongate, Kilwinning.

The history of the venerable and distinguished "Lodge Canongate Kilwinning," dating from 1677, is now an accomplished fact, through the services of one of its respected Past Masters, Bro. Allen Mackenzie, * who has every reason to be satisfied with the result of his labours as author. To a great extent he has let the records speak for themselves, and "so far so good," but added to these old and deeply interesting minutes of "ye olden tyme," Bro. Mackenzie has wisely appended particulars of the eventful lives of many of the distinguished members, who have from time to time been enrolled as brethren of the "mystic tie," under the wing of No. 2.

Although the handsome volume runs to some 260 pages, and is literally "packed" with details of lodge life and contemporary events, extending over a period of nearly two centuries, we long for more, and have completed our perusal of the noble history, with the predominant feeling uppermost, that we wish there had been a second volume, so ably has Bro. Mackenzie acquitted himself as the historian of one of the most ancient and remarkable lodges in existence.

Beyond question, as the author observes in the brief preface, when an Institution has survived the vicissitudes of over two centuries, it becomes entitled to our veneration and respect. It is, therefore, a fair subject of congratulation that Canongate Kilwinning Lodge has not only existed for that period, *but has assembled in the same district, under the same name, and for over one hundred and fifty years under the same roof.* The hall where the lodge assembles in St. John-street, was built in 1736, and is considered to be the oldest of its kind, owned or used by a lodge. We believe it is, and congratulate the members on being the landlords of such an ancient Masonic building. We feel certain that even Philadelphia, U.S.A., cannot equal this record, which has the first of so many good things. The two photographs of the interior of the Masonic Hall, looking S.W. and N.E. respectively, give a capital idea of the spacious character of the building, and of its artistic adornment and Masonic fittings. The one view exhibits a series of attractive articles, &c., such as the organ built in 1754, a curious allegorical painting on the wall, portraits, banner, &c. The other represents a fine interior, showing the old painting of St. Clair of Rosslyn, the first G.M. (A.D. 1736) and member of the lodge, the splendid chair for the R.W.M.; "Burns' Corner" being the chief and honoured portion of the hall, hence the choice of the N.E. for this truly Masonic souvenir. The third illustration of the interior we leave for description, when we have occasion to refer to the affiliation of Bro. Robert Burns as a member of No. 2.

* "History of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, compiled from the records, 1677-1888 by Allan Mackenzie, R.W.M. 1883-1887, &c., Edinburgh. Printed for the lodge by Bro. James Hogg, North Bank-street, MDCCCLXXXVIII."

It appears that a number of operative Masons from the Canongate, Edinburgh, petitioned the old Lodge of Kilwinning to grant them permission to enter and pass persons in its name and on its behalf. On the 20th December, 1677, 12 of them attended, were accepted as Masons, and were duly authorised accordingly. The signatures and *marks* are appended to the minute in the records, which states at the "Lodge of Kilwinning," these brethren "of the Canongate" were granted liberty to "enter, receive, and pass any qualified persons that they think fitt in name and behalf of the lodge of Kilwinning and to pay ther entry and booking moneys to the sd lodge as we do ourselves, they sending on of ther number to us yearly *and we to do the lyke to them, if need be.*" A facsimile of this entry appears in Bro. D. Murray Lyon's history of No. 1, Scotland, and is given "verbatim et literatim" in the history of lodge No. 2. It appears to us that the last sentence (*in italics*) proves that these brethren were virtually formed into a lodge there and then, and though in a measure dependent on its mother lodge, was to all intents and purposes a veritable lodge in Edinburgh. Whether a copy of this authorization or warrant was given to the founders we cannot now say—if so, the original is missing—but the entry aforesaid in the minute book of No. 0, Kilwinning, is beyond question, the volume being still preserved, and thus contains the premier Scottish warrant or Constitution, as Bro. Mackenzie claims. Nay more, it is the first of the kind known.

We quite think with Bro. Lyon that "its assumption of an independent body would be almost contemporaneous with its erection as a branch; for it does not appear ever to have made any return of its intrants to Kilwinning;" neither apparently did its aged mother long object (if at all) to its neglect of financial obligations, as it appears that in 1736 "Kilwinning" brethren favoured the candidate of the "Canongate Kilwinning" for the Grand Mastership of Scotland.

We are told, and told truly, that this lodge is one as famous for her vicissitudes of fortune as for the brilliant and celebrated men whom she calls her sons. In neither of these characters has she a rival; for while her lot has been to suffer greater misfortunes than any other lodge, her roll of members is one that no other kindred society can equal. Twenty-two members of the lodge have been Grand Masters of Scotland, and many of the greatest men of the past and present centuries have been entered on its distinguished register.

"At the beginning of last century the lodge numbered amongst its members the foremost noblemen and gentlemen of Scotland who were devoted to the Stuart cause. The unsuccessful rising in 1715 sent those who had escaped death on the battlefield into exile; and during the confusion attendant on those times, the whole early records of the lodge were lost or destroyed, and no trace of them can now be found."

This regretted loss of the earliest records leaves a blank that the historian of the lodge is unable to fill, but it is reassuring to find that the survivors met about the beginning of 1735 and resumed the meetings. We are not all convinced that the lodge was dormant prior to this year, and in the absence of evidence, our belief in its continuity is entitled to as much regard as the opposite view of the case. The facilities offered by a Masonic Lodge are considered by many to have been utilised by the Jacobites for their own purposes, and, doubtless, there is much to favour such a supposition.

Excepting a few lapses during the last 30 years, the volumes of records are well preserved, from February 13th, 1735, to the present time. The earliest minutes proves that it was not the first of any new effort or resuscitation, as the entry begins "The lodge having met *according to adjournment,*" when the meeting appointed a Committee for the preparation of by-laws to be laid before the R.W.M. and Wardens on the 27th of that month.

The earliest Scottish records relative to the Master Masons' Degree are to be found in the first minute book preserved of this old lodge. On 25th March, [Tuesday] 1735, "A Quarterly Communication" was held, when the lodge was adjourned to "Monday next for the *Masters*" [31st March] and to Thursday, the 3rd April, for "the whole lodge." The Masters' lodge (Third Degree), accordingly sometimes met on different days, as so many did during the last century in England, but no *separate* records were kept, as often was the case in South

Brittain* Accordingly on the day named "admitted William Montgomery, *Fellow Craft*, and William Robertson, Robert Blisset, and George Frazer, *Master Masons*." The first reference to this Degree by "Mother Kilwinning" was on June 24th, 1736, when it was enacted that those brethren who had duly qualified as Apprentices and Fellows of Craft "shall be *Ras'd* to ye dignity of *Master gratis*." In No. 1, Edinburgh, according to Bro. Lyon, the first record of the kind is dated November 1, 1738, when a brother who had then taken the first two Degrees was "also raised as a *Master Mason in due forme*." "St. Davids," Edinburgh, however, is third in order of priority, their first minute "of the Degree of *Master Mason*" bearing date March 2nd, 1733. The earliest record of the kind in England is rather more than ten years earlier.

Fines were strictly enforced for non-attendance, and, doubtless, the brethren who regularly assembled were all the more ready to see they were inflicted; as Bro. Mackenzie tells us the money was laid out in refreshments for the evening, such an order constantly occurring in the minutes.

The roll of members, containing several thousands of names, is carefully written in alphabetical order, and bound in two handsome volumes. The Historian has made selections from this roll (from 1736 down to 1857) arranged alphabetically, with the dates of initiations, and notes as to their general and Masonic titles when needful (occupying eleven pages), but as these include so many worthy and distinguished names, we cannot bring our minds to enumerate any. One of the chief attractions provided by Bro. Mackenzie, is the number of facsimiles of the autographs of great Masonic dignitaries profusely scattered over the volume, viz., Wm. St. Clair (1st G.M.), Geo. Frazer (D.G.M. 1755-61), C. H. Gordon (G.M. 1753), James [Baron] Forbes (G.M. 1754), Lord Aberdour (G.M. 1755-6, also G.M. of England, 1757), Geo. Drummond (G.M. 1752, *Lord Provost*, &c.), Earl of Dalhousie (G.M. 1767-8), Lord Benning (*Earl of Haddington*), James Boswell (D.G.M. 1777), David Dalrymple (*Lord Westhall*, G.M. 1774-5), Sir William Forbes Bart. (G.M. 1776-7), N. Spens (D.G.M.), the Hon. Henry Erskine (J.G.W. 1773), Lord Haddo (G.M. 1784-5), F. Charteris (*Lord Elcho*, G.M. 1786-7), Lord Napier, (G.M. 1788-9), Earl of Morton (G.M. 1790-1), Earl of Anernum (*Marquis of Lothian*, G.M. 1796-7), James Hogg, (*Poet Laureate*), Lord Lauderdale, Lord Dudley C. Stuart, M.P., and others, all of whom were members. Also those of Grand Masters who visited the lodge officially, Earl of Kintore, G.M. 1738, the last Earl of Kilmarnock, G.M. 1742, Earl of Dumfries, G.M. 1771-2, Duke of Atholl, G.M. 1778-79, and the Earl of Buchan, G.M. 1782-3. Also the Duke of Perth and other noblemen.

The list of office bearers from 1734-5 to 1887, is a most painstaking and valuable compilation, and of great utility for reference. Several Lord Provosts held office in the Lodge, the first noted being in 1738, the most distinguished, we suppose, being Geo. Drummond who was the R.W.M. in 1764; one even was Secretary of the lodge; Dr. James Boswell, Biographer of Dr. Johnson, was D.M. in 1767, and R.W.M. in 1773. Lord Torpichen was the R.W.M. in 1787, John Wilson (*Christopher North*), D.M. in 1837, Professor Aytoun, R.W.M. in 1839, Dr. Somerville, in 1843, Lord Loughborough (*Earl of Rosslyn*, G.M.), D.M. in 1853, Earl of Strathmore, R.W.M. in 1864, and Allan Mackenzie, R.W.M. in 1883, who is now the esteemed Treasurer of the lodge, and its Historian.

"William St. Clair of Rosline, Esqr.," was initiated on 18th May, 1736. This fact alone would make the History of the lodge most memorable, for he it was who was elected and installed the Premier Grand Master of Scotland in the same year. This brother was "passed" on the 2nd June, and "raised" on November 3rd. At this meeting, owing to certain officers either being absent or having to leave during the "work," St. Clair occupied the chairs of the J.W., S.W., and R.W.M., pro tem., respectively, during the ceremonies, and finally "dismissed the Lodge" as Master.

This brother was long thought to have been Grand Master by Hereditary right (prior to the year 1736), by many of our Masonic Historians, and his appointment

* This interesting question relative to the status and character of Masters' lodges will be dealt with by Bro. Jno. Lane in a paper to be read before the members and visitors of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, on Monday, June 25th ensuing.

as such was relied upon to prove the antiquity of the office. Bro. Lyon, however, long ago exploded that fallacy. In his family, doubtless, for some generations past, had been vested the right to act as Patrons, Protectors, &c., of the Mason-Craft, about which more hereafter.

Bro. Mackenzie wisely devotes considerable space to the preliminary arrangements for the formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and proves, beyond question, that the credit of the scheme was due to their lodge, the members being "wide awake" respecting all that was involved in such an Institution, and by skilful management secured their latest initiate to be Grand Master, notwithstanding that other lodges had rival candidates. Their *piece de resistance* carried all before it! This was the deed of *resignation* signed by William St. Clair, for himself and his successors, of the office and hereditary dignity of "Patron, Protector, Judge, or Master of the Massons in Scotland," bearing date 24th Nov. 1736, and duly witnessed by the Masters of the lodges, No. 2, and "Leith Kilwinning." On this document being read to the 33 lodges assembled, on the 30th of same month, the members by an *unanimous vote* elected St. Clair as their Premier Grand Master, and never has there been a more faithful and zealous chief. We must pass over the numerous and interesting particulars furnished by the author respecting this eventful period, save to state that some *hundred lodges* were invited to take part in the proceedings, many dating from the seventeenth century, or earlier. The original deed, or rather, transcript of this election, with names of the participating lodges, &c., &c., is in possession of the lodge, having been presented by Professor Aytoun, in 1839, the same brother donating the valuable St. Clair charters of 1600 and 1628 (circa), to the Grand Lodge.

After this grand day came the settlement of the precedence of the lodges, but though No. 2 possessed no warrant from "Mother Kilwinning," the brethren were well fortified having petitioned that venerable lodge to acknowledge their "*eldest daughter*," as from the year 1677. The letter was all that could be desired from a child to its parent, and being accompanied with a present, appears to have touched the heart of the dear old mother, for the request was granted to the fullest extent possible. The document is signed by the R.W.M., officers, and others, 27 members in all, and in that form was issued to the lodge, obtaining an official endorsement of the charter by the Grand Secretary of Scotland, dated 13th April, 1737. A reproduction of this ancient warrant forms one of the artistic triumphs of the volume, the original happily being well preserved to this day.

The first "swarm" from the lodge was the "Leith Kilwinning," 24th June, 1736, the R.W.M. and other members "went this day to Leith and there consecrate and ordained a new lodge to be there held." From this branched off No. 36, St. David's, which has its volumes of records intact, and on whose roll are many illustrious members, including Sir Walter Scott, Bart.

No. 2 had as visitors on October 6th, 1736, brethren from "Leith, the Lodge at *Paris*, and the Lodge at *Gateside*, in Bishopprick of Durham." On 18th December of the same year, the Masonic Hall was consecrated, in which the lodge still assembles. The Grand Master and other dignitaries attended.

When Lord Dummore was admitted on 3rd January, 1737, the Grand Master was present, and also the third Earl of Kintore, J.G.W. (who soon became G.M., and also held same office in England for 1740). The ninth Earl of Kintore is *now* Substitute G.M. of Scotland, and is one instance out of many of the Masonic tastes of certain noble families which have continued from early last century to this day.

George Frazer, on 30th September, 1737, was styled "*Old Master*," which was then the equivalent for P.M. or I.P.M. Many are the curious and racy anecdotes to be found in the volume before us, pre-eminently Scottish in character and narrative, which do much to relieve the heavier portion of the history, and make the work "entertaining as a novel," yet withal substantial and invaluable as an authentic record of the Craft for some two centuries. A few of the "delicious morsels" we should like to cull for these pages, but really and truly a choice from such an extensive storehouse would be difficult indeed, so we give up the task of selection for someone better qualified.

Bro. Mackenzie has given the exact minutes, whenever and wherever desirable, so that all the quaintness of verbiage and all the singular details are duly repro-

duced, which is much better than turning such excerpts into modern phraseology. The members were profuse in their charitable donations, even to purposes beyond the Craft, e.g., the sum of three guineas was voted in 1739—in response to a petition—for the “Charity for the Relief of the indigent Episcopall Clergy;” and poor brethren were never neglected whatever might be the other claims on the funds. In June, 1741, mention is made of a “Quaker,” who, though a brother, “had been guilty of an indignity to the lodge.” Possibly this is the earliest reference to the fact of a Friend being a member of the Craft. On 27th December, 1742, the lodge exercised its right in voting for the “Call” of the Rev. Hew Blair to supply the vacancy as one of the ministers of the Canongate. The eighth Viscount Kenmure was initiated on 7th December, 1743, whose father was beheaded on Tower Hill in 1715. The rebellion of 1745-6 interfered a little with the meetings of the lodge, though not so much as we had anticipated. A charter was signed by the Grand Master for constituting a lodge at *Aleppo*, in Turkey, but no entry is made in the official records of Grand Lodge, the only reference to the transaction being in the minutes of No. 2. On 21st November, 1752, the lodge subscribed £20 sterling, and the members ten guineas to help the funds being raised to beautify the City of Edinburgh. The hero of *Aboukir Bay*. (Sir Raiph Abercrombie), was admitted on 25th May, 1753, and on 6th June following the Rev. Peter Simpson was initiated freely “*out of regard to the ministerial cloth and character.*” Lord Aberdour, Grand Master, visited the lodge 14th December, 1755, who was G.M. of England in 1757. The visitations by Grand Master are too numerous to mention, but we note the attendance of this nobleman because of his occupying the same position farther on in this country. “A galaxy of celebrated actors” belonged to the lodge in the seventh decade of the last century. The eighth Earl of Dalhousie was “*entered, passed and raised*” on 29th March, 1766, and was present on the 3rd of the following month as “Grand Master elect” of the Grand Lodge. This “Hop, Skip, and Jump” method of conferring Masonic Degrees almost equals the experience of the fourth Duke of Atholl, who received the three Degrees, was elected and installed Master of the lodge, and was elected Grand Master of the “Ancients” (England), *all in one day*, viz., March 1st, 1775.

An interesting minute is quoted in full respecting the consecration of a military lodge in the Masonic Hall of No. 2 on 12th March, 1770. It was entitled “Lodge of St. Andrew’s Royal Arch, in the Scots Greys,” &c. General Oughton, the Grand Master, attended (who was a member of Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2), and a number of distinguished Craftsmen. The first R.W.M. was the Hon. Col. William Napier (afterwards *Lord Napier*), an initiate of No. 2. On 2nd February, 1775, the Grand Master visited the lodge officially, and testified his highest satisfaction with its conduct, &c., as an initiate “within this lodge.” Alexander Nasmyth, the well-known artist, was “entered” on February 3rd, 1778, the same year that the premier Scottish Grand Master died.

The engraver of Nasmyth’s portrait of Burns (John Beugo) was initiated on 4th December, 1783, so that both the artist and engraver were members of No. 2, which lodge affiliated the “Immortal Bard” as a member on February 1st, 1787. On March 1st, the R.W.M. of the lodge conferred on Robert Burns the then unique title of Poet Laureate. The Master was the hero of the “Song of the Whistle” (the MS. of which was sold last year for 230 guineas), and the S.W. was Wm. Dunbar, who was styled by the poet “one of the worthiest fellows in the world.” Bro. Mackenzie gives the correspondence between the Scottish Masonic Historian (Bro. D. Murray Lyon) and the Secretary of No. 2 respecting the Poet Laureate-ship, the former in his final letter recognising “*the satisfactory nature of the evidence submitted.*” *We entirely concur in that verdict.*

Burns was followed in 1835 by the “Ettrick Shepherd,” in 1836 by William Hay, author of a large portion of the songs in “The Lintie O’Moray;” Dr. Lane, Francis Nicoll, James Marshall, M. J. Mausibines, and William Pringle following in due course. In 1860, A. O’Neal Haye was the holder of the proud position, followed in 1872 by Captain Laurence Archer, in 1879 by Dr. Waller, in 1881 by Andrew Stevenson, author of the poem “The Laureate Wreath,” in celebration of the centenary of the inauguration of Robert Burns as Poet Laureate of the lodge, 1st March, 1887—poetry worthy of the occasion—and this year Bro. Charles H.

M'Kay holds the coveted honour. Dr. Rob Morris, who visited No. 2 August 0th, 1878, has since been crowned (with the approbation of the universal Craft) "Poet Laureate of Freemasonry." William Stewart Watson (initiated in No. 2 March 6th, 1828), was the painter of the celebrated picture of the inauguration of Robert Burns as Poet Laureate of the Lodge, the engraving of which is now very scarce and valuable. The reproduction, *inserted in the History*, is of special interest, as also the accompanying key. Both are exceedingly well done.

With the greatest difficulty we have determined to close the volume and say no more. One glance through its subsequent pages was sufficient to assure us that Bro. Mackenzie has "risen to the occasion" when dealing with the later records, and has proved most successful as author of the history of this old and distinguished lodge, but it is impossible for us to do justice to his labours unless we write as much about the last one hundred years as we have for the previous period. This would scarcely be fair to the author, whose noble work is still for sale, so we have resolutely determined to stay our hand, and conclude by congratulating the members of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2, on their proud heritage, and by especially and gratefully testifying to the able manner in which Bro. Allan Mackenzie has discharged his duties as the historian of one of the oldest, one of the most illustrious, and one of the most benevolent lodges in the world, whose ancient records not only form a grand monument to the truly Masonic character of the early brethren, but doubtless act as a constant incentive to the present members to prove worthy of their time-honoured privileges and possessions.
