



The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite OF FREEMASONRY.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was introduced into the Dominion of Canada on the 10th day of July, 1868, by virtue of a Patent held by the Ill.^o. Bro.^o. Col. W. J. B. McLEOD MOORE, 33^o, from the Supreme Council of England, Wales, &c., and under which authority the first Bodies of the Rite, viz :—

MOORE SOV.^o. CONSISTORY, S.^o. P.^o. R.^o. S.^o. 32^o, Hamilton,
HAMILTON SOV.^o. CHAPTER, Rose Croix 18^o, do.
LONDON SOV.^o. CHAPTER, Rose Croix, 18^o, London,

were opened, after which from time to time other Chapters of Rose Croix were established in Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia, besides a Consistory of S.^o. P.^o. R.^o. S.^o. 32^o and a Chapter of Rose Croix in New Brunswick.

From the constant association and frequent interchange of visitation between members of the Rite in the Dominion with the brethren in the United States, it was at once seen to be necessary that the system to be followed here should assimilate as nearly as possible with that which obtained in the Bodies of the Rite in the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the United States ; THIS WAS IMPOSSIBLE under the Regime of the Sup.^o. Council of England and Wales, which working only the 18^o, 30^o 31^o, and 32^o, had no provision for conferring in full the degrees subordinate thereto and the most important of the system ; besides having a scale of fees for the Consistory degrees so high, and requiring so long an intermission of time between them, that the propagation of the Rite in this country WAS LIMITED THEREBY SO MUCH AS TO AMOUNT TO PROHIBITION. True, after considerable time had elapsed, and in answer to petitions for a