

held on the 6th ult., in Freemason's Hall, Edinburgh, the M.W. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Grand Master, on the throne. The business was not of a very important character. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia was recognised, "but without prejudice to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland over any Lodge which may chose to adhere to her in that colony." The financial condition of Grand Lodge was reported to be satisfactory. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart was unanimously re-elected Grand Master. He nominated the Earl of Mar and Kellie and Colonel Campbell Substitute and Deputy Grand Master respectively. The following officers were unanimously elected: Senior Grand Warden, Lord Inverurie; Junior Grand Warden, R. F. Shaw Stewart.

At a recent sale of books, &c., in Toronto, W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson was the purchaser of a very old masonic relic—the Masonic certificate of Souter Johnny, of Burns' Tam O'Shanter. It purports to have been issued by St. James' Lodge, Ayr, in 1790. There was considerable competition, and Bro. Robertson became the happy possessor for the sum of \$178.

At the last regular Communication of St. John's Lodge, Saint John, N. B., M. W. Bro. Lester Peters, P. G. M., and R. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting Grand Secretary, were elected honorary members of that Lodge. This is the first time, we believe, that St. John's Lodge, which has been in existence for 77 years, has conferred a like honor on any member of the Craft.

AN EDITOR'S APPEAL.—The following is the appeal of the editor of the N. Y. *Corner Stone* to his delinquent subscribers. The man who reads that paper, and is indebted for two or three years subscription, and does not at once respond, we take it that his heart is not in the right place. We have many subscribers to the CRAFTSMAN whom we hope the follow-

ing will strike right home, that they will ask themselves the question as to how a newspaper can exist or an editor live without his patrons pay up. Here is the appeal:

"Our little family consists of five—the infant, his brother the *Junior*, the junior's sister, her mother and *we*—the three former now being prostrated with pneumonia. Our neighboring apothecary has drained our depleted exchequer. We state this apologetically to the numerous debtors of the C. S., who have been expecting some portion of this branch of our family to call upon them and collect small dues for "subs" and "ads." We cannot do this. With the whole family—and the nurse—very seriously ill, and not knowing how 'twill end—Friends, Countrymen and *Fellows*, we find it taxing us beyond the limit to get up such a paper as of yore, and *on time*. Time is money, true, but we buy white paper, etc., with the latter. Will you bear with us? *We may die, but the Corner Stone, never!*"

THE Annual Table of Masonic Statistics for all the Grand Lodges in North America (fifty-four in number) for the year ending May last, has been published by Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, Com. Mas. Cor. G. L. of Maine. From this Table we take the following items relating to the Grand Lodges in the Dominion of Canada, which we think will be interesting and valuable for reference:

Grand Lodges	Members.	Raised.	Admitted and restored.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Suspended for N.P.D.	Deaf.	Rejected.
B. Columbia.	312	15	26	14	0	0	2	0	6
Canada.....	17418	1099	45	635	4	19	528	162	0
Manitoba.....	824	35	10	10	0	0	41	1	0
N. Brunswick.	217	163	58	100	0	0	17	24	0
Nova Scotia.	3424	218	108	145	0	0	177	37	59
P. E. Island....	566	40	11	37	0	0	22	10	0
Quebec.....	2373	209	27	191	0	0	169	21	0

The following comparative figures show that there has been an annual falling off in the aggregate number of members in the fifty-four Grand