

Windsor Preceptory, K. T., expects to have a grand time at the installation of officers on January 7th. They have invited a number of brethren from London, St. Thomas, and other places, to be present.

UNITY ROSE CROSS CHAPTER, 18°, No. 29, A. and A. Rite of Memphis, sitting in the valley of Oshawa, was instituted last month by M. Ill. Bro. Dr. Ramsay, 88, 96, 90, Substitute Grand Master General, when the following officers were installed:—Ill. Bro. H. B. F. Odell, 88, 96, 90, Most Wise; Ill. Bro. W. R. Howse, 88, 95, 90, Senior Warden; Ill. Bro. R. McCaw, 88, 95, 90, Junior Warden; Ill. Bro. John Stanton, 80, 90, 86, Orator; Ill. Bro. W. H. Thomas, 80, 90, 86, Prelate; Ill. Bro. Q. D. McNider, 80, 90, 86, Conductor; Ill. Bro. C. Johnson, 80, 90, 86, Treasurer; Ill. Bro. A. L. Rundle, 80, 90, 86, Archivist; Ill. Bro. Dr. Warren, 80, 90, 86, C. of C.; Ill. Bro. J. E. Overholt, 80, 90, 86, G. of T.; Ill. Bro. J. S. Barnard, 80, 90, 86, Organist; Ill. Bro. Dr. Patterson, 80, 90, 86, Sentinel.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.—This important and respected Grand Body is about to establish an extended scheme of Masonic beneficence. The surplus revenue of Grand Lodge now amounts to £1,700, annually, one-half of which, henceforth, will form a part of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund. The existing fund amounts to £6,400, which it is proposed to increase to £10,000. We have no doubt this will speedily be done. The advance and prosperity of the Scottish Craft since our able friend and brother, D. Murray Lyon, became Grand Secretary, has been very marked, and we felicitate our Scotch brethren upon both the cause and the effect. The Craft in England raises about £50,000 a year for the maintenance of its three great charities, and we have no doubt the Grand Lodge of Scotland will accomplish in time a similar noble work.

MASONIC LITERATURE.—We are told by the *London Freemason* that in 1793 the first English Magazine appeared, and since that period, what has the history of Masonic Literature been but a succession of disappointments, failures, and cessations. Even in America, with 600,000 Freemasons, it is very hard work indeed to keep up either the needful concrete material support, or the abstract Masonic interest. In Great Britain it is the same.

THE annual festival of the "Royal Masonic Institute for Boys," held on the 28th ultimo, was eminently successful in a financial point of view, the subscriptions amounting to about £14,000. The three great charitable Institutions sustained by English Masons have called out during the present year a total subscription of £41,760. This is a record of which the fraternity may well be proud; and it is to be kept in mind that this amount does not include the large sums disbursed in charity by Grand, Provincial and private lodges.

THE Grand Lodge of Illinois publishes the names of rejected applicants for Masonic degrees. This practice is said to be a sort of protection to the craft, reducing the liability of lodges to be imposed upon by unworthy material. The reason given is not a sufficient defence for a practice which may inflict a grievous wrong upon worthy men who had no thought of exposing themselves to such a hazard when they sent in their applications. If it is needed that the names of rejected petitioners should be known by sister lodges, let the information be communicated in some less public manner. Of course, the names of these persons who have applied for the degrees, and failed to receive a clear ballot, must go upon the records of the Grand Lodge, but we submit that no open publication of such a list ought to be made.—*Freemasons' Repository*.