

MASONIC RECORD.

WE are glad to learn that at the recent Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, an application for recognition from the so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario" was rejected by an unanimous vote.

THE fraternity of Roumania have sent for exhibition at the Centennial, a copy of a work on their country; the Hon. B. F. Peixotto, U. S. Consul, is the bearer of the work alluded to.

BRO. GEORGE H. DURAND, of Flint, Michigan, member of Congress from that district, has just been presented with an elegant jewel and badge by the Grand Lodge of Michigan. The present consists of a ribbon of purple velvet, with end pieces of gold, beautifully chased. The pendant is the Michigan coat of arms in bass-relief. Below this is a wreath containing Masonic emblemns. In the centre is a magnificent diamond. The whole comprises different shades of gold, and beautifully arranged. On the back is inscribed, "Presented to M. W. Bro. George H. Durand, our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, by the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Michigan."

THE new Masonic Hall at Port Royal, has been completed and furnished, and the members of Phcenix Lodge, No. 914, have now fine quarters. A Royal Arch Chapter is about being established, with every prospect of a large membership. A Preceptory of K. T. is also spoken of. The Lodge at Port Royal has a large number of visiting brethren, principally seaman from the steamers and ships of the United States and England.

WE learn from the Cork, (Ireland) *Constitution* of August 5th, that the Lord Lieutenant, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn and Grand Master of Masons in Ireland, has graciously honoured the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster with his presence at the Masonic Hall, Tuckey street. Cork. Lodge not having been opened, Lady Georgiana Hamilton accompanied his Grace, an innovation which was acknowledged with lively satisfaction by the Brethren present, who numbered over 200. The Brethren assembled about 6.03, and at 7 p. m. his Grace, with his well known punctuality, was announced by the familiar strains of the National Anthem from the antique organ, at which Dr. Marks presided. When his Grace had taken the chair, Lord Viscount Bernard, P. G. M. delivered a handsome welcome and patriotic address, to which his Grace the Lord Lieutenant replied in fitting terms. Bro. Anderson Cooper, D. P. G. M., then submitted to the inspection of his Grace the ancient minute-book of the Lodge, from which he read a few interesting items. From one of them it appeared that on St. John's day, 1726, a meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Munster, was held in Cork, at which the Hon. James O'Brien was unanimously elected Grand Master, and appointed Springett Penn as his Deputy. Also, that in 1730, applications were made from Waterford and Clonmel for warrants to hold Lodges. Also, than on the 9th of August, 1731, the minutes were signed by a former Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the well-known James Lord Barom Kingstown, as Grand Master, who then appointed Adam Newman, as his Deputy, and Jonas Morris and William Newenham, as Grand Wardens, with the unanimous approbation of the Brethren. A very interesting fact for the Craft was brought to light by the perusal of these minutes. A printed copy of the familiar "Entered Apprentice" song was produced dated 1723, in which the following familiar stanza is omitted:

"We're true and sincere,
And just to the fair,
Who may trust us on any occasion:
No mortal can more
The ladies adore
Than a free and accepted Mason."

The reading of these lines was received with loud cheers, rendered all the more hearty by the presence of one of those to whom these lines bear so simple yet warm a tribute of respect. This verse of the song, as we have said, does not appear in the printed copy; but it is interpolated in manuscript, and attributed to Springett Penn, mentioned before, who is said to have been a nephew of the great William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania. He was, at all events, the ancestor of Peter Penn Gaskell of Shanagary, near Cloyne. His Grace evinced a warm interest in these illustrations of the past history of the Craft in the South of Ireland. Brother Cooper then showed Lady Georgiana Hamilton, the portrait, autograph, and Masonic jewel of the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, of Newmarket House, who, as is well known, was the only lady ever admitted to the Order. And as a souvenir of the fact, Brother Thomas Ware presented his Grace with an interesting memoir of Mrs. Aldworth's initiation, and a short sketch of her life. Repeated cheers were then given for his Grace the Duke of Abercorn and Lady Georgiana Hamilton, terminating the proceedings, which though brief were most enthusiastic, and will, we doubt not, afford the Lord Lieutenant one of the most agreeable memories of his visit to the South of Ireland.