

RANDOM NOTES AND REFLECTIONS.

No Brother is more popular among the Craft, and no one is more sought after, than the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, Bro. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. As the heir to the throne his services are constantly invoked throughout the length and breadth of the land, and so well does he discharge the duties of the multifarious offices he assumes, that he actually courts invitations by his many excellencies. We in the Craft know his worth as a ruler, and we are not surprised to learn that wherever Masonic work is to be done in connection with charity, the Most Worshipful Grand Master should be asked to preside. To-day the Lord Provost will lay the foundation-stone of the new municipal building in Glasgow, when 20,000 workmen are expected to walk in procession. The ceremony will be performed with Masonic rites, and it was expected that Bro. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, M. W. G. M. England, would have been able to officiate. The canny Glasgie people have a pleasant recollection of a former visit, and would gladly renew the acquaintance of H. R. H., but the Prince cannot gratify the demand of the public on this occasion, nor cheer the hearts of the Scotch Masons by his presence. Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie is the M. W. Grand Master of Scotland, but he would have been proud to welcome the Prince of Wales, not only as a Prince, but as the head of the Craft in England, and we might almost say of the world.—*Freemason's Chronicle*.

All through this painful matter Bro. Ross has acted with great circumspection. He has not embittered the controversy, and his aim has been to obtain an amicable settlement. He has nevertheless manfully contended for his rights, and denied the assumption that any foreign body can determine to whom he owes allegiance. He holds to the charter granted by the

Grand Lodge of Scotland, and hopes to revive King Solomon Lodge under its warrant, when, he says, "we will be glad to receive again among us those who now regret the false position in which they have been placed."
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GRAND COMMANDERY OF NEW YORK.
—The Seventh Annual Conclave of this Body was held at Binghamton, on October 2nd instant, Grand Commander Bartlett presiding. Nearly 1,000 Knights were in the line of parade. The elections resulted as follows:—E. Sir Charles Aikman, of Brooklyn, R. E. Grand Commander; E. Sir Abel A. Crosly, of Rondout, V. E. D. G. C.; E. Sir Peter Forrester, of New York, E. G. G.; E. Sir Joseph A. Johnson, of Illian, E. G. C. G.; E. Sir Albert G. Goodall, of New York, E. G. S. W.; E. Sir Theodore E. Haslehurst, of Troy, E. G. J. W.; E. Sir Ralph A. Christianco, of Ithaca, G. Treas.; E. Sir Robert Macoy, of Brooklyn, G. Recorder; E. Sir Austin C. Wood, of Syracuse, G. S. B.; E. Sir Foster N. Mabie, of Owego, G. Sword Br.; E. Sir George McGowen, of Palmyra, Grand Warder. The time and place of meeting of the Grand Commandery next year will be the second Tuesday of October, 1884, at Buffalo.

Our respected contemporary *The Free Mason* (London), has published in full the Revised and Old Constitutions, side by side, thus enabling the brethren to see at a glance what changes have been made. This is a most commendable act on the part of the publishers, and we hope it will be fully appreciated by the brethren "over the water."

The Rev. Canon Portal, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Quebec near the Grand Mark Lodge of England thinks the Grand Chapter of Quebec should apologize for protesting against the outrageous invasion of its jurisdiction by this quasi-Masonic