

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in their Hall, George street, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, 6th May, 1873. There was an unusually large attendance.

In the unavoidable absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Earl of Rosslyn, the throne was occupied by Past Grand Master Bro. John Whyte-Melville, of Bennoch and Strathkinnes, supported by Substitute Grand Master Bro. Henry Inglis, of Trosonce, Colonel Campbell of Blythswood, Senior Grand Warden; Bro. F. A. Barrow, Senior Grand Deacon, Acting Grand Junior Warden; Bros. Walter Montgomerie of Queenshill, P.G.M. of Glasgow; John Laurie, Grand Secretary; Alexander Hay, Grand Secretary; John Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies; James Ballantine, Grand Bard; Daniel Robertson, Grand Bible Bearer; Albert T. Apthorpe, Acting Chief Grand Marshall; F. S. Melville, President; John Haig, of Cameron Bridge, Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards; Professor Blackie, Representative at Tennessee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Bros. C. W. M. Muller, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Saxony; William Hay, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; Lindsay Mackersy, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada; William Officer, P.G.D.; Captain Neil, of Swinridge Muir, Deputy Grand Master of Ayreshire; Captain Gordon, of Craigmyle; and Captain G. R. Harriot, of Killemore, D.P.G.M. of Wigtownshire.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and several proxy commissions were sustained.

Thanks were voted for presents from the Grand Lodges of France, Prussia, the Netherlands, Brazil, Chili, Virginia, and Kentucky, after which the minutes of Grand Committee were read and confirmed.

The Grand Secretary reported the demise of Bro. Alexander James Stewart, W.S. late R.W. Senior Joint Grand Secretary; as also of Bro. John Hart, late R.W. Prov. Grand Master for South Australia; and he read, in connection with the decease of Bro. Stewart, a letter of condolence from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. These intimations were received, and ordered to be recorded in the minutes, with an expression of regret.

An application for the recognition and establishment of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Greece was received, and unanimously agreed to. On the nomination of the lodges in the Province of Wigtownshire, and the recommendation of the Grand Committee added thereto, Bro. G.R. Harriott was unanimously appointed Prov. Grand Master for that province, and being present, was duly installed into office, with the usual honors, by the Acting Grand Master.

Petitions for charters to new lodges "Thistle," New South Wales, and "Myrton," Port William, Newton-Stewart, were, on the recommendation of the Grand Committee, complied with.

A motion for altering the days of meeting of Grand Lodge was, after some discussion, withdrawn.

The Grand Secretary intimated that he had received a communication from the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Rosslyn, enclosing a letter from the Grand Master of Quebec, on the subject of the recognition of that body. At his Lordship's request, it was remitted to the Grand Committee.

The following motion, after some discussion, was carried by a majority:—"That the Grand Lodge of Scotland, from and after the