

powers, the Grand Lodge has relinquished none of its Masonic attributes or prerogatives. These it claims to hold and exercise independently of popular will and legal enactment; not of toleration, but of right." He was also the author of a protest or declaration, issued in 1831; by the Boston Encampment against the slanderous accusations of the anti-Masons, and which was readily signed by thousands of Masons in New England. In fact, during the anti-Masonic excitement, which raged with peculiar violence in Massachusetts, many weak Masons deserted the Order, while only the true and stout-hearted remained to battle with the storm. "Of those," said Bro. Benjamin Dean, "the one possessing the most courage, the most persistency, the greatest ability and influence, was Brother Charles W. Moore, and he devoted himself to the work." In Masonic authorship, Bro. Moore is principally distinguished as a journalist. In 1825 he established the *Masonic Mirror*, the first Masonic newspaper ever issued in America, and perhaps in the world. This work, which was distinguished for the boldness with which it fought the battle against anti-Masonry, was merged in 1834 in the *Bunker Hill Aurora*, a paper with whose Masonic department he was associated. In 1841, he commenced the publication of the *Freemason's Monthly Magazine*, a work which he continued to publish to the time of his death, a period of thirty-three years, a longer life than was ever vouchsafed to a Masonic journal. In 1828 and 1829 he published the *Amaranth*, or *Masonic Garland*; in 1843, the *Masonic Tristle Board*, compiled under the direction of the Baltimore Convention. This work, though less popular now than when it first appeared, is still used as a text-book in several States.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow met on Thursday, 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 213 Buchanan street, Glasgow, 42 out of the 45 lodges in the province being represented. In the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Walter Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, the chair was taken by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D. P. G. M., who informed them that the business to come before them on that occasion was the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. He had the commands of the Provincial Grand Master to re-nominate those officers whose appointment rested with him; and he was also pleased to be able to testify to the general ability and punctuality of the whole of the brethren who had, during the past year, filled the various posts of honor in the Grand Lodge. The nomination was then proceeded with, and in every case was unanimous. R. W. Bro. Walter Montgomerie Neilson was elected Provincial Grand Master.

THE following is a list of Officers of Thorne Lodge, No. 281, Holland Landing, for 1874: P. M. Alexander Williams, W. M.; W. H. Thorne, S. W.; B. Evans, J. W.; D. Ellerby, S. D.; O. Lloyd, J. D.; Wm. McKenzie, I. G.; U. Boyd, Treas.; D. S. Ross, Sec.

## MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

WE have received from Bro. Geo. Kenning, 198 Fleet Street, London, England, a copy of the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calender, Diary and Pocket-book for 1874." It is, as it professes to be, a "comprehensive Masonic book of reference." It contains a list of Lodges, Chapters, Conclaves, Grand Councils and Preceptories, together with full particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the world. The price to subscribers in Canada is 2s. 6d. sterling, which includes postage.

WE are in receipt of the first number of *The New England Freemason*, published at Boston, by M. W. Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, G. M., and R. W. Bro. Chas. H. Titus, R. G. S., of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. It takes the place of *The Freemason's Monthly Magazine*, which came to an untimely end in consequence of the death of its editor, the late lamented R. W. Bro. Chas. W. Moore. It is a neatly printed magazine of 56 pages, published at \$3 per annum.

THE *Freemason*, (St. Louis), warns its readers against a so-called Masonic body in California, calling itself the "Conventional Independent Grand Lodge of California." Three Lodges, named Olive Branch Lodge, No. 1, Wethington Lodge, No. 2, and Mosaic Lodge, No. 3, are advertised as holding under this grand body. It is of course irregular, and no Mason can recognize a person hailing from any of its Lodges.

To have *faith* and *hope* in God, the Supreme Architect, and *charity* towards man, the master workmanship of His hands, is the *keystone* of the arch, on which every other bears; which unites all to itself, and cements the several parts into one strong, solid and beautiful whole.

WE learn by circular from R. W. Bro. Porter, Grand Secretary, that at the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, held at the Grand Lodge room in the city of St. Paul, on the 15th day of January, A. L. 5874, the following brethren were duly elected Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and subsequently installed and