

February, 1873. The Earl of Rosslyn, Most Worshipful Grand Master, occupied the throne.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, a number of proxy commissions were read and sustained. The Grand Clerk then announced that presents had been received from Grand Lodges of England, France, the Netherlands, and New Brunswick, for which a vote of thanks was accorded on the motion of the Grand Master. The minutes of the Grand Lodge and Grand Committee having been read and approved of the Grand Committee for the ensuing year was appointed.

Petitions for charters to the following lodges were granted unanimously:—Waring St. John, Murichson, Victoria; Seville, Jamaica; Röthes, Leslie; Abercromby, Bridge of Allan; Caledonia, Canterbury, New Zealand, Oamaru Kilwinning, Oamaru, New Zealand; Cromwell Kilwinning, Cromwell, New Zealand; Sir Walter Scott, Auckland, New Zealand; St. Andrew, Grey River, Grey Mouth, New Zealand.

The Grand Clerk having intimated that the newly appointed representative from the Grand Lodge of Sweden and Norway was in waiting, the Grand Master ordered him to be conducted into the Grand Lodge. Bro. Mann, Past Senior Grand Warden, was accordingly ushered in with due ceremony, and the commissions from the King of Sweden having been read, was installed into office amidst loud applause. After he had returned thanks for the honor conferred upon him, Bro. Robert Cowan, Past Provisional Grand Master of Scotland, was appointed representative at the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and Bro. Chevalier A. F. Krintberg, representative at the Grand Lodge of Sweden, vice Bro. Erskin, deceased.

The resignation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Stair, K. T., as Provincial Grand Master of Wigtownshire, was received with regret. The Grand Master said he had received a letter from the noble Earl, and he had written in reply, entreating him to reconsider his determination, but as he had received no reply, he concluded the noble Earl would not continue in office.

It was then moved by Bro. W. Officer, Past Grand Deacon, seconded by Bro. Lindsay Mackersy, in the absence of Bro. Alexander Hay:

“That on and after the passing of this motion the office of Grand Clerk shall cease, and its duties shall devolve on and be discharged by the Grand Secretary; that the present Grand Clerk shall be conjoined in the office of Grand Secretary, with Bro. Stewart as joint Grand Secretary; that upon the occurrence of the first vacancy by death or resignation, the joint office shall cease, and the remaining holder of the office shall be sole Grand Secretary till the date of the next annual election, when only one Grand Secretary shall be elected; and that the