

ROYAL ARCH.—New Brunswick—At the regular convocation of New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter, R. C., held Tuesday evening at the Masonic Hall, the following officers elect, for the ensuing year were duly installed into office by Companion D. R. Munro, 33°, Grand Superintendent of R. A. Masonry for New Brunswick, assisted by James McNicol, Jr. Past Z.

E. Com. Henry Duffell, 1st Principal Z; E. Com. Dr. Joseph C. Hatheway, Past Principal Z; E. Com. Henry G. Hunt, 2nd Principal H; E. Com. George H. Pick, 3rd Principal J; Com. Samuel Edgett, Principal Sojourner; Com. W. C. Allan, Senior Sojourner; Com. David Miller, Junior Sojourner; Com. James McNicol, Jr. Treas.; Com. David S. Stewart, Scribe E; Com. Charles Hillman, Scribe N; Com. Eela R. Lawrence, 32°, M., 1st Veil; Com. James Denny, 32°, M., 2nd Veil; Com. James Pickett, 32°, M., 3rd Veil; Com. Dingee Scribner, Janitor.

ROYAL ARCH.—The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New Jersey met in the city of Trenton on Wednesday the 10th Sept. 1873, at which meeting there were a large number of Representatives. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Comp. W. H. McIlhanney, G. H. P., Comp. John Woolverton, D. G. H. P., Comp. Fred. Guise, Grand King., Comp. Edward Goeller, G. S., Comp. T. Layton Register, G. Treas., Comp. Thos. J. Carson, G. Sec., Comp. N. J. Jennings, G. C. of H.

We have received the initial number of "*Light in Masonry*," a Monthly publication, 16 pages, at one dollar per annum. This Paper will be confined mainly to Craft Masonry, and the proceedings of *The American Holy Land Exploration*, particularly of the Masonic movements connected with the Lodge recently organized at Jerusalem. One page will be given to illustrated descriptions of Ancient Coins. The Masonic intelligence will be more of a general than local character.

The foregoing monthly publication is edited by our valued friend Bro. Dr. Rob. Morris, who is celebrated for his many literary productions, and his present contributions will be looked for with eagerness and read with pleasure and profit. We trust all, for none need plead poverty, will send their name accompanied with one dollar, and obtain therefor a casket of rich jewels in return.

COWANS AND EAVESDROPPERS.

This is a purely Masonic term, and signifies in its technical meaning an *intruder*, whence it is always coupled with the word *eavesdroppers*. It is not found in any of the Old Manuscripts of the English Masons anterior to the eighteenth century, unless we suppose that *lowen*, met with many of them, is a clerical error of the copyists. It occurs in the Schaw Manuscript, a Scotch Record, which bears the date of 1598, in the following passage: "That no Master nor Fellow Craft receive any *lowens* to work in his society or company, nor send none of his servants to work with *lowens*." In the second edition of Anderson's Constitutions, published in 1738, we find the word in use among the English Masons, thus: "But Free and Accepted Masons shall not allow *cowans* to work with them, nor shall they be employed by *cowans* without an urgent necessity, even in that case they shall not teach *cowans*, but must have a separate communication." There can, I think, be but little doubt that the word, as a Masonic term, comes to us from Scotland, and it is therefore in the Scotch language that we must look for its signification.