

satisfaction we call to remembrances the auspicious rule as Provincial Grand Master of our R. W. Royal Brother, the Duke of Kent, yet the memory of his sojourn in this grand old city will, I believe, be cherished as fondly amongst us as citizens and Craftsmen by the two following patriotic and fraternal utterances which have come down to us and which I know you will be pleased to have me make mention of at the present time, in order that they, through you, be transmitted to the coming generations of craftsmen: On an important occasion, and amidst peculiar circumstances, during a brief address, with deep emotion, he said: 'Let there never more be heard amongst you, 'the King's old and new subjects' 'the French and English inhabitants;' 'You are all the King's Canadian subjects.' And at another time, when presiding in lodge, a brother, in speaking upon a question, addressed him as 'Your Royal Highness;' whereupon the R. W. Provincial Grand Master said, 'Worshipful Brother, there are no Royal Highnesses here, we 'are all brethren.'

In view, therefore, of the unique historical Masonic relationship existing between England and Quebec, nothing could have been more meet and fitting than was the presence of M. W. Brother Dr. Graham, representing Quebec, as the only Grand Master, or Past Grand Master, from any dependency of the Empire, at the installation in Albert hall, 1875, of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

Such are some of the links of the peculiarly fraternal relationship existing between "England" and "Quebec" for nearly a by-gone century. To-day, alas, inter-jurisdictional disassociation unhappily exists! Shall it much longer continue? God forbid.—*London Freemason.*

ABOUT THE APRON.

The apron is not an emblem of innocence, unless it be made of lamb skin, borrowing that quality from the fillet of wool, worn by initiates into the mysteries, worshipping the new-born Sun-god, represented by Aries the Ram, sign of the Vernal Equinox, corrupted into the Lamb of the Jewish Passover and the Christian Easter, denoting the period of the year when the sun resumes, in purity of rejuvenation, its fructifying powers, and passes into the first stage of the

Holy Royal Arch, symbol of the Covenant whereby man is guaranteed product of grain, staff of human life and of wine, the universal medicine of the pre-Christian times. Again, the Masonic apron is far from being as ancient as the Imperial Eagle of Rome, and much less venerable than the bird of the Olympian Thunderer. It is not as ancient as the Revival of Masonry in 1717, not having been worn until introduced by the Ancients to intimate their connection with the society of operatives.—*Masonic Chronicle.*

MINUTES OF AN OLD SCOTCH LODGE.

St. John's Lodge, No. 16, of Falkirk, Scotland, was one of the Lodges which, in 1736, united in organizing the present Grand Lodge of Scotland. The oldest minute preserved bears date 8th October, 1739, and is signed by James Logan, D. M.

The unfortunate Earl of Kilmarnock, afterwards executed for complicity in the Stuart cause, was elected Master on St. John's Day, December, 1740, shortly after the initiation of Sir Archd. Primrose, of Dunipace, who shared a similar fate. We here find a minute that the funds of "stock should be laid out in meal," in order that the Brethren might provide themselves with this staple article of diet at "cost price." On account of the Jacobite rising, and the connection therewith of some of their prominent members, the lodge was dormant for about four years, but very soon after tranquillity was restored, we find that sons of the late Earl were appointed to the chairs of the Master and both Wardens, thus testifying to the warm attachment that was felt for Kilmarnock. Bro. William Boyd, the Junior Warden, was only admitted a member a year after his election to office, so that doubtless he was made somewhere else.

In common with many other Scotch Lodges, Falkirk suffered from the reception of candidates on *credit*, so that in 1756 they resolved in future—save for special reasons—no applicant should be admitted till after payment of the fees, which appear to have been 10s., with 2s. 6d. for Grand Lodge registration, and 1s. to the Tyler. No Apprentices could be