

A MASON ON HIS TRAVELS.

BRO. J. PETERS, R. W. M. of Royal Arch Lodge, Pollockshaws, Scotland, was called upon at a meeting of the Lodge to give a short account of a six months tour he had made on the continent and in America. He gave a graphic description, in which he spoke of his visit to some Italian Lodges in Geneva, Milan and Pisa, where the brethren were all armed with swords, and as a R. W. M. he was received under the Arch of Steel, and conducted to the dais. The vessel having met with an accident to her screw, they had to put into the Azores for a week, where he met with the Masonic brethren, and accompanied a small party of them to the Hot Springs in the interior of the Island. This delay, and the putting them out of their course caused them to meet a terrific hurricane, and for fifteen days they were driven about at the mercy of the winds and waves. In trying to steam against the currents and the storm they had expended all their fuel, and had to change their course for the Bermudas, to re-coal. Here again he met with the right hand of friendship. On arriving in America he visited several lodges in New York, and got letters of introduction to leading Masons in most of the large cities, the lodges of which he described. He had also visited Niagara, and from thence into Canada, going 15 miles from Montreal to see the installation of a country lodge. At every place he had met with a most fraternal welcome. Many of the brethren devoted themselves days to him, not only showing him lodges, but all other objects of interest in their respective localities.

THE Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will be held at Ottawa, on the 14th inst.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Priory will meet about the same time.

AT REST.

A NOBLE brother, and one whose name was familiar to most Masons, has passed away. The Earl of Dalhousie, better known as Mr. Fox Maule, and subsequently as Lord Panmure, died at Brechen House, Scotland, on the 6th July, aged 73 years. He was made a Mason in Canada, and afterwards became Grand Master of Scotland, and Deputy Grand Master of England. A Scottish journal thus speaks of the late Earl's connection with Freemasonry:

"A notable feature of his Lordship's public life was his connection with Freemasonry—a connection which may be called hereditary, seeing that his father, grandfather, uncles, and other members of his family had been prominent members of the Craft. Having been initiated in a Canadian Lodge in 1824, he was, on his return to this country, affiliated to various lodges both in England and Scotland. Amid the labors and responsibilities of statesmanship, he somehow contrived to find leisure for Masonic engagements, and accordingly rose to high office in the fraternity. For some years, ending with 1860, he acted as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, which body he long represented in the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He was also for some time provincial Grand Master of Elgin and Moray, and in 1852 succeeded his father as Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, which office he had held ever since. On the elevation of Bro. Whyte Melville to the Masonic throne of Scotland, his Lordship was appointed Deputy Grand Master; and while occupying this position he was also chosen in July, 1867, to preside at the great funeral lodge held in Glasgow in honor of the late Sir Archibald Alison. In November of the same year, Lord Dalhousie was unanimously elected Grand Master Mason of Scotland, being the 68th in succession. This high office he held for three years, in the course of which period he laid the foundation-stone of the Glasgow Industrial Schools at Mossbank, of the Free Library and Museum at Paisley, of the Albert Bridge, Glasgow, and of the new hall built by Lodge Journeyman of Edinburgh in 1870. To his Lordship's influence the Scottish Order are largely indebted for the patronage of the Prince of Wales, who, it will be remembered, was installed at Freemason's Hall in October, 1870, and on the following day laid the foundation-stone of the New Royal Infirmary. As an acknowledgment of Lord Dalhousie's Masonic services, a subscription was set on foot at the time of his demission of office for the purpose of presenting him with a suitable testimonial. This took the form of a fine marble bust, by John Hutchinson, R. S. A., which is now in the Masonic Hall, Edinburgh, the balance of the subscription being, at his Lordship's request, set apart as a fund for pensioning aged Freemasons or their widows.