

which appears in the *London Freemason*, we find that his Grace was twice requested, the latter occasion being at the instance of St. David's Lodge, No. 30, Edinburgh, upon laying the foundation stone of the monument of our distinguished brother, Sir Walter Scott, in 1840. The *Key-stone* says it does "not know of a parallel case on record." Did not a Scotch Lodge solicit the Prince of Wales to become a craftsman, and he at that time declined? We remember reading of the circumstance, but cannot give name or number of the Lodge. The *London Freemason* can doubtless enlighten us.

The Garfield Monument Association is now incorporated under the laws of Ohio, and the incorporators have recently elected a Board of fifteen Trustees, four of whom are Knights Templar, including Most Em. Grand Master Benjamin Dean and Past Grand Commander E. T. Carson.

There are upwards of 54,000 Knights Templar in the United States, and the Committee feel sanguine of obtaining one dollar each from them, which will realize a sum creditable to the Order. The monument is to cost about \$250,000, and is to be located in Lake View cemetery, in Cleveland. One side is to be dedicated to the Masonic fraternity. About \$120,000 of the fund has been subscribed, and as nearly the whole has been paid in cash, it is deposited to the credit of the Association and drawing four per cent. interest. The first Grand Commandery in annual conclave assembled to which the matter was presented was that of Kentucky, where the enterprise was in-

dorsed by a unanimous vote. It was next presented to the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, at the late conclave in Pittsburg, where it was also unanimously approved and recommended. The Grand Commander of Ohio, Sir H. H. Tatem, has issued a circular containing a hearty, patriotic and knightly approval of the matter, which will doubtless meet with a generous response at the approaching session of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. It is the intention to have the name of every contributor enrolled in a volume, to be placed in a crypt, in the monument, and in addition appropriate certificates will be presented to each Templar subscribing.

THE proposed revision of the "Book of Constitutions" of the Grand Lodge of England is attracting considerable attention. It is the first of its kind since 1815, when the laws of the "United Grand Lodge of England" were issued. "Since then," says the *London Freemason*, "including the corrections of 1819, the several editions of 1827, 1841, 1847, 1853, 1855, 1858, 1861, 1863, 1867, and 1873, have all followed the somewhat faulty arrangement of that of 1815, and in reality each successive edition has only served to increase the confusion and peculiarities of the compilation. The issues of 1815 and 1827 were styled "The Second Part;" the *first*, however, was never issued, but as it would have contained the strange "hash" of Masonic history to be found in the editions of last century, altered probably but in few particulars, the omission is rather to be commended." And in a note we find