

The Grand Lodge of Georgia, which convened in Macon, October 29th, had an exciting debate on the establishment of a Widows' and Orphans' Home. The question was finally left to a committee who will confer with the lodges. While the suggestions of the Grand Master were given but little encouragement, the brethren, just before closing, sang with much feeling, "Home, Sweet Home." If they'll take a ride up to Tennessee we'll teach them how to build "Home Sweet Home," and our children in it how to sing it.—*Tennessee Mason, Nashville.*

It is said that the question: "Is it of your own free will and accord you make this request," does not apply to all candidates, for it is believed that many have been urged and solicited to become masons.

Referring to the case where a judge in Anderson, Ind., sent a man to jail for contempt in giving the masonic sign of distress while his case was being tried, we think that the judge erred grievously. If such a sign was given the judge, as a mason, was under no obligation whatever to recognize it, as the man was in no bodily peril. The latter has entered an action against the judge for false imprisonment, and the trial of the case will prove funny to masons, as to the nature of the evidence.—*American Tyler.*

The Supreme Council of the Southern jurisdiction has purchased the two lots adjoining the "House of the Temple," on E street, Washington, D. C., and will at once remodel the building and prepare it for the immense library in their possession. This library, the work of so many years of Albert Pike, is said to contain 75,000 volumes, and is the most valuable masonic collection in the world. A committee of the Supreme Council has been assisting Secretary General Webber to arrange this vast collection, with a view to placing it in such condition that its full value and extent may be appreciated.

A tablet to the memory of the late

Bro. Richard Vaux, of Philadelphia, will be permanently placed on the wall of the Masonic Temple in that city. It has been procured and presented to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by Rev. Bro. Joseph Welsh, of Melita Lodge, No. 295.

Bro. C. E. Cory, of Fort Scott, vouches for the following, says the *Kansas Freeman*: A number of years ago, Bro. R. F. Waters, now of this city, was elected a justice of the peace in Northern Missouri. Business was slack, and some six months expired before his services were required to perform the marriage ceremony. When a couple of young country people finally came, the judge hustled in from the cornfield and began to look up the marriage ceremony. By the help of the Book of Common Prayer and a Methodist Discipline, he patched up and memorized a formula that he thought would do. He tackled the job and got along all right until he came to the final declaration, where he forgot his lines. After a moment of blushing and scratching his head, he caught his breath and wound up with: "In the name of God and the Holy Saints John, I pronounce you man and wife."

Boston Commandery 1, elected officers recently. Henry H. Litchfield was chosen E. C. The membership is now 884. One hundred and eleven having been knighted during the year just closed. It is the largest commandery in the world.

An idea of what a Mason's funeral is like in Mexico may be obtained from the description of the services in honor of ex-President Juarez of that country on the night of July 18. The ceremonies closed with the holding of a White Lodge in the cemetery of San Fernando, the scene being especially picturesque. Four hundred Masons were present and two hundred ladies of their families. A square was formed around the great marble tomb surmounted by an immense symbol of a female figure, representing Mexico