

MASONIC BRIEFLETS.

THE eighty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island met on the 17th May. The Grand Master in his address recommended the appointment of a committee to prepare a Monitor for the jurisdiction, which was adopted. The officers elected are: M. W. Bro. N. Van Slyck, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. E. L. Freeman, D. G. M.; R. W. Bros. Thomas Vincent, G. S. W.; John Myers, G. J. W.; C. W. Sellen, Grand Treasurer; Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary.

THE Editor of the *St. Louis Freemason* has gone out of the frying pan into the fire. It was bad enough to be threatened with extinction as a journalist, but now he has a libel suit on hand, an irate brother actually claiming damages to the amount of \$10,000 for having been published as an expelled Mason in the *Freemason* two years ago. Bro. Kingsbury must have been waiting until Bro. Gouley was in a tight place, and then pounced upon him. It is to be hoped he will have sense enough to withdraw the suit.

BRO. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES has been installed First Principal of the Royal Arch Masons of England, that position being assigned him along with that of the Grand Mastership. The resignation of the Marquis of Ripon as Trustee of the Funds of Grand Chapter was accepted at the meeting held for the installation, which took place at Freemasons' Hall, on the 5th May.

"A VERY pretty quarrel as it stands," has taken place between the *Keystone* and Bro. Leon Hyneman, growing out of a controversy on "Judaism vs. Freemasonry." The *Keystone* had a sharp attack on an article written by Bro. Hyneman and published in the *Jewish Record*. The latter replied by telling Bro. McCalla that he knew very well his statements were untrue—rather a pointed way of putting it, and by no means complimentary—and the *Keystone* rejoins by telling Hyneman that until he proves himself a gentleman by withdrawing the language, it will have no further literary fellowship with him. The absence of brotherly love in this case, is very apparent, and we fear there is little prospect of its restoration in so far as the brothers in question are concerned.

THE New York *Herald* has done more for Freemasonry in America during the past month, than had been done for years before. For several days it gave several columns bearing on Masoury and the dedication of the new Temple in New York, and, besides, gave a map and two large diagrams. From its admirable account of the dedication we copy liberally in this month's CRAFTSMAN. It is gratifying to see the interest that the uninitiated are now taking in Masonry. The opening of the New York Temple was an event of the greatest importance, and the *eclat* attending it will have the effect of giving a fresh stimulus to those who are devoting their time and energies to the furtherance of the noble principles of the Order.

THE annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was held in the first week of June, the dedication of the new temple occurring on the second day. Grand Master Thorne delivered an able address, but it does not appear that anything of importance to the Craft beyond the jurisdiction was done. The following are the officers elected. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Elwood Thorne; Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. James W. Husted; Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. Jessie B. Anthony; Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro.