

during absence from the 'Supreme Court.' The mistakes of the Grand Master were clearly stated, but his zeal, fidelity and purity of motives forbade severe criticisms thereof."

R. E. Frater Nathan S. Woodward (Knoxville), Grand Commander.

E. Frater Geo. C. Connor (Chattanooga), Grand Recorder.

#### VIRGINIA.

Sixty-Seventh Conclave, Fredericksburg, November 18, 1889. R. E. Frater James L. Beck, Grand Commander.

An appeal was made against the action of the Grand Commandery, in levying a tax for the purpose of raising an entertainment fund to be used at the Triennial, the ground taken being that subordinate Commanderies could not be legally taxed for any purpose other than for the legitimate expenses of the Grand Commandery. This appears to us to be reasonable, but the Grand Commander decided otherwise, and dismissed the appeal.

Another complaint was made on the same subject to the Grand Master, and we give his reply:—

"DEAR SIR AND SIR KNIGHT,—I am in receipt of the complaint of E. Sir Alexander W. Archer, Past Commander of Richmond Commandery, No. 2, which you have forwarded to me through V. E. Sir William B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

"E. Sir Knight Archer objects to the levying of a per capita assessment on the subordinates of Virginia, made 'to meet the expense of the Grand Commandery' at the coming Triennial Conclave at Washington, D. C.

"Three objections seem to be urged against it:—*First*. 'It is well understood that the object is to secure special headquarters, and provide for the entertainment of the friends and visitors of the Grand Commandery, and that wines and liquors will be served as a part of such entertainment.

"There are many Sir Knights who conscientiously believe that such an entertainment is not in harmony with the general