

Lodge with a handsome Bible, and addressed the Brethren upon the subject of masonry, and the duties of the new Lodge in particular exhorting them to guard well the portals of their Sacred trust, admonishing them to make the sacred word which he now placed in their hands the rule of their faith and guide of all their actions.

The whole party then sat down to refreshments which had been provided with a liberal hand and after the usual toasts and others suitable to this special meeting, the brethren dispersed well satisfied they had spent a pleasant and profitable evening.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

A letter has been addressed to the Grand Chapter of Scotland, by the Rev. G. R. Portal, Grand Mark Master Mason of England, protesting against the recent aggression on the rights of English Mark Masters, by the establishment of a Scotch Province in Lancashire.

A SPIRITED controversy is going on in England between those who maintain that a Greek merchant in Manchester is a veritable "Prince," and those who, after much investigation, declare that His Imperial Highness 's nothing more than plain Mr. Rhodocanakis. Inquiries in Russia shew that he is no Prince there, in Turkey there are no Princes, and the Consul-general of Greece in London, has formally stated to a deputation that "there are no titles of nobility existing or recognized in Greece," and that "he may call himself what he likes, but he is no Prince." A number of communications have recently appeared in the London *Freemason* upon the subject.

THE Lodge of Strasburg, France, has issued a circular dated 20th July, commencing in the following terms:—"Dear Brethren, war is at our gates. In a little time numbers of wounded will be in our midst, for Strasburg probably will be the seat of important operations. Masonry has a duty to fulfil under these unfortunate circumstances—that is to help the wounded and relieve their sufferings." It is believed that the Grand Orient of France will make an appeal to all her lodges for brethren who become victims to the war.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the 2nd ult., the M.W. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie presiding, and a large number of members being present. The M. W. the Grand Master had pleasure in stating that he had been able to arrange that H. R. H. the Prince of Wales would be present at a meeting of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of installation as patron of the order in Scotland, on his Royal Highness's return from the Highlands in October next. The nomination of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, to the distinguished position of an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was unanimously confirmed. The following resolution was adopted almost unanimously:—"That hereafter it shall be competent for any Colonial Prov. G. Master, to nominate and appoint a Proxy Prov. G. Master, who may vote and act in Grand Lodge and in all other Masonic matters, with the same powers as such Prov. G. Master." A motion to alter the constitution relating to the admission of Candidates was voted down.