

ENGLISH FAIR PLAY.

We give the following extract from Bro. Inglesby's review of the proceedings of Foreign Grand Lodges, presented to the last Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. It is under the head of England:—

"The Grand Registrar stated that the first appeal to the Grand Lodge is one from the Victoria Lodge, No. 1831, at Ashfield, in New South Wales, against the ruling of the District Grand Master, forbidding the discussion in open Lodge of the following resolution: 'That, in the opinion of this Lodge, it is desirable that an amalgamation of all the Masons in New South Wales should take place as soon as possible.' This resolution was followed by another: 'That its terms be communicated to the District Grand Master.' Upon its being so communicated, that officer directed the W. M. of the Lodge to remove it from the paper of Agenda of the Lodge, and prevent it from being discussed therein. It is from this decision that the appeal is taken. The Grand Registrar says that the motion was intended and designed to cover the discussion of the question whether or not the Victoria Lodge should renounce allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England and should enter into submission to a body which has applied for and has been unanimously refused recognition—a body which has created itself in New South Wales entirely contrary to the desires and wishes of the great majority of the Brethren of the Craft in that Colony.' The Grand Lodge unanimously dismissed the appeal and therefor sustained the District Grand Master. If the Lodges in New South Wales are not even permitted to discuss the question we do not well see how they will ever, even if they so desire, be able to give in their allegiance to the New Grand Lodge. It is

even doubtful whether the Lodge could surrender its warrant and get a new one from the new Grand Lodge, inasmuch as it is the law of the Grand Lodge of England; that no matter what the majority, if any three Brethren of the Lodge continue, the majority cannot surrender it. It would be difficult to find any Lodge which would not have three members opposed to the change of allegiance."

Bro. Inglesby has hitherto been an opponent of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, but this looks as if justice were making its way, and as if he were about to change his views. We shall be glad to receive recognition from South Carolina.—The Freemason, Sydney, Australia.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island held its 13th Annual Communication at Charlottetown, June 24, 1887, M. W. Brother John Yeo, Grand Master. All the Lodges (11) in the jurisdiction were represented. The Grand Master in his address suitably noticed the fact of the 50th anniversary of the Queen's reign. Three members of the Grand Lodge had died during the past year. The returns from all the Lodges show the number of members to be 455, making a net gain of seven during the past year. The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$188.72 in the treasury. A vote was passed recognizing the Grand Lodge of South Australia. Commissions were ordered for Representatives near the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Kansas, Iowa and Georgia. The Grand Lodge was called off until July 1st, on which day it again assembled and elected officers, and then proceeded under escort of the Royal Arch Chapter to Market Square and performed the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the New City Building in ample form. At the