same manner as the present Lodges holding of the Grand Lodge.

"5thly. That the Master of Mother Kilwinning Lodge, for the time, shall be *ipso facto*, Provincial Grand Master for the Ayrshire District.

"These five article of agreement, by the Committees, have been solemnly ratified and approven of by both the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Mother Lodge, Kilwinning—which puts at final rest all Masonic schism betwixt the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Mother Lodge, Kilwinning."

The following is an excerpt from the formal ratification of the Agreement,—issued by "George, Prince of Wales, Grand Master Mason, and Patron of the Order in Scotland; the Right Honorable and Most Worshipful Francis, Earl of Moira, Acting Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Freemasons in Scotland," and signed by command of the M. W. G. M. of Scotland, at Edinburgh, November 2, 1807, by William Guthrie, Grand Secretary, and James Bartram, Grand Clerk:—

. . . "Know ye, that we have constituted and appointed, and hereby constitute and appoint, Our Right Worshipful Brother William Blair, of Blair, Esquire, present Master of Mother Kilwinning Lodge (of whose zeal for the prosperity of Masonry we are well informed), and his *successors in office, in all time coming*, PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER over the following Lodges (28 lodges are here enumerated), with full power to the said William Blair, Esquire, and his successors in office, in our name, to visit the said lodges, and preside therein; choose proper persons to act as *Grand Wardens*, and to inquire into the state and conditions of the said lodges; receive from them such proposals and requests as they shall desire to be offered to us for the welfare and prosperity of Masonry, or for the particular advantage or convenience of said lodges respectively, and in general to do, execute, and perform, everything which, by the rules of Masonry, is known to belong to the duty and office of a Provincial Grand Master. . . . And we will and require the foresaid lodges to pay all obedience to our said Provincial Grand Master and the Wardens to be by him appointed."

The records of the Lodge, and the public prints of the day show that since the above period, up till the inauguration of the Neill Monument at Ayr (the ceremonies at which were performed by the M. W. M. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., assisted by the Wardens of Mother Kilwinning), the M. W. M. of the Mother Lodge, or Depute Master, convened and presided at all Provincial Grand Meetings, and that these appointed by her members had conducted all public Masonic ceremonies, or granted authority to others to do so. Attempts have been made at various times since her union with the Grand Lodge to denude the Mother Lodge of her ancient and rightful position, but successfully has she resisted all such attempts. Her high antiquity should indeed command for her the respect and veneration of all worthy Craftsmen; and Ayrshire lodges in particular should exhibit that filial affection for the Parent Lodge which her position suggests.

On motion of Bro. Orr, Stevenston, and seconded by Bro. Barbour, Saltcoats, a cordial vote of thanks was awarded to the Committee for their very interesting information.

After the execution of certain other *work*, the mandate from the South relieved the brethren from further "labor," and "refreshment" being supplied by the "extreme right" support of the E., the sons of the venerable Mother Lodge fraternized around the social board till the Grand Luminary had reached the "low west,"—at which period "Strength" resumed his sway, the M. W. M. closed his lodge, and the brethren separated highly gratified with the evening's proceedings.