

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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and November. The Board of General Purposes meets on the Friday preceding each quarterly Convocation.

They have also a Grand Chapter of Instruction, which meets six times in the year; and a Grand Committee of Inspection, meeting monthly. With all these meetings they should be kept in good order, as no doubt they are; but as they do not publish their Proceedings, we are left in the dark about many things which we would like to know.

The receipts for 1877 were £587.3.0. Among the items we notice, Fees of Officers, £99.7.0; Certificates and Registry, £278.6.8; and Fines, £85.12.0. The expenses were £386.1.8; besides appropriations of £150 each, to the Masonic Female Orphan School, and the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, and the purchase of £800 worth of India 4 per cent. stock.

Three new Warrants were issued in 1877; one for a chapter in Bermuda, and the other two in Ireland. Six chapters surrendered their Warrants, one in Constantinople, two in Australia and three in Ireland.

From the Constitution, we learn that the chief officers in the chapter are, King, High Priest and Chief Scribe. The Grand Master, if a Past King, is the Grand King, otherwise one is elected.

No Chapter can be opened or remain open, unless six Companions are present, one of whom must be a King or Past King. There are six subordinate officers, viz.: Captain of the Host, Superintendent of the Tabernacle, Royal Arch Captain, and three Captains of Veils.

All candidates for exaltation in Dublin must be approved of by the Committee of Inspection. This Committee consists of all the Grand Officers, and the King of every Dublin Chapter. Their duties appear to be solely to decide upon the admissibility of candidates, and they do not consider any case, until after the candidate has been balloted for and approved in the Chapter he proposes to join. This furnishes an additional safeguard against the admission of unworthy members, but it would not suit in this country at all.