

the Columbia Club. The directors of the Girard College were compelled to debar all ministers, under the following provision in the Will of Stephen Girard, who founded the Girard College:

"There are, however, some restrictions, which I consider it my duty to prescribe, and to be, amongst others, conditions on which my bequest for said College is made and to be enjoyed, namely, * * * * * *Secondly*, I enjoin and require that *no ecclesiastic, missionary, or minister of any sect whatsoever, shall ever hold or exercise any station or duty whatever in the said College; nor shall any such person ever be admitted for any purpose, or as a visitor, within the premises appropriated to the purpose of said College.* In making this restriction, I do not mean to cast any reflection upon any sect or person whatsoever, but as there is such a multitude of sects, and such a diversity of opinion among them, I desire to keep the tender minds of the orphans, who are to derive advantage from this bequest, free from the excitement which clashing doctrines and sectarian controversy are so apt to produce; my desire is that all the instructors and teachers in the College shall take pains to instil into the minds of the scholars *the purest principles of morality*, so that on their entrance into active life they may from *inclination and habit evince benevolence towards their fellow-creatures, and a love of truth, sobriety and industry*, adopting at the same time such religious tenets as their *mature reason* may enable them to prefer."

The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment John P. S. Gobin, and James H. Hopkins, Past Grand Master, were introduced and received with all the honors due to their exalted rank.

Four new Commanderies were opened. There was a gain in membership of 556. Their Masonic Home has only twenty-nine inmates.

In Pennsylvania there is no such thing as geographical jurisdiction over candidates. The only question is as to Masonic fitness. Candidates may apply to any Commandery in the State, but there seems to have been considerable clashing and misunderstandings, so the Committee on jurisprudence is to frame regulations governing this matter, to be acted upon at next Conclave.

The Grand Officers were publicly installed in the Academy of Music, in presence of an audience of three thousand. In order to enable our Fraters to see how they conduct this, to us, novel ceremony, we give the programme:

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