

is designed to consolidate the Grand Encampments of England, Ireland and Scotland. The Record is somewhat indefinite, but it looks as though Ireland had agreed and Scotland dissented, although a member of the Grand Conclave writes to Sir J. W. Simons, of New York, (one of the Committee appointed by the Grand Encampment of the United States,) so late as December 23rd, that neither Scotland nor Ireland had agreed to the Statutes. If this be true, then the Grand Conclave of England stands alone in striking out the Chapter degrees.

The Prince of Wales was unanimously elected Grand Master, and we rather look upon it as a *coup d'etat*, of which the Prince could not have been aware. The most important part of this whole performance is, that the Templars of England have thus cut themselves loose from the other Templars of the world—i. e., those who shall be created such in England after December 13, 1872, for no American Commandery can admit as a visitor a Templar who is not also a Royal Arch Mason. The law of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, is that every visitor must be examined thoroughly from the E. A. to the Royal Arch inclusive, before any Commandery examination can commence, hence there will be but little danger to apprehend in this particular jurisdiction, but we have thus fully treated of this question for the benefit of our Templar readers in other States, who may not have heard of this change of the law in England.

Two years ago we had occasion to criticise the action of the Grand Encampment of England on account of its suicidal treaty with other powers, and we must now say that it has committed an act which it must repeal or else regret as long as it lives. It is one of the most unfortunate things which it could possibly do, and which we much regret. EXAMINE WELL.—*Gouley's Freemason.*

FOREIGN MEMORANDA.

The Washington Territory papers are chuckling over a curious incident that happened in a lodge during the initiation of a new member. The candidate was in position taking the impressive obligation of the First Degree, when the earthquake of the 14th shook the Territory and the Masonic Hall to its foundations. It was a new sensation to the Olympians—Mount Ranier might topple over and crush the town, or Budd's Inlet send a great earthquake wave to engulf it—so the Master and officers and brethren beat a wild and undignified retreat, carrying the Tyler bodily with them. After the shock had subsided, and their nerves quieted by mutual congratulations and libations, they returned to the body of the Lodge to commence anew the work, and found the candidate *in situ quo*. Upon demanding why he hadn't run, he innocently replied that, "He thought the whole thing was a part of the ceremony!" So mote it be.—*Silver City (Idaho) Avalanche.*

The quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Freemason's Hall, George Street, Edinburgh, on Monday, 3rd