

G. M. had emphatically warned the members of Grand Lodge not to leave the room as the business, of which the resolution formed a part, would be proceeded with; a vote was taken upon it, and it was adopted.

This is a simple history of the whole transaction, and if any member objected to the resolution, and from his absence from the Lodge room failed to record an adverse vote, he has only himself to blame.

VINCENT CLEMENTI.

Peterboro', Sept. 17, 1877.

Masonry Abroad.

IRELAND.—The annual festival of the Dublin Masonic Orphan Schools was held in that city on the 18th of May, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and who is also Great Prior of Ireland. There was an immense gathering of Masons on the occasion, composed of "noble lords, and landed proprietors, merchant princes, the leading members of the learned professions, and of the middle classes," and numbering together with their lady friends, a company of fully seven thousand. The reports which were read showed that during the year the receipts for the the Boy's School amounted to £2,375; and for the Girl's School the receipts of the year amounted to £5,315. The adoption of the report was moved by Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who in the course of his remarks observed that it gave him great pleasure to be present on that interesting occasion. As a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England this pleasure was very much enhanced by his being enabled to express to them the deep sympathy and interest taken by his Fellow Craftsmen in England with their Brethren in that country. He expressed his thanks for the opportunity afforded of meeting so large and so influential a number of the

Freemasons of Ireland. Charity, he said, has ever been the first principle of Freemasonry; and he was sure that when they looked on the charming array of girls and boys, who show by their appearance and by what they had just heard that, everything connected with mind and body was cared for; and he congratulated those connected with the Orphan Schools for the admirable manner in which they carried out these principles. H.R.H. afterwards performed the ceremony so gratifying to the boys and girls, of distributing the prizes.

INDIANA.—The Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana met on the 22nd of May. A strong appeal was made by the Grand Master in his address for the establishment of a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home. Andrew J. Hay, of Charlestown, was elected Grand Master; and John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.—We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the printed report of proceedings of the fifty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of this State, which was held at Vicksburg on the 7th February last, and following days. It is a well got up volume of 330 pages. From it we select the following: number of Lodges on the Register, 316; Lodges represented at the meeting of Grand Lodge, 219; not represented, 97. The address of the Grand Master was able and exhaustive. We observe that he refers to the "Grand Lodge of Ontario, so-called," in the following terms: "In September, I received a circular from the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, claiming to have been organized in the Town of London, and praying for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. In my reply, I respectfully declined the exchange of fraternal relations with this so-called Grand Lodge, for the reason that our jurisdiction regards the Grand Lodge of Canada as the *real* Grand Lodge of Ontario. For