

### NEW HALL AT EXMOUTH.

A COMMODIOUS and well-appointed Club, with a handsome Masonic Hall, for the use of the members of Sun Lodge, No. 106, has been erected in Ferry Road, Exmouth, and was opened and dedicated on Saturday. The Freemasons of Exmouth have hitherto held their Lodge meetings at the Beacon Hotel, but finding the accommodation not sufficient for their requirements, it was determined to form a Limited Liability Company and erect a Club and a Masonic Hall combined. The shares were readily taken up, and the foundation-stone of the Club was laid six months ago. Since then the work has been pushed forward, and all concerned are to be congratulated upon the completion of a very comfortable and well-arranged Club, which will meet a longfelt want in Exmouth, and enable the members of the Craft to more easily carry on their business. Mr. S. P. Firth was in attendance at the Club on Saturday, and very courteously showed visitors over the new premises.

The building is composed of red brick, and Bath and limestone dressings. It is entered by a covered porch, which leads to a vestibule, and then into a hall 24 feet by 10 feet. On the ground floor is the smoking-room, billiard-room, bar, lavatories, cloak-rooms, Secretary's room, and caretaker's apartments. The smoking-room is 27ft. by 20ft., and is furnished with mahogany card tables, settee, and comfortable chairs. The ceiling is divided into three panels, with cornices and centre flowers, and the windows are adorned with dark red plushette curtains. Next to this is the billiard room, which contains a very handsome mahogany table. At one end of the room is the bar, 16ft. by 12ft., fitted with walnut top counter, and doors and screen glazed with coloured leaded lights. Above these rooms are the reading-room, the Masonic Hall, and a couple of ante-rooms. The reading-room is 24ft. by 16ft., with a bay window overlooking the Manor House Grounds. The ceiling is a half open timbered one, and divided into panels by wood mouldings. The room is comfortably furnished and supplied with paper and writing materials.

The Lodge Room is 40ft. long, 27ft. wide, and 16ft. high, with an open timbered roof. A raised dais is fixed at the east end. The Hall is heated with hot-water pipes. The walls in all the rooms are coloured in two harmonious tints, and the floors covered with suitable linoleum. There is a store-room over one of the ante-rooms, which leads to a lead flat, surrounded by ornamental iron railings, and from this position a capital view can be obtained. The whole of the Club is lighted by incandescent gas lights; and, in addition to hot-water pipes, each room is provided with handsome mantelpieces, with tiled grates and hearths. The building has been designed by Messrs. Kerley and Ellis, Architects, of Exmouth, the contractor being Mr. A. Hayman, of the same town. The cost of the entire work is about £2,000.

The opening ceremony commenced at 2-15, when the Brethren assembled at the old Lodge Room at the Royal Beacon Hotel, and formed into procession, headed by the band of the Exmouth Rifles. They marched to Holy Trinity Church, where Divine Service was held. Fine weather prevailed, and a large number of people assembled to watch the proceedings. The church was well filled. The service was preceded by the surpliced choir singing the hymn commencing,

"Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and corner-stone."

The clergymen taking part in the service were the Rev. W. H. D. Purcell and the Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D., P.P.G.J.W. Chaplain to the Provincial Grand Lodge. The latter gentleman preached from the 20th verse of the 8th chapter of Kings. The preacher, after dilating upon Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple, remarked that lapse of time had laid waste and destroyed many valuable monuments of antiquity. Even so the Temple of Solomon, spacious and magnificent as it was, Freemasonry still survived notwithstanding. Masonry was a speculative science, and members of Sun Lodge had, like their ancient Brothers, just completed the construction of a Masonic Temple about to be dedicated to

the Glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, for the better accommodation of the members of that ancient Lodge, founded 135 years ago. He hoped the handsome structure would ensure the better carrying out of their ancient rights and Masonic ceremonies. At the conclusion another hymn was sung, and a collection was made on behalf of the Devon and Exeter Hospital.

After service, the Brethren, in full regalia, reformed the procession, and, with the band, proceeded to the new Masonic Hall. Here the Deputy Provincial Grand Master took the chair, being supported on his right hand by the W.M. of the Lodge. The Provincial Grand Wardens occupied the Wardens' chairs. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the Prov. G. Secretary requested the D.P.G.M. to dedicate the building. The P.G. Chaplain read the Dedication Prayer (first portion), the anthem being "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is Brethren to dwell together in unity." Corn, wine, and oil, the emblems of plenty, joy and happiness, and peace and unanimity, were scattered and sprinkled, after which the P.G. Chaplain read the Dedication Prayer (second portion). The D.P.G.M. then declared the building duly dedicated.—"Devon and Exeter Gazette."

### NORTH WALES.

BY direction of Lord Harlech, a Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 4th, at Towyn, under the auspices of the Corbet Lodge. There was a large attendance of Brethren. The Provincial Grand Master installed as his Officers:

Bro. Colonel H. Platt	-	-	Deputy
Major Best	-	-	Senior Warden
Dr. Roberts	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. E. Hughes	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. L. R. Hughes	-	-	
Sydney Platt	-	-	Registrar
J. Salmon	-	-	Treasurer
E. Roberts	-	-	Secretary
Dr. Morgan	-	-	Senior Deacon
Dr. H. Grey-Edwards	-	-	Junior Deacon
R. G. Thomas	-	-	Superintendent of Works
Dr. Summethill	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
R. W. Newton	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
T. W. Barlow	-	-	Sword Bearer
F. G. Hughes	-	-	Standard Bearers
Richard Jones	-	-	
Caradoc Rowlands	-	-	Assistant Secretary
W. D. Henderson	-	-	Organist
J. W. Tanqueray	-	-	Pursuivant
William Richards	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
J. Grant	-	-	Stewards
E. W. Kirkby	-	-	
J. Tomlins	-	-	
Dr. E. J. Lloyd	-	-	
Dr. W. Francis Jones	-	-	
E. Blayne	-	-	Tyler.
H. B. Stubington	-	-	

Letters of apology were read from the Dean of St. Asaph, Bro. S. Pope, Q.C., the Rev. Pugh Evans P.P.G. Chaplain, Bro. T. E. Harris P.P.G.S.W., Bro. J. Cutts, and others.

On the proposal of the Prov. G.M. a vote of congratulation was accorded the Duke of York on the birth of a son and heir. It was announced that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Menai Bridge.

### MIDDLESEX.

THE Installation of Lord George Hamilton, M.P., who has been appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Superintendent of the Province of Middlesex, has been fixed for 10th November, but the place of meeting has not yet been decided. Lord George has proved an agreeable surprise to many Brethren, says the "Richmond Herald," as they had an idea that he would only be an ornamental Mason. The masterly manner in which he consecrated the last of the Middlesex Lodges at Hounslow, a short time since, leads the Brethren in the Province to hope that, although he has to follow such eminent Companions as the late Col. Sir Francis Burdett and Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp, who has been in charge of the Province since the decease of Sir Francis, that he will discharge the duties of his new office in the same perfect manner.