

THE Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners has been reorganized, the degrees having been removed from the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

MASONIC emblems on sign-boards, advertisements, etc., are very properly denounced by the Grand Master. Drive through the "back bush" of Canada and you will see "the square and compass" over not a few bar-room doors. A nice advertisement for bad whiskey!

H. R. H. PRINCE Victor Edward, has been advanced to the honorary degree of a Mark Master Mason. The future Royal Grand Master of England is, indeed, closely following in the footsteps of his illustrious sire and great grandfather. Long may he be spared to do honor to the Fraternity.

THE Grand Lodge of New South Wales gave—donated—\$500 to the Australian Soudan Contingent, the District Grand Lodge of England in that Province voted *double* that amount and then declined to hand it over. The advertisement was good and a regular Yankee "nutmeg" of the wooden order trick.

THE Grand High Council of the Rosicrucian Society of Canada met at Hamilton in July. M. Ill. Fr. Daniel Spry, IX, Supreme Magus in the East. The Secretary General, M. Ill. Fr. Robert Ramsay, Hon. IX, reported that the new Constitutions were now issued, that there had been a considerable increase of members in Ontario College, Orillia, and that a new College, MacLeod Moore, through the exertions of Freres C. D. Macdonald, IX, and E. H. D. Hall, VIII, had been organized at Peterborough. A charter was granted to MacLeod Moore College. Before closing Rt. W. Fr. E. H. D. Hall was elected and duly installed an Hon. IX. Colleges, we understand, will be opened shortly in Montreal and the Maratime Provinces.

THE English Masons have contributed £850,000 to the three Masonic charities during the eleven years H. R. H. the Prince of Wales has been their Grand Master.

Our congratulations to the *Key-stone*, the *Masonic Review* and the *Freemason's Chronicle* upon respectively entering upon their new volumes. The former two are special favorites of ours, being the best Masonic journals published on this continent, and the latter is an excellent Masonic medium from an English Masonic standpoint. *Quantum suf.*

Lodges that are "too small" or "too mean" to pay the expenses of their Masters or Representatives to Grand Lodge will never amount to much. Every lodge should make a point of being represented in the legislature of the Craft by one of its own members, and no lodge should, except under very exceptionable circumstances, think of trusting its representation to a proxy.

Our readers in Central Ontario will deeply regret to hear of the death of V. W. Bro. J. A. Butterfield, which took place at his home in Norwood after a very short illness. He had driven a lady, who had been visiting the family to Birdsell's Station, on the Grand Junction Railway, on Friday. When he reached home again he complained of a pain in the back of the neck. The pain continued to increase in severity and medical aid was called. On Sunday no hope was entertained of his recovery, and on Monday morning he died of brain fever. The deceased was postmaster and clerk of the Division Court at Norwood, and one of the prominent residents of that place. He leaves a widow and three daughters. Bro. Butterfield filled the chair of Norwood Lodge for a number of years, and was a Past Grand officer. His remains were followed to the grave by members of Norwood Lodge, and visitors from the neighboring villages.