

J.P., is to be initiated in the Addiscombe Lodge, say the *Kentish Mercury*.

A new Masonic Hall is being built in the Nile Court, Ayr, from designs by Bro. John Eaglesham, the official architect of the Lodge. The chief room will be 42 feet by 30 feet. The contract for masonry has been taken by Messrs. Andrew Willie and Sons, and that for joinery by Messrs. J. and D. Meikle. The cost will be about £2,000.

In commemoration of the completion of the Prince of Wales' 21st year of the Grand Mastership of English Freemasons, his Royal Highness has resolved to confer Past Grand rank on a large number of brethren, in addition to the usual yearly appointments to Grand office. This will be done on the 29th instant. The step of conferring Past Grand rank to commemorate a great occasion was also taken in 1887, when Grand Lodge, celebrated, in the Royal Albert Hall, the jubilee of her Majesty's accession to the Throne.—*The Freemason*.

Amongst curious occupations, that of "Masonic tutor" is one but little known to the general body even of the educated public, and yet both in London and the Provinces there are many gentlemen who gain a handsome living by it. To understand this occupation rightly, it must be said (writes a Mason) that many people who have become Freemasons are so impregnated with enthusiasm in the cause that they aspire to attain high honours as office-bearers and masters in the Craft, and to these a Masonic tutor—who is thoroughly posted in all the forms and ceremonies of Masonry and in its literature and history—is invaluable. Then, again, in the case of Masons who have all the enthusiasm but little of the time to master the intricacies of the Craft, a ready tutor is of the greatest convenience. These tutors are, of course, members held in high esteem by their Masonic Brethren, though frequently they are men whose success in other directions has not been altogether

in accordance with their own merits, and, being thorough Masons, they are recommended as tutors.—*Eastern Daily Press*.

The Provincial Grand Mastership of Devonshire, vacant by the resignation of Viscount Ebrington, has been filled by the Grand Master by the appointment of Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., the Brother who has held the office of Provincial Grand Master since the beginning of 1890, and the one which rumour designated as the new ruler of the Craft in the Province as soon as Lord Ebrington announced his retirement.

The Masonic newspaper has two kinds of Masons to grapple with: the one that does not subscribe at all, and the one that subscribes and does not pay. There may be a saving grace in not subscribing, but with those who do subscribe and pay not, fire and brimstone should be their portion.—*South Australian Freemason*.

We are in a position to announce that Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe has expressed a wish that he should not be re-appointed Deputy Grand Master of England, and that his Royal Highness has acquiesced in his wish with regret. That regret will be shared by all classes and conditions of the Brotherhood, from whom, during his five years' tenure of the office, his lordship has won golden opinions. As regards the appointment of a successor to his lordship, we can say no more than that it will not be made till the Grand Festival. There is no harm, however, in stating that the rumours current for some time past as to Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. G.M. Kent, becoming the successor of Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe are fully justified.—*The Freemason*.

It is with very sincere regret that we announce the death of Bro. J. I. Miller, District Grand Master of Northern China. At the Quarterly communication in the month of January. Bro. Miller was prevented by illness from being present in District Grand Lodge,