

Chase, of Portland, is G.M., and Ira Perry, of Portland, Grand Secretary.

Smoking concerts is the latest amusement, inaugurated at the Masonic Hall, Plymouth. One held recently was, so the London *Masonic Star* says, a decided success, being presided over by W. Bro. Hearder, and attended by numerous Masons and their friends.

*The Tyler*, formerly published in Detroit, has been removed to Grand Rapids, the headquarters of Freemasonry in Michigan. We hope the move will prove profitable to the company which now controls *The Tyler*, it having passed out of the hands of Brownell Bros., who are, however, stockholders in it.

We are pleased to notice the enlargement of the live and enterprising *South African Freemason*, published at East London, Cape Colony. Our brethren in South Africa should certainly appreciate the efforts made to provide them with excellent Masonic literature, which they doubtless do, as class publications are not always paying ventures.

District Grand Master Finnemore, of the District Grand Lodge of Natal, South Africa, at the recent session of that body said there were about 550 subscribing Masons under his jurisdiction; and during the year there had been 60 initiations, 60 passings, 60 raisings, 25 joinings, 43 resignations, 14 exclusions and 2 deaths.

Past Grand Master McNichol of St. John, N. B., is of opinion that suspensions for non-payment of dues might

be materially reduced if the secretaries of lodges would endeavor to make prompt collections. Let the secretaries receive dues from each brother every meeting, and suspensions would soon be lessened.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, at its recent annual communication, announced that a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Ontario had been received. We had a faint idea that this so-called Grand Lodge was generally looked upon as a clandestine affair.

Deputy Grand Master Robertson is receiving much publicity in the Masonic press, the complimentary paragraph that appeared in a recent issue of THE CRAFTSMAN in connection with his lecturing tour being copied freely. The London *Freemason* and *Freemason's Repository*, Providence, R.I., are the latest exchanges in which we notice our paragraph fully credited.

We regret to have to announce the sudden death of Bro. Dr. Chorlton, editor of the *Masonic Chronicle*, Columbus, Ohio, on May 1st, in his fifty fourth year. Bro. Chorlton died in harness, being stricken with heart disease while in the editorial room. Deceased took a deep interest in secret societies, and was a prime mover in the order of the Eastern Star.

THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN launches out in very strong terms against the practice of canvassing for office, an iniquitous and unmasonic existence which is apparently becoming a curse to the lodges in our sister colony. If