

cluded, the Installing Officer conducted His Royal Highness to the throne, with the words, "I place you on the Throne as Grand Master of the Order in England, Ireland, and Wales, and the Dependencies of the English Crown;" and then took his seat on the right. The Primate, having pronounced the *Benedictio Sacerdotalis*—"Pax et Benedictio Patris omnipotentis, Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, in te descendit et tecum maneat a secula seculorum. Amen!"—the Herald made due proclamation to the East, South west and North-west. The Knights in order filed past from both sides, saluting, two at once, and then marched down the centre, to the swelling notes of the organ accompaniment. This respectful salutation having been made, the Arch-Chancellor advanced to the foot of the dais and delivered the inaugural address, after which the Grand Organist played a voluntary. The Grand Master then installed the Great Prior of England, and next appointed his officers, who thereupon were summoned by the Great Marshal to do homage. The Grand Master afterwards appointed Grand Crosses and Commanders, and nominated the Subaltern Officers. Notices of motion for the next Convent General were given, the Committee for effecting a uniformity of Ritual was appointed, and the Grand Master then closed the Special Convent General in due form, and retired to his room with the Great Officers only, passing again under the Arch of Steel, while the organist played a solemn air. The Great Prior of England then brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

---

After the breaking up of the "Encampment," a banquet was prepared. This, under the personal superintendence of Mr. Willis, was speedily done, and a dinner of a most magnificent description was spread. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales presided, supported by the Earl of Limerick and the Earl of Skelmersdale. Nearly all the Grand Officers and Knights present at the installation sat down to the banquet, and amongst the American Knights present were Pay Director Cunningham U. S. Navy, Commissary to the Vienna Exhibition; Colonel Mann, U. S. Cavalry; and General Raddy, U. S. Army.

After the repast,

His Royal Highness, who was received with the most enthusiastic cheering, rose and said that on such an occasion few words were required to introduce the first toast, namely, the health of "Her Majesty the Queen." In connection with the toast he had to make an agreeable announcement. They were all aware that the Queen was the Patroness of Craft Masonry, and he had her Majesty's permission to state, now, that she would be the Patroness of their Order. (This intimation was received with immense applause, and the health of her Majesty was drunk with nine times nine.)

The Earl of Skelmersdale, in proposing the health of the Grand Master, expressed the great pleasure he felt at seeing so many gentlemen around him from the Sister Isle. The "Encampment" that afternoon had been one of the most brilliant he had ever attended, and such a sight had never been seen in England before.

The Prince of Wales, on rising to respond, was again cordially received. He thanked the company very heartily for the kind manner in which they had received him. Indeed, so cordial was their greeting, that it was difficult for him to find words adequately to convey his feelings; and he could only again express the pleasure he felt at being present on that occasion, and in having being elected their Grand Mas-