

our American people do? For our part, we respect the Englishman's fidelity to his government and country as exemplified in his attachment to the Royal Family. And what is more natural than that the English Mason should rejoice and feel proud when he finds the crown prince not only exhibiting interest in the Order, but actually going through the forms and ceremonies of initiation, doing the work of the lodge, and at the request of his brethren taking up the gavel of the Grand Master, and administering the affairs of Grand Lodge?

We feel to congratulate our trans-Atlantic English speaking brethren on the auspicious event they celebrated on the 28th ult. Great preparations had been made for installing the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. The humiliation the brethren received from the apostasy of the Earl of Ripon was bitter, and it is not strange that they sought every means to give *eclat* to this interesting occasion.

OUR LODGE IN PALESTINE.

FROM a letter dated "Gaza, Palestine, Feb. 22nd, 1875," written by Bro. J. Nimmo, member of our Lodge, in Jerusalem. We make some interesting extracts:

Various members of American lodges, who visited Jerusalem last year, have spoken with sympathy and pleasure of the good repute of our brethren there, and their noble efforts to set up a Masonic altar in the city of King Solomon. Among these we would instance Brother Dodge, of Ohio, to whom allusion was made in a late issue of the *CRAFTSMAN*, also Brother Hawson, of New York, who worked with the Craft in Jerusalem, at several meetings, and commends their labors in the warmest terms. Other brethren, competent to speak, have expressed themselves in similar terms.

In the case before us, we have the views not only of an educated gentleman, an officer in the telegraph line, and a man who has seen much of the world, but a Mason made in our own lodge at Jerusalem! He says: "You will, doubtless, have heard from others of the progress that has been made in our Lodge within the last few months. I was able to be present at four of the working meetings, and also at two of the lodge meetings, which were held about the end of the last and the beginning of the present year. Notwithstanding the difficulties encountered in the preceding year, everything was cleaned up, financial affairs were gone into and found satisfactory, and all the officers for 1875 were balloted for and elected and have since been duly installed. The lodge, although barely able to support itself, will now gather strength gradually. And now that they are straight there is no reason why matters should not go on smoothly and in perfect order. It remains now to clear up matters with Grand Lodge, which Bro. Floyd informs us will be seen to at once, and obtain from Grand Lodge its confirmation and approval, and its certificates for the members here. Freemasonry is still in its childhood in this country. It is as yet but very little known in Jerusalem, where conflicting views and religious quarrels are the rule and not the exception. But you will be glad to know there is already enrolled amongst us members Jews, Christians, and Mohammedans, representatives of the three great religious communities. Let us hope that Freemasonry will be a means, in the course of time, to calm down all religious animosities."

OUR CANADIAN BRETHREN.

"OUR able contemporary, the *CRAFTSMAN*, has taken us, in a very friendly and fraternal manner, to task because we have latterly said a good deal about American Freemasonry and Freemasons, and nothing about our good brethren in Canada. On reflection, we think that our contemporary will admit that his complaint, if it be a complaint, has no valid foundation, either in reality or in equity. We were writing "ad hoc." The remark had been made, as remarks are often made by the ill-informed, about American Freemasonry and Freemasons, which we thought equally unwise and