

"January 24—I visited Hyde Park Lodge in its handsomely re-furnished hall, and witnessed a public installation of its officers by R. W. Brother Charles A. Welch, who was assisted by R. W. Brothers William Parkman and Abraham H. Howland, jr. The ceremonies were admirably performed, and were thoroughly appreciated by the large assembly of the brethren and their ladies.

"March 5—I gladly participated in the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Revere Lodge, of Boston, and was particularly pleased with the address of Wor. Bro. Samuel Wells, which embraced an historical sketch of the lodge. For the first time ladies were permitted to grace a meeting of the lodge with their presence.

"November 10—I witnessed an impressive installation of the officers of Norfolk Union Lodge, in public.

"November 15—I attended a public installation of the officers of Baalbec Lodge, of East Boston.

"November 30—I attended a public installation of the officers of Aberdour Lodge."

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1882.—Dispensations granted to fifteen lodges for the public installation of their officers.

NEBRASKA, 1881.—Dispensation granted for a public installation of the officers of Harvard Lodge.

GRAND MASTER DECLINING TO NOMINATE AS GRAND REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEE OF GRAND MASTER OF JURISDICTION WHERE HE WAS TO ACT.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1881.—Acting Grand Master Johnstone says: "Following the practice of the Past Grand Masters of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, in the vacancy occurring in the representation of the Grand Lodge of England, near this Grand Lodge, I recommended R. W. Bro. James Hudson, Past Deputy Grand Master, for that position.

"I have, however, received an intimation that the M. W. Grand Master of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, has been pleased to appoint as successor to the late M. W. Bro. Crowe, Past Grand Master M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, and that his patent of office has been personally handed to that distinguished brother during his recent visit to London."

REFUSING TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE NEAR A GRAND LODGE.

LOUISIANA, 1882.—Grand Master Whitaker says: "Under date of November 9th, 1881, this Grand Lodge was informed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship, Berlin, that R. W. Bro. Carl F. Weiprecht, heretofore Grand Representative at this Grand Lodge, had resigned his trust. The request was made that a commission be issued to R. W. Bro. Carl Wilhelm Bleich, I.L.D., to fill the vacancy. The letter is written in most fraternal terms, the Grand Master expressing the wish that the amity now existing shall continue between the Grand bodies, and recommends Bro. Bleich as one eminently qualified to fill the position. *I have not acted upon this suggestion for reason that this*