

nificent Masonic casket, as a wedding gift. The casket is of Gothic design, in silver, partially gilt, placed on a shaped and ornamental ebony stand. The front panel bears, in raised enamel, the Provincial Grand Master's collar and jewel,—on the reverse, the arms of His Royal Highness. At each corner is placed the royal supporters, and the casket is surmounted by the coronet of H. R. H., resting on a cushion. At each end is a raised medallion, with the inscription as follows, at one end: "Presented to H. R. H. the Duke of Albany, K. G., R. W. Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire;" at the other end, "On his marriage, by the brethren in the Province, A. L. 5892."

P. G. Master Vaux says it would be proper for the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Quebec to declare the "English" Lodges in Montreal clandestine, &c. "If this should happen," the London "Freemason" says, "we poor benighted English Masons shall endeavor to face the awful alternative held out to us with decency and decorum." Cannot the London "Freemason" understand that we do not desire to make war with the Grand Lodge of England, but that we will not much longer suffer our laws to be violated, and our principles to be dragged through the mire, because a few stubborn Masons choose to hold themselves aloof. Once Grand Master Graham does issue his "edict," these brethren will find themselves deprived of all their Masonic privileges in the bodies of the higher degrees. Does not the London "Freemason" admit that such a state of affairs would be to the disadvantage of the

English Masons in Montreal? Of course, it would not affect English Masons in England, but we think it would certainly be very unpleasant for English Masons in Canada to be "tabooed" in Chapters, Preceptories, &c.

The London "Freemason" says:—"Though we think it always better 'form' not to allude to the inevitable *on dits* of Masonic gossip as regards the new Grand Officers (of the United Grand Lodge of England) until officially announced. We may, however, mention that we have heard that the following will be among the new Grand Officers for 1882 3: Lord Carrington, S. G. W.; the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, J. G. W.; Rev. Thomas Robinson, P.G.C., Kent, &c., and Rev. Thos. Cochrane, G. Chaplains; Major Penrice, D.G.M., Norfolk; R. C. Else, D. G. M., Somersetshire; Capt. C. M. Beswick-Royds, — Harrison, Q.C., and W. Mansfield, D.G.M., Worcestershire, G. Deacons; Horace Jones, G. Supt. Works; H.S. Allpass, P. G. Sec., West Lancashire; John Massent, L. F. Little, and Cousins, G. Organists. We think it right to add, that we know as a fact that the greatest possible care has been taken in the selection, and much thought and consideration evinced, and that though, of course, it is utterly impossible to gratify all personal aspirations, or satisfy all pressing claims, yet the present yearly appointment of Grand Officers rests on a very high standard of service and work for Freemasonry, and must give entire satisfaction to Grand Lodge. The Provinces will be pleased to note that the meritorious efforts of Provin-