

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M. W. Bro. George O. Tyler having resigned the office of Grand Representative of the G. L. of Delaware near this Grand Lodge, R. W. Bro. W. Bickerton Smith has been appointed to that important and honorable position, and has received his credentials. By the death of M. W. Bro. Puckett our representation near the G. L. of Idaho became vacant. I have named and appointed M. W. Bro. G. H. Davis, to fill the same, and am in receipt of a letter of acceptance from him. I ask for confirmation of this action. This office is, I fear in many instances, considered merely honorary, without portfolio. Such is not the case, there is work to be done. The efficient Representative can make himself exceedingly useful. Brethren should not accept this position unless they are prepared to undertake the duties attached to it.

ANOTHER ROYAL BROTHER.

The initiation of H. R. H. Prince Albert Victor into the mysteries of Freemasonry is a matter of deep rejoicing to the whole Anglo-Saxon fraternity. On the 6th day of March last, in Royal Alpha Lodge, which dates back to 1722, the "Royal Neophyte" bowed before the Altar and received at the hands of his Royal father as W. M. of the Lodge, the degrees in Masonry. The Throne is closely allied to the craft. Our beloved Queen is patroness of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in London, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, and now is extended to another generation this union and sympathy. We point to this ceremony performed by England's and our own future king, in the presence of her nobility, her staunchest conservative element, as an answer to those who style us levelers, or destroyers of established usages, theories and truths. English Freemasonry stands upon a firm basis, the foundation elements of which are, belief in God, the acceptance of the Holy Bible as His revealed will, obedience to law and order, fraternal love and goodwill to all mankind. Thus built, this ancient edifice will resist the billows that may roll against it.

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

Too great care cannot be exercised in this particular. Worshipful Masters are directly responsible that all who enter the Lodge room are entitled so to do. Besides the production of Grand Lodge certificate—which is absolutely necessary—strangers should undergo a most searching examination. This must be observed.

IMPOSTORS AND ADVENTURERS.

I presume there is not a Lodge, and perhaps not a member, who has not been at some time solicited to aid a seemingly unfortunate brother. When confident of the genuineness of the applicant the request has been met with cordiality. At other times with hesitation. Better be imposed upon than to turn a needy, suffering brother away empty.

During the past year, individuals, tramps, have been travelling over this and the adjacent country in masonic garb, who were in no way entitled to succor. Such success had these impostors met with that the craft in the States proposed to organize a National Board of Relief for the purpose of detecting and bringing