

the Prince of Wales.—*Evening News*. [Whilst we are pleased to note the progress of Mark Masonry under the Grand Mark Lodge of England, we cannot help regretting that its rulers should so far have forgotten all the ties of Masonic courtesy as to invade a sister jurisdiction, with the Supreme organization of which they were on amicable relations.—ED. CRAFTSMAN.]

A large meeting of Freemasons of the three constitutions was held this evening, at which the subject of Masonic union was thoroughly canvassed. A resolution was adopted that an executive committee of fifteen should be appointed from the three constitutions, to carry into effect the union of all Masonic Lodges in the colony into one Grand Lodge of South Australia. From the almost unanimous nature of the proceedings, it is not expected that there will be any objection raised by the various Grand Lodges.—*Sydney Herald*, July 25.

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO.—On October 11th, at Columbus, Ohio, the following brethren were elected Grand Officers for the G. L. of that State. Brother Caldwell, we are glad to note, was again re-elected Gr. Sec., and we think the West could not be better represented than in the person of that thorough-going Mason, S. S. Williams. The election of officers resulted as follows: Grand Master, Jas. M. Goodspeed; D. G. M., S. Stacker Williams; S. G. W., C. M. Godfrey; J. G. W., W. J. Akers; Gr. Treasurer, Charles Brown; Gr. Secretary, John D. Caldwell (thirty-first term.)

It is with sorrow that we learn from the *Masonic Advocate* that our friend and brother, Bro. W. B. Langbridge has "crossed the river." We received a letter from him only last month, and now he is no more. Our contemporary says:—"Bro. William B. Langbridge, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, died at his home in Muscatine, Iowa, on the

4th of August. As a Mason and as a Masonic writer Bro. Langbridge was well known and held a most honorable position. His reports on correspondence always ranked among the best, and in his devotion to Masonry he stood without a peer. His work is done—his column broken—but an honorable name remains, and will long be cherished by his brethren."

A correspondent in the *Freemason's Chronicle* says:—"I, in common with most brethren, have long felt that Masonry in England was growing by leaps and bounds, in a somewhat unhealthy fashion, but I was hardly prepared for the figures which your correspondent so kindly supplied in your last issue. What lessons they teach and how suggestive they are! Just take certain periods in London, and mark the singular changes that have taken place. Beginning at 1721, the Metropolis was moderately active until 1798, but from that time until 1844, nearly fifty years, only one new lodge was consecrated in London. From 1844 to 1855 nine new lodges were added, then commenced that big flow which, in twenty-seven years, has risen to the extent of 200 new creations. Ever since the latter date the increase has been enormous, not only in London, but also in the Provinces and abroad. With few exceptions, since 1721, the Provinces have added one or more lodges to the roll each year, but since 1856 the growth has been astounding. The same may be said of District Lodges. A new spirit has arisen, and although during the last three years few lodges have been sanctioned in London, elsewhere there is little sign of abatement."

R. W. Bro. Dick Hovenden, Past Senior Grand Warden of Canada, visited New York recently, intending to rest and refresh himself—as he has done before in "Our Den"—but missed connections and strayed back home without accomplishing that desire. We are gratified to learn, however, that he has found himself all right, and is to make the effort on some other occasion.—*Corner Stone*.