

your hands during your occupancy of the chief position in the East as Worshipful Master. As apprentices, they remember your words of encouragement so often and kindly spoken. As craftsmen, they acknowledge the advantages derived from your skill; and, as Master Mason, your probity of character. To expatiate at any great length on the many excellent qualities you possess, both of head and heart, would appear fulsome and might prove distasteful to you. They are widely known and fully appreciated. The brethren request your acceptance of the piece of plate which accompanies this address, and earnestly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may perfect you in every good work, and at length receive you into His heavenly temple.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,—festival of Saint John the Evangelist.

A. H. TAYLOR, W. M.  
WM. NORTHWOOD, S.

The silver salver was engraved by Bro. George Cox, and had the following inscription thereon:—

Presented to Very Worshipful Brother Samuel Rogers, I. P. M. of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, G.R.C., as a mark of esteem and fraternal regard.

BY THE OFFICERS AND BRETHREN.

### Editorial Notes.

ACCORDING to the last annual report of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, there are in that jurisdiction 691 Lodges, with a membership of 36,374.

THE Freemasons of Hong-Kong, China, gave a grand ball in that city on the 15th January, ult., at which nearly eight hundred persons were present. It is described as one of the most enjoyable and in every way most successful balls ever given in Hong-Kong.

THE London *Freemason* of the 3rd inst., comes to us in an enlarged and improved form. Instead of sixteen pages there are now twenty, besides a colored wrapper. The paper in the new issue is better, and new type is used. For those who take an interest in English Masonic news, we recommend the *Freemason*. The annual

subscription, which covers postage, is 15s. 6d. The *Freemason* is issued weekly.

WE understand that a Preceptory of Knights Templar is about to be established in the City of Quebec, under the most favorable auspices, and that Sussex Preceptory has been transferred to Stanstead, in the Eastern Townships, with every prospect of having a prosperous future. The Christian Order of the Temple may now be considered as firmly established throughout the Province of Quebec. Fratre I. H. Stearns, of Montreal, Sub-Prior for Quebec.

THE foundation stone of the new Cathedral in Truro, Cornwall, is to be laid by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, M. W. Grand Master, on the 20th May, with Masonic ceremonies. The Princess of Wales will also be present, and it is expected that the demonstration will be the most brilliant ever witnessed in the West of England.

THE Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England was held in Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 3rd ult., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. Grand Master, presiding. There was a very large attendance of the officers and members of Grand Lodge. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales was unanimously re-elected Grand Master; and Colonel Creaton was re-elected Grand Treasurer. Grand Lodge by an unanimous vote granted £500 to the relief of the Irish distress.

A New Hampshire craftsman, in blasting an immense granite boulder, is reported to have discovered a section of the solid rock on which appear the distinct outlines of the compasses and square. Here is food for the antiquarian thought; for this emblem carries the mind back to the earliest period, and in its far-reaching sug-