

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has 698 active lodges on its roll. It has thirty-six in India, eleven in Queensland, four in Tasmania, twenty-four in South New Zealand, seventeen in North New Zealand, eight in Cape of Good Hope, four in South Africa, one in Mauritius, six in West India Islands, six in Jamaica, four in Trinidad, seven in Peru and Chili, four in China, four in Japan, two in Gibraltar.

Many of the leading statesmen, lawyers and diplomats of Great Britain of the present day are Freemasons, among them being Lord Chancellor Halsbury, Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, Ambassador at the court of Berlin; Bro. H. Drummond Wolff, Ambassador at Teheran, Persia; Bro. the Earl of Hopetown, Governor of Victoria; Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead, of London; Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, and Bro. the Marquis of Hartington.

In Germany there are eight Grand Lodges forming the Grand Lodge League; in Spain and Italy there are many Masons, and in Russia there are not many Freemasons. Austria has a few Freemasons; Turkey has not any; in Switzerland there are a few, and the same may be said of Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Of the lodges of the last mentioned countries the king of these respective lands is the head and Supreme Grand Master.

The *Glasgow Evening News* says: It is probably because he has false notions about the character of the Craft that the Shah of Persia has forbidden three distinguished men of his suite from being made Freemasons in Paris. And yet one would say there must be another reason, inasmuch as he has allowed Mirza Matteleb, his Postmaster-General, to be initiated. The interesting ceremony took place two evenings ago at the Lodge La Clemente Amitie.

The remains of Bro. General Paoli, the Corsican patriot, who, by the way, was a member of our Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, are about to be exhumed from their resting place in Lon-

don and conveyed to Corsica, where great preparations are being made in order to receive them with due honour. The Committee charged to carry out the arrangements will arrive in London tomorrow (Saturday). Previous to their removal from here, a religious service, at which Cardinal Manning is expected to preside, will be held, and then they will be conveyed to Marseilles, and thence to Corsica, where they will be consigned to the family grave at Morosaglia.—*London Freemason, Aug. 24.*

IN THE HEART OF A MASON'S LODGE.

Tune—"On Board of a Man-of-War."

Around the "festive board," we sit all at our ease,
And, keeping all Masonic, we do whate'er we please;
The Graces all are there, with love upon the square,
In the heart of a Mason's lodge.
Chorus—In the heart of a Mason's lodge,
In the heart of a mason's lodge,
The Graces all are there, with love upon the square,
In the heart of a Mason's lodge.

The symbols of the Craft, in beauty hang around;
There's food for deep reflection on the tessellated ground,
The faces on the wall, only happy days recall,
In the heart of a Mason's lodge,
Chorus—In the heart of a Mason's lodge.
The faces on the wall, &c.

We sing a merry song—smoke the "calumet of peace,"
And gaily chat together in our cabinet of bliss;
Each brother does his best to entertain the rest,
In the heart of a Mason's lodge.
Chorus—In the heart of a Mason's lodge,
Each brother does his best, &c.

No angry look is seen, each face is bright and gay,
And ev'ry risky topic of debate is put away;
We keep the jubilee of the jolly "Fourth Degree,"
In the heart of a Mason's lodge.
Chorus—In the heart of a Mason's lodge,
We keep the jubilee, &c.