

MOTHER LODGE KILWINNING, No. 0, Scotland, November 12th, 1874, initiated the largest number of candidates ever presented at any one of its meetings.

MASONIC HALL, Providence, R. I., is adorned with a galaxy of Masonic portraits, which are the property of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, What Cheer Lodge, No. 21, and the Grand Lodge.

A RECEPTION was given by the Masonic fraternity on Wednesday night, December 30th, to King Kalakaua in Doric Hall of the Masonic Temple, New York. Dispensation was granted to New York Lodge, No. 330, to hold a special communication, and the third degree was exemplified in a manner probably never before excelled in modern times, the work being performed entirely by worshipfuls and right worshipfuls. The king was seated in the East, received with grand honors, an address of welcome was delivered by Worshipful John Griffin, Master, to which the king briefly replied, expressing his thanks and gratification.

THE Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Kentucky, is doing a grand charitable work. For years past it has persevered in accumulating a surplus fund, and at its last annual session had over \$100,000 thus invested. With great unanimity it voted \$78,500 of this fund to the endowment fund of the Masons' Widows' and Orphans' Home. This action demands unqualified commendation. It is incontrovertible testimony to what may be accomplished by unity of effort and judicious management, and should stimulate other Grand Lodges to like noble deeds of charity.

SUN, SQUARE AND COMPASS CHAPTER, No. 119, Whitehaven, England, recently exalted a brother by the name of G. A. C. Bentick, who afterwards stated he had been waiting *thirty* years for the Royal Arch degree. His patience must have been well tried. In honor of the occasion he announced his intention to present the Chapter with some valuable engravings of King Solomon's Temple he had purchased on the continent.

ONE grain of the "Royal Masonic Pedigree Wheat," which fell from the hand of H. R. H., our Brother the Prince of Wales, when he laid the foundation-stone of the new Grammar School at Reading, England, in five years has produced sufficient grain to be drilled into sixteen acres of land.

GRAND MASTER BRAMLETTE, of Texas, refused a dispensation to a proposed Lodge, because it was named after himself. He acknowledged the intended honor, but resolved to freely forego it, for the sake of the principle involved.

THE Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, Scotland, offers a bursary of £20 annually, for four years, for competition among the sons of Ayrshire Freemasons entering the Art classes of Glasgow University.

AT REST.

BROTHER JOHN H. SCHOMACKER, who established the Schomacker Pianoforte Manufacturing Company, died in Philadelphia on Saturday, the 16th January, at the age of seventy-five years. He came to America in 1837. He was a prominent Mason, and assisted materially in all German charitable enterprises.

IT is our painful duty to record the death of James W. Porteous of this town. The deceased, who was born at West River, Picton, was thirty-four years of age. He served an apprenticeship at the Locomotive Works at Boston, Mass. Removing from there to Halifax, he was employed in the Railway Works at Richmond until two years ago, when he was appointed Locomotive Foreman at Truro. The remains were interred in Halifax, under the auspices of "Orient" Lodge of Freemasons of Halifax, of which the deceased was a Past Master, and the body was accompanied from his late residence to the cars by the members of "Cobequid" and "Truro" Lodges of this town.—*Truro, (N. S.,) Sun.*

ON Sunday last, the remains of Brother Stewart Lindsay were interred at St. John's Cemetery with Masonic ceremonies. The brethren of Prince Rupert and Ancient Landmark Lodges, to the number of about one hundred, assembled at the Masonic Hall, where the remains were lying. The procession was then formed under the direction of the District Master and Bros. W. N. Kennedy and Henderson, which then proceeded to the place of interment, headed by the band of the P. B. I., playing funeral marches, and followed by a large number of the friends and acquaintances of the deceased. The church burial service was read by the Rev. Canon Grisdale, after which the Worshipful Master of the Ancient Landmark Lodge conducted the usual rites and ceremonies.—*Manitoba Gazette, December 2.*