

THE Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, England, is now providing for one hundred and seventy-six boys, and the buildings are to be extended.

At the recent communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, it was presented by Bro. Wm. C. Nickum, with a sandstone "plumb-bob," found in the ruins of an ancient Egyptian Temple, and supposed to be 4,000 years old.

A MASONIC welcome was given to King William of Prussia by the members of the Craft in Milan, Italy, on the occasion of his recent visit to that city. The attention was timely and appropriate, as the King is Grand Master of Masons in Prussia.

THE London *Freemason* says: "A few years ago we published an interesting account of all that remained of the once powerful Order of Knights of Malta, with a statement of the revenues of the same. In 1841, Ferdinand I., Emperor of Austria, issued a decree restoring it to Italy, and endowing it with a moderate revenue; but its power, wealth, and magnificence have passed away. The Knights were originally divided into eight languages, and on the extinction of that of England, Anglo-Bavaria was substituted. By cable telegram of August 16th, ult., we learn that the Grand Prior of the Order, Prince Charles Theodore, great uncle to the King of Bavaria, fell from his horse while out riding on that day and was killed. He was born in Munich, July 7th, 1795, and was much beloved. We doubt if a successor will be elected or appointed. The office of late years, was merely nominal."

BE CAREFUL.—In admitting visitors to the Lodges, who are unknown not only as Masons but as men, it is not possible for us to be too careful. I may know a man well and favorably, but I cannot know him to be a Mason without "strict trial, due examination, or lawful information." And if this be necessary in the case of a man of whom I may, in other relations have favorable knowledge, how much more necessary that I should be cautious concerning one of whom I have no knowledge, personal or otherwise, but who comes to me, and claims that he is a Mason, and asks of me Masonic recognition and favor.

And if this caution is necessary on the part of an individual Mason, it is all the more necessary on the part of a lodge. If an individual Mason should be imposed upon by the unworthy, the imposition may end there: the next Mason may sift and detect the unworthy. But if a lodge is imposed upon, though that can not last long, yet it extends to a large number of brethren, and the impostor or unworthy person receives a sort of official or Masonic endorsement.

Be careful, then. Let your committees of examination be kind but firm; brethren, who understand the trick of the tongue, and the cunningness of the hand, and who will not be afraid to say, if they have the least doubt—"we are not satisfied."—*Columbia Courant*.

AT REST.

BRO. JOHN SAVAGE, an active member of the Grand Lodge of England, died recently. The *Freemason* says of him:

"Bro. John Savage was initiated in Lodge No. 12, on the 9th of November, 1835, when he was 27 years of age. He afterwards joined the Egyptian Lodge, No. 29, now No. 27, on the 13th March, 1837, and became J. W. of this lodge in 1838. He joined the Athelstan, No. 19, on the 9th of January, 1839, and was W. M. thereof in 1841 and 1847. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason, in the Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, No. 7, on the 24th of January, 1837, and was Z. of the same chapter in 1843 and 1865. He was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of England by the late Earl of Zetland in 1859, and Grand Sword Bearer in Grand Chapter in the same year. He became a member of the Board of General Purposes in 1845, and was Vice-President in 1847. He was a member of Grand Chapter Committee, and a very active member of the Building Committee appointed to carry out the erection of the new buildings in Great Queen street. He was also a Vice-President of the Annuity Fund of the Benevolent Institution, and a Life Governor of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. His first signature, as connected with the Benevolent Institution appears in the books of that Institution on the 28th of October, 1847. He regularly attended the Lodge of Benevolence, and was at its last meeting, on October 26th. He also constantly attended the Board of General Purposes, and the Committee of General Purposes of Grand Chapter. He was looked upon as the established Installing Master in the Egyptian Lodge, having installed all the Masters of that lodge, with the exception of Bro. H. G. Buss, for the last thirty years. He also frequently installed the Masters of the Royal Athelstan, No. 19.