

managing hanging on the wall were ten gold and silver watches. We got altogether sixteen watches, five or six valuable pins, and firearms worth at least \$600. We not only secured the wealth, but we made an even divide and kept every dollar of it. An attempt was made in Stockton to compel us to "divvy" with several people who had been robbed, but it was a failure. As the tourist was out of ready cash we gave him \$200, but we would not even sell the lieutenant back his watch at any price. It was told all over the slope that our haul amounted to \$25,000. If it did we earned every dollar of it, besides wiping out a bad gang and leaving the stage line clear for the next six months.—*New York Sun.*

CORNER-STONE OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.—The engineers of the exploration of the Palestine Exploration Fund, having sunk a shaft seventy-nine feet in the Temple wall, and illuminated the masonry by magnesium light, discovered the corner-stone, which was fourteen feet in length and three feet in height. This stone, at first, because of its hardness and unmanageable angularity, was "rejected by the builders," but was adapted for its place and shaped by the order of King Solomon.

THE Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Polydore de Keyser, was initiated into Masonry in the Emulation Lodge, No 21, on 9th May, 1862, and though his occupations prevented his regular attendance or taking office, he has remained a member of the lodge ever since. On one occasion he presented to the lodge a very handsome set of silver working tools (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning). His Masonic zeal induced him to become one of the founders of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, in which he served for two years as Warden. He has also joined the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, and is a Life Governor of the Boys' and Girls' Schools; as already announced he will serve the Stewardship at the approaching Centenary of the latter Institution.—*London Freemason.*

LA CHAÎNE D'UNION de Paris, France, says:—"Le CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN annonce qu'il vient d'atteindre sa vingt et unième année de publication. "Nous pouvons, dit-il, prendre rang désormais parmi les vétérans du journalisme." Il demande ensuite à ses lecteurs s'ils ont remarqué en lui quelque indice de décrépitude. Nous sommes persuadés que chacun répondra avec nous que notre vaillant Confrère Canadien n'a jamais montré plus de verdeur et de vigueur virile. Tous nos compliments et tous nos vœux au vaillant lutteur."

FUNERAL LODGE.—A Funeral Lodge in connection with the death of Lord Dalhousie, Past Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, was held on the evening of the 22nd ult., in the Thistle Hall, Dundee. Bro. James Berry, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presided, and there were about 300 persons present, nearly all the lodges in the county being represented. Bro. John Heckford represented St. Peter's Lodge, Montrose. The orations were delivered by the Deputy Grand Master and the Rev. Bro. Crabbe, Brechin, the Provincial Chaplain. The whole service was of a very impressive character.—*London Freemason's Chronicle.*

MASONIC SUSPENSION.—There is just now much disaffection amongst the brethren of the Scotch Constitution in this colony, consequent on the unwise and illegal action of the District Grand Master, in suspending two old Past Masters for attempting to discuss the question of the establishing of a Grand Lodge in this colony. We say the action of the D. G. M. was unwise, because he ought to know that Freemasons are not to be "muzzled" into an abject subjection by any senile attempt to control their rights of free speech. Such tactics are never successful, and ever end in the discomfiture of those who resort to such unmasonic methods of stifling free discussion.—*Sydney Freemason.*