

AFTER a vacation of nearly two months, Masonic Hall, corner of Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street, was opened again last evening, and the various chambers occupied by their respective lodges for work. Enterprise, Monitor and Eureka Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons held their first fall assemblies on the occasion. Morton Commandery likewise held a conclave there yestereay morning, prior to starting for their picnic. M. W. Ellwood E. Thorne, Grand Master of the State, was present during the evening.—*New York Herald*, Sept. 2.

A LATE number of the San Francisco *Bulletin* speaks of a Mr. David Stiles, who is 102 years old, and has been a Mason seventy-one years of that time. His Masonic history is alike interesting. He has been a Mason seventy-one years, and is, no doubt, the oldest Mason on this continent. He was made a Mason at Toronto, C. W., December 28, 1796, when William Jervis was Grand Master of Canada. The Lodge at Toronto was No. 16 of that jurisdiction. He has assisted in forming very many Lodges, and is now a member of Hazel Green Lodge, No. 43, of Illinois.

We saw recently, in the possession of Bro. C. Sutherland, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, a valuable Masonic relic of the olden time. It is a Masonic silver medal of an oval form, about two inches by one and a half, and both sides covered with Masonic emblems. On the one side is the old style of Master's carpet or tracing-board: on the other are various emblematical designs, with the letter G in the centre, with an architectural design above, and a family coat of arms beneath. At the bottom are the words VIDE, AUDE, TACE. This valuable family relic belonged to Bro. Sutherland's maternal grandfather, Samuel Gardner, an Irish Mason of the last century. The family have its history for one hundred and twenty-five years, and it is probably about one hundred and fifty years old. It is much prized by its present owner, as it ought to be. Bro. Sutherland recently visited "the land of his fathers," and made special efforts to ascertain the location of the lodge in which his grandfather "wrought his regular hours," but building and lodge and workmen were all gone; and only children's children remained. Bro. S. has also the apron and sash worn by his grandfather more than a century ago.—*Masonic Review*.

M. W. BRO. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, G. M., paid a visit to Portsmouth on the 14th August, where he was met by about eighteen hundred Freemasons of the Provinces of Devon and Cornwall. His Royal Highness was received at the Masonic Hall by the choir singing "God bless the Prince of Wales," after which the Provincial Grand Master gave him a formal welcome to which he replied as follows: "Most Worshipful Provincial Grand Masters and Brethren of Devon and Cornwall, I thank you for your address of welcome. It has been a matter of warm congratulation to me that I should have been able to meet the brethren of Devon and Cornwall in United Provincial Lodge, assembled on the present occasion, and I highly appreciate the motives which have led so many of you, at considerable personal inconvenience to yourselves to assemble here to day from all parts of the two counties. I cannot be sufficiently grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe for his merciful preservation of my life from so severe and dangerous an illness as that from which I suffered, and I am much touched by the kind terms in which you have alluded to my recovery."

## MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

No atheist or libertine can be made a Freemason.

THERE are now 7,787 non-affiliates in the State of Indiana.

St. JOHN'S Masonic College, Arkansas, has a roll of 121 cadets.

THE Grand Lodge Library of California now comprises over 700 volumes.

MASONIC AXIOM.—The simpler the ritual, the older and purer is the Masonry.

THE Freemasons of Alexandria, Egypt, have a newspaper organ, issued in the Arabic tongue.

ARKANSAS has an "Eleven Point Lodge," and also a "Queen Elizabeth Lodge." What's in a name?

THE six Masonic bodies at Helena, Montana Territory, have a new Masonic Temple, which the Grand Lodge of Montana recently dedicated.

THE Grand Orient of Hungary lately asked the Grand Lodge of Utah to recognize it, but the Brethren in Grand Lodge voted it "not expedient."

It seems that the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory chartered a subordinate Lodge in Alaska, which became "troublesome," and lately had its warrant revoked.

SAVE the records of your lodge; a hundred years hence they will be invaluable. This is demonstrated by the eagerness of the archaeologists in searching "old records" for vindication of present theories of the Craft.