

SIR JAMES SIMPSON, Bart., M. D., the discoverer of Chloroform, was a member of our Ancient Craft, as was also Sir William Hamilton, Professor of Logic and Metaphysics in the University of Edinburgh.

LET it be understood that a Mason is but another name for an upright, honest, virtuous individual. No increase of members can be a blessing to our institution, unless the rule is adhered to. Our emblems, ceremonies, and instructions, all say as much; why then should we be false to ourselves?

THERE is a soul and spirit in Masonry beyond forms, ceremonies, or ritual; a soul which enjoins the practise out of the Lodge of the virtues enjoined within it; and the Mason endeavors to realize in his own actions the conviction which that understanding of the subject naturally creates.

WE have to thank Brother Wheeler, of the Memphis *Journal* for the following complimentary notice of the publisher of this Magazine: "Brother J. J. Mason, of Hamilton, Ontario, has been appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in place of Brother Thomas Bird Harris, deceased. The appointment is an excellent one. We trust, however, it will not cause Brother Mason to withdraw from the publication of the CRAFTSMAN, but be the means of giving that periodical additional interest and support."

ON the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the New Grammar School at Reading, with Masonic honors, by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in 1870, a single grain of wheat which fell from his hands was picked up by Bro. Thomas Deller, P. M., of Newbury, who was the hearer of the cornucopia. This he planted. In 1871 the result was 157 grains, which was increased again in 1872 to about one and a half pmts. This sown in 1873, yielded seven and a half gallons. In October of that year, Bro. Deller wrote, placing this at the disposal of the Prince and in reply received a letter from Sir William Knollys, conveying his Royal Highness' gracious acceptance, and a request that it be forwarded to Marlborough House. In November he received a further communication to the effect that it had been taken down to Sandringham and sown in a favorable spot, and that His Royal Highness' agent at Sandringham should, at the proper time, inform him (Bro. Deller) of the result. Several communications passed as to the progress the wheat was making, and before its being cut, an invitation, of which he availed himself, was received to go over and see the crop. It was about an acre of really very fine corn, the probable yield being some five quarters, the intention being to sow this next year, in which case, we shall see about forty acres of corn from a single grain in five years. It is highly gratifying to see the interest taken in the matter by his Royal Highness, which alone is sufficient reward to Bro. Deller for his trouble and care in the matter, at the same time his thoughtfulness has supplied what has hitherto been wanting, viz:— a pedigree wheat for use for all Masonic purposes. Any brother wishing to keep up the "breed." may have a few grains on application.—*London Freemason.*

## MASONIC RECORD.

### ABROAD.

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

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

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

BRO. R. WOOF, F. S. A., of Malvern, Worcester-shire, has received the French decoration of the Bronze Cross, for honorary services in the cause of the sick and wounded during the Franco-Prussian War:

GERMANY possesses, at present, 325 Masonic Lodges, with, altogether, about 30,000 members, under eight Grand Lodges of different rites, of which three are at Berlin, and the others are those of Saxony, Hamburg, (the oldest in Germany), Frankfort-on-the-Main, Baireuth, and Hessen.

THE Earl of Shrewsbury presided yesterday at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Staffordshire, held at Alton Towers, Mr. Staveley Hill, M. P., being among those present at the banquet. Lord Shrewsbury proposed the health of the Prince of Wales, and deeply regretted the retirement of the Marquis of Ripon, and believed, that had he more closely studied the teachings of the English church and the craft, he would still have been a protestant and a Freemason. Nevertheless, it was great con-