

which the depths cannot be fathomed; that there is much in Masonry worth the close study of archaeologists and literary men, and that it has been able to produce volumes of transactions which can be compared with the transactions of any literary society in the world. One thing it has never acknowledged nor reciprocated, and that is the courtesy and favor shown it by the American Masonic press. Less penuriousness in that respect might soon put it out of debt and on a paying basis.—*Voice of Masonry*.

Friendship Lodge of Southington, Conn., recently celebrated its 100th anniversary.

The 33rd degree, Scottish Rite, was recently conferred on two Minneapolis Masons. It was the first time the degree was conferred in Minnesota.

FOREIGN.

The Prince of Wales has been invited to place himself at the head of a movement to celebrate the centenary of a landmark in Masonic history which will occur in 1898.

It is not in Freemasonry alone that the President of the Board of Benevolence devotes his time to charitable work. He is Treasurer of the Foundling Hospital, an office in which he was chosen to succeed the Right Hon. G. B. Gregory. It is no disparagement to Mr. Grey's predecessors to say that since he has been at the head of affairs the Charity has done better work than ever it did before, and the Treasurer's House—his official residence—is the centre of great and good effort in this respect. Educated at Merchant Tailors' School, and connected all his life with the city, Mr. Grey was last week re-elected on the Thames Conservancy Board. There is a great hope in Masonic circles that in the next list of honors he will not be passed over, and that Mr. Grey will become Sir Robert Grey.—*Society*.

Freemasonry in the German empire is rather complicated, there being no less than eight Grand Lodges exercis-

ing their sway, all of which are legal and duly recognized. There are also a number of lodges working independently of any of the Grand Lodges.

We learn from our contemporary, "The Mallet," in Glasgow *Evening News*, that Bro. Phillips has the credit of having moved in Grand Committee that the three degrees should not be given in any lodge on one night, which rule has now passed into Grand Lodge laws. All honour to Bro. Phillips for taking the lead in this most desirable regulation, and all honour to the Scottish brethren who so far supported him as to make the resolution a part of the laws of their Grand Lodge.—*Freemason's Chronicle*.

A NEGRO KNIGHTED.—London, Jan. 5.—Among the New Year's honours conferred by the Queen was the bestowal of knighthood on Mayor Lewis, of Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone. Mayor Lewis, who is also an un-official member of the Legislative Council, is a pure blooded negro. This is the first time that the honour of knighthood has been bestowed on one of his race.

We tender our most respectful congratulations to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master, on the auspicious event which has recently taken place at Sandringham. On the morning of Saturday, the 14th ult., the Duchess of York, whose *accouchement* had been expected daily for some little time past, gave birth to a son, and, according to the latest bulletins, her Royal Highness is rapidly recovering her health and strength, while the infant prince is reported well. No time was lost in conveying the news to the Queen at Windsor, and to Marlborough House and York House, St. James's, while an early telegram to the Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir W. Wilkin), enabled his lordship to make public in the city of London the news that yet another prince in the direct line of succession to the throne had been added to the family of our Gracious Sovereign.—*Freemason*.