

SOME curious investigator has ascertained that amongst the brethren who were guests of the late Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Francis Trussott, Senior Grand Warden, G. L. of England, at the recent Masonic banquet at the Mansion House, the following "swells" were present:—8 Princes, 14 Marquises, Earls, and Barons, 8 Baronets, 4 Knights, 9 members of Parliament, 10 Clergymen, 1 Admiral, 4 Generals, 13 Colonels, 4 Majors, 5 Captains, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 ex-Sheriffs, 2 Under-Sheriffs, 3 ex-Under-Sheriffs, 2 Deputies, 39 Common Councilmen, 4 Q. C.'s, 7 Physicians, and 3 C. B.'s.

THE Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday the first instant, the throne being occupied by Rt. Hon. Lord Tenterden, Past Grand Senior Warden, and Prov. Grand Master for Essex. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales was nominated as M. W. Grand Master for the ensuing year, this being the *Seventh* time. Brother Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Gr. Chaplain, referred to the fact that that day (the first December) was the thirty-sixth birthday of H. R. H. the Princess of Wales and moved, with the permission of the Grand Master, the following resolution: "That the very best wishes of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to Her Royal Highness on this her thirty-sixth birthday; and that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe in His great mercy to grant her many happy returns of the day is the prayer of the Freemasons of England gathered together in Grand Lodge this evening." The resolution was seconded by Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, P. G. O., and was carried unanimously and with great applause.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the London *Freemason* giving the following instance of a life being saved by giving a Mason sign. He says: "At

the battle of Corunna, fought in 1809, an English officer was badly wounded in the leg, and left on the battlefield. The next morning one of the enemy's picket fired at him three times in succession, but, in consequence of a defect in the flint, the gun was not discharged. The man was in the act of manipulating the flint, in order to make it "bite" (I believe that is the correct term), when the wounded officer made a certain sign, by which he was at once recognized as a Mason. His assailant communicated with his commanding officer, himself a Mason, and by his orders the wounded man was conveyed to excellent quarters, and, although exceedingly faint and prostrate from loss of blood, he underwent the operation of amputation, and received such careful and skilful treatment, that he perfectly recovered. When an exchange of prisoners took place he was restored to his country, and became the father of a family. One of his sons, Bro. J. Bennett, P. M., Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 284, has in his possession his father's medal; and I have his authority for recording another instance of the utility of Masonry in saving life on the battle-field, where, ordinarily, little respect is paid to persons, and where the *coup de grace* is administered to suffering humanity with as little ceremony as would be observed in slaughtering a mad dog or any other quadruped.

THE regular quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was held in Freemason's Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 4th of Nov., the M. W. Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Grand Master, Mason on the Throne. The Grand Committee reported that as Bro. Dr. George Baynes, District Grand Master of Montreal, had been a party to an arrangement under which the Scottish holding Lodges were asked to resign their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to come under the Grand Lodge of Quebec, they recom-