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## FREEMASONRY IN NATAL.

It is immensely gratifying to note that in the great majority of cases, whenever a body of Masons, or several bodies, have combined together for the purpose of celebrating, in an especial manner, the completion of the 60th year of her Majesty's accession to the throne of the United Kingdom, the plan adopted has been either to contribute to some charitable institution already established, or the establishment of such an institution, either for the temporary or permanent alleviation of distress. At home, our Grand Lodge, as representing the whole English Masonic community, has given some £15,000, of which upwards of one-third has been handed over to the Prince of WALES'S Hospital Fund, and the balance among the Central Masonic Institutions. In many of the Provinces an extra amount of zeal and energy has been exhibited in behalf of the local Masonic Educational and Benevolent Associations, while many sums have been contributed to local, but non-Masonic, Charitable objects. In the Masonic Districts holding under the Grand Lodge of England, which are scattered throughout the British Empire, as well as in the jurisdictions of the several Grand Lodges which are independent of our Grand Lodge, the same course has been pursued, and whenever it has been decided to commemorate, in an exceptional manner, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, there invariably has the commemoration assumed a charitable form. Here, an Educational Fund, already established, has been greatly strengthened and extended, there such a fund has been started. Here it is a Benevolent Fund which has been extended, there it is a Benevolent Fund or an Educational and Benevolent Fund which has been inaugurated. Elsewhere we read of the endowment of Victoria cots in Children's Hospitals, or contributions towards the erection and endowment of Victoria Hospitals or Victoria Wings to Hospitals already existing. At no previous epoch in the history of Freemasonry has our respect for the loyalty and charity which are the fundamental principles of the Craft been so universally and at the same time so generously exhibited.

Under the District Grand Lodge of Natal the same feeling prevails that something of a permanent Charitable character should be started in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. In our "Notes" of last week, we briefly noticed certain of the remarks addressed by Bro. WESLEY FRANCIS, District G. Master,

to his District G. Lodge at its half-yearly communication in March last. At that meeting the report of the District Board of General Purposes contained the following paragraph:

Careful consideration has been given to the suggestions of the R.W. District Grand Master as to the creation of a fund for the relief, in necessitous cases, of deserving aged and indigent Freemasons or of their widows, if need be. The Board recommends as a suitable means of celebrating, Masonically, the 60th year of HER MAJESTY'S reign, that such a fund should be established for the relief of aged and indigent Freemasons (or of the widows of such Masons) who have been long contributing members of Lodges in this District, and have been uniformly in good repute; and the Board suggests that a Committee be elected by the District Grand Lodge at this Communication, to acquire information, and to formulate a scheme for the establishment and administration of such fund, and to report at the next Half-yearly Communication of District Grand Lodge.

In his address, Bro. WESLEY FRANCIS spoke cordially in favour of this proposal. He pointed out that the existing Fund of Benevolence was sufficient to meet the purpose for which it was established. The new scheme, however, which is a purely voluntary one, is intended "as a means of providing in days to come for the maintenance of aged Freemasons, who, having borne the heat and burden of the day, in their old age require some substantial aid in contradistinction to the casual aid granted from our existing Benevolent Fund." In short, it is proposed to establish a Fund which shall accomplish what is done by our Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The recommendation was accepted, and the District Board of General Purposes was appointed a Committee, with power to add to their number, to acquire information and formulate plans for the establishment of the Fund. The advice which the District Grand Master tendered to the District Grand Lodge was sound, and we trust it will be acted upon. He warned lodges against the exhibition of any feelings of jealousy or rivalry. "It should be," he said, "the pride of the lodges to endeavour to give as liberally as possible, each in accordance with the means at its disposal. The keynote of our Order is to do good, not to receive it, on the principle that it is 'more blessed to give than to receive,' and I trust that whatever is done will be done with good will, in good spirit, and with good feeling." We need hardly add that the proposal, like all other proposals of a similar character, has our heartiest good wishes for its success, and we trust that before the present year has run its course, the Natal Fund for Aged and Distressed Masons and their Widows will be an accomplished fact.

## SECRET SOCIETIES IN AMERICA.

There is a highly interesting article on this subject by Bro. W. S. HARWOOD, which has been reprinted, by special permission, from the *North American Review* for May last, and which forms part of Appendix B to the report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa at its 54th annual Communication at Oskaloosa on the 1st June and two following days. From this it appears that in December, 1896, "the membership of the Secret fraternal Orders of the United States" amounted, "in round numbers," to 5,400,000, exclusive of the "many thousands who are members of the labour organisations, though they, to a greater or less extent, are knit together by secret threads," nor about half a million members of the "secret military Orders, as the G.A.R.;" "nor has any account been taken of the many other thousands who are identified with the fraternities of the colleges." It follows that, taking the present adult population at 19 millions, and allowing that many of the above 5,400,000 are

members of more than one Society, "every fifth, or, possibly, every eighth, man you meet is identified with some fraternal organisation, for the preservation of whose secrets he has given a solemn oath, a pledge more binding in its nature than perhaps any other known among men."

On turning to the Table which presents a list of these organisations, with the number of members belonging to each, we find quite a formidable array of these Orders, ranging from that of the Freemasons down to Roman Catholic and Jewish Societies, the principal being the Masonic Order, which, including the coloured Masons and certain Knights of Malta, &c., musters close upon a million; the Oddfellows, white and coloured, some 940,000; Foresters, of various organisations, some 287,000; "Improved Order of Red Men," 165,000; Knights of Pythias, 475,000; "Ancient Order United Workmen," 361,000; "Royal Arcanum," 189,000; "Modern Woodmen of America," 204,000; Independent Order of Good Templars, 281,000; "Knights of the Maccabees," 245,000; "Knights of Honour," 118,000; and "Knights and Ladies of Honour," 85,000. What is the special purpose for which many of these orders have been established we are unable to say, but we judge they are mostly charitable from the column appended, in which the amount estimated to have been distributed by these various orders in the shape of "beneficences" is set down at about 650,000,000 dollars (£130,000,000). But though "beneficence" is evidently the great object which these various Societies have in view, it is by no means the only one, the value of Bro. HARWOOD'S article consisting (1) in the care he has apparently bestowed upon its compilation, and (2) in the opinions he expresses as to the value or otherwise of these Secret Orders. It is, indeed, more particularly in this latter respect that, in our opinion, lies the true worth of Bro. HARWOOD'S article. He seems to have taken the utmost pains to be impartial in his estimate of their merits and demerits. Thus, their beneficence—which is by no means restricted to the immense sum we have quoted—is undeniable, but against that must be set the huge sum which is annually spent in regalia, banquets, &c., &c. But setting this consideration aside for the moment, we find Bro. HARWOOD writing in the following strain, "So numerous," he tells us, "so powerful have these orders become, that these closing years of the century might well be called the golden age of fraternity. So strong has their hold become upon so many millions of people that the occasions have not been infrequent where other ministers than the priests of the Church of Rome have inveighed against the lodge, and sought to show its pernicious activity in tearing down what the Church would build up; or, to put it more mildly, they have protested against the usurping influence of the lodge, its tendency to induce men to accept it as their Church, and to make its standards, and forms, and laws their guide of right conduct." But though, as the writer very properly points out, the secret society is not without its dangers, it has, on the other hand, many counterbalancing advantages to recommend it. These are well set forth by Bro. HARWOOD, when he points out that the "influence" of such a Society "in making thoughtless men reverential, in increasing respect for government by law; its influence in maintaining and promoting allegiance to country, these are important elements of its service. While men with evil tendencies and deformed moral natures are known to be members of fraternal orders, and while, when so known, they are not always so promptly removed as might be wished, yet I think it is but fair to say that cases are exceedingly rare in reputable organisations where men of known badness are admitted. Indeed, one of the greatest powers of the secret fraternal orders of the present day is found in the element of selection. No other organisation in the immediate hands of man and unidentified with religion, so universally sets so high a standard of sobriety, integrity, and honesty; none other, when a seeker for admission appears, so sharply scrutinises his past, so searchingly investigates his present. The prime essential in all secret organisations of this character is that the initiate shall be a manly man; after that a companionable man." There is undoubted truth in this statement. Whatever, for instance, may be the demerits which some people are wont to associate with Freemasonry, there is no getting over the

fact that extreme care is taken to admit as members of our lodges only men of character and in reputable circumstances. There are lodges which are not as careful as they might be in this respect—the advice constantly given by Consecrating Officers to new lodges, and by Provincial Grand Masters and others to lodges generally, is evidence of this—but the cases are exceedingly rare in which a man of acknowledged bad character is accepted as a candidate for initiation into one of our lodges.

But this "element of selection," as Bro. HARWOOD describes it, is very far from being the only merit pertaining to such a Society as ours and the others which are enumerated in this article. It must not be forgotten that there is "a demand upon these millions of oath-bound men in our land"—a demand that is imperative upon their conscience—that they acknowledge "a Supreme Being as ruler over all," and, further, that they should exhibit a "positive, unequivocal, and constant reverence for the Scriptures." No "test of religious belief is exacted," but Bro. HARWOOD considers it no more than just "both to those who are inside and those who are outside these organisations to say that the Bible, taken as the most sacred book of the Christian nations, is a work to which peculiar reverence is always given in fraternal organisations. No other organisation of men in the world, with the single exception of the Church, so universally, so consistently, and so insistently demands that recognition of the Divine authority which is at once the test and the evidence of the highest type of life."

The question whether these fraternal orders do or do not exercise a considerable amount of influence in political and municipal elections and whether it is or is not the case that members of such orders prefer to help their fellow-members to those who are not of their society is one which Bro. HARWOOD appears to have fought shy of. "We may make," he says, "some allowance for weakness in this regard upon the part of some," but he does not think—though we do not quite grasp his meaning here—"that, because a man is a member of one of these organisations he stands ready to stultify himself when he enters the polling booth or when he comes into social or commercial contact with those who are not members of his organisation." But he need not have spoken with so uncertain a sound, at least as regards Freemasonry, one of the main objects of which, in its modern organisation, is well-known to be the provision of a neutral ground on which brethren of different religious and political views may meet and learn to know and respect each other. As a matter of fact, there are many prominent members of the rival political parties and different religious sects, who are members of the Masonic Order, but they leave their political and religious differences outside the door of the lodge. But while they do this readily enough, they are not expected to sacrifice their political or religious partisanship merely because they are Masons.

The article concludes with a few remarks upon the vast increase in membership of these "secret fraternal orders" which has taken place, especially of late years, in the United States, and Bro. HARWOOD expresses his belief that while this enormous increase may have been an abnormal one, "the indications all point to a constant augmentation of their enormous secret power." He suggests that in no other country in the world than the United States could these orders have thriven as they have done, or shown themselves to be so entirely free "from any suggestion of national censure." "If," he concludes, "all their secrets were paraded before the eyes of the world, we should find none directed against the best interests of our country."

#### GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The 42nd annual Communication of the above Grand Lodge was opened in the Opera House, Brantford, on Wednesday, 21st July, by Bro. Wm. Gibson, M.P., Grand Master, who was supported by Bros. A. A. Stevenson, Hugh Murray, Harry Robertson, Q.C., R. T. Walkem, Q.C., J. Ross Robertson, M.P., J. K. Kerr, Q.C., and W. R. White, Q.C., Past Grand Masters; E. T. Malone, D.G.M.; W. R. Hickey, B. F. George, W. G. McMillan, Dr. J. W. Shaw, Dr. J. S. Tennant, T. Allshire, A. J. Oliver, J. G. Liddell, R. McKnight, S. Amsden, Aubrey White, A. M. Ross, H. Pringle, G. A. Aylesworth, D. A. Macdonnell, E. D. Parlow, R. A. Mather and J. H. Kingston, District D.G. Masters; A. McGinnis, S.G.W.; A

B. Greer, J.G.W.; and the following members of the Board of General Purposes, elected and appointed: Bros. W. Roaf, F. C. Martin, J. H. Burritt, J. E. Harding, Q.C., W. T. Toner, J. C. Hegler, Dr. L. Secord, D. F. MacWatt, G. Ingles, B. Allen, G. C. Davis, R. B. Hungerford, A. McLean, J. W. Murton, R. L. Gunn, J. S. Dewar, T. Sargent, W. Rea, E. S. Wigle, and D. H. Martyn.

Previously, at 11 a.m., Grand Lodge had convened in the Masonic Hall, and in procession marched to the site of the proposed ward school, to be called Victoria, on Richmond-street, where, with the impressive ceremonies of the Craft, Bro. W. Gibson, G.M., laid the corner-stone of the new building.

At 2 p.m., the annual Communication was opened in ample form in the Opera House by the Grand Master, supported by the Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers, and many Past Grand Officers, the auditorium, floor, and galleries being completely filled by members of the Fraternity.

Bro. LIDDELL, D.D.G.M., headed a deputation of the Brantford lodges, and read a fraternal address of welcome, which was followed by an equally cordial one from the civic authorities, the MAYOR speaking for them, in which the freedom of the city was accorded to the visitors.

These formalities being concluded, the business of the session commenced with the reading of the Grand Master's address as follows:

"Brethren of Grand Lodge,—Let me extend to you a most hearty welcome upon our meeting here to-day in this good City of Brantford, where founder Captain Joseph Brant was so intimately associated with the earliest history of Freemasonry in this section of the county, as well as with the rise and progress of the material welfare of our beloved province.

"Before entering upon the duties devolving upon us as a Grand Lodge, let us once again give thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for permitting so many of us to meet here to-day; may He watch over and protect us; may our labours begin in order, be conducted in peace, and closed in harmony.

"I have great pleasure in referring to the condition of the Craft within the jurisdiction, to be able to say from personal visits in every portion of the province, as well as from authentic information derived from the Deputy District Grand Masters, that our noble Craft was never in a healthier condition than at the present time. On the register of Grand Lodge there are 357 lodges—the perfect number. It would indeed be marvellous if every one was in a flourishing state, and still more marvellous if in a membership of 24,000 every member was a model of what a Mason should be. It is, however, most gratifying to know that, generally, the lodges are in a flourishing condition, and that very rarely a member, by his life and conduct, brings discredit upon the Fraternity. As a rule, the lodges are prosperous and successfully doing the work for which they were established and the members are living up to their professions.

"I am happy to call the attention of the members of Grand Lodge to our increasing prosperity. Notwithstanding the commercial depression of late years, our capital account has reached the handsome sum of 94,202.17 dollars. During the past year the receipts of Grand Lodge have reached the largest amount in its history, viz., 20,828.82 dollars, being an increase of 613.65 dollars last year.

"Of the total expenditure of the past year, amounting to 17,613.03 dollars, no less a sum than 9,887.50 dollars, or over 50 per cent., was spent for benevolence, leaving 7,725.53 dollars for all other purposes, and a handsome surplus of 3,215.79 dollars to be carried to capital account.

"I am sure that every member in Grand Lodge will join with me in wishing that this good work will go on and on and continue with better results as years roll by.

"We have the proud satisfaction of knowing that few, if any, Grand Lodges on this continent contribute so much of their income to benevolent purposes. It may not be out of place to say that many of the Grand Lodges of the United States are surprised at the large amount given annually by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and are not stinted in their praise of the good work we are doing through our Benevolent Board.

"Owing to the careful supervision of the grants made for benevolence by the Board, only worthy applicants are now in receipt of relief. In my judgment the sub-Committee on Benevolence should be authorised to make larger grants than are now permitted in deserving cases, the maximum grants at present being 50 dollars for a brother and 10 dollars for a widow. I would recommend that 100 dollars and 80 dollars respectively be the maximum in special cases. I would further recommend that in cases of pressing need arising between meetings of the Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the sub-Committee, with the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, should be authorised to make a grant for purposes of temporary relief, such grant not to exceed 10 dollars to any one applicant.

"No organisation in connection with Craft work has done more good than the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. Properly speaking the association is protective, in that it protects the Craft in private lodges and Grand Lodges from imposture. The fact that in this jurisdiction during the past 10 years many thousand of dollars per annum have been saved to the Craft, stamps the organisation as most useful in connection with benevolent work."

After referring to certain motions of which notice had been given, and enumerating the principal events of the past year, the Grand Master referred to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in the following terms:

"Her Majesty's subjects from every part of the British Empire have either, by representatives or by addresses, presented at the foot of the throne their devotion to the person of our Gracious Queen, and, in keeping with all her Majesty's loyal and loving subjects, the members of the Grand Lodge of Canada are having prepared a suitable address, which will be presented by our Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Mason, through his Royal Highness the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, assuring her Most Gracious Majesty of the high esteem, respect, and love the members of the Grand Lodge of Canada entertain for her person and her throne. Masons have more than ordinary right to hold her Majesty in the highest veneration. Is she not the daughter of a Mason, and the mother of the first Mason in the British Empire, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England—a son who became head of the Craft in England at a very critical period in its history, and by the prompt acceptance of that exalted position saved the reputation not only of the Grand Lodge of England, but

of every Grand Lodge in the world, thus early showing the tact and ability that has made him not only the first gentleman in the land, but the most popular in the British Empire. The Sovereign has given great care to all matters affecting the welfare of the empire over which she rules, and upon which the sun never sets. She has proven to the world that she is not only a ruler in name, but one in reality. She lives in the affections and love of her people, and not in fear, as was so fully exemplified on the 22nd day of June last, when not even more than ordinary care was taken, other than preventing her loving subjects from blocking the highway during the passage of the greatest pageant the world has ever seen, while from every part of the British possessions came representatives and their staffs to pay her homage. It is not too much to say that every Canadian feels proud of the position given to our representative and the welcome given to our citizen soldiers, and last, but not by any means least, our gallant soldiers belonging to the North-west Mounted Police. Canada has, for the first time in the history of the Dominion, been placed in the front of the self-governing Colonies, may she ever continue to retain the love, respect, and esteem of the mother land."

Bro. Gibson concluded his remarks on the Jubilee by reading the poem "Victoria, the Great," by the Poet Laureate (Mr. Alfred Austin), and, having referred incidentally to the absence of the G. Secretary (Bro. J. J. Mason) with the Bisley team in England, proceeded as follows:

"I am happy to say that Grand Lodge is very fortunate in having the duties of Grand Secretary well looked after by M.W. Bro. Murray, who will be ably assisted during this meeting by R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn. It is with feelings of the most profound regret that I make known to the members of Grand Lodge the unavoidable absence of M.W. Bro. Daniel Spry, Past Grand Master, through severe sickness, brought on by too close attention to public business. Bro. Spry's genial face and kindly grasp will be sadly missed at this communication. His ability to comprehend at a glance the salient points of all arguments, and to enforce the same with knowledge gained by long experience, placed him in the front rank of Grand Lodge legislators. Let us individually and collectively pray that the Grand Architect of the Universe may speedily restore him to his wonted health, for no brother was more beloved by his brethren than him, whose absence from to-day's meeting all deeply deplored.

"In conclusion, I might be permitted, before closing, to thank the Masons of Toronto for the handsome address presented to me last September, and signed by every Ruler of the Craft in that city, upon the occasion of my first official visit. Likewise to the brethren of Belleville, Pembroke, and Kincardine for the same kind and thoughtful attention, addresses I will be proud to hand down to my children as an evidence of the goodwill and affection of my Masonic brethren, whilst occupying the Grand East, a position I feel prouder of than any I have ever occupied. I desire to say that whilst I have not been able to visit as many lodges as I could have wished, still, I have paid visits to nearly all the Masonic centres, and a large number of the lodges, during the intervals of my public duties, and whilst it may have interfered in some degree with my private business, still I have been fully recompensed by the kindness of the brethren wherever it was my good fortune to go. To the Deputy Grand Master I am deeply indebted for the loyal support given me. To the many worshipful brethren who accompanied me on my visits I am likewise under a debt of gratitude. To M.W. Bros. Walkem, Murray, and J. Ross Robertson I am extremely thankful for the advice given to me. To the Grand Secretary, as all Grand Masters have been, I am under many obligations, and to you, my loving brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada, my heart goes out for all your kindness during the past 12 months."

After the reading of the address, which was received with hearty applause, a number of reports were presented and adopted after consideration.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Bro. W. Gibson, M.P., Beamsville	...	G.M.
" E. T. Malone, Toronto	...	D.G.M.
" J. J. Mason, Hamilton	...	G. Sec.
" Hugh Murray, Hamilton	...	G. Treas.
" Rev. D. F. Bogart, Belleville	...	G. Chap.
" S. F. Passmore, Brantford	...	G.S.W.
" A. A. S. Ardagh, Toronto	...	G.J.W.
" R. Bishop, Owen Sound	...	G. Reg.

For the Board of General Purposes there were 20 nominations. The five elected were: Bros. W. Roaf, Toronto, 343; J. E. Harding, Q.C., Stratford, 331; R. E. Wood, Peterboro', 250; E. S. Wigle, Windsor, 240; and W. T. Toner, Collingwood, 239.

The following were appointed to the Board of General Purposes, by the Grand Master: Bros. J. H. Burritt, Q.C., Pembroke; G. C. Davies, London; Thos. Sargent, Toronto; Aubrey White, Toronto; R. L. Gunn, Hamilton.

D.D. GRAND MASTERS.—Bros. J. B. Rankin, Chatham, Erie District, No. 1; Geo. Sutherland, Thedford, St. Clair District, No. 2; W. C. Harris, Delaware, London District, No. 3; J. B. Tiernay, Blythe, South Huron District, No. 4; T. Pinkerton, Edengrove, North Huron District, No. 5; T. R. Atkinson, Simcoe, Wilson District, No. 6; A. G. Campbell, Harrison, Wellington District, No. 7; C. V. Emory, Hamilton, Hamilton District, No. 8; G. W. Aylesworth, M.D., Collingwood, Georgian District, No. 9; C. H. Connor, St. Catharines, Niagara District, No. 10; T. W. Chapple, M.P.P., Uxbridge, Toronto District, No. 11; Ed. Fitzgerald, Fenelon Falls, Ontario District, No. 12; A. R. Hargraft, Cobourg, Prince Edward District, No. 13; W. McNee, Kingston, Frontenac District, No. 14; T. A. Stayner, Brockville, St. Lawrence District, No. 15; G. E. Josephs, M.D., Pembroke, Ottawa District, No. 16; C. F. Farewell, Sault Ste Marie, Algoma District, No. 17; and J. Howey, M.D., Sudbury, Nipissing District, No. 18.

The Grand Master's recommendation that the rank of Past Grand Master be conferred on Bro. Kivas Tully, of Toronto, was universally commended.

The Masonic Asylum Committee, through Bro. WALTER BARWICK, of Toronto, presented an extended report, and the Grand Lodge authorised its continuance with a view to eliciting further information for the next annual communication.

The remainder of the Communication was occupied with the dispatch of the necessary business and the installation and appointment of officers.

Toronto was selected as the next place of meeting.

BRO. LORD AND LADY WANTAGE have returned from Welbeck Abbey to Lockinge for the autumn.

## NEW SCHOOLS AT RADCLIFFE HALL, LANCASHIRE.

### IMPOSING MASONIC CEREMONIAL.

A Masonic ceremony, which can well be described as unique in the annals of Radcliffe, took place at Radcliffe Hall, on Saturday, the 14th inst., when the foundation-stone of the new National School which is being erected in Chapel-street in connection with the Radcliffe Parish Church was laid with full Masonic ceremonial by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. The weather was beautifully fine, and there was a large crowd of spectators to witness the ceremony.

The brethren assembled at St. Anne's School, North-street, about an hour before the time fixed for the ceremony, and here Prov. Grand Lodge was opened.

Afterwards a procession was formed, and marched to the site of the new school by way of Holland-street, Hutchinson-street, Cross-lane, round Church-green, and on to the site. The procession was headed by the Radcliffe Parish Church Lads Brigade, the members of which presented a very smart appearance, and the scholars attending St. Anne's and the Parish Church Sunday Schools walked next. Then came the Radcliffe Old Band, and following the band were the brethren in full regalia.

Amongst those present, in addition to the Prov. Grand Master, were—

Bros. R. H. Beswick-Royds, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; J. Weeks, 62, P.G.D.; J. Barlow, 1012, P.J.G.W.; J. Selby, 1083, P.G.D.C.; W. Gray, 999, P.A.G.D.C.; D. Lord, 286, P.A.G.D.C.; T. T. Hardicker, 2449, P.G.S.B.; W. J. Melling, 2185, P.G. Std. Br.; T. Heap, 344, P.P.G.P.; W. H. Brown, 221, Prov. S.G.D.; Robert Jones, 348, P.G.S.; Edward Hope, 146, P.G.S.; Thomas Mellor, 2560, 191, P.P.S.G.D.; George Lingard Vaughan, 1030, P.G. Reg.; J. Newton, P.G. Sec.; J. H. Fowler, 999, P.G. Tyler; G. Parker, P.M. 1083; R. Smith, S.W. 191; Wm. Greenwood, P.M. 344; W. Rigg, P.M. 266; B. Alston, P.Z. 1256; J. H. Hardman, 344; W. Brierley, 344, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Wardle, P.M. 1534; W. Craven, P.M. 1633, P.A.G. Sec.; J. W. Hockensall, P.M. 1534, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. W. Thompson, 1534, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. Swim, 2387, P.J.G.D.; J. Snape, 1055, P.J.G.D.; T. Utley, 2464, P.S.G.D.; J. H. Heap, P.M. 344, D.C.; E. Hardman, 274, P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Kenyon, P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; W. Balmer, P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. Smith, J.W. 2554; J. Partington, P.P.S.G.D.; W. B. Midgley, P.M. 1534, and W.M. 2534; R. H. Smith, J.W., R. H. Parston, Sec., and F. Forwood, P.M., of 266; A. D. Briscoe, 344; F. S. Styler, 344; G. Whewell, P.M.; A. Redford, 934; G. Horne, 1392; W. C. Whittaker, Stwd. 344; J. Bolton, 344; W. Forster, 344; E. Bakewell, Tyler 344; T. Lawrenson, P.M. 344, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. L. Rothwell, P.M. 2350; T. J. Hutchinson, W.M. 2560; R. Wolstenholme, Org. 344; J. F. Street, J.W. 934; J. Hart, S.W. 344; W. Hampson, P.M.; Wm. Partington, I.P.M. 344; J. Robinson, P.M. 42; J. Y. Thorpe, W.M. 344; S. Culpin, S.W. 1948; T. Graham, J.W. 1948; Roger Woodward, J.W. 344; and Rev. W. H. Healey, Chap. 344. There were also present, Col. Mellor, M.P., Mrs. Mellor, the Rev. S. Swinburne (Rector of Radcliffe), the Rev. J. D. Ellwell, Dr. Chisholm (Chairman of the Radcliffe District Council), Dr. A. Sellers, Messrs. A. C. Bealey, sen., A. C. Bealey, jun., W. Wild, J. Monks, J. Clayton, D. Allen, S. P. Morris, and others.

The brethren having taken up their positions, the "Old Hundredth" was sung, and the Rev. S. Swinburne made a short speech. In the course of his remarks he said they were obliged to build a new school at Radcliffe Hall. Their old school had been condemned by the Government; but they did not propose to spend any more money than was absolutely necessary upon the new school. They were not attempting to get a beautiful or artistic building. Their chief aim would be to provide all that was essential for giving a thoroughly good education to the children of Radcliffe. He did wish that afternoon to impress upon them the immense importance of giving their children a really sound education, based upon religious principles, and that was what they proposed to do. He was glad to tell them that the people of Radcliffe had made most generous efforts on behalf of the new school, and the little boys and girls had managed to get together, by the distribution of penny bricks, about £15 15s. He thought that spoke very well for the children. He wished to tell the Masons that in Radcliffe they were in a happy position. They had no educational problem and no educational difficulty so far as the question of religious education was concerned. They had no quarrel or trouble with their neighbours. Close by them was the Wesleyan school, and they were going to build their school side by side with the Wesleyan school, but without any idea or thought of rivalry or even competition. Their whole idea was that of a generous and kindly co-operation. (Applause.) Those parents who desired to have their children educated in the principles of the Church of England could send them to the new school, and those who wished to have them educated in undenominational or Wesleyan principles could send them to the school near by. (Hear, hear.)

The Rector then extended a welcome to Bro. Colonel Starkie and the Freemasons, and spoke in felicitous terms of the work which had been done in Radcliffe by the late dowager Mrs. Starkie, Bro. Col. Starkie's mother, and by the Rev. H. A. Starkie, the late Rector of Radcliffe, his brother.

The Rector's speech was followed by a flourish of trumpets, and the P.G.M. addressed the spectators "according to ancient custom."

The Rev. W. H. HEALEY offered prayer, and the stone was lowered about nine inches, the choir, meanwhile, singing the first verse of "Prosper the Art." A bottle containing copies of the local papers and other documents was then placed in a cavity under the stone, and a brass plate containing a suitable inscription was placed over the cavity. The stone was lowered a further nine inches, the choir singing the second verse of "Prosper the Art." The Rev. S. Swinburne then handed to the Provincial Grand Master a silver trowel with which to spread the cement, and this having been done, the stone was lowered to its bed, the choir singing "Gloria in Excelsis." Bro. Col. Starkie formally proved the stone with plumb, level and square, and afterwards blessed it with corn, the emblem of plenty and abundance; wine, the emblem of joy and gladness; and oil, the emblem of unanimity, peace and prosperity.

The response "Gloria be to God on high" was sung, and Bro. Colonel STARKIE declared the stone well and truly laid.

This was followed by a flourish of trumpets, and whilst the band played a selection of music Mrs. Mellor received purses containing money from

the school children, and the purses were laid on the stone. The hymn "The Church's one foundation" having been sung,

The Rev. Mr. HEALEY pronounced the Benediction, the brethren responding with "So mote it be."

Colonel MELLOR, M.P., then moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Colonel Starkie. He said that amongst the many duties he had had to perform as their representative he could thoroughly and honestly say that he had never performed one which gave him more agreeable and happy feelings than the one he was about to perform. They had been present that day as witnesses of a deeply interesting, impressive, and solemn ceremonial. They had seen the commencement and inauguration of a work which, when the hand that had laid that stone was at rest and when the voice which then addressed them was heard no more, would be of unspeakable benefit to the neighbourhood. He could truthfully say that the name of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of that honourable Order was known throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom, and in Lancashire it was a household word on account of the good works which members of the family had done, and which would fructify and bear fruit long after they had departed from the scene of that school which was inaugurated that day. That school would be a source of blessing and benefit to thousands who would come after them. The Rector had told them of the work which the Starkie family had done in that district, and he had spoken in terms more fully and more felicitously than any he (Colonel Mellor) could use of the great obligation that parish was under to the late Dowager Mrs. Starkie. (Applause.) His duty that afternoon was to ask them to give a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Colonel Starkie for the immense service which he had rendered to the town of Radcliffe on that occasion, and he sincerely hoped that school might be a blessing to the many generations which would come after them. (Applause.) He agreed with the Rector upon the unspeakable blessings of an education conveyed in the way it would be conveyed in that building. He hoped the school would prove a blessing amongst them, and that their people would grow up an understanding people, and that they would grow up loyal and God-fearing.

Mr. A. C. BEALEY, in seconding the resolution, said he had no doubt that the building, when finished, would be of benefit to the people of Radcliffe. They would have there a school in which not only secular education, but religious education, would be given, and that, to his mind, was a complete education.

Col. STARKIE, in responding, said they had had, during this Jubilee year, many interesting ceremonies, and he rejoiced that in Radcliffe they had had one of the best mementoes of the Jubilee that anyone could wish to see. (Applause.) He spoke of the effect for good or evil which individuals or communities could have upon society as a whole; and, in conclusion, thanked Col. Mellor and the Rev. S. Swinburne for the references they had made to his mother and brother.

The Masonic version of the National Anthem was then sung, and the proceedings at the site of the new school were concluded.

The procession returned to St. Anne's School, and Prov. G. Lodge was closed by the P.G.M.

Appended is the architect's description of the new schools: The schools are designed to accommodate 440 children—boys, girls, and infants—and are specially arranged so as to be suitable for both day and Sunday schools and for parochial purposes. The rooms are all on the ground floor, and comprise a central Hall 54 by 35, round which are ranged six class rooms for four classes of 50, and two for 60 children.

The cost of the buildings complete will be about £3200; they have been designed and will be carried out under the personal inspection of Mr. Tnos. Bell, architect, who is a school specialist.

For use at the stone laying, Bro. W. Bowker presented a set of working tools, including square, level, and plumb rule, each bearing the inscription "Presented by Bro. W. Bowker, to Lodge of Faith, 344, in recognition of the Diamond Jubilee reign of her Majesty Queen Victoria."

We publish on the authority of Bro. J. Y. Thorpe, W.M. of the Lodge of Faith, No. 344, the inscription on the plate, which was laid between the foundation stone of the new school and its bed, and was as follows: "This corner stone was laid with Masonic formalities, 'in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe and to His Glory,' by Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of East Lancashire (under the Grand Lodge of England) in the Diamond Jubilee year of the reign of her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, August 7th, 1897; Bro. Rev. Stanley Swinburne, M.A., Rector; Bro. John Yates Thorpe, W.M., Lodge of Faith, 344."

During the ceremony the various responses were beautifully harmonised by the choir of Radcliffe Parish Church. They also rendered very efficient aid in the chorus to the anthem "Prosper the Art," under the direction of Mr. F. Hulley, choirmaster, the solo to the anthem being rendered by Bro. R. Wolstenholme, Org., Lodge of Faith, 344.

Bro. J. Bradshaw, also of the Lodge of Faith, presided at the harmonium.

After the ceremony the Provincial Grand Officers were entertained to tea by the W.M., Wardens, and brethren of No. 344, at their headquarters, the Ram's Head Hotel, the hostess, Mrs. Shaw, giving every satisfaction. The remainder of the brethren were entertained in the Assembly room at the Conservative Club.

## Mark Masonry.

### Derwent Lodge, No. 282.

The members of the above lodge held their annual meeting in the Masonic Rooms, Portland-square, Workington, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. G. A. L. Skerry, P.G. Org., S.W., W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a very fair attendance of brethren.

The following were appointed and invested as officers for the year: Bros. J. Meenely, P.G.I.G., I.P.M.; F. Neil, S.W.; J. Wood, J.W.; W. Fowler, M.O.; J. W. Richardson, S.O.; W. Bell, J.O.; J. J. Little, P.P.S.G.O., Treas.; J. Bouch, P.S.G.D., Sec.; J. Fletcher, S.D.; Jos. Fletcher, P.P.G.S.B., J.D.; J. Cooper, P.P.G. O.g., Org.; J. Purser, P.P.J.G.O., I.G.; and Whitehead, P.P.G.T., Tyler. Bro. J. Gardiner, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.S. Eng., was the Installing Master, and Bros. T. Atkinson, P.M. 229, P.P.S.G.O., and J. J. Little, P.M., P.P.J.G.O., gave the charges.

The business of the lodge being disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, at the invitation of the W.M., sat down to an excellent spread.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts received ample justice, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.



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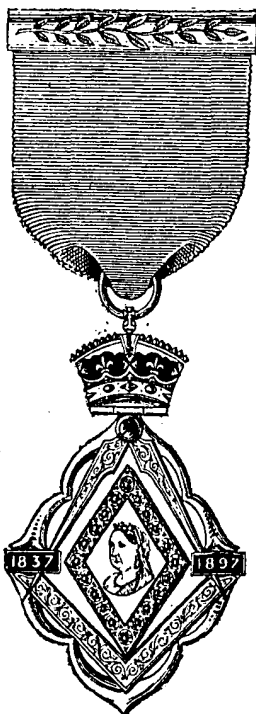
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**Masonic Notes.**

There is a genuine ring about the address of the Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois, United States of America, of which Bro. Gen. John Corson Smith is Chief, to her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom, on the completion of the 60th year of her reign, which cannot fail to commend it to the kindly consideration of all English Masons. Our own countrymen could not have exhibited more devoted loyalty to the gracious lady who has guided the destinies of these realms during the past 60 years. There is sincerity breathed in every sentence, nay, in almost every line of this most notable address; nor could her most

attached subjects more truthfully describe the part which the Queen herself has taken in the principal events of her long-protracted reign. It is beyond question that at no other period in the world's history has there been "so much progress in moral and religious thought, in effective effort for the freedom of mankind, in the advancement in industrial pursuits, in the development of the liberal arts and mechanics, the uplifting of humanity, and the promotion of the general welfare of the people everywhere." But what mostly enhances the value in our eyes of this Illinois Address is that it emanates from a body of men who, though of a kindred race with ourselves, are citizens of a foreign state.

Again, as regards the patronage which the Queen has uniformly bestowed upon Freemasonry and its Institutions, it was a happy thought which inspired the Veteran Chief of the Association to refer pointedly to the fact of the Queen's father and her eldest son having been, or being each in his own time, a distinguished member of our Order. Her father, the Duke of Kent, was a Mason for nearly 30 years, and during a great part of that time an active Mason, and one who at a critical period of its history rendered the Society, in conjunction with his brother, the Duke of Sussex, incalculable service; and her son, who has also been a brother for close on 50 years—well, we all know what his Royal Highness has done for us. In the name of the whole English Craft, we thank the Masonic Veterans of Illinois and their respected Chief for the honour they have shown to our Queen and the members of her family.

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new schools in connection with the parish church at Radcliffe, which was performed by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire, appears to have been a most successful function. There was a large attendance of Prov. G. Officers as well as of the officers and members of the local and neighbouring lodges, while the rector and local magnates were likewise in strong force. The weather was fine and the streets through which the procession of brethren wended their way to the site of the proposed building were thronged with spectators from far and near, who seemed greatly impressed with the unwonted spectacle. The rector delivered an address conceived in a spirit of religious and educational tolerance, and the ceremony, it is needless to say, was carried out as all such Masonic ceremonies invariably are, without the semblance of a hitch of any kind. The full report of the proceedings which appears in another column will be found to justify this eulogy.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland celebrated the centenary of its constitution at the Masonic Hall, Baltimore, on Thursday, the 24th June last. Comp. General William H. Shryock, G.H.P., presided, and delivered an address appropriate to the occasion, while Comp. E. T. Schultz, Past D.G.H.P., also favoured the assembly with a most interesting historical sketch of the Royal Arch, which he had been at the pains of compiling from all the best sources available. In particular, Comp. Schultz laid great stress on the fact that though mention of the Degree is made in England and Ireland by Dr. Dassigny in his well-known work of 1744, and while Bro. W. J. Hughan, "by collateral evidence," has been enabled "to trace a mention of it to about the year 1739 or 1740," the earliest evidence of its having been conferred is to be found in the records of an American lodge.

Says Comp. Schultz—"In the minutes of the Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, Fredericksburg, Va.—the lodge in which our illustrious Brother, George Washington, was made a Mason—under date December 22, 1753, it is recorded that three brethren, the Master, Senior Warden, and Secretary, were raised to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason, the ceremony having been performed by a visiting brother, with the assistance of two members of the lodge, who were Royal Arch Masons." Comp. Schultz adds that "this record antedates by nine years the earliest mention of the Degree in Great Britain, viz., the minutes of the York Lodge, February 9, 1762."

The earliest trace of this branch of Masonry which Comp. Schultz has been able to discover "in our Jurisdiction," is at Georgetown, then Prince George, subsequently Frederick county, but now forming a part of the District of Columbia, and we presume, therefore, in the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of that District. The next in order of date is "disclosed

in an old document in our archives issued by 'Lodge No. 7, Royal Chapter of Jerusalem, or Lodge Super-Excellent Masons.' It is dated April 9, 1787, and certifies that "David Stoddert and six other brethren of Baltimore have duly been elected and exalted members of the above named Royal Chapter of Jerusalem, or Lodge of Super-Excellent Masters, and have by virtue of these presents full power to erect a Royal Chapter at Jerusalem or lodge of Arch Masons attached to Lodge No. 15, at Baltimore, 'according to the established rules of the Royal Craft.'"

As regards the Grand Chapter of Maryland, Comp. Schultz has unearthed from an old manuscript book "found among the rubbish of the Masonic Temple at Washington about 25 years ago," but now, by the courtesy of the companions of the District of Columbia, in the possession of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, the following reference from the minutes of a Royal Arch Encampment held in Washington from the 4th December, 1795, to February, 1799, to the said Grand Chapter under date 17th June, 1797: "A letter was read from Companion Sweeney, in which it was stated that a Royal Arch Grand Lodge is about to be formed for the State of Maryland, to meet at Baltimore, June 24th, but it being considered as departing from the ancient landmarks to enter into a business of that kind, it was determined that no representative be sent from this chapter."

One other piece of interesting evidence is due to the efforts of Comp. Schultz, who, as he states in this address, fortunately recovered some years ago from among the papers of Companion Eckel "a dispensation, dated May 8, 1797, issued by Grand Master Kerr, as Grand High Priest, with the seal of the Grand Lodge of Maryland attached, authorising Companion Eckel and others to organize a Chapter in the City of Baltimore." Unfortunately, there are no records now existing of the Grand Chapter organised in 1797, the full transactions, both written and printed, commencing from 9th November, 1814.

The members of St. John's Lodge, No. 492, Antigua, appear to have selected what was undoubtedly a jovial method of celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. On Monday, the 21st June, the brethren and their friends, to the number of about one hundred, met in their Hall, which for the occasion was decorated with all kinds of flags and banners, floral and other devices, portraits—that of her Majesty the Queen being, as a matter of course, the most prominent—transparencies, loyal and Masonic mottoes, and enjoyed an excellent smoking concert, the several numbers of which were ably rendered, and fully appreciated, the whole concluding with "God Save the Queen." We must not, however, omit to mention that some days previous to the concert, the lodge had unanimously adopted an address of congratulation to her Majesty on the completion of the 60th year of her reign. The address will be found on another page.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina held its 110th annual communication at Raleigh, in the month of January of the present year, under the presidency of Bro. Francis M. Moye, M.W.G. Master, and from the statistics then presented we learn that there are 290 lodges on the roll with an aggregate membership of 10,839. The funds of the Grand Lodge appear also to be in a satisfactory condition, while the Oxford Orphan Asylum maintains 213 beneficiaries at a cost of 71.20 dollars per head. The receipts of this institution during the period from the 1st January, 1895, to the 30th November, 1896, was upwards of 37,809 dollars, the total cash available during the same period being 41,155 dollars, and the amount disbursed as nearly as possible 1000 dollars less. The new G. Master is Bro. Walter E. Moore, while Bro. John C. Drewry is the G. Secretary.

In the course of the address, which it is the custom for the outgoing Grand Master to deliver in review of the events of the preceding year, Bro. Moye offered the following excellent advice to the brethren: "We should never mistake the nature and purpose of the Masonic Order. Grand and good as it is, let us remember that Masonry is only a moral institution, and aspires to nothing more, making no greater claim, and is entitled to no higher distinction. Its chief mission is to point out to its disciples a correct knowledge of the Great Architect of the Universe, and the moral laws which He has ordained for their government."

## Reviews.

"DEVON MASONIC DIRECTORY FOR THE YEAR 1897."—(Exeter: Bro. H. Besley and Son, *South-street*).—This is a new directory virtually for Devon, and is printed and published by Bro. Besley, of Exeter, who issued one for 1881-2, but did not bring out any more in the interim. It is dedicated to the R.W. Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., and is a larger size than usual. There are some 150 pages of neatly-printed matter, carefully edited by Bro. Besley, assisted by other zealous brethren, and published at *one shilling*, so that there is no lack of material for so small a sum. It would be better to have a uniform arrangement for the officers of lodges, say according to the order of those of the Grand Lodge, instead of the *Inner Guard* being sometimes before the *Chaplain*, and followed by the D. of C. There are really no such officers as *Assistant Secretary* and *Assistant Organist*, so such appointments should be discouraged. Many of the particulars concerning the dates of lodges, &c., should be corrected from Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717-1894," for some of those now existing treated as old lodges, are really working by virtue of *second*, or even *third* charters, the numbers from first to last distinguishing two or more distinct lodges. The compilation is one of considerable value and of great utility, and if the edition is not exhausted in a few weeks it ought to be, for such a work is much needed in the Province. Bro. Besley deserves the thanks of all zealous Craftsmen for thus publishing "The Devon Masonic Directory," and it is to be hoped that its success will be such as to induce him to continue it annually. We take it, the welcome visitor *has come to stay*, and that by another year it will be found possible to print a list of voters for the Central Masonic Charities, a page of statistics respecting the total strength of the province, and a few other additions, that would add much to its interest and usefulness.

"CALENDAR OF MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE, 1897-8."—This ably condensed Annual is in its 47th year of issue, and has been edited by Bro. James Newton, the esteemed Prov. Grand Secretary, on the same lines as formerly. Some 111 lodges, 40 R.A. chapters, 36 Mark lodges, 22 preceptories, and nine Rose Croix chapters are included in the well-arranged compilation, with the Provincial Officers for each, and other particulars, so that it is a veritable *multum in parvo*. The installations of W.Ms. and Principals are given in a separate table, and in the Rolls of Lodges, &c., the arrangement is according to towns placed alphabetically. There are 37 lodges given under *Manchester*, making quite a large Province of themselves, nine chapters assembling in the same city. A little statistical information might be introduced without adding to the bulk of the publication, such as the number of subscribing members in the Province, &c. Possibly, ere long, East Lancashire will have a Calendar of its own, with full lists of officers, &c., as with *West Lancashire*. Meanwhile, the brethren, doubtless, much appreciate the present issue, printed and published by Bro. O. C. Crompton, of Bury.

### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA (E.C.).

A special communication of the above District Grand Lodge was held in the temporary Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Tuesday, June 22nd, for the purpose of taking part in a procession to attend divine service at the Cathedral in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

There were present—

Bros. Lewis Moore, D.G. Master, in the chair; Cornelius Thorne, P.D.G.M.; W. H. Anderson, D.D.G.M.; T. W. Kingsmill, P.D.D.G.M. and P.A.G.D.C.; A. M. A. Evans, P.D.S.G.W., as D.S.G.W.; Jas. H. Osborne, P.D.J.G.W., as D.J.G.W.; the Rev. J. M. W. Farnham, D.D., D.G. Chaplain; J. W. Gande, D.G. Treas.; S. R. Gale, D.G. Sec.; M. S. Joseph, D.S.G.D.; D. M. David, P.D.S.G.D.; Thos. Mitchell, as D.J.G.D.; P. A. G. Ottomeier, D.G.S. of W.; G. R. Wingrove, as D.G.D.C.; C. E. V. Birt, D.A.G.D.C.; S. A. Levy, D.G. S.B.; R. W. Steiner, as D.G.S.B.; E. Casey, as D.G. Std. Br.; W. A. D. Cooper, D.G. Org.; A. T. Ommundsen, D.A.G. Sec.; M. Mutter, D.G.P.; M. A. Sopher, D.A.G.P.; D. M. Moses and W. F. Harris, D.G.Ss.; E. Shellim, as D.G.S.; P. A. W. Ottomeier, S.W. 570 (E.C.); and W. Mutter, J.W. 1027 (E.C.). Visitors: Bros. C. Lalcaca, M.D., P.M., R. A. Ord, O. A. Madar, D. Campbell, J. R. Newall, H. Schultz, M. S. Perry, A. Barrier, R. Y. Barry, and Thos. Ford, all of 501 (E.C.); W. W. Clifford, E. M. Ezra, John Ford, F. C. Armistead, F. M. Berry, J. W. N. Johnson, J. S. Lamplough, Edgney Page, and J. E. Judah, all of 1027 (E.C.); D. M. David, P.M., and Wm. Parker, of 1433 (E.C.); T. W. Wright, P.D.S.D. South China; R. Markwick, P.M. 1165; H. H. Manning and C. H. Walker, of 525; J. L. Loveland, 508; Chas. Pearson, 406; D. C. L. Williams, 709; J. Smedley, 102; W. M. Parker, 1339; Geo. Taylor, W.M., J. C. Holland, P.M., J. W. Mielenhausen, P.M., A. Neubourg, P.M., W. B. Buyers, S.W., J. B. Roach, J.W., G. A. Gande, Treas., T. Macdonald, Sec., R. W. Campbell, J. A. McKenzie, and E. Rudland, all of 428; G. le Blethen, J. U. Gordon, R. W. Cadwallader, C. Frigast, F. McGowan, F. M. Ulbrecht, C. Zurn, C. P. A. Hansen, J. L. Oberg, A. L. Olsen, and C. Hendricksen, all of 428 (S.C.); W. Hardie, W. Thornton, N. E. Bryant, J. A. Turner, C. Young, W. Pott, C. S. Rasmussen, and J. Spector (S.C.), unattached; A. W. Danforth, D.D.G.M. China District, John Stevens, J. L. Skinner, Chas. Brown, Jas. Eveleigh, J. R. Hykes, A. Aiers, W. Mesny, R. J. Gray, C. J. Olsen, J. Thomas, J. A. Turner, V. G. Lyman, W. Thomas, F. F. Ferris, G. Colmore, C. U. Caldwell, J. Gow, S. Chilver, all of Ancient Landmare Lodge (Miss. Const.); and Otto Jurgens, Loge Germania.

The notice calling the meeting having been read, District Grand Lodge was opened.

The D.G. CHAPLAIN offered the following special prayer: "O Thou Supreme and Divine Architect of the Universe, by Thine Almighty power, in infinite wisdom Thou has created all things in great mercy for our good and Thy glory. Vouchsafe Thy divine presence and guidance in our present convocation and undertaking. We beseech Thee to hear in Heaven Thy dwelling place the prayers that go up to-day to Thee from so many devout and loyal hearts for her whom we meet to honour. We thank Thee for her long life and glorious reign, for the peaceful advancement of religion, science, art, and learning during these years. We humbly and unitedly invoke Heaven's choicest blessings upon her Majesty Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India, and all the members of the Royal Family, grant them all in health, prosperity, and happiness long to live. May her Majesty's reign be long and glorious. May she live to see all the English speaking peoples united under one flag, the banner of

peace, and at last may she and we reign eternally with Thee in Heaven. Amen. So mote it be."

The following correspondence was read:

"H.M.'s Consulate-General,

"Shanghai, 21st June, 1897.

"To Lewis Moore, Esq., the Right Worshipful District

Grand Master, &c., &c., &c.

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"It is proposed, as you are aware, to commemorate the auspicious occasion of her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in Shanghai by establishing a 'Nursing and Training Institute.' The scheme embraces a hospital containing, besides accommodation for paying patients, a number of free beds for indigent persons, and is, therefore, one which appeals to the sympathies of all classes of the community.

"Contributions have already been promised amounting to about Taels 16,000, but it is hoped that this sum may be largely augmented, as it is felt that much more is required to start the institution on a sound basis. Appeal has been made to the generosity of the Shanghai public through the medium of the local press and otherwise, which has met, as I have stated, with a ready response, but as treasurer of the fund and one who has the successful issue of the scheme much at heart, I venture to approach you, Right Worshipful Sir, and through you, the brethren of the Grand Lodge and others, over whom you have been chosen to preside, to invite your sympathy and support in furtherance of the scheme, the practical value and importance of which must be apparent to all.

"Charity is the keynote of Masonry, and everywhere do we find the Masonic brethren giving their aid to deserving objects.

"May I, therefore, Right Worshipful Sir, ask you to kindly lay the matter before the brethren at their next meeting and, on my behalf, invite their support to a scheme which, if carried through, cannot but prove a blessing to many whose lot is cast in the Far East.

"I have every confidence that you will give your warm support to my proposal, and in the hope it will meet with general approval, I beg to subscribe myself,

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"Your most obedient, humble servant,

"HERBERT F. BRADY."

The DIST. G.M. then said: Brethren, you have heard this letter read, and you will all agree with me that the object in view is a good and benevolent one. I trust, therefore, it will meet your warm support. You are also aware, brethren, that the funds of District Grand Lodge are small, and that serious drains have been made on it for the repairs to our regalia. It is, however, but right and proper that this District Grand Lodge should set an example, which I earnestly trust the lodges of this District will more abundantly follow. I, therefore, with pleasure propose that from District Grand Lodge funds the sum of Taels Fifty (Tls. 50) be subscribed towards the scheme so ably brought to our notice by the Treasurer to the fund, Bro. H. F. Brady.

Bro. C. THORNE, P.D.G.M., in seconding the proposition, said he did so with very great pleasure. We all know, brethren, the good that has been done by the municipal nurses now amongst us, and with a training institute where nursing may be learnt as a profession much greater good must follow. The scheme has my entire sympathy and support. It gave him very great pleasure to support the proposition.

The proposition was then unanimously carried.

The D.G. SEC. was directed to communicate the same to Bro. Brady, adding that the amount would be paid by the D.G. Treasurer on his (Bro. Brady's) requisition, waiving the usual custom of confirming the grant at their next Communication.

The DIST. G.M. said: Brethren,—Many of you will no doubt remember that at a meeting of brethren held last Wednesday it was decided to send a conjoint telegram of congratulation to her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria on this her Diamond Jubilee. I have since heard from H.M.'s Consul-General, Sir Nicholas Hannen, that it is quite impossible to send a telegram direct to the Queen, it must be done through her private secretary. I decided, after consulting with our R.W.P.D.G.M., Bro. C. Thorne, to send the telegram to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. This was done at eight o'clock this morning, and reads as follows: "Royal Highness Prince Wales, Grand Master, London. British, American, and German Freemasons Northern China send her Majesty hearty greetings." This will, I hope, meet your entire satisfaction.

The R.W.D.G.M. then delivered the following address: Brethren,—You are aware that we have met to-day to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. We British Freemasons are indeed proud of the Queen, and I must take this opportunity of thanking our American brethren for so fraternally joining with us in doing honour to the beloved mother of our Most Worshipful the Grand Master of English Freemasonry. We do heartily appreciate this proof of their good will. It is unnecessary for me, my brethren, to detain you by any attempt to eulogise the various good acts performed by her Most Gracious Majesty during her long reign of 60 years. She has set us many good examples which it will be well for us to follow. Reading the *North-China Daily News* of yesterday we find many of her virtues referred to, both in the leading article as also in a condensed account by our Bro. J. P. Donovan, to which I would specially draw your attention, one being a desire to do good to her fellow creatures and the other to decline to do what is wrong because it might simply be considered expedient. We find that whenever distress overtakes any of her subjects she is ever foremost in showing her sympathy towards them, and not to her subjects only, but to those who live in other parts of the world, for we have one of many proofs by the message sent by her to the President of the French Republic on the late appalling event which took place recently in Paris. These are subjects on which we might enlarge, but time will not permit. We are now about to proceed to the Cathedral to take part in prayer to the Most High that He will be pleased to grant continued health and strength to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and that she may long be spared to rule over us, and I am sure you will all join us most sincerely in this act of devotion. After the service is ended we return to the Hall for the purpose of closing the District Grand Lodge.



Bro. T. W. KINGSMILL, P.D.D.G.M., P.A.G.D.C., said: Brethren,—I have great pleasure in announcing that the work of rebuilding our Hall is progressing satisfactorily, and it is intended on Monday next, the 28th inst., to place a casket in a cavity of the wall containing mementoes of the event we are celebrating. The ceremony will take place at 5.30 p.m., and, in the name of the Executive Committee, a cordial invitation is extended to all brethren who may desire to be present.

District Grand Lodge adjourned to the Cathedral at 10.40 a.m., and on returning to the Hall the D.G.M. again thanked R.W.M. Danforth, D.D.G.M. Mass. Const., Bro. J. Stevens, R.W.M., and the brethren of Ancient Landmark, as also all visiting brethren for their presence.

Bro. DANFORTH, D.D.G.M. Mass. Const., said: Right Worshipful District Grand Master,—I have to express my appreciation of your courtesy in extending an invitation to me to be present on this occasion and join with you in the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. It gave me great pleasure to comply with your wishes and to grant the request of the Worshipful Master of the Ancient Landmark Lodge for a dispensation for all Master Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to appear in public on this occasion, wearing their regalia. I am an American, a citizen of the United States, and I am proud to say that I am. Since my earliest recollection very early in my childhood I can remember most clearly that my mother taught me to respect the ruler of my native land, and next to my own chief ruler she taught me to respect your noble Queen Victoria, Right Worshipful Sir, and to regard her as an example of what a Queen should be. Where it possible for all the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to be present here upon this occasion. I have no doubt that they would re-echo my sentiments, and you would find that they would, one and all, send up ringing cheers for your Queen, and wish her longevity, prosperity, and peace. I thank you for the privilege and honour of this opportunity of expressing goodwill for her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. I speak on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in extending hearty greetings on this celebration, and the Worshipful Master of the Ancient Landmark Lodge will speak in their behalf.

Bro. Dr. JOHN STEVENS said: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—It is with much pleasure that I assure you, on behalf of the officers and members of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, that we esteem it a great honour and privilege to be permitted to take part in the proceedings of this great occasion. What has already been so well said by our District Deputy Grand Master we heartily endorse. There is no reason, so far as I can see, for any surprise that a lodge working under an American Constitution should join with their British brethren in celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. America is the daughter of Great Britain and is proud of the relationship. It is certainly the case, I say it as being myself a British subject, while at the same time I have the honour to be the Master of an American lodge, that Great Britain is proud to be the mother-land of such a country as the United States. A short time ago I was visiting at the house of a friend, an American, who has a number of bright children. As children should be, they are intensely patriotic. When we were seated at the table one of them looked across at me and, with a sly twinkle of the eye, said: "You English people have no cause to feel so very proud, the Americans gave you a good thrashing once!" I became an instructor in history to those children upon the spot, and I flatter myself that I was able to show, that, not only the men who were thrashed, but also the men who gave the thrashing were British. As you know, an endeavour has been recently made to establish peace between the British and American branches of the Anglo-Saxon race by means of an Arbitration Treaty. Well, Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, it may be, it probably is, that such a treaty should be made; but I make bold to say that, treaty or no treaty, it is simply inconceivable that there can ever be war between America and Great Britain. Why, it would be civil war; it would be fratricide! One in origin and one in blood these two nations are, I believe, destined to march together in the path of progress; together helping on the cause of righteousness among all peoples. It is with such feelings and convictions, Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, that the members of the Ancient Landmark Lodge unite to-day with their English and Scotch brethren in the prayer—"God Save the Queen!"

Bro. Rev. J. M. W. FARNHAM, D.G. Chap., having offered up special prayer, District Grand Lodge was closed, the brethren remaining to partake of refreshment and join in the toast of "God Save the Queen."

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The complete results of the examinations in Science and Art, conducted under the South Kensington Board last May, are now to hand, and we are glad to note the following successes of our boys:

Geology—Four passes and three marked fair; Mathematics (second stage)—Two first class, one second class; Mathematics (first stage)—Three passes and 11 fair; Organic Chemistry—Eleven passes and five fair; Geometrical Drawing—Seven passes; Freehand Drawing—Five second class; Model Drawing—Four first class, 13 second class. Total—50 certificates, as against 39 last year.

At the recent examination in musical knowledge conducted by the Trinity College, one passed in the Intermediate Division with honours, and three passed in the Junior Division; 14 certificates in Pitman's Shorthand have also been gained during the last term.

We are also glad to report that Mr. J. A. Coupland, the "Exhibitioner" of the School, has passed in the Second Division of the Preliminary Scientific Examination of the London University, both in Chemistry and Experimental Physics, and in Biology. As only 11 candidates passed in the First, and 43 in the Second Division, Mr. Coupland's success is very creditable and augurs well for his future career in medicine.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, in his capacity of Grand Master of Mark Masons, has been pleased to appoint Bro. Idris Bey Ragheb, the Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, as District Grand Master for North Africa; also Bro. William Andrews as District Grand Master for Jamaica, on the resignation of Bro. Colonel John Charles Macglashan, J.P. His Royal Highness has, in addition, re-appointed for three years Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg as Provincial Grand Master for Buckinghamshire.

### THE ERA LODGE AND THE ALBERT HALL MEETING.

We have been favoured with, and have much pleasure in publishing, the following report to the Worshipful Master, which was presented and read at the meeting on the 14th instant of the Era Lodge, No. 1423. Twickenham, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

81, Angel-court, London,

14th July, 1897.

Worshipful Sir,

In the month of May last, all Freemasons were informed that, with the view of enabling the members of the Craft to give expression to their feelings of loyalty and devotion towards her Majesty the Queen on the then approaching celebration of her long and glorious reign, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, would preside over a representative meeting to be holden at the Royal Albert Hall, on Monday, the 14th of June last, when a loyal and dutiful address of congratulation to her Majesty on the auspicious event would be proposed.

At a time when men of every degree were vying with each other in doing homage to the Queen, and testifying their devotion to their beloved Sovereign, it would have been strange indeed if the Masonic body, always foremost in works of which the object is loyalty and Charity, had not resolved to signalise the occasion, and prove their zeal by a hearty response to the call of their Grand Master.

From east, west, north, and south throughout the vast British Empire Freemasons assembled at the Royal Albert Hall—the most commodious place for the purpose—to vote a congratulatory address to her Majesty the Queen.

Among the open secrets of Freemasonry the good old-fashioned virtues of loyalty and liberality may be reckoned as two of the fundamental principles of the Craft, and every brother of whatever rank contributed one guinea to a fund for distribution among the three noble Masonic Charities and the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund, the total sum thus subscribed being over £7000.

It may truly be said that amidst all the pomp and circumstances of our gracious sovereign's most glorious Jubilee, no pageant or ceremonial function was more imposing than this.

The green and gold of Irish and Scotch insignia punctuated the more gorgeous costumes of the Indian Princes, and purple, dark blue, and gold, sky blue and silver, made a harmony of colour and magnificence that it would be difficult to excel.

Those who arrived early had an opportunity of seeing a most interesting and beautiful display as the vast floor and circling galleries slowly wove themselves into a gorgeous texture of living colours, rich as an eastern tunic, thick with bullion and starred with jewels, while a wave of light like a restless ocean heaved to and fro as the moving units took their places in the colossal hall.

Then a stately procession moved through to the dais, decorated with grand regalia and beautiful flowers, heralded by a fanfare of trumpets and marshalled by the resonant peals of the organ.

Then arose a sound like victory hurled from throat to throat as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of these legions passed through a lane of stately nobles and other great pillars of Masonic art to his gold and purple throne in the east.

A little while and his voice clear as a clarion's note, reaching the farthest ear, without effort, thrilled the vast assemblage till a great symphony of joy and gladness arose which reached its apogee in the sonorous strains of the National Anthem upborne by seven thousand loyal throats to the throne of the Great Architect of the Universe himself.

It was a grand and impressive spectacle calculated to arouse the patriotism of the coldest heart that ever beat, and a splendid testimony to the strong and kindly fellowship which had brought together such a host of different nationalities all animated by the one desire to honour the Queen and unite in the sacred cause of charity.

The address to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, proposed by his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., seconded by the Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, was carried by acclamation with enthusiastic cheering.

After which Masonic honours were bestowed upon more than 60 brethren, who were appointed to Past Grand rank.

The M.W. Grand Master was pleased to accept a special jewel in commemoration of this great and ever-to-be-remembered event. The jewel may also be worn by every Freemason being a subscribing member of a lodge under the Grand Lodge of England on the 20th June, 1897, when her Majesty completed the 60th year of her accession to the throne of these realms.

This report and communication is made in collaboration with P.M. Bro. J. Beresford Ryley, M.D., P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Treasurer of this lodge, who was present, and to whom I am indebted for some graceful ideas and poetic phraseology.

I have the honour to remain,

Worshipful Sir,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

G. L. WINGATE,

P.M., P.P.G.R. Middx., Secretary.

To Bro. Joseph Wheatley, W.M.

Era Lodge, 1423.

### 'Royal Arch.

#### All Saints' Chapter, No. 422.

The usual quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Monday evening last, at the Masonic Rooms, Old Hall, Gainsboro', when there were present Comps. F. J. Sowby, M.E.Z.; J. Constable, H.; W. Mason, J.; C. Caldecott, S.E.; S. Middleton, S.N.; C. Liversidge, P.S.; E. Simpson, G. S. Tyack, J. W. Blew, B. T. Adlard, W. Oldham, H. W. Hanson, E. Baines, W. Farmer, and E. Scott, Janitor.

The chief business was the election of officers and making arrangements for Provincial Grand Chapter to be held under this banner in September. The election of officers resulted as follows: Comps. J. Constable, M.E.Z.; W. Mason, H.; B. T. Adlard, J.; C. Liversidge (re-elected) Treas. and P.S.; C. Caldicott (re-elected) S.E.; W. H. Hanson, S.N.; and E. Scott (re-elected) Janitor. Each officer elect thanked the companions for the honour conferred. Preliminary arrangements were made for the visit of Provincial Grand Chapter.

ACCORDING to accounts received from Counties Limerick and Clare, the potato crop has been so severely attacked by blight that it is expected to turn out a complete failure. The portion which it will be possible to save will not last longer than a few weeks, and in consequence prices are considerably higher than they were at the corresponding period of last year.

## THE GIFT.

Sweet Kate upon her faithful Ned,  
As parting gift, bestowed  
A portrait, where the painter's skill  
Her beauteous image showed.  
And "Oh!" she cried, "when far away  
In foreign climes you roam,  
Think as you view it; think on her  
Who sighs for thee at home."  
"Farewell, my love," the sailor cried,  
And pressed her to his heart;  
"This precious gift, so dearly prized,  
Shall never from me part;  
Though absent, I shall see thee still,  
Traced in the picture here,  
And gazing, feel fresh courage rise,  
When battle's strife is near."  
One parting kiss; the fond adieu  
Is spoken, and amain  
The gallant ship, with sails unfurled,  
Speeds o'er the trackless main.  
Her voyage performed, with joyful heart,  
His course Ned homeward steers;  
When lo! unwelcome sight, the foe,  
With threat'ning force appears.  
Triumphant!—Ned drew forth to kiss  
The picture Kitty gave—  
Which, charmed by love in danger's hour,  
His life had power to save;  
Placed near his breast, a bullet struck—  
But ah! propitious fate,  
The faithful shield had, all unharmed,  
Preserved Ned's life for Kate.

F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.M.

62, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W.

## FREEMASONRY IN SCOTLAND.

One of those ceremonies which do much towards the propogation and advancing of Masonry in Scotland, took place on the 17th inst., at Dumbarton. The occasion was the installation of Bro. Francis Christian Buchanan, of Clairnesh, as Provincial Grand Master of Dumbartonshire, by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun.

The Grand Master was accompanied to the town of the Rock by the office-bearers of the Grand Lodge, and the ceremony took place in the very neat lodge room belonging to St. John's Kilwinning, No. 18, in the presence of the members of the Provincial Lodge, representatives from daughter lodges, and quite a host of the members of the local lodge. The ceremony throughout was most impressive and successfully carried through by the Grand Master.

After Bro. Buchanan had been duly installed, the Grand Master performed a like function upon the Commissioned Provincial Grand Office-bearers.

Having concluded the ceremonial part of the proceedings, the GRAND MASTER addressed the Provincial Grand Master and brethren, and expressed the pleasure he had in visiting the province and installing the officers. While he had pangs of regret at losing the services of Bro. J. M. Martin, who had held the office for the last 16 years, he (Lord Saltoun) was happy to think that he (Bro. Martin) was being succeeded by one who had begun at the lowest rung of the ladder and had mounted from step to step, and now attained to the position of Provincial Grand Master of a province which had ever been one of the most enthusiastic in Masonry.

Bro. BUCHANAN, in reply, thanked the G.M. for visiting Dumbarton and installing him into office, and in installing his Depute and substitute into their office. Referring to himself and to the duties incumbent upon him, he said it was not for him to say what he was going to do; but he had the interest of Masonry at heart, and he could only adopt the motto of the Flemings of Cumbernauld and say "Let the deed show."

A pleasing feature of the proceedings was the presentation of an illuminated address in a silver casket to the retiring Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. M. Martin.

Bro. MARTIN made a most appropriate acknowledgment, and asked the brethren to extend to the new P.G.M. that cordiality and support they had bestowed upon him.

On the invitation of the P.G.M., the office bearers of the Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, representatives from daughter lodges, and a few invited guests dined together in the Elephant Hotel.

After dinner the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly acknowledged.

## GENERAL COMMITTEE OF GRAND LODGE AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence, were held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. H. Matthews, President of the Board of Benevolence, presided. Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, occupied his usual post, and Bro. C. J. R. Tjion, P.A.G.P., filled the chair of Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, who was absent. Bros. W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; G. S. Recknell, Cook, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department. The other brethren present were Bros. William Vincent, George Graveley, W. Fisher, Henry Garrod, George B. Chapman, James Boulton, S. V. Abraham, George Read, John Strachan, George Mickley, J. Mason, T. W. Whitmarsh, E. W. Nightingale, H. Sutherland, Walter Martin, Robert Gowan, James Bunker, E. C. Mulvey, F. W. Horn, H. Massey, J. Harri-

son, T. J. Mercer, J. Kilvington, George English, M. Speigel, H. W. Wybourn, Charles Smith, Henry John Kimbell, J. Barry, Fred. Mills, H. J. Gregory, S. C. Bateman, Charles H. Bestow, William Gower, Louis E. Wilson, C. J. Axford, George White, William Thomas Legg, Major H. Vane Stow, John J. Olley, John Holding, A. Davidson Kemp, R. C. Klyne, C. Harrison, Isaac Rosalke, Charles Smales, Ernest Davy, John Hills, and William Ham.

At the Board of Masters the agenda for Grand Lodge of September 1st was submitted to the brethren. At the Board of Benevolence the brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the July meeting, to the amount of £305. The new list comprised the names of 19 petitioners, who were qualified through lodges in the London District, from the Irish Constitution, St. John's, Antigua, Torquay, Brentford, Colchester, Harwich, Carlisle, North Walsham, Norwich, Cape Town, Sutton, Hawthorn (Grand Lodge of Victoria), Thornton Heath, and Bath. The total amount voted was £535. One case was recommended to Grand Lodge for £75; four petitioners were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each, seven for £30 each, and one for £25. Two immediate grants were made of £20 each, one of £10, and three of £5 each.

## The Craft Abroad.

## ANTIGUA.

The following is the address voted to the Queen on the occasion of her Jubilee by St. John's Lodge, No. 492, Antigua:

"To Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India.

"Most Gracious Sovereign,

"We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, being the Master and Wardens of the Saint John's Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 492 on the register of the United Grand Lodge of England, on behalf of ourselves and the Freemasons of Antigua, humbly present to your Majesty our hearty congratulations upon the completion of the 60th anniversary of your accession to the Crown and Throne of Great Britain and Ireland, assuring your Majesty that none of your subjects entertain towards your crown and person deeper or truer sentiments of loyalty, affection, and obedience than do the members of our Order. And we humbly pray that the Almighty Architect, who has watched over and guided your Majesty throughout the whole of your long and glorious reign, will continue to preserve you to rule over an empire which has so greatly expanded and flourished under your benign and peaceful sway.

"Dated at Antigua, West Indies, the 9th day of June, 1897.

"R. WARNEFORD, W.M.,

"R. H. KORTRIGHT DYETT, S.W.,

"G. T. GALLWEY, J.W."

[L.S.]

The members of the Avondale Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 460 (E.R.), St. John's Antigua, West Indies, voted the following:

"Whereas owing to the severe and depressing industrial crisis through which these islands are now passing, we as a community are precluded from joining in any popular demonstration, however at heart we may be in sympathy therewith, on this occasion of the 60th anniversary of the accession of our Most Gracious and beloved Queen; under whose peaceful and benignant rule Freemasonry has throughout her mighty realm flourished;

"Re it resolved that his Royal Highness, the Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, be humbly approached by the Worshipful Master, officers, and members of this the Avondale Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 460 (E.R.), asking him to present to our Most Gracious Queen the hearty felicitations of the lodge on this auspicious event in the nation's history, and to assure her Majesty of the loyalty, integrity, and fidelity the Freemasons in Antigua cherish towards her crown and person, which actuate them always in prayer that her life and rule may in the wisdom of the Great Architect of the Universe be prolonged for many years.

"Passed the lodge with acclamation the 12th

"day of March, 1897.

"[L.S.] R. H. KORTRIGHT DYETT, W.M.

"P. J. O'LEARY BRADBURY, Secretary.

"Moved by Bro. J. T. TRIBOU.

"Seconded by Bro. R. A. L. WARNEFORD.

## Craft Masonry.

## Duke of Edinburgh, No. 1182.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, when there was an attendance of more than 100 brethren, several of the visitors being brethren of distinction. Amongst the chief of these were Bro. Edward Terry, Past G. Treas. of England, whose presence was warmly welcomed; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Prov., G. Sec. West Lancashire; S. B. Fraser, P.G.S. of W.; T. J. Jarman, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Savage, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Scott, P.G.S.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. B. Sweetman, P.P.G.D.; C. Fothergill, P.P.G.D.; J. R. Bottomley, P.P.G.D.C.; and S. Jones, P.P.G.D. Cheshire. The chair at the commencement of the proceedings was occupied by Bro. Thomas Holme, the retiring W.M., and subsequently Bro. Andrew Morris, P.M., efficiently installed Bro. H. B. Wright as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested: Bros. Thomas Holme, I.P.M.; R. Wright, S.W.; Isaac Grace, jun., J.W.; John Edwards, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); David Robertson, Sec.; Richard Johnson, S.D.; Walter Allison, J.D.; J. Starkey, I.G.; T. Burrows, P.M.; J. C. Bowman, and M. G. Grace, Stwds.; and F. Du Chemin, Tyler. Bros. Richard Tunnicliffe, P.M., D.C., and J. Edwards, P.M., were again elected Charity Representative. In the course of the proceedings Bro. Thomas Holme, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his valuable services.

The banquet was provided by Bro. J. Casey, and in the course of the evening a musical programme of excellence was given by Bros. G. Green, J. Lane, F. E. Marry, E. Clayton, E. Edwards, S. Kirkham, W. Lewis, Griffiths and E. Pugh (accompanist).

## Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278,

The regular meeting was held on Saturday, the 14th instant, at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne. The brethren present were Bros. J. Gravatt, W.M.; R. W. Nicole, P.M., as I.P.M.; F. H. Johnson, as S.W.; C. C. Renaud, J.W.; J. F. Bell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. G. Cobb, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. N. Benningfield, S.D.; A. A. Kelly, as J.D.; F. Page, W.M. 1613, I.G.; T. Williams, Tyler; J. E. Little, R. D. R. Palmer-Palmer, G. H. Redding, A. Franklin, A. C. Little, and H. R. Bower. Visitors: Bros. G. Redding, P.M. 91; G. Taylor, 1541; and W. W. Hood, 4 (S.C.).

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read, Bro. G. H. Redding was passed to the Second Degree. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and a brother as a joining member. This completed the business of the day, and, having received "Hearty good wishes," the W.M. closed the lodge.

The brethren then dispersed, some to watch a cricket match in progress in a field adjoining the gardens, others for walks in the neighbourhood or a row on the river. Re-assembling later, they sat down to a very enjoyable repast, which had been provided for them by the new host, Bro. Broughton, 901.

This was followed by one of the excellent musical entertainments, which are a feature at the meetings of this lodge. Bros. A. C. Little, Taylor, Benningfield, Johnson, Bower, Renaud, Redding, and Hood took part in it, and were ably accompanied by Bro. Arthur Kelly.

## MASONRY'S INFLUENCE.

ALBERT G. BRICE, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN LOUISIANA.

The lesson of brotherhood and dependence comes to us with force; no man can live solely for himself: each individual is an integral part of the community in which he resides; as the influence of the family widens, it touches others more remote, and finally reaches the precincts of the state, the nation. The pulsations of joy and of gladness, or of sorrow and distress, that throb through one class of people, will vibrate throughout the entire social circuit of human hearts until every part of the great body of the nation shall feel the sensations that gladden or the bitterness that brings despair.

The Masonic Order is made up of these units of society, and as, by reason of man's social nature, "he touches some above and some below," so the Mason must bear his portion of the burden of distress that overtakes the community, the state, the nation, as he shares in their happiness and prosperity.

In the hour of adversity how beautiful is Masonry! Through all the clouds of uncertainty and gloom it shines with a brighter effulgence. In its ancient landmarks the Mason sees the foundations which form the supports of social life and give to it its durability, while the principles of Masonry unfold to him the philosophy of life itself. As the arts, the sciences, and mechanics have widened their boundaries, he obtains a clearer view of nature and of her manifestations; as morals and religion have grown, and are growing, to fit more naturally the social and spiritual needs of humanity, so is made visible to him the beautiful philosophy of Masonry that has always kept pace with man's diviner needs and with his moral and intellectual growth—has unfolded for his deeper insight the simple but sublime truths that teach practical lessons more in consonance with the demands of the present and the growing needs of the future.

The progress that has been made in the last half century in art, in science, in mechanics, in inventions, in reforms, has been so grand, so far reaching as to border on the marvellous. In the early part of this century intercourse was very restricted between communities, however contiguous. Knowledge travelled slowly, and, consequently, changes in modes of thought and action, were correspondingly slow. To-day, communication between the peoples of the earth travels with the speed of the lightning. A discovery in science, in art or in mechanics, made in one part of the globe, is heralded the following morning in every other part.

But in all this material improvement it must not be overlooked that a great moral force has been no less a factor in the progressive steps towards a higher civilisation. This is the field wherein the Mason labours and where his real work is performed.

Man must be prepared for receiving and accepting the progress made in morals and in religion—where can he be better prepared than in the lodge room? Each step there taken is in the line of the purest morals. It is conceded every Mason does not attain to true moral excellence; but it must be admitted by every unprejudiced mind that Masonry teaches love to God and love to man; that discord is evil; that every act that disturbs or mars the happiness of the family or the community is injurious to man's peace, the peace of the home, the peace of the neighbour.

The moral lessons taught in the lodge room reach the home, the community, and inspire the heart to better things. As is elevated the moral standard of the community, so is elevated the moral standard of the state and that of the nation. So far as the Mason accepts and practices these moral lessons, and in so far as he unites with others in putting into practice the highest obligations of duty, just so far is he adapted to more advanced stages of civilisation.

When these moral influences dominate, as they do in the lodge, differences among men are adjusted promptly and peacefully. The influence at work in the lodge to induce Masons to harmonise differences reaches his neighbour, the community, the state—why not the nation?

One of the most significant proofs of the power of this moral influence has but recently transpired in the agreement by the two foremost nations of the globe to submit to arbitration for the next five years all questions of difference that may arise between them. This is the beginning of a far-reaching influence, the benefits of which no man living can measure.

This is Masonry put into practice; a great step taken in the direction of a grander civilisation than ever before appeared to bless the human race. A million of Masons, teaching by precept and example, brotherly love, relief, truth, fortitude, prudence, temperance, justice, can put into motion forces that will elevate the moral standard of the nations of the earth and impel them to practice, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

On his first entrance into a lodge, the Mason is taught to put his trust in God, and to rise and walk, fearing no danger. Every step he travels he may learn more of the Divine; as he walks forth into nature's field, everywhere is manifested a harmonious activity—what guides the stars in their pathway, what forms the raindrop—however far he wanders in his researches after knowledge, he sees the manifestations of power, and the very first lesson taught in the lodge—"put your trust in God"—is visible and ever present. Here his faith builds itself on a rock. Also, in the lodge he is surrounded by influences that buoy up the heart, revive hope, and give to him the assurance of the brotherhood of man. With this faith each day he goes forth to the battle of life without fear of failure, even though the clouds of adversity hide the face of the sun for a time.—*Voice of Masonry.*

## Obituary.

BRO. JAMES VERY.

The remains of Bro. James Very, one of the oldest and best known Tylers in London, who died last week after a long and painful affliction, were laid to rest on Monday, in Tottenham Cemetery. Bro. Very had been a member of the High Cross Lodge for 27 years, and until about 18 months ago, when illness compelled cessation from active labour, he was associated as Tyler with the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, and several other lodges, in each of which he had gained the confidence and esteem of the brethren. Always diligent and prompt in the discharge of Masonic work, he had a kind and genial side which singularly fitted him for the office of Tyler, and at many a festive board his story of "Three Flies" will always be associated with his name. When a painful malady struck him down, much practical sympathy was evinced for Bro. Very, and at the last election he secured the solace of the Benevolent Institution. His old friend, Bro. J. Linzell, Sec. of the High Cross Lodge, was mainly instrumental in carrying the case to a successful result, the Gallery Lodge contributing a large number of votes, which Bro. Alfred F. Robbins, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, obtained from Bro. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas., and others. But everyone saw that the deserving applicant was not destined long to enjoy the charity which he sought, and Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, generously offered to obtain a sufficient income to maintain Bro. Very during the rest of his life. The latter, however, preferred to count upon the aid of the Benevolent Institution, and this he had enjoyed for only a very brief period when he was called to the majority. His funeral was attended by Bros. J. Linzell, P.M. and Sec., J. Garrod, P.M. and Treas., Rowe, P.M., Barlow Smith, and other members of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754; J. H. Thompson, P.M. and Sec. 1707; J. Driscoll, P.M., and J. Roach, P.M. 1579; G. Richards and S. Parsons, P.M. 1237; R. Howlett, 1327; O. Von Holtorp, P.M. 1879; W. T. Perkins, P.M. and Sec. 1928; as also by many neighbours and friends.

BRO. A. MOON.

The remains of the late Bro. Arthur Moon, an assistant master at the Granby Boys' Board School, Ilkeston, were interred on Wednesday, the 11th instant, in the Park Cemetery, Ilkeston. The deceased brother had been spending a holiday with his wife and some friends at Skegness, and was intending to return home on Monday, the 9th instant. On Monday afternoon, he was bathing in the sea at Chapel, near Skegness, when he was observed to be in difficulty. No time was lost in rescuing him, but, in spite of every exertion, respiration could not be restored. At the inquest, held at Chapel, the following afternoon, a verdict of "Accidentally drowned" was returned. The deceased was a highly-respected member of the Rutland Lodge, No. 1179, Ilkeston, in which he had held sundry offices, and also a member of the Ilkeston Mark Lodge, No. 373, and the funeral was attended by a large number of the brethren.

BRO. THOS. WM. GAY, P.M. 1901, J. Elect 1901.

This somewhat sudden event took place at Margate on the 7th instant, whither our esteemed brother had gone for a change to enjoy for a while his well-earned pension from the India Office, having been for many years a Supervisor of Stamps in Messrs. De la Rue and Company. He had been suffering from locomotor ataxy for some time, and had improved slightly to allow of his leaving town, but his period of rest from business was not for long, for the day after his arrival at Margate he passed peacefully away. His had been a successful Masonic career, being a firm supporter of the Charities, a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Life Subscriber of the Boys' Institution. His interment took place at Forest Hill Cemetery on Thursday, the 12th inst., the chief mourners being his two sons and two brothers and Mr. Richardson (representing the firm) and Mr. Gates (the Colonial Office), also a large number of brethren and friends, among whom were Bros. F. E. Pow, W.M. 1901; J. M. Wimple, P.M. 1901; John Lightfoot, P.M. 1901; C. H. Stone, P.M. 507; Stevenson, S.W. 1901; Ford, J.W. 1901; Wm. Beecroft, P.M. 1158; Hy. Hayward, 1901; Hy. Cornford, J.W. 1922; Frampton, 1901; Cutts, 1901; E. Pownall, 1963; Rowan; Major Thornhill, P.M. 1369; Frost, 1901; Allan Winch, Maybaun, W. J. Ansell, Flower, H. Peirce, T. Smith, W. Cheese, Wallace, J. R. Omer, P.M.; Marsh, P.M.; Stroschneider, C. J. Ellis, T. Roughton, and Dr. Adams. The Conservative Association was represented by Messrs. Berridge, Dyer, and Ferguson, and also Sergt.-Maj. Wetherell, P.A. 451 A.O.D., and Mr. Bird. The floral tributes were most profuse and completely covered the massive polished coffin surmounted with brass fittings. The following were among the principal Mrs. Gay, and sorrowing family, Bro. Sir J. Blundell Myle, Bro. Major and Mrs. Thornhill, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gabbotts, Bro. Dr. R. Weddall Thomas, Thos. De la Rue and Company, Bro. F. E. Pow and Mrs. Pow, Bro. T. Smith and Mrs. Smith, Miss Edith Lovegrove, and Miss Merry, Constitutional Club, East Dulwich, Selwyn Lodge, 1901, and the Selwyn Chapter, 1901, the two last being much admired.

## Lodge of Instruction.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Weavers' Arms, 17, London Wall, when there were present Bros. Saunton, P.M., W.M.; William Baker, S.W.; E. Collins, J.W.; Thomas, P.M., Treas. and J.D.; H. T. Meadows, P.M. Sec.; Brown, S.D.; G. J. Kinipple, I.G.; J. Greig, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; Emden, P.M.; J. Smith, P.M.; Stephenson, and Wynman.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Stephenson answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Stephenson raised to the Degree of M.M., Bro. Saunton working the ceremony in a very able manner, afterwards giving the charge in this Degree. The W.M. then resumed the lodge in the First Degree, and Bro. William Baker being unanimously elected W.M. for next Wednesday week, the 25th being officers' night of the mother lodge, the lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned.

## Secret Monitor.

Royal Sussex Conclave, No. 10.

A meeting of the above conclave was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, the 14th instant. Present: Bros. A. Upton, G. Std. Br., S.R.; Jno. Mennich Mennich, G.; W. J. Spratling, G.R., acting V.D.; T. Ryder, V.D.; Isworth, D.C.; Henry H. Hughes, Sentinel; E. Mitchell, I.P.S.R.; G. T. W. Mugliston, M.D., P.S.R.; H. Pearce, M.D., P.S.R.; and Fred. S. Perry.

The conclave having been opened, the minutes of the regular meeting were read, The reports of Grand Stewards and Visiting Deacons were received. Bro. Fred S. Perry was passed. It was decided to record on the minutes the great honour done to the conclave by Grand Council in making Bro. Upton, S.R., G. Std. Br. The conclave was then closed.



## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE DUTIES of the Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622, will be resumed at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Thursday, the 2nd prox., under the esteemed and worthy Preceptor, Bro. David Rose, P.M. 73.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF ST. ALBANS, after a stay for some days at Ostend, have left on board their yacht for Norway. We are glad to hear that his grace has almost entirely recovered from his recent severe illness.

THE GALLERIES of Westminster House were, by permission of the Duke of Westminster, thrown open on Sunday last to the members of the National Sunday League and their friends, the number of those who were admitted being 1663.

AT THE REGULAR meeting of the Eldon Lodge, No. 1755, held at Portishead, on Saturday last, Bro. Thomas Turner, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and the installation takes place on the second Saturday in September.

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to present Madame Albani, who sang twice during the Jubilee festivities, with autograph portraits of herself, one being the latest photograph taken, while the other was done in the year of her Majesty's accession.

THE KING OF SIAM spent the afternoon of Saturday last in inspecting the wonders of Madame Tussaud's Exhibition. His Majesty was greatly struck with what he saw, and seemed impressed with the idea of establishing a similar institution in Siam.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, with her children, left Esher on Monday evening for Birkhall, Deeside, where their Royal Highnesses are expected to remain for two months. The Duke and Duchess of Teck intend spending several weeks at Belford Hall, Northumberland.

BRO. THE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF TWEEDDALE have been entertaining a large party of guests at Yester, among them being Lord Wimborne and the Hon. E. Guest, the Earl of Kinnoull, the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, and Mr. and Mrs. Cazalet.

THERE WAS an unfortunate error in the concluding paragraph of our report of the recent Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We said "Benevolent grants during the year amounted to £132;" we should have said "Benevolent grants during the quarter amounted to £132."

MADAME NORDICA, who has been dangerously ill, has so far recovered as to be enabled to leave London on Tuesday for Paris, whence she will continue her journey to Kruizneth. Here, it is hoped, that she will recover her health rapidly, and be able to undertake her projected tour in America under the direction of Bro. Col. Mapleson.

THE DEATH-RATE in London has again risen from 25.7 to 26.2 per 1000 last week, this being 3.8 above the mean average in the corresponding period for the last 10 years. This excessive mortality is due in great measure to the increase in the number of deaths among young children due to their eating unripe fruit and the poisonous stuffs sold at street corners.

THE DIRECTORS of Maple and Company, Limited, have declared an interim dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, payable 1st of September, on the Ordinary Shares for the half-year ending 30th June, 1897. The Transfer Books will accordingly be closed for Ordinary Shares from the 20th to the 31st instant, both dates, inclusive.

OWING TO THE disquieting news received from the north-west frontier of India, the government has given orders for the concentration of a large force at Rawal Pindi and Peshawar, the number of troops thus massed together being 25,000. Brig.-Gen. Westmacott and Brig.-Gen. Bro. Yeatman-Biggs have been severally appointed to command the two reserve brigades at Rawal Pindi.

THE AUTUMN military manoeuvres in Ireland concluded on Saturday last, when the regiments engaged marched into the Phoenix Park, where they are encamped. Bro. Lord Roberts has expressed his satisfaction at the manner in which they conducted themselves, and has also thanked the commanders of the two forces—Major-Generals Viscount Frankfort and Boyce-Combe—for the able manner in which they carried out the duties entrusted to them.

HER MAJESTY'S first-class cruiser Galatea, Capt. Count Frederick C. Metaxa, which was under orders to escort the Duke and Duchess of York on their approaching visit to Ireland, met with an accident on Saturday morning last to her air-pump which disabled her starboard engine, and had to return to Sheerness to have it repaired. In the event of the Galatea being unable to leave in time to carry out the engagement, her place will be taken by the Colossus.

THE DUKE OF YORK was presented by Capt. H. Bate, Aide-de-Camp to Sir Wilfred Laurier, the Canadian Premier, with a bound volume of the Canadian Jubilee Stamp issue. The book is entirely the production of native workmen, and is suitably inscribed with the names of the leading government officials. In the evening, in company with the Duchess, his Royal Highness visited Terry's Theatre and witnessed the performance of "The French Maid."

GREAT REJOICINGS took place at Knebworth, Herts, on Saturday last, in honour of the coming of age of the Earl of Lytton. A short service was held in the church, and then the tenantry and many other guests were entertained at luncheon in the park, the chair being taken by Bro. Gerald Balfour, M.P., Chief Secretary for Ireland, who is Lord Lytton's brother-in-law. Among the principal guests were Sir Herbert Spencer, Viscount Cranbourne, the Earl of Clarendon, Bro. Baron Dimsdale, Lady Blomfield, and others. Later in the day the villagers were entertained.

DURING the visit recently made by the Queen to Carisbrooke an amusing incident occurred while her Majesty was driving through Newport. A peripatetic entertainment, which included a stilt-walker, was in progress, and had attracted a large crowd of spectators in the Cattle Market. As the Queen's carriage drew near the spectators fell back and waved their hats and handkerchiefs, but the stilt-walker remained on his lofty perch, and leaning against the wall of the Isle of Wight County Club and doffing his cap, joined heartily in the general demonstrations of loyalty.

THE ROYAL IRISH FUSILIERS, under their commanding officer, Colonel Reeves, attended divine service on Sunday last at the Mausoleum erected by the Empress Eugénie to her husband and son, the late Napoleon III. and the Prince Imperial, at Farnborough, the Empress, attended by M. Pictri, her private secretary, and Madame Le Breton, and accompanied by the Prince and Princess Murat, being likewise present. Her Majesty, on leaving at the conclusion of the service, expressed a wish that Colonel Reeves should be presented to her, and thanked that officer for the attendance of his regiment.

AN INTERESTING PRESENTATION was recently made to the veteran musician—Bro. William Maby, of Bristol—who has lately completed his 83rd birthday. The gift consisted of an enlarged photograph of the 1897 group of old friends who annually meet on the 24th May, in honour of the veteran's birthday. Bro. Maby, the only survivor of those who joined the Gloucestershire Yeomanry on its formation, was honoured with an introduction to the Prince of Wales when his Royal Highness was recently inspecting the corps at Cheltenham. Our respected brother, who is connected with Craft Lodges Nos. 68 and 1755, as well as associated with the High Grades, is one of the oldest Freemasons in the West of England.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF BRITISH ART, or—as it is more commonly known—the Tate Gallery, which occupies the structure erected on the site of what used to be Millbank Prison, and was opened by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales some few weeks ago, was for the first time thrown open to the public on Monday. Mr. Tate, in addition to providing the building, made a donation of 65 pictures, which are hung in one room, two other rooms being set aside for the pictures purchased under the Chantry bequest. In addition, there are 18 specimens from the Watt Collection, while 96 of the best examples of the British School during the past 40 years have been transferred from the National Gallery. Thus the collection is a fine one, and as soon as the surroundings of the Gallery, which are at present in a chaotic condition, have been put straight, it will prove a great attraction to the general public.

THE BAND of the Grenadier Guards has been ordered to play in the Green Park on Sunday evening, and that of the Coldstream Guards in Hyde Park.

THE PRINCESS VICTORIA OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN presented the medallions and certificates to the successful Isle of Wight ambulance students at Carisbrooke Castle on the 19th inst.

THE CHARTER for the constitution of a lodge, to be called St. Roman's, No. 856, has been received from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and it is expected the lodge will be opened next month.

THE DUTIES of the Blackheath Lodge of Instruction, No. 1320, will be resumed at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, on Monday, the 6th prox., under the able Preceptorship of Bro. William Dawson, P.M. 688.

WE ARE GLAD to hear that Bro. Lord Henniker, who has been for a long time absent from his post through illness, has so far recovered as to be able to return to the Isle of Man and resume his duties as Lieutenant-Governor.

AN EXTRAORDINARY general meeting of the Gigantic Wheel and Recreation Towers Company, Limited, was held at Winchester House on the 19th instant. The gross receipts up to date were £10,960, and the expenditure £5242. A dividend of 7½ per cent. was declared.

THE KING OF SIAM, accompanied by his sons and nephews and attended by his suite, travelled from Taplow to Paddington on Thursday afternoon, and drove thence to the Siamese Legation, South Kensington, where he stays till to-morrow (Saturday), when he will leave Charing Cross for Germany.

THE WEEKLY convocations of the Star Chapter of Instruction, will be resumed on Friday, the 3rd prox., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E. R.A. companions will be most cordially welcomed and ably assisted by the esteemed Preceptor Comp. Thos. Grumman, P.Z. and S.E. 1275.

SIR JOHN MOWBRAY, M.P., and Lady Mowbray celebrated on the 19th instant their golden wedding. This is the third golden wedding in succession which has been celebrated in Sir John's family during three generations. His two predecessors extended in one case over 59 years and the other over 57 years.

THE ILLNESS from which Mr. George Palmer, J.P., head of the famous biscuit firm of Huntley and Palmer, had been suffering for some time past has had a fatal ending. The sufferer passed away on the 19th inst., and his death leaves a gap in the social and political life of the town of Reading, with which his name has been for so many years associated.

VISCOUNTESS RAINCLIFFE, accompanied by her two little children, opened a bazaar last week, at Scarborough, in aid of the fund which is being raised for the restoration of the parish church of Thwing, which is on the Yorkshire estates of Bro. the Earl of Londesborough. Bro. Viscount Raincliffe, in a brief speech, expressed a hope that funds enough might be raised to restore the church property.

NEXT WEEK Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach Bart., M.P. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), and Lady and Miss Hicks-Beach will be the guests of the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, at Seabrow Hall, and the Right Hon. Baronet is expected to attend the North East Durham Agricultural Society's Show, which will be held in Lord Londonderry's grounds, on Wednesday, the 25th inst.

THE FURNACE ABBEY HOTEL, which stands within the shadow of the ruins, and is in the heart of the lake district, has just been taken over by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. The hotel has been re-decorated and re-furnished, and more nearly resembles a private mansion than the ordinary hotel. All the rooms have been booked for the annual Lancashire Agricultural Show, commencing on the 19th inst., and several balls, arranged by residents in the neighbourhood, will take place in the winter.

BRO. J. J. BRAZIER has received the following letter from Sir Francis Knollys private secretary to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.: "Royal Yacht Osborne, Cowes, 5th August, 1897. Sir,—I have submitted your letter to the Prince of Wales, and I am desired by his Royal Highness to thank you in reply for the copy of an address on 'Freemasonry during the Queen's reign,' which you have been so good as to transmit for his acceptance.—Your obedient servant, Francis Knollys."

THE R.W. BRO. SIR G. B. WOLSELEY, District G.M. of the Punjab, having intimated his intention of inspecting Stewart Lodge, No. 1960, on the 28th August, at the Osiris Hall, Muree, India, and, doubtless, all the members will do their utmost to be present on that day. The lodge is in a very flourishing condition, financially, numerically, and Masonically; possibly never more so than now; so that the District Grand Master (who is one of its three honorary members), is sure to have the pleasure of commending the zeal and efficiency of the lodge, as his predecessors have done.

AS THE RESULT of the appeal sent out by the Augustus Harris Memorial Committee, of which the Prince of Wales is a patron, a sum of £2300 has been received. Of this sum £1000 has been voted to Charing Cross Hospital for the purpose of founding an Augustus Harris bed for members of the dramatic and musical professions requiring medical assistance. A further amount of £1000 had been devoted to the erection of a drinking fountain which is now being put up in Catherine-street at the north corner of Drury Lane Theatre. When completed it will be about 30 feet in height, and in an arched recess will be a bust of the late Bro. Sir A. Harris by Mr. T. Brock, R.A. It is expected that the ceremony of unveiling the fountain will take place early next month.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES the Duke and Duchess of York opened the Textile Exhibition of Irish Manufactures at the Royal University Buildings, Dublin, on Thursday. They were received by their Excellencies the Lord Lieutenant, the Countess Cadogan, the Recorder of Dublin, and a distinguished gathering of citizens. An address of welcome was read by the Recorder, to which the Duke felicitously responded. Subsequently the Royal Party visited the summer exhibition of the Royal Horticultural Society. Throughout the day and wherever they appeared their Royal Highnesses were most warmly received, and in some instances enthusiastically cheered. After the arrival on Wednesday evening at the Viceregal Lodge the Duchess of York spent upwards of an hour in cycling in Phoenix Park.

OWING TO THE great success of the specially selected company engaged to play in America the musical comedy "In Town," and which Mr. Brickwell had engaged to give 12 special performances at the Garrick Theatre, commencing on Monday evening, the 9th instant, it was found necessary, owing to the heavy advance bookings, to try and extend the run, and, thanks to certain cablegrams to and from New York, the engagement has now been extended until Friday evening, the 27th instant, when the farewell performance will take place. Immediately after its withdrawal, Offenbach's "La Perichole" will be produced on a scale of great splendour. Rehearsals are now in full progress, and among the company already engaged may be mentioned Messrs. John Le Hay, Fred Kaye, Richard Clarke, Wilfred Howard, T. Riley, H. Paulton, Misses Emma Owen, Jose Shalders, P. Fraser, Maud Boyd, Edith Johnston, and Florence St. John, who will be assisted by a powerful orchestra and chorus.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK, attended by Lady Eva Dugdale, Sir Nigel Kingscote, Captain Fielden, and the Hon. Derek Keppel, left Holyhead for Ireland on Tuesday night, arriving at about 9 a.m. the following morning, after a quiet passage of about five hours. The scene in Dublin on their arrival was brilliant, but the Royal visitors did not land till noon, when they were received by the Chairman and directors of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway, by whom they were conducted to the train in waiting for them. On reaching the station in Westland-row, Dublin, they were met by Field-Marshal Bro. Lord Roberts, Commanding the Forces, and his staff, a guard of honour being furnished by the West Yorkshire Regiment. A procession was then formed, and, traversing sundry of the principal thoroughfares, of the Irish citadel, wended its way to the Castle, where the Lord Lieutenant and the Countess Cadogan, attended by the members and officers of the Viceregal were in waiting to receive them. After an interval of some 45 minutes, the Duke and Duchess left for the Viceregal Lodge, whither they had been preceded by the Lord Lieutenant and Countess Cadogan. Among the guests invited to meet their Royal Highnesses were Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Princess Henry of Pless, the Portuguese Minister, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, Marquis and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, the Earl of Coventry, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran, the Earl of Enniskillen, the Earl of Kilmorey, Bro. Gerald Balfour, M.P., Mr. Henry Chaplin, M.P., and Colonel Sanderson, M.P. The reception which their Royal Highnesses met with was most enthusiastic, while Dublin, with its flags and banners and devices of welcome, put on quite a gala appearance. The sun shone brightly during the procession from the station to the Castle, but at other times some very heavy rain fell.