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## FREEMASONRY IN THE TRANSVAAL.

It is marvellous how Freemasonry in the Transvaal has prospered during the past few years. The senior lodge on the roll of its District Grand Lodge—the Transvaal, No. 1747, Pretoria—has not yet been in existence a score of years, having been warranted as recently as 1878, while the next in order of seniority—the Johannesburg, No. 2313; the El Dorado, No. 2314, Zeerust; and the Royal Albert, No. 2315, Klerksdorp—date from the year 1889. Since then 11 other lodges, located in various towns, have been warranted by his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, so that when the Grand Lodge Calendar for the current year was published in December last, there were no less than 15 lodges in the South African Republic, holding under the English Constitution, to say nothing of the Scotch, Irish, Dutch, and American, which have likewise been established there, and which, as far as our information goes, are in a more or less highly prosperous state. In 1895 the English lodges were constituted as a District Grand Lodge, and placed under the administration of Bro. GEORGE RICHARDS as the first District Grand Master, nor can there be the slightest doubt that he has most ably fulfilled the duties of his office. The lodges, too, and their members appear to be thoroughly imbued with the true Masonic spirit and do their appointed work with a zeal and energy of which those of older standing and greater experience would have no cause to be ashamed. But the most recent events that have taken place in this District, and which, we rejoice to say, will be found chronicled in another part of our present issue, appear to us to have been carried out, at least as regards one of them, on a scale of magnitude to which even the Masonic body, with all its brilliant achievements in the cause of Charity, is unaccustomed. It is but the other day that a scheme for the establishment of a Transvaal Masonic Educational Institution was projected, the directing spirit of the movement being Bro. JOSEPH DA SILVA, Dist. G. Secretary under the English Constitution, and on the 28th April the Inaugural Festival was held at Freemasons' Hall, Johannesburg, the chair being occupied, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. RICHARDS, District Grand Master, by Bro. H. F. E. PISTORIUS, Deputy District Grand Master. The proceedings were of the usual character, the only regret felt by those present at the meeting being that Bro. DA SILVA, who not only, as we have said, initiated the movement, but likewise used his utmost efforts to promote the success of the scheme, was prevented by a severe domestic bereavement from attending. In the

course of the evening a total of donations and subscriptions amounting to upwards of £10,000 was announced, this sum being made up of the Stewards' lists, which totalled up £6418 and the value of a plot of land given by Bro. G. SALMON, estimated at £7000, but returned, to be on the safe side, at £4000. Of the former sum £2553 was contributed by the lodges of the English, Irish, and Dutch Constitutions, and two English lodges of instruction, while District Grand Lodge gave £105 and individual brethren and their friends £3760. Shortly after the announcement, which we need hardly say was received with every possible demonstration of enthusiasm, the Subs. District Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution stated that the Scottish lodges had resolved on supporting the scheme, and Bro. RIDEAL declared that its lodges would endeavour to raise a further £10,000, but might certainly be depended on to contribute £5000, towards which he intended to subscribe 400 guineas for himself and 100 guineas for his wife. Thus the result of the Inaugural Festival in behalf of the Transvaal Masonic Educational Institution must be set down at certainly not less than £15,000, paid and promised, nor from the fact that within the brief space of three hours the sum of £75,000 was subscribed towards the relief of the sufferers by the terrible dynamite explosion, which occurred some time ago in the Transvaal, is there the smallest reason to doubt that the £15,000 raised and promised at this Festival will be increased to any extent in reason that may be found necessary or desirable.

We also publish elsewhere the address voted to her Majesty the Queen on the completion of the 60th year of her reign by the District Grand Lodge, and bearing the signatures of brethren of all the different Constitutions—Dutch, and American, as well as English, Irish, and Scottish—which are represented in the Transvaal, together with certain letters relating to the said address which have passed between the District Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. The District Grand Master's letter is interesting from the evidence it furnishes of this harmony existing among the lodges of the several Constitutions in the South African Republic, while that of the Grand Secretary will also be read with pleasure, from the fact that it contains the heartfelt expression of satisfaction by his Royal Highness the M.W.G. Master of England, at the existence of the harmony, and of a hope that it may continue, and be attended with even more beneficial consequences to the whole of the community in the Transvaal.

We have also received a report of the proceeding at the Third Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge (E.C.) of the Transvaal, but this we find it desirable to hold over till next week.

## THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

Of the 50 Grand Lodges meeting in the United States, that of New York is one of the oldest and most influential, while, numerically, it is far and away the strongest of them all. For this reason it is that we note with pleasure the firmness with which it opposes those numerous innovations which find favour in the younger, less well-informed, and more ambitious jurisdictions which flourish under the protection of the Stars and Stripes. Time was when anything in the nature of even the slightest infraction of the original scheme of Freemasonry was regarded in North America, as in England, as rank heresy. Then "the scheme, the whole scheme, and nothing but the scheme," was

the *mot d'ordre* among the Grand Lodges in the United States. But latterly there has been exhibited by some of them a desire for change. Hence the readiness with which such new-fangled ideas in support of public installations, reimbursement of charitable gifts, and so forth, are received in many quarters. Fortunately for the Craft, such jurisdictions as those of New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and others that might be named, are as steadfast as ever in adherence to the principles and practice of Masonry as they received it during the 18th century from this country, and while this is the case, there is, as we have remarked on many previous occasions, no need for anyone to be alarmed about the preservation of the genuine tenets and principles of the Craft.

We gather from the *Voice of Masonry* for last month that the 116th annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in New York on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd June, under the presidency of Bro. JOHN STEWART, M.W.G. Master. Nothing, however, appears to have taken place at the meeting itself which deserves to be recorded beyond this, that Bro. JOSEPH J. LITTLE, who represents the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge, was requested to send the following telegram to the M.W.G. Master of our Grand Lodge: "As your representative near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, it being now in annual session, it gives me great pleasure by its direction and on its behalf to transmit to you, and through you to your august mother, its congratulations upon the unparalleled event about to be celebrated in her honour. That the blessings attendant upon the past 60 years of her reign may be but the prelude to the continuation of many times 60 years of joy and prosperity to her people is the wish of the great Masonic Fraternity throughout the State of New York." Such a message as this cannot fail to have given unbounded pleasure both to his Royal Highness, our Grand Master, and our Gracious Sovereign, while the whole body of English Freemasons will appreciate the tribute of respect thus rendered to our QUEEN by a body of men, which, though united to us English Masons by the bonds of brotherhood and to the whole English people by ties of kinship, is nevertheless a constituent part of a foreign State. But if the Grand Lodge proceedings themselves, so far as they are summarised in the pages of our contemporary, contain nothing else that calls for any comment from us, the report on correspondence, as framed by Bros. JESSE B. ANTHONY and ERNEST RINGER furnishes ample testimony of the steadfast adherence of New York to the principles of Freemasonry, several cases being cited to which we think it well to call attention. As regards the first of these cases, in which Bro. ANTHONY states that he knows of no reason why either of the Wardens, in the absence of the Master, should not confer the Degrees of Freemasonry, we demur to this opinion for the best of all reasons, because our law forbids the practice—see Article 141, Book of Constitutions, in which it is laid down that "when a Warden rules the lodge he shall not occupy the Master's chair, nor can initiations take place or Degrees be conferred unless the chair be occupied by a brother who is a Master or Past Master in the Craft." But this provision was not inserted in our laws until 1884, and the late Dr. OLIVER, writing many years previous to that date, in treating of this very subject of a Warden conferring Degrees, declares in his work on "Masonic Jurisprudence," that the arguments in favour of and against the practice are so evenly balanced that he does not feel himself competent to express an opinion one way or the other, considering it the duty of Grand Lodge to make an authoritative declaration on the subject, and this we know to have been done in the 1884 edition of our Constitutions. Moreover, Dr. OLIVER quotes the late Bro. W. H. WHITE—"the late Grand Secretary (no mean authority on questions of Masonic Jurisdiction)"—as being in favour of Wardens conferring Degrees, and adduces the Ancient Charges and some American authorities in support of the fact "that the Warden in the absence of the Master, is fully competent to perform every magisterial act, because he is not merely the representative, but absolutely and *bond fide*, for the time being, the Master of the lodge." But if we cannot agree with Bro. ANTHONY as to the powers of a Warden, for which, however, there is the justification set forth in Dr. OLIVER'S "Masonic Jurisprudence," we sympathise with him

when he lays it down that "a Grand Lodge should not have supervision over any Masonic Life Assurance Association or give it any endorsement." So, too, as regards "Masonic Mutual Benefit Societies," we fully agree with him that "it is a mistake for a Grand Lodge to have anything to do with a business enterprise of this nature." We likewise endorse what he says as to the substitution of a Book of Constitutions for the volume of the Sacred Law in Mexican Masonry, but more especially are we in accord with him on the subject of the absurd proposal of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin on the subject of Masonic Relief. "The principle of the proposition—reimbursement—we regard as contrary to the spirit which underlies the Charities of the Craft." But we need not concern ourselves overmuch about this notion which Wisconsin is desirous of introducing. Pretty well all the American Grand Lodges with whose proceedings and opinions we have any acquaintance are making a dead set against it, nor will it be long, in our opinion, before the proposal passes out of existence, by reason of its own inherent absurdity.

It remains for us to add that while, according to the statistics quoted by the *Voice*, there are in North America 57 Grand Lodges, with 12,045 private lodges, and an aggregate of subscribing members numbering 799,885, the Grand Lodge of New York has under its banner as many as 93,271, or rather more than one-eighth part of the total number, the number of private lodges being about 800, more or less.

#### UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided; Chief Justice Way, Grand Master of South Australia, acted as Deputy G. Master; and Bro. G. Richards, Dist. G.M. of Transvaal, acted as Past Grand Master. The Earl of Portarlington, S.G.W., occupied the S.G.W.'s chair; and Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.W., acted as J.G.W.; Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., was G.D.C.

Among other brethren present were—

Bros. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; R. Loveland Loveland, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; John Strachan, Q.C., P.D.G. Reg.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Lake, A.G. Sec.; A. Kupferschmidt, G. Sec. for German Correspondence; S. Cochrane, P.G.T.; Richard Eve, P.G.T.; George Everett, P.G.T.; Alderman Vaughan Morgan, G.T.; E. St. Clair, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Rev. C. J. Martyn, W. G. M. Tomlinson, M.P.; J. E. Le Feuvre, W. A. Scurrah, F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; J. Newton, Henry Garrod, D. D. Mercer, J. H. Matthews, J. Lewis Thomas, George Read, W. P. Brown, C. J. R. Tijou, and James Boulton.

Grand Lodge having been opened in form, Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of June.

Bro. PHILBRICK rose and said, before the minutes were put for confirmation, that in the report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of June 2nd, that was forwarded to the brethren, there seemed to be a printers' error with regard to a portion of one of the resolutions which was carried at last Grand Lodge; it was that in the case of a lodge which joined the new Grand Lodge the brethren should decide in whom the property and effects of the lodge should be vested and the warrant should be forthwith returned to the Grand Secretary to be delivered up to the Grand Master; that a majority of two-thirds of the members present should be required to carry such "resolution." It should be "resolutions." He supposed the "s" was omitted by the malice of that unknown person, "the printers' devil." (Laughter.) But subject to that he did not think there was any objection to the minutes. The word should be "resolutions."

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH: With that slight alteration I put the motion that the minutes be confirmed.

Bro. H. THOMSON LYON, W.M. 2563, moved the non-confirmation of that portion of the minutes which referred to the alterations in the Book of Constitutions, by inserting Rule 218A and 218B, erasing 219, and inserting a new rule in its place. (These alterations made it legal under certain conditions for brethren under the English Constitution in Colonies or Districts to determine whether they would form an independent Grand Lodge of their own.)

Bro. H. THOMSON LYON said he rose with a certain amount of hesitation to propose that that portion of the minutes with reference to the alteration of the Constitutions be not confirmed. He did not do it in any idle spirit, but he would tell the brethren that he had returned to England for the purpose of moving this amendment and he hoped the brethren would accord him a patient hearing. The confirmation of the minutes was not a mere formality, it was one of the most fair safeguards against any undue rashness of legislation devised by the early rulers of the Craft and the present was an occasion when it should be emphatically exercised. He trusted he might be allowed to recapitulate what had taken place. Last year at the Communication of Grand Lodge a request was made to the Grand Master that a body styling itself the Grand Lodge of New Zealand should be afforded Masonic recognition, and at the end of the resolution were appended the words "with just consideration for those lodges which may desire to retain their connection with the Grand Lodge of England." That was felt to be hardly strong enough by certain of the brethren, including himself (Bro.

Thomson Lyon), and they sought to append thereto certain words emphasising this last portion; but the Grand Registrar pointed out, on that occasion, that the interests of the brethren were safe-guarded by the Constitutions, and that it was unnecessary to add those words. Upon the strength of that the Communication was unanimously voted, and they had no doubt that the Grand Master would act upon it. But as soon as that was done the resolution was brought forward altering the very clauses of the Constitution which affected the brethren in question. He held no brief on behalf of those brethren; he was not acquainted with the name of a single brother on the Constitution of New Zealand, but he felt it was a matter so interesting to the Craft at large that he ought to raise his voice on behalf of them on this question. Many years ago when he was initiated in his mother lodge, he was handed the Book of Constitutions and exhorted to make it his careful study. He did so, and there was no clause that affected him more than that Rule No. 219, which enacted that in all circumstances the right of meeting rested with the majority of the lodge.

Bro. PHILBRICK (interrupting) said, as that clause 219 affected Bro. Thomson Lyon so powerfully he might observe that the rule did not say anything of the kind. It said "should the majority of any lodge desire to retire from it the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, but should the number of members remaining at any time be less than three the warrant becomes extinct." The minority might hold a lodge, but if the minority was less than three they could not hold the warrant.

Bro. H. THOMSON LYON, continuing, said it always seemed to him that this was the safeguard, that no matter what might be urged against the majority, the majority always had the right of retaining the warrant, and it seemed to him disastrous for a temporary purpose to sweep away such a safeguard affecting the interests of the Craft at large. The Grand Registrar had pointed out that they only afforded additional facilities for the different brethren to act on their own behalf. The phrase "additional facilities" seemed to him to be a most ironical one on this occasion. At any of the meetings which might be held under this enactment, it might be possible for a majority of the brethren to give up and find themselves without a Masonic home. What did this effect? The warrant might be returned, the names might be retained, and the only thing would be for the brethren to possess themselves of the property of the lodge. It had been urged that the existence of the warranted lodges in New Zealand was a Masonic scandal, but he could not understand that that would be so. He, therefore, begged to propose—and he trusted the Grand Lodge would support him in the proposal by a large majority—that with the alteration he proposed the minutes be confirmed, and he hoped the vote would be so strong as to prevent such a resolution being brought before Grand Lodge again.

Bro. BEACH asked Bro. Thomson Lyon to give the terms of his amendment.

Bro. THOMSON LYON said that it was that so much of the minutes as referred to the alteration of the Constitutions be not confirmed.

Bro. BEACH asked for a seconder.

Bro. LYON said he had asked no brother to second the resolution.

Bro. BEACH again asked who seconded the resolution.

After a considerable interval Bro. F. M. BILBY, No. 1237, said he would second the motion for the sake of discussion, considering the tremendous distance Bro. Thomson Lyon had come for the purpose of putting forward the amendment he proposed.

Bro. BEACH said the question was that the portion of the minutes with regard to the alteration of rules be not confirmed.

Bro. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar, rose and said he believed the tremendous distance that Bro. Thomson Lyon had come was all the way from Margate. (Laughter.) Bro. Thomson Lyon no doubt had come a long way to attend this meeting. What the distance was he could not say. Bro. Thomson Lyon had moved the rejection of the portion he had named of the minutes evidently under the impression that the new law referred to New Zealand. It did not. That matter of New Zealand had been entrusted to the Grand Master to deal with as he might think proper, and he (Bro. Philbrick) had no doubt that the Grand Master would be very much guided in what he might negotiate with Grand Lodge in New Zealand by the voice of this Grand Lodge. But he was sure since Freemasons had had the honour to have H.R.H. on the throne of the Order, he had ever been in accord with a strong desire to carry out the wishes of his Masonic brethren. With regard to New Zealand, Bro. Lyon's mind might be set at rest; but with regard to other matters and cases which had not arisen, these laws touched all men, and they would prevent the arising of such questions. They were essentially just in these Grand Lodge discussions last time. It was not a mere snatch majority of one, and he could not conceive that the interests of the majority could be more adequately safe-guarded than they were by what seemed right at last Grand Lodge.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G.T., said he had not intended to join in this discussion, but when he heard from his Very Worshipful brother that these rules which had been at the last Grand Lodge altered would not apply to New Zealand, he must call Bro. Philbrick's attention to the fact that at the last Grand Lodge it was distinctly stated that the altered portion of the rules did extend to New Zealand. Now, he did not understand how that could be unless it was that his learned brother had mistaken or had forgotten what was said. It was very clear that two or three of the preceding rules would not apply to New Zealand, but it was very clear—equally clear—that the subsequent rules would apply to New Zealand. The brethren knew it was referred to. He was told and corrected by his learned brother by saying those rules so far as the former ones were concerned did not apply to New Zealand, but the second portion did apply. Now, if that was so Bro. Philbrick was not accurate in saying that the rules as altered did not apply to New Zealand.

Bro. PHILBRICK said New Zealand and the case of New Zealand he had said were in the hands of the Grand Master, but that the Grand Master would no doubt be guided by the feelings of Grand Lodge.

Bro. RICHARD EVE observed that he was quite aware that this matter had been placed in the hands of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the brethren had the greatest amount of reliance on his doing justice, but his (Bro. Richard Eve's) reasons on previous occasions why these rules should not be passed were that this should not be done until the Grand Master and brethren of the Grand Lodge had had the opportunity of hearing the brethren of New Zealand and brethren of far-off climes. He had his own reasons, and he did not like to add to the old Constitutions. He believed, taken as a body, they were working well to the benefit of the Craft. He thought these alterations—he

spoke for himself—were calculated to interfere with that loyal feeling which had existed in the Colonies, which did exist in the Colonies, and did exist in New Zealand—he thought those alterations should not be made without the approval in some sense or other of those brethren who were in those far-off climes. So far he was with the mover of that resolution that those minutes should not be confirmed. He told them at once he should not like to come in to move that the resolutions of one meeting of Grand Lodge should not be confirmed at another unless a great principle was at stake, and he felt that a great principle was at stake. The brethren had not heard the other side of the world on the point; and when they heard from the District Grand Master, from lodges in the Districts of those Grand Masters; when they had communications signed by those brethren and lodges and by the Grand Masters themselves, saying that they had repeatedly objected to a Sovereign Grand Lodge dealing with them; when they were in a majority, not in a minority, he felt it was against his own predilections against setting aside the rules of Grand Lodge, and he should not stand aside when a motion was made of such importance in this—that the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge should not be confirmed until they had given brethren in far-off climes an opportunity of being heard. They were loyal brethren, and brethren to be considered, and he asked Grand Lodge to hesitate. There was no harm done by delaying the confirmation. The confirmation should be delayed until the brethren in the Colonies had had an opportunity of voicing themselves in Grand Lodge. They had not had that opportunity, he felt; and when he was told in last Grand Lodge in June, that the communication had not been handed to the Grand Master from New Zealand—

Bro. PHILBRICK: No, no; please don't mistake. It was the communication handed to our Bro. Eve; that was it; it was a private communication that they kept back until the last moment to prevent Grand Lodge acting without deliberation, and unconscious until they called the Colonies before them, and Grand Lodge has a right to legislate for itself, and no other body has a right to dictate to Grand Lodge.

Bro. RICHARD EVE: I am glad our brother has had an opportunity of explanation now; but I say I have the records of Grand Lodge in my hand, and I will let him have them in a very few lines. He said distinctly: "I have heard nothing to the contrary; but since I have been in Grand Lodge, two memorials, or resolutions, have been put before me, one coming from New Zealand, and one from South Africa, dissenting from any alterations. It is a very curious thing—it is very odd—that these two memorials are almost to a syllable alike. Evidently, if I may use a colloquialism, the organ has been voiced by an experienced tuner. Although I do not want to discuss the subject, the signers are not the framers of the memorials I submit, as the memorials are so similar." He cannot say he did not use those words.

Bro. PHILBRICK: Yes I did. They came from your communications and were handed to me just before I came into Grand Lodge.

Bro. RICHARD EVE: Then I can say that what the Grand Registrar said is not true. I had nothing to do with the communication. I can say this that I have had communications from the District Grand Master of New Zealand, from the Grand Lodges in those Districts, and I tell you that they are the majority of the loyal brethren in New Zealand and they say their letters are not attended to. And it was insinuated on that occasion that I was the "experienced tuner." I am not, and I say again I was not, and I say again they deal extremely well in the Antipodes; they feel that they should be loyal to you, to the Grand Master of England, and are desirous to remain in Grand Lodge of England; they have no objection to their Grand Lodge being recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, but they do object to recognition to a Supreme Grand Lodge in New Zealand, which will put them in the shade, and the brethren there being under the control of that Supreme Grand Lodge if no recognition is given those brethren so long as you give them collateral rights they will be only too glad to shake hands with them; but to give them sovereign rights over those brethren is to put to a discount the hearts of all true men in the Colonies. I ask you not to confirm these alterations in the Book of Constitutions; it is not required for any special purpose; they will serve no good purpose; for the present it can stand over, and can wait for the voice of the Colonies.

Bro. Chief Justice WAY, M.W.G.M. of South Australia, supported the amendment. It was the wish of the brethren of South Australia to remain under the English Constitution. The Colony had had no opportunity of discussing this question in Grand Lodge, which met only once a year. He knew the question have given very great dissatisfaction.

Bro. PHILBRICK wished to point out that however distinguished the rank of Bro. Way, he did not know what Grand Lodge resolved last time. When Grand Lodge had resolved, with the consent of the Grand Master, to recognise a new Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge kept the whole thing in its own hands, and the Grand Master had to be satisfied too. It was idle to talk as if any body was to be handed over to another jurisdiction, and whoever said that it was did not know or appreciate it. And that was the great trouble that arose in Freemasons' Hall with the Grand Officers, with their Grand Secretary, and with people from the Colonies, and so on, who wrote about what they did not understand and did not take the trouble to read the Constitutions.

After a short reply from Bro. Thomson Lyon (by permission of Grand Lodge, as no reply is allowed to the mover of an amendment), a division was taken as the acting Grand Master could not confidently say, on a show of hands taking twice, whether the amendment was carried or lost.

For the amendment ...	78
Against ...	136
Majority against ...	58

The minutes were then confirmed.

Bro. THOMAS FENN then announced that Grand Lodge was honoured that evening with the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of South Australia, Chief Justice Way, and he called upon the brethren to salute the Most Worshipful brother according to his rank.

The salute was accordingly given.

Bro. LETCHWORTH read the minutes of the grand meeting at the Royal Albert Hall on June 14th.

Bro. BEACH, in proposing the thanks of the Grand Master to Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Thomas Fenn for their efficient arrangements for the Masonic meeting at the Royal Albert Hall, said: Brethren, you have heard the account of the great and important meeting at the Royal Albert Hall. If an ample proof were needed of the loyalty Freemasons hold towards our beloved Queen, it was furnished on that great occasion. I am sure a lasting impression was made on every Freemason who was present within those

walls. It was a magnificent event—a great demonstration of pent-up enthusiasm which Freemasons hold to prove their loyalty towards the Sovereign of their native land. But, brethren, so large a number of Freemasons who were there assembled required great order and arrangement to allow them to be present without disorder and disarrangement. And to whom are we indebted for the trouble and exertion which was necessary to bring that about but, I may say, to two eminent Freemasons, who took the duty upon them? It is to Bro. Sir Albert Woods and Bro. Fenn. (Cheers.) It is to them that we are specially indebted for their efforts, and the power of arrangement which presented itself to their minds, which enabled the proceedings to be carried out in such a successful manner. I think that the special thanks of this Grand Lodge ought to be given to those two eminent brethren for what they did for us. Grand Lodge feels that they are deserving of the best thanks of the whole Craft. I will therefore move in the name of the Grand Master "That the thanks of Grand Lodge be given to R.W. Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Garter, P.G.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies, and to R.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., for their efficient arrangements for the Masonic meeting at the Royal Albert Hall on the 14th June last, to celebrate the long and glorious reign of her Majesty the Queen." I beg to move that.

Chief Justice WAY: I beg to second it. (General applause.)

Bro. BEACH: The vote is carried with enthusiasm. (Renewed applause.)

Bro. THOMAS FENN: M.W.G.M. in the chair, I am requested by Sir Albert Woods to thank you very sincerely for this compliment which he saw by the agenda paper it was designed to pay him, and to express his deep regret that his state of health prevented his attendance on the great occasion referred to to discharge his duties. I am pleased to say that he expressed himself perfectly satisfied with the manner in which the arrangements were carried out. With respect to myself, M.W.G.M., I cannot but feel that it was to some extent rash in me to undertake so great a responsibility at my advanced age, but, I have been connected with my friend and brother, Sir Albert Woods, in all great Masonic functions for the last 33 years, and I could not desert him when, through severe illness, he so much needed help. No one could be more sensible of the fact than I was myself that I was 10 years older than I was in 1887, and 22 years older than I was when I undertook similar duties at the installation of the M.W. Grand Master at the Royal Albert Hall in 1875; but I relied upon the assistance of my brethren and I am happy to say that Bro. Frank Richardson, Bro. J. H. Matthews, Bro. Robert Grey, and Bro. Frederick West immediately offered their assistance to the best of their ability, and I could not, if I had had my choice, have selected brethren more efficient than those brethren who so kindly volunteered their services. Bro. Frank Richardson was with me during many weeks in this building almost every day assisting me in my work and he even gave up his Whitsuntide holidays and Sundays to assist me. Bro. Matthews gave his assistance whenever his business engagements allowed him, and he was of great assistance to us at the time we were distributing the tickets. Bro. Robert Grey assisted me and saved me a great deal of labour by going round the Royal Albert Hall for me and seeing that the arrangements were carried out. Bro. Frederick West undertook the same duties he discharged so ably in 1887. With his knowledge of the Royal Albert Hall as the Superintendent at the concerts there, he, with an efficient band of Stewards, conducted the brethren to their seats and no one could have done that duty more ably than he did. There are two other brethren connected with the Royal Albert Hall—Bro. Wentworth Cole and Bro. John Hedley—that I am greatly indebted to. Bro. Cole undertook duties at the Hall which my strength would not have allowed me to undertake, and made arrangements for the ornamentation of the building and other necessary work. Bro. Hedley undertook to see that all my instructions had been carried out, and he saved me a great deal of labour and fatigue. By the assistance of these brethren and those Grand Officers who took the command of the entrances and other Stewards who volunteered their services so readily, the success of the great meeting was assured, and I have only to ask you, M.W.G.M., to permit me to consider those brethren are included in the vote of thanks that you have so kindly accorded to Bro. Sir Albert Woods and myself. (Cheers.)

Bro. BEACH: Brethren,—On behalf of the M.W.G.M., I have to announce that in consideration of the valuable assistance of Bro. Wentworth Cole and Bro. John Hedley, his Royal Highness has appointed them to the positions of Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec.: M.W.G.M. in the chair,—Neither of those brethren is present, and they greatly regret their inability to be here. I have now to read a letter addressed by Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Home Secretary to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., in respect of the address voted by Grand Lodge on the 2nd of June: "Sir, I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the loyal and dutiful address of Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, congratulating her Majesty on the completion of the 60th year of her Majesty's reign, and I have to inform your Royal Highness that her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously."

Bro. PHILBRICK: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair,—I beg to move that this letter be entered on the minutes of Grand Lodge.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND: I second the motion.

The motion was carried.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH then read the following communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

It having been represented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master that some Provincial and District Grand Masters are desirous of commemorating the completion of the 60th year of her Majesty's reign, by conferring Past Provincial and District Grand Rank on brethren in their provinces and districts, and that Article 87 of the Book of Constitutions would have to be specially suspended by Grand Lodge before any such appointments could legally be made.

His Royal Highness now submits the matter for the consideration of Grand Lodge, with the suggestion that if it be thought proper to sanction the suspension of the law, the number of appointments authorised should not exceed one for every 12 lodges in the province or district where the lodges do not exceed 30 in number, with one additional if the broken number exceeds six; and one appointment for every eight lodges in such provinces or districts in which the number of lodges is more than 30, with one additional when the broken number exceeds four.

Bro. PHILBRICK: I beg to move that the communication from the M.W.G.M. be accepted by Grand Lodge in the terms in which it has been read. By his own prerogative he has appointed to Grand Lodge 60

Grand Officers to commemorate the 60th year of her Majesty's reign and this communication only extends the record of that most interesting event to the Provinces and Districts. I beg, therefore, to move that the Constitutions be suspended in compliance with his Royal Highness's communication.

Bro. RICHARD EVE P.G. Treas.: M.W.G.M. in the chair, I do not often agree with Bro. Philbrick but I second the motion. This suspension of the rule, if it takes place, will give to provinces and districts some additional Grand Officers, the same as the additional Grand Officers in Grand Lodge have been appointed by his Royal Highness, and I am sure we should all regret if the Prov. G. Masters and Dist. G. Masters had not some opportunity of extending to the provinces and districts the privilege which has been exercised by the M.W.G.M.

The communication was unanimously agreed to.

The Report of the Board of Benevolence was then adopted, as were also the following grants:

The widow of a brother of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Sunderland	£75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, London	60 0 0
The widow of a brother of the United Lodge, No. 697, Colchester	75 0 0

The report of the Board of General Purposes as published in the *Freemason* of last week, was then adopted on the motion of the President, Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, seconded by the Vice-President, Bro. J. G. THOMAS.

The next business on the paper was a Notice of Motion by Bro. WILLIAM FARQUHARSON LAMONBY, P.M. 962—

That the following addition be made to the Book of Constitutions:

Canvassing for any elective office, personally, by letter, or by circular, is prohibited. Any candidate who shall, on appeal, be proved to the satisfaction of the Board of General Purposes, or of an appointed Committee, after due enquiry, to have canvassed for votes, or to have been canvassed for by brethren, or other agents on his behalf, shall be held incapable of entering upon the duties of the office to which he may have been elected, and such election shall, in consequence, be void and of no effect. The vacancy so caused shall be filled up in the manner provided by the Constitutions.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., rose and said with reference to the motion of Bro. Lamonby, he had received a communication from that brother stating the condition of his health rendered it impossible for him to attend in Grand Lodge to bring forward the motion, but he had asked a brother to bring it forward for him. However, the brother to whom Bro. Lamonby's motion had been committed was not present, and he had had a letter from him saying he could not come.

Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

### MARK GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening, at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, and the Deputy Grand Master, the chair was occupied by Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire. Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, acted as Deputy Grand Master; Bros. Richard Eve acted as S.G.W.; Sir Joseph Dimsdale, J.G.W.; Charles Belton, as G.M.O.; Richard Clowes, as S.G.O.; Stevenson (Cheshire), as J.G.O.; R. Loveland Loveland, President of the General Board; C. H. Parkes, G. Treasurer; C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; and Major C. W. Carrell, G.D.C. Bros. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., Dr. Clement Godson, Dr. W. H. Kempster, George Everett, J. Strachan, Q.C., F. West, W. Vincent, W. A. Scurrah, J. Boulton, and James Speller were among the other brethren who were present. Bro. Henry Sadler acted as G.I.G.

After the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of June 1st had been received and confirmed,

Bro. C. F. MATIER, G. Sec., read the following letter he had received from the Home Secretary, in reply to the address of congratulation to her Majesty on her completing 60 years of her reign voted by Grand Lodge:

Whitehall, 3rd July, 1897

Sir,

I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the loyal and dutiful address of the members of the Degree of Mark Master Mason in Grand Lodge assembled, on the occasion of her Majesty attaining the 60th year of her reign, and I have to inform you that her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously.—I have the honour to be, your obedient servant,

M. W. RIDLEY.

C. F. Matier, Esq.,  
Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street,  
London, W.C.

On the motion of Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND it was resolved that this letter be entered on the minutes.

Bro. MATIER said he had now the honour to announce the gracious command of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales that Bro. Richard Loveland Loveland, President of the General Board, should receive the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden. (Cheers.)

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND then advanced to the Throne and was invested. At the call of Bro. Major C. W. Carrell, G.D.C., he was afterwards saluted.

On the motion of Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President, seconded by Bro. Major CARRELL, G.D.C., the report of the General Board, as already published, was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. Lastly, on the motion and seconding of the same two brethren the report was adopted.

Bro. STEVENSON, Cheshire, next rose and said that acting on instructions he had received he now directed attention to a portrait of the Earl of Egerton and Tatton, Past Grand Master, which was affixed to the walls of Grand Lodge, and on behalf of the Cheshire brethren, who had had it painted, he begged to present it to Grand Lodge for the acceptance of the brethren.

Bro. C. LETCH MASON said he was very satisfied to know that from time to time Grand Lodge had these presents made to it, and he had very great



pleasure, on behalf of the Grand Master of England, in accepting the presentation, and proposing that the best thanks of Grand Lodge be given to the brethren of the Province of Cheshire for their grand gift.

Bro. Col. A. B. COOK, acting D.G.M., said he fully endorsed what had fallen from the acting Grand Master, and he had very great pleasure in seconding the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously, and Bro. Stevenson bowed his acknowledgments.

Bro. C. LETCH MASON (to Bro. Stevenson): Perhaps you will present to the brethren of the Province of Cheshire our best thanks for the gift.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, G. Sec., said there was another portrait presented by the Province of Kent, of Earl Amherst, Past Grand Master. He knew it had been usual that brethren should attend from the province to make the presentation and receive the thanks, but as the brethren of the Province of Kent were not in attendance, the ceremony must stand over until next meeting.

It was announced that jewels and bars were ready to be presented to the Stewards of the last Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, but no one came forward.

Mark Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

On Friday, the 27th ult., the annual meeting of the above Grand Mark Lodge was held under the banner of Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, College-street, Whitehaven. Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, D.P.G.M., presided, supported by his Prov. Grand Officers, present and past, Bros. George Dalrymple, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. of England, acting as D.P.G.M.; J. Ostle Scott, 151, Prov. J.G.W.; W. Hodgson, 452, Prov. G.M.O.; J. F. Hope, 452, Prov. S.G.O.; G. B. Armes, Prov. G. Chap.; J. Gardiner, P.P.S.G.W. 151; Spencer Broadbent, P.P.G.M.O.; J. Clifton Thompson, 282, P.P.J.G.W.; James Dickinson, 151, P.J.G.W.; W. Bradley, W.M. 195; Henry Hogarth, 195; John J. Little, 216; and many others, all the lodges in the province being represented but two.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and his Prov. Grand Officers were admitted and saluted according to rank.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then opened in due form.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER read a statement of accounts for the past year which showed a balance to credit of £24 4s. 7d., which was unanimously adopted as read, and Bro. Dalrymple was again unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treas.

The following brethren were then invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. J. C. Thompson, P.M. ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
Dr. S. Braithwaite, P.M. ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Henry Burns ...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
E. Jackson ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
J. M. Clark ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
Rev. Jas. Anderson ...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Geo. Dalrymple ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
J. A. L. Skerry ...	...	...	Prov. G. R. of M.
James Gardiner ...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
Wm. Bradley ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
Jas. Meneely ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
Geo. Scott ...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
Geo. Johnston ...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
J. C. Hellon ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
R. G. Sharp ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
Henry Hogarth ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
R. D. Cook ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
J. J. Little ...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
W. W. R. Sewell ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
J. Wood ...	...	...	
R. Monkhouse ...	...	...	
J. Neil ...	...	...	

An invitation was given from the brethren of Whitwell Lodge, Maryport, to hold the next annual Prov. Grand Mark Lodge under their banner.

Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren subsequently dined at the Black Lion Hotel, where the usual toast list, loyal and Masonic, was gone through.

### CONSECRATION OF THE VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2669.

A new Masonic lodge, named Victoria, No. 2669, after her Majesty, was consecrated on Monday, the 30th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford. The new lodge is an offshoot of the Harmony Lodge, No. 600, and proposes to hold its meetings at the same place as the mother lodge, namely, at the Freemasons' Hall. Its formation is the outcome of the prosperity and increasing numerical strength of the older body. The attendance was very large.

A lodge was opened by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. C. Malcolm, the S.W. and J.W.'s chairs being occupied respectively by Bros. J. Young, W.M. 302, and J. Lawson, W.M. 600.

Shortly afterwards Bro. W. L. Jackson, Prov. Grand Master, accompanied by Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, and followed by present and past Prov. Grand Officers, entered the lodge and was received in due form.

Among those present were

Bros. the Rev. H. R. Harrison, 910, P.G.C.; W. Smith, 1211, P.G. Treas.; C. Pawson, 296, P.S.G.D.; J. Jackman, 139, P.J.G.D.; Dr. V. G. S. Dearden, 2263, P.G. Sec.; J. H. Hartley, 810, P.A.G.D.C.; F. Batty, 2231, P.P.G.S.B., W.L.; A. Stephenson, 1648, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Harrison, 810, P.G.S. Eng.; J. Spencer, 408, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Matthewman, 1019, P.P.A.G. Sec.; W.

Gaukroger, 61, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Oddy, 378, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Wright, 600, P.P.G.P.; H. J. Holdsworth, 408, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Castel, 750, P.P. Supt. of Works; T. M. Holmes, P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Denby, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Laycock, 1108, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Riley, 600, P.P.G.S.B.; J. B. Whiteley, 200, P.G.D.; H. Smith, 302, P.P.D.G.M., P.G.D. Eng.; H. J. Sutherst, 1018, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Hind, 458, P.G.R.; J. A. Goodwin, 1311, P.P.G.W.; F. B. Wilson, 1542, P.G.S.B.; J. Richardson, 406, P.P.G.P.; H. S. Goodyer, 495, P.A.G.S.; J. S. Bowden, 600, P.P.G.D.C., W.L.; T. Buckland, 1231, P.G.O.; F. W. Crossley, 1283, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and G. P. Sutherland, P.P.G.D.C.

The Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., took the chair, Bro. W. F. Smithson the position of S.W., and Bro. G. H. Smith, Mayor of Halifax, that of J.W.

The PROV. G. MASTER, in acknowledging the salutation of the brethren, said that they were honoured by a visit from a brother whom they were all pleased to see. (Applause.) The consecration of a lodge in itself was an interesting occasion in the province, and the brethren who had been responsible for the new lodge were happy, this year especially, in naming it Victoria. It had been a memorable year to those who had witnessed the jubilee commemorations throughout the country. The impression which had been made by them, not only upon the people in this country, but upon other nations throughout the world, was one that would long be retained. Referring to the presence of the Duke of Devonshire, he remarked that his Grace had conferred an honour on the lodge in taking the opportunity of being present at their first meeting. He had stamped his name indelibly upon the history of the country, and he had shown a firm and unflinching patriotism which the breaking of party ties and personal inclination had in no way tended to shake or diminish. (Applause.)

The Duke of DEVONSHIRE briefly acknowledged the salutations accorded to him, and remarked that in anything which he might have done in the course of his public career he had been simply actuated by a desire which was common in his fellow countrymen, and especially among the Fraternity—the desire to do his duty to the best of his knowledge and ability. If in the course of that duty he had to make any sacrifices, he had been amply repaid by the warm approval of those who shared his opinions, and by the generous toleration and sympathy which had been extended to him by his political opponents. His Masonic duties were not those that he had most faithfully attended to, but he had been fortunate in having secured the services of an excellent Deputy Provincial Grand Master, under whom Freemasonry in Derbyshire was rapidly increasing. (Applause.)

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the musical portion being rendered by Bros. C. Blagbro, E. Haley, C. Smith, and W. Firth.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Provincial Grand Master retired, and the ceremony of installing the first Worshipful Master of the new lodge (Bro. C. Crabtree, P.M. Harmony Lodge, P.P.G.D.) was performed by Bro. J. C. Malcolm, Dep. Prov. G.M.

After having been inducted into the chair, the newly-installed W.M. vested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Ibbetson, S.W.; J. Tilley, J.W.; T. M. Woodhead, Sec.; T. Norfolk, Treas.; J. Taylor, Chap.; St. C. Tilley, S.D.; C. Hudson, J.D.; A. Taylor, Org.; G. Hayes, I.G.; F. Firth, J. Broadbent, and F. Kruger, Stwds.; and F. W. Davy, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Victoria Hotel.

### WOMEN IN MASONRY.

This subject is causing a temporary unrest in the Fraternity. An organisation called the Order of the Eastern Star has been sending circulars to lodges in this jurisdiction calling attention to its objects, and offering the necessary charter and other paraphernalia for organising chapters, which it is said, very generally hold their meetings in Masonic apartments.

As the Masonic Fraternity, in its origin and essential characteristics, is altogether a man's society, I call attention to this insidious attempt to change it and make it like the innumerable other societies and orders of the day. A Fraternity, as the word means, is a society of brethren, and brethren are, or at least should be, men. Hence it is impossible to admit women in association with them in a lodge room.

Masonry is such a unique and peculiar institution that it has always kept aloof from any of the so-called progressive movements of the day; not that, as men, we have no sympathy with them, but because as Masons our Fraternity has always kept itself within the qualifications originally laid down for its membership, one of the most important of which is that the applicant for Freemasonry must be a man. This law against the commingling of the sexes cannot be evaded by any device whatever. Lodge celebrations, under the name and guise of lodge associations, are under the ban of the Masonic law.

The great advantages which have been derived from this important qualification of a Freemason admonish us that if we would continue to be respected in the future, as we have been in the past, we must not make any innovation by which it may be changed.

Notwithstanding the jests one may hear at social gatherings concerning persons who are not Masons being at the lodge, when they were at some other place which they wish to conceal, it is a gratification to Freemasons to know that no scandals arising out of the commingling of the sexes can be said to have had their origin in a lodge room.

I know it is quite fashionable for associations calling themselves Masonic to hold mixed gatherings of the sexes, and I verily believe that the appetites created there have caused this inordinate desire to carry the connection further, so as to bring men and women together in the lodge room. If it be progressive to do this, let those who like such progress advocate it; but I do not believe the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will ever give its approval to the use of its lodge room for any kind of gathering, except that of brethren of the lodge and for lodge purposes only. And I further believe that where this new idea has been permitted to obtain a foothold, it will either go on to the destruction of the Fraternity or its abandonment, and a return by the Fraternity to the ancient and simple practices established in the beginning.

The new practice of public installation of officers in other jurisdictions has fed this appetite for the union of sexes in the lodge room. It pleases the vanity of the persons who thus exhibit themselves as they compete with the strolling players of the mimic stage.—From address of Grand Master Michael Arnold's address on December 27th, 1894.—Quoted by the Keystone.

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12.40 noon.—For CLEVEDON, WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Bridgwater, TAUNTON, MINEHEAD (for LYNTON and LYNNMOUTH), Barnstaple, ILFRACOMBE, Wellington (Som.) Tiverton, &c., for 3, 10, or 17 days.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1897.

**Masonic Notes.**

United Grand Lodge met in Quarterly Communication at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, when the business presented was very quickly disposed of. Indeed, the meeting would have closed much earlier had not Bro. Thomson Lyon moved the non-confirmation of that part of the minutes of the June regular communication relating to the additions to and amendments of certain articles in the Book of Constitutions. Though the discussion hung fire at the outset, it became more interesting after a time when Bro. Eve took part in it, but signally failed in giving any valid reason why Grand Lodge should undo in September what it had done in June, and, on a division, the portion of the minutes concerning this matter was confirmed.

As for the other business on the Agenda, it was dealt with speedily. The letter from the Home Secretary acknowledging the Address voted at the

assembly in the Royal Albert Hall on the 14th June was read amid acclamations, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The vote of thanks to Bros. Sir Albert W. Woods, P.G.W., G.D.C., and Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., for the able services they had rendered at the said Special Meeting was adopted *nem. con.*, and very gracefully acknowledged by the latter brother; while the resolution, of which notice had been given by Bro. W. F. Lamonby, in reference to the most objectionable practice of touting for votes, fell through in the unavoidable absence of that brother. This we very much regret. The resolution adopted by Grand Lodge last year in condemnation of this obnoxious practice does not seem to have had any effect, and we should like to see Grand Lodge adopt some more authoritative course for putting an end to this touting.

As for the proposal of the M.W.G.M. to the effect that Article 87, Book of Constitutions, be suspended in order to allow of Provincial and District Grand Masters conferring brevet rank as Past Prov. or District Grand Officers on eminent brethren in their respective Provinces or Districts, we may be sure that no difficulty was experienced by Grand Lodge in accepting the suggestion, and accordingly Prov. and District Grand Masters will now be able to confer special honour on brethren under their charge who deserve to be honoured.

The proceedings at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, on Tuesday, the 31st ult., were of the briefest. The acknowledgment by the Home Secretary of the Address of Congratulation to the Queen on the completion of the 60th year of her reign was read and directed to be entered on the minutes. The report of the General Board was read and accepted. The other business on the Agenda was dealt with, while in addition, Bro. Stevenson, as the representative of the Province of Cheshire, requested Grand Lodge to accept a portrait of Bro. the Earl of Egerton and Tatton, Past M.W.G. Master, as a memorial of a distinguished brother, who had rendered most important services to Mark Masonry. Bro. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, who was in the chair of Grand Master, accepted the gift in a brief but graceful speech, and the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held at Liskeard on Tuesday, the 31st ult. There was a numerous attendance of brethren and the proceedings passed off satisfactorily, but the weather was most unpropitious and, as a matter of course, very materially lessened the comfort and convenience of the brethren. We hope to give a full account of the proceedings next week.

It is with regret we announce the death of Bro. T. W. Whitmarsh, who was appointed Asst. G. Purst. in 1888, and G. Purst. in 1889, in Grand Lodge, and Asst. G. Dir. of Ceremonies in Supreme G. Chapter. Bro. Whitmarsh, who was only 65 years of age, was a Mason of long experience and great ability, and took a great interest in our Institutions, of which he was a liberal supporter. We beg to offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends who mourn his loss.

The Grand Lodge of Canada (Province of Ontario) has sustained a great loss by the death on the 15th ult., of Bro. Daniel Spry, Past M.W.G. Master. The deceased was prevented by illness from attending the annual communication at Brantford, on the 21st July, in consequence of severe illness brought on by too close attention to his public duties, and Bro. Gibson, M.W.G.M., in referring to this, spoke in the highest terms of his great knowledge and experience of Masonic affairs, and expressed a hope that he might be speedily restored to health. This hope we regret to say, has unfortunately not been realised, and our Canadian brethren have nothing left them to cherish but the memory of the many and great services which Bro. Spry had rendered to Masonry during a membership of our Society extending over close upon 40 years.

We published a full record of those services in our issue of last week, and from it will have been seen that Bro. Spry, as well as being a Past Grand Master of Canada, was Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, while in Templar Masonry he was honorary Grand Master, and a few years since was made a Knight G. Cross of the Order by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The sad duty now devolves upon

us of tendering our respectful sympathy to the several Grand Bodies in Canada with which our deceased brother was connected, and likewise to his family and numerous friends, both within and outside Freemasonry. The funeral took place at Bowrie, and, in the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master, was attended by Bros. J. Ross Robertson and Hugh Murray, Past Grand Masters, and Bro. E. T. Milone, Deputy Grand Master, as well as by a very large attendance of brethren from all parts of Canada.

It is no more than natural that the brethren in the District of Madras should avail themselves of the opportunity offered by the honour recently conferred by her Majesty the Queen on the District G. Master to testify their respect for his Masonic services. Bro. Col. G. M. J.—or as he now is, Col. Sir G. M. J.—Moore has presided over the fortunes of the Craft in Madras since 1891, and during that time has exhibited the deepest interest in its welfare and taken a very active part in its proceedings. Owing to the exigencies of military and civil service in India, our lodges in that far eastern possession of ours are exposed to far more than the usual vicissitudes of fortune that fall to the lot of lodges in more favoured regions. One day a lodge is strong in its membership; a little later and it has a difficulty in mustering the prescribed number of members for the transaction of business. Under the auspices of Col. Sir George Moore, and in great measure owing to his zeal and energy, the Craft has fared well and the brethren he presides over have testified to this fact by paying him honour, to whom honour is so largely due.

Hence, when it became known, that their respected Dist. G. Master was among the recipients of Diamond Jubilee honours it was resolved to emphasise this fact in some especial manner, and after having well considered the matter, it was resolved to entertain Bro. Col. Sir George Moore at "a complimentary and congratulatory banquet," the day fixed for the meeting being Saturday, the 21st ult., after the close of Dist. G. Lodge. By this arrangement it was anticipated that a large number of brethren, especially from the up-country lodges might attend both Dist. G. Lodge and the banquet to the Dist. Grand Master. We trust it will not be long before we have an opportunity of recording at some length the proceedings at this unusual and most agreeable function.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon held its 47th annual Communication at Portland on the 16th June last and following days. Bro. Philip Metschan, M.W.G.M., presided, and there was a very full attendance of G. Officers and the representatives of lodges. The jurisdiction is by no means a formidable one, the number of its lodges being 103, while the aggregate of its subscribing members is somewhat less than 5000. Nor are its funds for general purposes on a very extensive scale, but it has an Educational Fund, which is only fractionally short of 78,800 dollars, while, better than all, it does not appear to be very much inclined towards the acceptance—or, at least, towards the encouragement—of those "fads" which are so highly thought of in some of the smaller American jurisdictions.

There are sundry matters which we have decided to hold over till next week, the most prominent among them being the reports of the third annual communication of the Dist. G. Lodge of the Transvaal, which was held in the Masonic Hall, Johannesburg, on Tuesday, the 27th of April last, under the presidency of the Dep. Dist. G.M., Bro. Pistorius. Next, we have a letter from Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, *re* Acacia Lodge, No. 2321, Bradford; a letter on the subject of lodge consecration; and a communication from "Lex Scripta," on a recent decision of Supreme G. Chapter. We have, no doubt, we shall be able to find space for these various communications.

MAJ.-GEN. GOSSET, C.B., who has been approved by the Queen for the command of the Dublin District from the 21st inst., succeeding Viscount Frankfort de Montmorency, is at the present time commanding a division of the forces manœuvring in Sussex under Sir William Butler. General Gosset joined the 15th Foot (now the 2nd Dorsetshire) 41 years ago, and at an early age saw service during the Mutiny, in Bengal and in Oude. From 1878 to 1881 he was constantly in active work in South Africa, successively in the Kaffir, Zulu, and Transvaal campaigns, and took part in the fighting at Ulundi. Again, in Burma, in 1891 and 1892, he was with the Irrawaddy column. He has been an Instructor at the Royal Military College, Brigade Major at Aldershot, Aide-de-Camp to the General Commanding at the Cape, Assistant Adjutant-General in Egypt, and Brigadier-General at Madras.

## Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

### MASONIC VAGRANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

I noticed an article in your last week's edition in relation to Masonic vagrants in Canada and suggesting that something of the kind should be adopted in this country. We in Sussex have appointed but one Almoner to each town so that the itinerants come before one only. Now in Brighton we have 10 lodges and I have been appointed Almoner for the second year, and my system is to get the name of each applicant, together with name, number and address of lodge and Secretary, and then I request him to return in about two hours. In the meantime I send a reply-paid telegram to the address given, and if favourable, relieve him, but I am very sorry to say that in most cases the reply is either that the address is unknown or the applicant totally unworthy or cannot be traced on the books. Out of about 30 applicants, one half have been proved unworthy of Masonic relief, while some reply that applicant trades on Masonry.

At our quarterly meetings the names of applicants are submitted by the Almoners and the same traced from one town to another, and the different tales told by them compared, proving in most cases that they either have bad memories or tell untruths. We in Sussex hope that in future none but genuine cases will appear and the money saved by not giving to the undeserving will enable us to give more substantial relief to the deserving.

Hoping you will excuse me for trespassing on your time.—I remain, yours fraternally,

T. H. CHALLIS, P.M. 315.

P.S.—I have had three telegrams returned by the telegraphic officials, as neither the addressee or address could be found.

### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE TRANSVAAL, SOUTH AFRICA.

We have received for publication the following letters, together with the address (to her Majesty the Queen on the completion of the 60th year of her reign) to which they relate.

[COPY]

57, The Drive, Hove,  
14th July, 1897.

Very Worshipful Sir and Brother,—Referring to the loyal address to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, which, signed by the Freemasons of the Transvaal Republic, was sent to me for transmission to her Majesty, I would now call attention to two or three special points of interest in connection with the matter, which, I think, entitles this particular address to favourable consideration at the hands of those brethren through whom I would wish to forward it to our Most Worshipful the Grand Master for her Majesty's gracious acceptance.

1. It comes from a State where the expression of loyal feeling from brethren of the Dutch Constitution is perfectly significant and encouraging.

2. That as the address is signed by Freemasons of the Transvaal of all Constitutions holding there, it is offered for her Majesty's gracious acceptance as a general and spontaneous expression of gratitude for the long preservation of her Majesty's life, and the world-wide benefits enjoyed under her marvellous reign.

3. I feel sure that the knowledge that her Majesty has been graciously pleased to receive the address, will tend greatly to the preservation of good feeling between Dutch and English brethren in the Transvaal, and will strengthen the sentiments of loyalty and gratitude as expressed in the address itself.

I have the honour to be,

Very Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

(Signed) G. RICHARDS,

District Grand Master,

Very Wor. Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.,  
Freemasons' Hall.

Transvaal.

[COPY]

United Grand Lodge of England,  
Freemasons' Hall,  
Great Queen-street, London, W.C.,  
23rd July, 1897.

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother,—I am desired by the M.W. Grand Master to acknowledge the receipt of the loyal address of congratulation to her Majesty the Queen from the Free and Accepted Masons resident in the Transvaal.

His Royal Highness has learnt with satisfaction that among the numerous brethren who have signed the address, there are many belonging to the Dutch and other Constitutions, and he sincerely trusts that the Masonic bonds by which these brethren are united, may be the means of strengthening the kindly feeling, which it is hoped will always continue to exist between the various nationalities in the South African Republic.

I am to state that the address shall be laid before her Majesty the Queen the first convenient opportunity.

I am, dear Sir and R.W. Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

(Signed) E. LETCHWORTH,  
Grand Secretary.

R.W. Bro. George Richards,  
Dist. G.M. Transvaal.

To her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, Grand Patron of Freemasons, &c., &c., &c.  
The loyal address of Free and Accepted Masons resident in the Transvaal, South Africa,

Humbly sheweth

That, on the memorable and auspicious occasion of your Majesty's reign,

We, the undersigned Freemasons, desire to express our devotion to your Majesty's person and Throne, and to tender to your Majesty our loyal and hearty congratulations on the 60th anniversary of your Majesty's accession, of a reign unparalleled in the British annals, not alone for its duration, but for its wealth of historic achievements, and for the world-wide expansion of the Empire which has signalised it.

An appreciation of your Majesty's illustrious reign and the personal respect and affection in which your Majesty is held are cherished in the hearts as they are preserved in the annals and poetry of the people over whom your Majesty has exercised the prerogatives of Royal power of a period in time and over numbers of human beings of all shades and colour, class and religion, unprecedented in the history of the world.

May your Majesty live long to contemplate and enjoy the result of your beneficent rule.

Your Majesty's loyal and devoted servants.

## Reviews.

Messrs. Whitfield, King, and Co. (Lacey-street, Ipswich), the famous postage stamp importers, have sent us a second edition of the "A B C Descriptive Priced Catalogue of the World's Postage Stamps, Envelopes, Post Cards," &c. It is a very remarkable and most interesting volume, Part I. being devoted to Adhesive Stamps, and Part II. to "Entires," i.e., Envelopes, Wrappers, Post Cards, &c. These two run to about 800 pages, closely printed and ably arranged, any Country or State being found with the greatest ease, though there is an Index to each portion of the valuable book. There is also a Foreign Money Table, with the equivalent value in English, ranging from Afghanistan to Zululand, and moreover there are about 5000 illustrations to guide the enquirer and assist the memory of the expert, so that this handy and most compact volume is a treasure for philatelists, besides being of considerable interest to those who wish information as to the value of stamps in their possession. To compile the work must have involved considerable labour, and certainly the small price it is published at, viz., 2s. 6d., *post free*, cannot reimburse the publishers, unless its sale leads to other business, which doubtless it often will. The firm was established in 1869, and their offices, erected in 1887, are declared to be "the largest in the world, devoted exclusively to the stamp trade, and are the only ones erected expressly for that purpose." There are some 20 million of stamps in their vast collection.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was held on Monday afternoon, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, Gateshead. The Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., presided, and was supported by Bros. R. B. Reed, Dep. Prov. G.M.; G. W. Bain, Prov. G. Treas.; T. J. Armstrong, P.G. Sec.; J. Straker Wilson, John Strachan, Thomas Purvis, W. F. Carmon, Dr. C. D. Hill Drury, Robert Whitfield, J. Arthur Forbes, F. H. Bennett, John Mark, James Sedcole, H. S. Bird, Rev. Robert Mitford Ilderton, Ralph Thompson, J. Heppell, W. E. Moffett, Charles S. Lane, John Page, William Brown, Ralph Thompson, Thomas Laws, James Shaw, Charles B. Fard, Edwin Shewbrooks, Harry Brown, John Holt, Edward Hudson, and W. Thomas Tate.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was read, and was adopted on the motion of Bro. R. B. REED, D.P.G.M., and seconded by Bro. THOMAS PURVIS, P.P.G. Treas.

The roll of lodges was called, when the several W.Ms. gave reports, which generally showed an increase in members.

The Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, D.D., briefly addressed the Grand Lodge. He expressed the pleasure he felt at being present at the close of another Masonic year. Personally, he was thankful to find himself once more amongst them, and, Masonically, he had to declare that it would be difficult to find a more satisfactory report than the one sent in that day. The increase in new members was steady and satisfactory, and he was well pleased to see that they were again giving liberally to the three Masonic Charities—the Mark Benevolent Fund, the Mark Educational Fund, and the Durham Masonic Education Fund. Further, he was delighted to see that the Hudson Fund had reached over £1000, and that it had been so well taken up by the Northumberland and Durham lodges. He next referred to the retirement of Bro. R. B. Reed from the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and spoke in high terms of the great work accomplished by Bro. Reed in that capacity. In conclusion, the Prov. Grand Master appointed Bro. Thomas Purvis to fill the important position of D.P.G.M.

Bro. G. W. Bain was re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and with the other Prov. G. Officers was duly invested for the year. The other officers were:

Bro. R. R. Robson	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Robinson	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" A. Dodds	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" F. F. Schnitzer	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" J. Redhead	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. J. H. Heywood	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. Stafford	...	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" J. Heppell	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Mark	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. Blair	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. Black	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Wilson	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.W.
" H. Paige	...	...	...	Prov. G.O.
" Alfred Simpson	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" E. Lauterbach	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. H. Hart	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Appleyard	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

A special vote of thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge was passed to Bro. R. B. Reed, Past Deputy Grand Master, for his eminent services, and it was ordered that it should be entered on the minutes of the proceedings.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, P.P.S.G.W., next, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, proposed a vote of hearty congratulation to Bro. Canon Tristram, Provincial Grand Master, on his recovery from his recent illness.

Bro. T. PURVIS, D.P.G.M., seconded the motion, which, like the preceding one, was carried with acclamation.

The Prov. G.M. and Bro. R. B. REED, P.D.P.G.M., replied in appropriate terms.

The Prov. G.M. announced that the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge would next year be held at Alnwick, under the banner of the Hotspur Lodge.



In the evening the annual festival was held at the Central Masonic Hall, when the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., P.G.M., presided, and there was a large attendance.

During the course of the evening, the P.G.M. intimated that Bros. Hugh Jackson and W. J. Jobson were nominated Prov. Grand Stewards. The nominations were not received in time for these brethren to be invested at the proper time, but he now declared them to be invested, and to receive such Prov. Grand honour.

### BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY.

#### MASONIC CEREMONIAL BY THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The north-east corner-stone of the Nurses' Home, which is being erected on the Westgate side of the Bradford Infirmary grounds, was laid by Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, Prov. G.M. Derbyshire, at noon on Monday, the 30th ult., with Masonic ceremonial. The W. Yorkshire brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, where the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened at 11 a.m. by the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. C. Malcolm, P.G.D., Bro. W. F. Smithson acting as Prov. Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. G. H. Smith (Mayor of Halifax) as Prov. Junior Grand Warden.

The brethren afterwards marched in procession to the Home, while the other invited guests assembled in the board room of the Infirmary, and it had been arranged that they should make their appearance on the site at the same time. The duties of Stewards were performed by members of the Building Committee. The arrival of the Ducal party, with the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. T. Speight), from the Town Hall was the signal for a cheer, his Grace being accompanied by Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire. Seats opposite the corner-stone were occupied by the Duchess of Devonshire, Mrs. W. L. Jackson, and the Mayoress of Bradford.

The Mayor, in opening the proceedings, said that they were honoured with the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. They were especially gratified that the Duchess had accepted their invitation, and, although that was the first time that she had visited Bradford, they hoped that it would not be the last. When inviting the Duke to perform the ceremony, the Board of Management of the Infirmary had felt that they were not approaching a stranger, but an old friend, a visitor whom they were always pleased to see, and an honoured and a good neighbour. The Board felt that much was expected from the nurses engaged in the institution, since the duties necessitated very close attention and confinement. The Board, therefore, felt that the nurses had a right to expect that adequate provision should be made for their comfort. It was hoped that the new Home, when completed, would fulfil that requirement, and he invited the Duke of Devonshire to perform the ceremony of laying the corner-stone. (Applause.)

The ceremony of laying the stone was then carried out according to the prescribed form. The upper stone having been raised and the lower one adjusted, the PROV. G. CHAPLAIN offered prayer.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY then read aloud the inscription on the stone, which was as follows: "This stone was laid with Masonic honours by the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., August 30th, 1897."

The Prov. Grand Treasurer deposited a phial containing coins in the place prepared for its reception, and cement was then spread on the upper face of the lower stone, his Grace adjusting it with a trowel presented by the architects (Messrs. Milnes and France), after which the upper stone was slowly lowered, with three distinct stops. His Grace's next duty was to prove the just position and form of the stone by the plumb rule, level, and square, which were successively delivered to him by the Prov. J.G. Warden, the Prov. S.G. Warden, and the Prov. Deputy Grand Master. At the conclusion of these operations he gave the stone three knocks with the mallet. Then followed what was perhaps the most curious part of the ceremony. His lordship took a golden cornucopia, from which he poured corn on to the stone, then ewers of the same metal, from which he emptied wine and oil, pronouncing on each occasion a prescribed form of words. "This set forth in the case of the corn that it was scattered as a symbol of abundance and prosperity, and that it was also a symbol of the Resurrection. Similar explanations were offered in the other cases. The golden vessels used were richly ornamented, and are a gift to the Provincial Grand Lodge from the late Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. H. Smith.

Mr. France afterwards delivered the plans of the intended building to his GRACE, who, after inspection, returned them to the architect, with the tools that had been used in proving the position of the stone, and desired him to proceed to the completion of the work in conformity with the plans.

The ceremony was then brought to a close by the PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN pronouncing the blessing.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Duke of Devonshire for performing the ceremony, the MAYOR said that Bradford was equipped as well as, if not better than, any other city in the kingdom except London with institutions of a charitable or an educational character. The inhabitants were proud of the Infirmary at present, but that feeling would be intensified when the new Nurses' Home was completed.

Bro. W. C. LUTTON seconded the motion, which was adopted with great cordiality, and

Bro. the Duke of DEVONSHIRE, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said it had given him great pleasure to have the opportunity of meeting his brother Masons of the Province of West Yorkshire, and to be associated with them in a work which he was sure was for the credit, and he hoped would be for the future benefit, of the city of Bradford. He did not think there was anything upon which we could more legitimately congratulate ourselves at the present time than on the admirable spirit which had been shown in every part of the country in recent years in the provision which had been made for the sick and for those who were suffering from accidents. This was a department of public duty with which it had never as yet been found necessary either for the State or for municipal bodies to associate themselves. Apart from the care of the indigent sick and injured which was carried on in the workhouses, the whole provision for the great mass of the people in respect of hospital accommodation and hospital attendance was, he believed, at the present moment provided by voluntary contributions—(hear, hear)—and the completeness with which this work had been, and was being, performed showed that in this respect a wise course had been taken in relying, solely upon voluntary subscriptions and private benevolence. (Hear, hear.) There was no doubt that this circumstance occasionally entailed a great strain and labour upon those who were responsible for the management of these institutions, and that showed how valuable had been the great effort at the head of which the Prince of Wales had placed himself for the purpose of redeeming the London hospitals from debt. Under these circumstances he had to tender his cordial thanks for having been allowed to associate himself in the particular work in which they had been

engaged that day, and which was chiefly connected with the much-needed improvement in the status and position of the nurses. For the efficiency of infirmaries and similar institutions they owed their thanks in the first place to the extraordinary exertions that the medical profession, both in its medical and surgical branches, had made, but it was now admitted more fully than at any previous time that a share of that recognition second only to that rendered by the medical profession, was due to the nurses. This provision for the better accommodation of nurses was but one of a series of steps which had of recent years been taken for improving the position of the nurses, and in acknowledgment of the fact that nursing was now a profession which could not be undertaken by the first ignorant old woman, or enthusiastic young girl who might think herself fit to exercise that duty, but, like all other professions, was one which required careful training, intelligence, and assiduity. They all knew the great interest which her Majesty had taken in the success of hospitals and in the position of nurses. He ascertained from the Chairman of the Board of Management that it would be gratifying to them and to the city of Bradford if her Majesty's permission could be obtained to her name being associated in some manner with this Infirmary and with this Nurses' Home. He had received the following letter from the Home Office: "In reference to your gracious letter of the 18th inst., asking permission to make use of the word 'Royal' in connection with the title of the Bradford Infirmary and of the word 'Victoria' in connection with the title of the new Nurses' Home, I have the honour, by direction of the Secretary of State, to acquaint you that he has laid your Grace's application before the Queen, who graciously approves of the desired permission being granted." (Applause.) His Grace said that, in view of the state of the weather, he would defer the remainder of his remarks to a later stage in the day's programme.

During the latter part of the proceedings a heavy shower fell, and considerably interfered with the comfort of the gathering.

His Grace was afterwards driven back to the Town Hall, and the brethren returned to the Masonic Hall, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and a large company were afterwards entertained to luncheon at the Town Hall by the Mayor of Bradford, the tables being laid in the Council Chamber, which had been very handsomely decorated for the occasion.

## Craft Masonry.

### Industry Lodge, No. 48.

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 23rd inst., when there was a good attendance, taking into consideration the present holiday season. The W.M., Bro. A. Simpson, presided, and was supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bros. H. Jackson, I.P.M.; W. Stafford, P.M.; T. R. Jobson, P.M.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; Robert Whitfield, P.M.; W. C. A. Holzapfel, S.W.; John Armstrong, J.W.; Rev. Wm. Bowker, Chap.; J. T. Pragnell, Sec.; G. T. Bootes, as S.D.; H. H. Pitt, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. E. Peacock, I.G.; R. Hewett, Stwd.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; J. Lawson, T. W. Stokoe, A. W. Blacklock, W. Blythe, H. Coulson, T. Chegwidden, E. Elliott, R. Dobson, J. Charlton, F. Winter, E. Histon, C. H. T. Peimears, J. Wardle, W. Nichols, P. Cash, J. E. John, F. A. Thirlaway, G. Reid, John Carr, W. L. Young, and G. C. Potts. Amongst the visitors were Bros. F. S. Cowper, P.M. 2039; Isaac Taylor, 1342; H. Bartlett, J.D. 406; J. Howe, Sec. 424; N. Brown, 424; J. D. Cullen, I.G. 2568; H. Forster, W.M. 1676; J. O. Hogg, 424; J. B. Clark, S.W. 24; James Durrant, 1712; J. G. Scott, 2029; W. Sansom, 424; and others.

The W.M. raised Bros. F. Winter and F. A. Thirlaway to the Third Degree, and also explained the tracing board to the candidates.

The work of the evening being ended, the brethren adjourned at 8.30 p.m. to the refreshment room, when an agreeable and pleasant time was spent for two hours.

### Empire Lodge, No. 2108.

An emergency meeting of this well-known and distinguished lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, when there were present Bros. A. Davidson Kemp, W.M.; E. A. Barnett, I.P.M.; F. G. Mellows, S.W.; Lionel Cooke, J.W.; E. E. Harding, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Herbert Bunning, S.D.; J. Sefton Mayors, J.D.; E. Warden Dennis, P.M., D.C.; A. Bassett Hopkins, I.G.; Horace Field, Stwd.; his Highness the Raja Ajit Singh of Ketri, his Highness Raj Kumar Umaid Singh of Shahpura, Walter Clifford, P.M.; Albert Cohu, G. Deutsch, A. Harvey, O. Goldstein, O. W. F. Hill, A. M. Fowler, F. Miller, and H. Evenden, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. K. C. S. Varma, D. Naoroji, Sir Mancherjee Merwanjee Bhownagree, K.C.I.E., M.P., and R. T. West.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M., Bro. A. Davidson Kemp, raised Bros. his Highness the Raja Ajit Singh and his Highness Raj Kumar Umaid Singh to the Third Degree. The working of the W.M. was excellent. The W.M. stated that the brethren would be entertained that evening by Bro. his Highness Raj Kumar Umaid Singh, who he had had the great honour to raise, and on his motion, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to that distinguished brother for his kind invitation.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet, which gave every satisfaction, and it was admirably served under the personal superintendence of the manager, Bro. L. E. Lefèvre.

The W.M. presided, having on his right and left the two Princes, and Bros. K. C. S. Varma, Sir Mancherjee Bhownagree, and D. Naoroji.

At the conclusion of the repast the Worshipful Master stated that at the request of their host no toasts would be given, with the exception of one, that was never missed at any Masonic gathering, and he gave "The Queen" and—exclaimed Bro. Varma—"Empress."

Some excellent speeches were made by Bros. K. C. S. Varma, D. Naoroji, and Sir M. M. Bhownagree, M.P.

In eloquent terms the Worshipful Master, on behalf of the members of the lodge, wished the two Princes God-speed, which was acknowledged by

Bro. his Highness the Raja Ajit Singh, who stated that he was very glad to have been initiated in such a good lodge as the Empire, and when he returned to India it would be a great pleasure to him to do his utmost to form a new lodge in the Province of Rajputana, as he was convinced that Freemasonry was a grand institution.

Bro. his Highness Raj Kumar Umaid Singh also acknowledged the kind words of the Worshipful Master, and said it was a great pleasure to him to meet the brethren that evening.

Bro. Herbert Bunning gave with marked effect "Oh, that I were a wind and free to blow," his own composition.

## INAUGURAL FESTIVAL OF THE TRANSVAAL MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

The inaugural banquet of the Transvaal Masonic Educational Institution took place on the 28th April last at the Freemasons' Hall, Johannesburg, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion with the banners of the various local lodges and other Masonic emblems.

In the unavoidable absence of the District Grand Master—Bro. George Richards—the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. H. F. E. Pistorius, occupied the chair, supported by his District Grand Lodge Officers, the

Sub District Grand Master and Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Past Masters of the Irish, Netherlands, Scotch, American, and English Constitutions, the full number present being 145.

The toast list was then proceeded with, the two first being "His Honour, the President," and "The Queen and the Craft."

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" was proposed by Bro. H. F. E. PISTORIUS, Dep. D.G.M., and received with musical honours.

Bro. C. ABURROW, Pres. Board of General Purposes, proposed "Lord Saltoun, the Duke of Abercorn, and G. Vas Visser."

Bros. A. DAWE, Sub D.G. Master D.G.L. of Scotland; Dr. E. H. CROGHAN, W.M. of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 159 (I.C.); and H. B. PAPENFUS, W.M. of the Prince Frederick Lodge, under the G.E. of the Netherlands.

"The D.G.M., Bro. George Richards," was proposed by Bro. Dr. E. H. CROGHAN.

"The Health of Bro. F. Douglas McMillan, D.G.M. Scottish Constitution," was proposed by Bro. Baron DE MATAHIA and responded to by Bro. A. DAWE, Sub D.G.M.

"The Transvaal Masonic Educational Institution" was proposed by Bro. H. F. E. PISTORIUS and responded to by Bro. J. W. PEIRSON, P.D.J.G.D.

Bro. M. L. HARRIS, D.G. Chaplain, proposed "The Health of the Chairman," to which Bro. PISTORIUS responded.

"The Stewards" was proposed by Bro. RIDEAL, D.G. Treas. Scottish Constitution, and responded to by Bro. D. MOSS, P.D.G. Std. Br.

The Tyler's toast was proposed by the District Grand Tyler, Bro. K. KLAGSBRUN.

Bro. PISTORIUS, in proposing the toast of the evening, "The Transvaal Masonic Educational Institution," after having explained the objects of the Institution and the lines upon which the same would be managed, paid a high tribute to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. J. DA SILVA, D.G. Sec., who had not only initiated the movement, but had also performed all the arduous duties in conjunction therewith, and the thanks of the brethren were due to him for his untiring zeal in promoting its interests. He deeply regretted Bro. D. Silva's absence from the inaugural festival, owing to the death of his esteemed wife, and he was convinced that he had the most heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement of every brother in the Craft who knew him.

Bro. J. W. PEIRSON, P.D.J.G.D., in replying to the toast, announced that the Stewards had handed in lists showing a grand total of £10,418 4s. 6d.—this amount being made up as follows:

Bro. J. Da Silva's List:			
Bro. Geo. Richards, D.G.M....	...	£210	0 0
Mrs. Richards	...	52	10 0
Bro. C. Salmon	...	100	0 0
W. Coulsen Tregarthen, P.D.G. Org.	...	21	0 0
District Grand Lodge of the Transvaal (E.C.)	...	105	0 0
		£488	10 0
Lodge 1747, Bro. F. Strange	...	£397	13 0
" 2313, Bros. W. Boyes and R. Hall	...	385	7 0
" 2314, Bro. J. W. Peirson	...	47	2 6
" 2354, Bro. Dr. E. Nixon	...	80	0 0
" 2478, Bro. A. Goldberg...	...	1121	11 0
" 2480, Bro. D. Waterson	...	273	0 0
" 2481, Bros. E. Wilkinson, A. Dowling, B. de R. Malraison, and W. Dodds	...	357	0 0
" 2485, Bro. W. B. Boyes	...	63	0 0
" 2498, Bro. J. Blane	...	429	0 0
" 2539, Bro. W. T. Lloyd	...	572	5 0
" 2544, Bro. Dr. J. Anderson	...	6	6 0
" 2585, Bros. S. Hershfield and Rev. M. L. Harris	...	890	10 0
" 2607, Bro. D. Moss	...	955	10 0
" 159 (I.C.), Bro. Dr. E. Croghan	...	105	0 0
" Star of the Rand (G.E.N.), Bro. F. H. de Roos	...	245	15 0
" Libertas (G.E.N.), Bro. F. H. de Roos	...	52	10 0
" Prince Frederick (G.E.N.), Bro. H. B. Papenfus	...	31	10 0
" of Instruction, 2313, Bro. G. Burt Andrews	...	15	15 0
		5929	14 6
		£6418	4 6

Gift of Bro. C. Salmon, consisting of a plot of land, valued at £7500, say ... 4000 0 0

Grand total—all sources—but with 12 lists outstanding... £10,418 4s. 6d.  
Of the above £5929 14s. 6d., the sum of £2553 13s. was contributed out of the lodge funds.

The above amount is divided amongst the Constitutions as follows:			
English Constitution 11 lodges	...	£2241	15 0
Irish " 1 "	...	105	0 0
Netherlands " 4 "	...	159	13 0
Lodges of Instruction 2 "	...	47	5 0
		£2553	13 0

and by deducting this amount and the £105 donated by District Grand Lodge from the total £6418 4s. 6d., there remains a total of £3759 11s. 6d. subscribed by the brethren as against £2658 13s. provided by the lodges.

The recital of the above was received with marked appreciation and unbounded enthusiasm. The proceedings throughout were of a most cordial and harmonious nature, the utmost amity and concord prevailing.

The SUBSTITUTE D.G.M. of the Scottish Constitution stated that the Scottish District Grand Lodge had decided to throw in their lot with the scheme so as to make one huge success; while Bro. RIDEAL, in proposing the toast of "The Stewards," stated that the Scotch lodges would endeavour to subscribe another £10,000 they could certainly be depended on for £5000. He announced his intention of donating 400 guineas for himself and 100 guineas for his wife.

The keynote of the evening's proceedings was unanimity, irrespective of Constitution. Some excellent songs were contributed between the toasts, and at a late hour the festival terminated.

## Lodges of Instruction.

### PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Weavers' Arms, 17, London Wall, when there were present Bros. William Baker, W.M.; T. Stokes, S.W.; E. Collins, J.W.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; James Smith, P.M. 192, Asst. Sec.; J. G. Robeson, S.D.; Reid, J.D.; Farr, I.G.; Stevenson, Shepherd, Wood, Dixon, Lockett, and Wynman.

The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees and Bro. Stevenson being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and Bro. Stevenson was raised to the Degree of M.M. The brethren then went through Masonic drill, after which the W.M. closed down in the Third and Second Degrees respectively, and after rising the usual times, closed the lodge in due form and the meeting adjourned. Bro. Stokes was unanimously elected W.M. for next week, and Bro. Dixon to become a joining member.

### HYDE PARK LODGE, 1425.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 30th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. A. Leclair, W.M.; W. H. Handover, S.W.; G. Weaver, J.W. 733, J.W.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177, Deputy Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; C. B. Lumley, S.D.; A. W. H. Jones, J.W. 1838, J.D.; G. E. Harris, I.G.; E. J. Potter, Steward; H. Campbell, P.M. 734; T. M. Lambie, S.W. 511; H. Crookes, C. Riemann, and W. Harris.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Crookes acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Weaver, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Riemann being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Handover was elected W.M. for the next meeting, the officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Leclair for rehearsing the ceremony of initiation for the first time in his life, and the compliment was acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

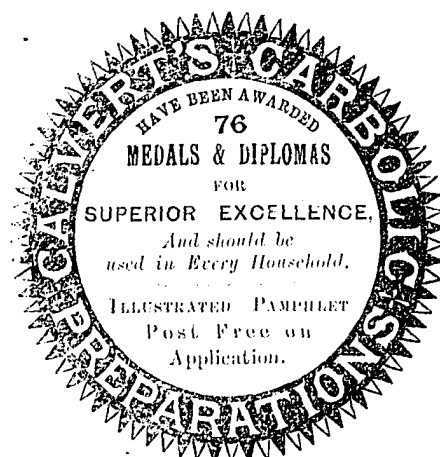
## Obituary.

### BRO. CAPT. WILLIAM SHIPMAN, 1789.

Bro. Capt. William Shipman, of the Ubique Lodge, No. 1789, Riding Master of the Royal Horse Artillery, died at his residence, The Quarters, Nightingale-place, Woolwich, on Thursday, the 19th ultimo, and was buried with full military honours at Charlton Cemetery on the following Monday. The coffin was borne on a gun carriage, covered with the Union Jack, and bearing the deceased's sword and accoutrements, the band of the Royal Artillery playing funeral marches. There were a large number of brethren present, the mourners consisting of the two sons of the deceased; Messrs. G. and C. Shipman, brothers of the deceased; Messrs. R. and A. Dunstan, nephews; Major Pawson and Capt. Hanwell, R.A.; and Mr. Smith. The military column included Major-General Maurice, C.B., commanding Woolwich District; Lieut. Maurice, Aide-de-Camp to the Commandant; Col. Slade, C.B., A.A.G.; Col. Lockhart, commanding Royal Artillery; Major Cowan, Brigade Major R.A.; and a large number of officers of all ranks. Wreaths were sent by Mrs. Shipman and family; Mr. G. Shipman and family; Mr. C. Shipman and family; Messrs. A. and W. Dunstan; Major-General and Mrs. Maurice; the Officers, Royal Artillery; Colonel and Mrs. Browell and family; Colonel and Mrs. Yorke; the Officers, Riding Establishment, R.A.; the Warrant and N.C. Officers, R.E., R.A.; the N.C.O. and Men, R.A.; the Gentlemen Cadets, R.M.A.; Major and Mrs. Pawson and family; Capt. McLennan and family; Capt. and Rgmtr. Stevens; Lieut. and Rgmtr. McCombie; Lieut. and Rgmtr. Learmont; the Officers, N.C.O., and Men, 3rd Kent V.A.; Major Tasker, 3rd Kent V.A.; Capt. and Mrs. Weston; Lieut. and Mrs. James; Mr. and Mrs. Smith; Mrs. Ashmead, Miss S. R. Domville, and other friends. Our deceased brother was universally beloved and respected.

### BRO. MAJOR E. H. PEACOCK.

The brethren of St. Helena Lodge, No. 488, have sustained a severe loss in the untimely death of their Junior Warden, Bro. the Hon. Major E. H. Peacock, 1st Leicester Regiment, Officer Commanding Troops, St. Helena, who died very suddenly on July 16th. Bro. Peacock was a man who carried the precepts of the Craft into every detail of his life, and his generous and manly character gained him friends amongst all classes of society, and the numbers who came to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory is a convincing proof of the universal esteem and affection with which he was regarded throughout the whole island community. At an ordinary meeting of the lodge (which was in mourning), held at the lodge house, St. Helena, on August 9th, it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to his widow.



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**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, September 11th, 1897.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.****CRAFT LODGES.**

144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel.  
1321, Emblematic, Criterion.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

1801, St. Ambrose, St. James' Restaurant.

**MARK LODGE.**

139, Panmure, Holborn Restaurant.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.  
Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.  
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.  
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Midway Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.  
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.  
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance).  
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.  
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.  
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.  
Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.  
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.****CRAFT LODGES.**

1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.  
1602, Beaconsfield, The Chequers, Walthamstow.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.  
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.  
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.  
Chancer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Lord Turo, Dalston-lane, at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.  
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.  
Mount Edgecombe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.  
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.  
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.  
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.  
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.  
Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.**

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel.  
1686, Honor Oak, White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood.  
2581, Empress, Queen's Gate Hall, South Kensington.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.  
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.  
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.  
Creston, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.  
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.  
Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.  
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.  
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.  
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.  
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.  
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall, at 7.  
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.

Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.  
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.  
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.  
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioners' Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.  
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.  
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.  
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.  
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.  
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.****CRAFT LODGES.**

1155, Excelsior, Bridge House Hotel.  
1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.  
2108, Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel.  
2417, Bollingbroke, Municipal Buildings, Lavender Hill.  
2500, Barnet, Assembly Rooms.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.  
800, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.  
907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Burdett-Countess, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.  
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Tickenham, at 8.30.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.  
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.  
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.  
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.  
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.  
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
Montehore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.  
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.  
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45.  
Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales, Hampstead-road, at 7.30.  
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.  
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.  
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.  
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
Temerquity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.  
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.****CRAFT LODGES.**

780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.  
1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Albion, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at 7.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.  
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.  
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 7.  
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 8.  
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.  
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.  
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.  
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.  
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.  
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.  
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.****CRAFT LODGES.**

1446, Mount Edgecombe, Bridge House Hotel.  
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern.  
1655, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.  
1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.  
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
2206, Hendon, Midland Grand Hotel.  
2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall.  
2513, Sir Walter St. John, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
2579, Lewisham, St. Mary's Parish Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.  
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.  
Ebony, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.  
Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.  
Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.  
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.

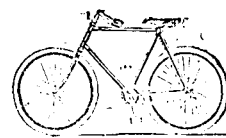
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## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 8th inst., at 4 p.m.

TWO NEW INSTITUTIONS are about to be inaugurated at Brighton, one being the Municipal School of Science, for which a handsome building has been erected, and the other a real ice skating-rink.

A LOWESTOFT trawler named the Albatross was run down in the channel on Monday, by a Norwegian barque and sank immediately. The skipper, who leaves a wife and nine children, and the mate were both drowned.

PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG, prior to her departure with the Queen for Scotland on Tuesday, paid a visit to Whippingham Church for the purpose of inspecting the screen which is being placed in the Memorial Chapel by Mr. Gilbert, R.A.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY travelled to Osborne on Saturday last by her Majesty's command and had the honour of being included in the Royal dinner party. Subsequently his lordship had audience of the Queen and returned to town on Monday.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT, accompanied by the Princess Louise and the Princesses Margaret and Patricia and Prince Arthur of Connaught, honoured Bro. Lord and Lady Pirbright with their company at an afternoon party at Henley Park on Saturday last.

SIR ALFRED MILNER, Governor of Cape Colony and High Commissioner for South Africa, has forwarded to England two packages containing illuminated addresses to her Majesty the Queen, consigned to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department.

PRINCESS VICTORIA OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, after taking leave of the Queen at Osborne on Tuesday, crossed over to Portsmouth for London, reaching Victoria Station in the afternoon. Her Royal Highness drove to Buckingham Palace and subsequently left for the Continent.

THE KING OF SIAM arrived at Hamburg at 2 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon, and was received by the Burgomaster and the officers commanding the garrison, a guard of honour being drawn up on the platform at the railway station. Later in the day his Majesty paid a visit to the Horticultural Gardens.

THE DEATH is announced of Mrs. Horace Sedger, better known to playgoers as Miss Nellie Harris, sister of the late Bro. Sir Augustus Harris and Charles Harris. Mrs. Sedger, whose death occurred somewhat suddenly after only a few days' illness, was some years ago lessee of the Novelty Theatre.

PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG on Monday laid the foundation-stone of a new children's hospital ward at Ryde, which will be the island memorial of the Queen's reign. Her Royal Highness was enthusiastically received, and having performed the ceremony and been accorded a vote of thanks for her kindness drove away amid the cheers of those assembled.

THE EXTENSIVE shooting preserves of the Earl of Ancaster, the Marquis of Exeter, Lord Chilmley, and other gentlemen in South Lincolnshire are reported to be well-stocked with game, though partridges, having suffered from the cold weather that prevailed at the hatching season, are not as plentiful as last year. There is, therefore, a very promising outlook for the coming season.

PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein left East Cowes on board the Royal yacht Alberta on Saturday last, for Portsmouth, where they visited and inspected the Renown, flagship to Vice-Admiral Sir John Fisher, K.C.B., which sailed on Wednesday for the North American and West Indies station. Their Royal Highnesses returned to the Isle of Wight after lunching with the Admiral.

THE FUNERAL of Captain Arkwright, who lost his life on Mont Blanc, but whose body was only recovered on the 22nd ult., took place at Chamounix on Tuesday. The remains were followed to their last resting place by several of the deceased's relatives, and there were also present the Mayor and other public functionaries, as well as a number of English and American tourists. The funeral caused a large amount of interest.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will be held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, this (Friday) evening for the purpose of considering sundry applications to be placed on the list of candidates for election at the Court of Governors next ensuing, namely, two for the Educational Fund, two for the Combined Fund, and four for the Advancement Fund. The chair will be taken at 7 p.m.

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER (Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.) has notified to the executors of the late Sir Wollaston Franks that he purposes remitting the duty on the bequest of that gentleman to the British Museum, and accordingly the very valuable collection bequeathed by Sir W. Franks has been handed over to the trustees of the British Museum. This will involve a considerable rearrangement of the galleries, but it is hoped that in the course of a few weeks the collection will be on view to the public.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK left Dublin for Killarney on Saturday last, where they had been the guests of the Earl of Kenmare. Their Royal Highnesses drove under military escort to the Kingsbridge Railway Station, and were followed by the Lord-Lieutenant and the Countess Cadogan, among those assembled to bid them "God-speed" on their journey being Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Princess Henry of Pless, the Lord-Chancellor of Ireland (Bro. Lord Ashbourne), Sir David Harrel, Bro. Lord Roberts and his staff, and others.

THERE HAVE been sundry disasters on the coast caused by the heavy gale that prevailed on Sunday. At Holyhead, the crew of the lifeboat were hastily summoned, and the boat promptly dispatched in charge of a tug to the relief of a large steamer which was flying signals of distress off the South Stack, while the steamer Queen, belonging to the North of Scotland, Orkney and Shetland Steam Shipping Company, reached Lerwick on Sunday, having on board the crew of a Norwegian whaler, which had been burned and abandoned at sea. The crew were at once landed and will be forwarded to their homes by the Norwegian Vice Consul.

THE GLASGOW magistrates and Clyde Trustees have completed their arrangements for the reception of the Duke and Duchess of York on their approaching visit to Scotland. Their Royal Highnesses will arrive on board of the Royal Yacht Victoria and Albert at Greenock on the morning of Friday, the 10th instant, and will go on to Govan, where the Duchess will christen the new docks the "Prince's Dock." After this the steamer will convey the Royal party to Broomielaw, whence they will drive in carriages to Kelvingrove Park, where the Duke will lay the foundation-stone of the Fine Art Gallery. After luncheon, the Duke and Duchess will leave for Dalmeny on a visit to the Earl of Rosebery.

DONCASTER RACES.—The Great Northern Railway Company are making special arrangements in connection with Doncaster Races. The usual service of 15 expresses from London will be maintained, and, in addition, a special express will leave King's Cross on each race day at 9.40 a.m., luncheon cars for first and third class passengers being attached to this train. On Monday, the 6th instant, additional expresses will also leave King's Cross at 3.15 p.m. and 5.40 p.m. On Wednesday, the 8th instant (St. Leger Day), an excursion will be run from Woolwich Arsenal, Woolwich Dockyard, Charlton, Maze Hill, Greenwich, Deptford, Blackheath, New Cross, and Sparring, returning from Doncaster same day only. On the same day an excursion will be run from Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and King's Cross (G.N.), returning same day or "Cup" day. For these trips the low fare of 12s. 6d., third class, will be charged. Additional express trains will also leave Doncaster for London at 12.50 p.m. and 6.5 p.m. on each race day, and on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the 7th, 8th, and 9th instant, dining cars for first and third class passengers will be attached to the latter train. To enable visitors from town to return immediately after the last race on "Cup" day, the 10th instant, special expresses will leave Doncaster at 4.10 and 5.0 p.m., and on the latter train dining cars for first and third class passengers will be run. Third class passengers will be conveyed by all trains.

THE TOTAL contributions to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund up to Wednesday (excluding the proceeds of the sale of the hospital stamps) amount to £181,741 12s. 9d.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF ONSLOW will leave Clandon Park this (Friday) morning or to-morrow for Scotland, where his lordship intends having some deer stalking.

AMONG THE GUESTS whom the Duke of Norfolk is entertaining at Arundel Castle for the autumn manoeuvres are the Duke of Connaught, Bros. Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Evelyn Wood, Lord Edmund Talbot, the Right Hon. St. John Brodrick, M.P., the Hon. R. Talbot, and many other officers.

AN EXPERIMENT with motors as dust-collectors is being made by the Chiswick Urban District Council and is exciting a considerable amount of interest among other sanitary bodies. If successful, it is reckoned that the Chiswick Urban Council will effect a saving of between £500 and £600 a year.

PRINCESS VICTORIA OF WALES and Princess Charles of Denmark, attended by Sir Dighton Probyn, V.C., left Marlborough House on Wednesday evening for Port Victoria, where they embarked on the Royal yacht Osborne for Copenhagen, Admiral of the Fleet, Bro. the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, being in attendance. The Osborne remained in Sheerness Harbour for the night.

THERE is recorded a further decline in the death rate for the Metropolis last week. According to the Registrar-General's returns, the rate dropped from 24.2 to 20.4 per 1000, there being still, however, an unusual number of deaths among children under five years of age from gastric maladies. The rate at Brighton has decreased to 19.8, and at Croydon to 21.1 per 1000.

THE CRICKET SEASON terminated on Wednesday, when the matches between Surrey and Sussex at Brighton; Somersetshire and Hants at Taunton; and Warwickshire and Derbyshire at Birmingham, had all of them to be abandoned in consequence of the rain. Lancashire wins the County Championship, with Surrey a good second, Essex third, Yorkshire fourth, and Gloucestershire fifth.

ON HER ARRIVAL at Balmoral on Wednesday afternoon, the Queen received an enthusiastic Highland welcome. Over the north entrance gate a triumphal arch of heather and evergreens was erected, with the motto "Ever Welcome." The Farquharson and Balmoral Highlanders furnished a guard of honour, and at the call of Sir Fleetwood Edwards three cheers were given for her Majesty.

THE IRISH TEXTILE EXHIBITION was closed on Saturday evening last. Prior to the closing of the Exhibition, an interesting ceremony was held in the Great Hall, which included the presentation of an address to the Countess Cadogan, as the organiser of the Exhibition, and a testimonial to Mr. McCartney Filgate in recognition of the zeal and devotion he has shown in its management. There was a large and distinguished company present.

BRO. LORD CHARLES BERESFORD has at length obtained flag-rank, and, it is needless to say, that his promotion to be Rear-Admiral is extremely popular throughout the service. He highly distinguished himself when in command of the Condor at the bombardment of the Alexandria forts in 1882, and again on the Gordon Relief Expedition up the Nile in 1885, when he was mainly instrumental in extricating Sir Charles Wilson from a perilous position.

THERE WERE PRESENT at the annual church parade in Seaham Hall grounds on Sunday last by invitation of the Marquis of Londonderry as many as 45 cyclist clubs, including some 150 ladies, among those who witnessed the proceedings being Bro. Sir Michael and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach and Lord Henry Vane-Tempest. His lordship delivered a brief address, in which he expressed regret at the absence, through indisposition, of Lady Londonderry, and having extended to them all a hearty welcome, expressed the hope that they would continue to hold their parade in his grounds.

THE NEW PALACE STEAMERS (LIMITED) announce that the La Marguerite and Royal Sovereign will continue running to Southend, Margate, Ramsgate, and Boulogne until 13th September, and that the La Belgique will run to Ostend until the 11th inst., returning on the 12th. Owing to the success which has attended the La Marguerite special trip to Boulogne on Wednesday an extra trip is announced for Wednesday, the 8th inst., train leaving Fenchurch-street at 6.15 a.m., returning from Boulogne at 4.0 p.m.

A FATAL ACCIDENT occurred to a train from Eastbourne to Tunbridge Wells on the London Brighton and South Coast line on Wednesday morning. Between Mayfield and Heathfield a train went over an embankment, and the driver was killed, some 13 persons, including the fireman and guard, injured, and about 17 others more or less severely shaken. The London Brighton and South Coast Railway has long enjoyed an immunity from accident, and it is probable that this one is due to the long and heavy rains which have fallen recently.

IT APPEARS to be established beyond doubt that the capture of Lundi Kotal was due to an act of treachery on the part of some members of the garrison, a number of whom have joined the enemy. But before the place was captured the garrison inflicted a heavy loss on the besiegers, with only a few casualties on their own side. Meanwhile the preparations to deal effectively with the Afridis and the other tribes that have attacked us are proceeding rapidly, and there seems to be little doubt that this frontier revolt will soon be put down. We must, however, expect to hear of some sharp work, as the tribesmen have good fighting qualities in them.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by the Princess Henry of Battenberg and her children and the children of the Duke and Duchess of York, and attended by the ladies and gentlemen of her Court, left Osborne on Tuesday afternoon, and, having crossed the Solent in the Royal yacht, Alberta, to Portsmouth, proceeded at once to the special train in waiting and journeyed northwards to Balmoral, her Highland residence, which was reached on Wednesday afternoon. According to present arrangements, her Majesty will remain in Scotland till about the middle of November, when the Court will return South and take up their residence at Windsor.

THE JUBILEE celebrations of King Oscar II. of Sweden will commence on the 17th instant and will be continued for five days. Besides the members of the Swedish and Danish families, the following Royal persons have announced their intention of being present: The Hereditary Grand Duke of Baden, with his consort; the Hereditary Grand Duke of Luxembourg, with his consort; Prince Friedrich Leopold of Prussia, as the representative of Emperor William; Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, as the representative of Queen Victoria; and Prince Chira, as the representative of the King of Siam.

AFTER A VISIT to Adare Manor, the seat of Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, owner of the famous yacht Valkyrie, which was concluded on Wednesday morning, the Duke and Duchess of York continued their Irish excursion by train to Killarney whence their Royal Highnesses proceeded by boat up the Shannon, accompanied by Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, Lady Fingall, Bro. Gerald Balfour, M.P., and Lady Betty Balfour, and Lady Rachel Wyndham-Quin. The weather was deplorable, but at every village and town that was passed, crowds of people cheered the Royal party, while several addresses were presented and acknowledged. From Banagher to Newtown Stewart the journey was continued by rail, the reception being fully as cordial. From Newtown Stewart the Duke and Duchess proceeded to Baron's Court, as guests of the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn there being a large house party invited to meet their Royal Highnesses, among them being Lord and Lady Rossmore, Bros. Lord Frederick and Lord Claud Hamilton, and Sir W. Kaye.

THE CYCLISTS of various towns in East Kent held their annual Church Parade on Sunday, the 29th ult., the venue being Folkestone. The participating clubs, in addition to the local one, included Dover (which sent the largest contingent), Margate, Hythe, Canterbury, and Herne Bay, whilst the visiting cyclists included some from the Catford Club. The muster was the largest yet held. At St. Michael's Church a short service was held, the Mayor and Corporation of Folkestone attending in State. Mr. Ben Greet read the lesson, and the incumbent, the Rev. E. Husband, delivered an address, speaking as a cyclist to cyclists. Having expressed the thanks of Mr. Greet, whom he described as an honoured member of an honoured profession, the rev. gentlemen said he considered God had given them the joy of cycling to enable them to keep their health, for he maintained that a bicycle was the best doctor a man could have. He concluded with an appeal for assistance for the Folkestone Hospital, the result of which was highly satisfactory. Subsequently the Mayor of Folkestone delivered a few words of welcome to the cyclists in the Board School playground.