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MASONIC CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

The Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, has been the scene of the three most memorable in-door gatherings of Freemasons that have ever been held in this or any other country. In some of the jurisdictions in the United States, notably in those of the Grand Lodges of New York and Pennsylvania, there have been, on certain occasions, such as the laying of the foundation-stones of the Masonic Halls in New York and Philadelphia, out-door processions in which the brethren have mustered to the number of 15,000, 20,000, 25,000, or even more, while when the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar is held triennially in one of the larger cities, thousands of the knights parade in full Templar costume, and are for the time being a centre of attraction to such a concourse of spectators as we should not care to think of estimating. These out-door processions and parades are, invariably, a conspicuous success, but we shall doubtless be forgiven if we claim for the Albert Hall Masonic meetings a splendour and impressiveness that have not been, and in our humble opinion cannot be, surpassed or even equalled elsewhere. In the first place, there is no hall we have ever heard of that will accommodate so vast a number as has been gathered together on these occasions in the Albert Hall. In the second place, the building has been so constructed as to allow not only of many thousands being accommodated, but likewise of their being seated in such a manner that the whole body may be seen as well as see what is being done.

The first of the three meetings we are referring to was held on the 28th April, 1875, when his Royal Highness the Prince of WALES was solemnly installed in office as M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England in the presence of a concourse of brethren variously estimated at from 8000 to 10,000. This was a Grand Lodge differing in no other respects from the ordinary communications which are held periodically in Freemasons' Hall than in the vast number that were present, and, further, in the admission of Master Masons—at the rate of one per lodge—other than those entitled to be present as Wardens at such assemblies. The meeting was tyled in the usual manner, and Grand Lodge was opened and closed with the accustomed formalities, while the proceedings throughout were conducted, as we have said, in precisely the same fashion as at the meeting which is held on the day of the annual Grand Festival. The second of the three

meetings was held on the 13th June, 1887, under the presidency of the Prince of WALES, M.W.G.M., for the purpose of celebrating the Jubilee of the QUEEN'S accession to the throne. There were just over 6000 brethren present, but the meeting was not a Grand Lodge and consequently there was an absence of the usual ceremonial. When the Prince had taken his seat, his Royal Highness rose and explained that the meeting had been called for the purpose of voting an address of congratulation to her Majesty the QUEEN, on the completion of the 50th year of her reign, and the Grand Secretary having read the address, the then Pro Grand Master—the Earl of CARNARVON—moved, and the then Deputy Grand Master—the Earl of LATHOM—seconded, that the address be adopted, and on the Prince putting this to the meeting it was carried unanimously amid the most enthusiastic cheering. His Royal Highness having signed the address the National Anthem was sung, and cheers for the QUEEN and the Prince of WALES having been given, the Grand Master conferred Past Grand Rank on a number of distinguished brethren. The Grand Master then announced that he had given his sanction for all Masons who should be subscribing members of an English lodge on the 20th June—the anniversary of the QUEEN'S accession—to wear a special jewel commemorative of the event, and having been presented with one by the Earl of CARNARVON on behalf of the Craft, his Royal Highness returned thanks for the gift, and announced that the fees paid for admission to the meeting, amounting to upwards of £6000, would be divided equally, and without deduction, among the three Masonic Institutions. He then left the Hall as he had entered it amid the applause of the assembled brethren. The third great meeting was held on the 7th June, 1888, when, under the presidency of his Royal Highness the M.W.G. Master, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls celebrated the centenary of its foundation. On this occasion the arena and orchestra of the Hall were transformed into a banqueting-room in which the Stewards of the Festival to the number of between 1200 and 1300 dined, the chair being occupied by the Prince, who was supported by his Majesty the King of SWEDEN and NORWAY, Past G. Master of England, on his right, and also by the Pro and Dep. G. Masters, Prince ALBERT VICTOR OF WALES, the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and others, while a numerous gathering of ladies and brethren viewed the scene from the boxes and galleries. In the course of the proceedings his Royal Highness had the pleasure of announcing that the donations and subscriptions exceeded £50,000.

These are the meetings that have been held, and of which we English Masons are justly proud. On Monday, the 14th instant, a fourth meeting will be held in the same Hall, and precisely on the same lines as the Jubilee meeting in 1887. We publish elsewhere a programme of the proceedings, and it is not necessary, therefore, that we should say more than that, in all probability, the numbers present will be about the same as in 1887, and that the fee charged for admission is the same; but on this occasion one-half of the proceeds will be paid over to the Prince of WALES'S Hospital Fund and the other half divided equally among the three Masonic Institutions. In all other respects—as regards the mode of proposing the Address, the conferring Past Rank on distinguished brethren, &c.—the order proceedings is as it was at the Jubilee, and we trust that it will be in our power to announce next week that, in respect of the weather, the meeting of Monday next will have been as brilliant a success as was that held in the same Hall 10 years ago almost to the very day.

THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

It is pretty generally known that the 99th Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the Hotel Cecil on Wednesday, the 30th instant, under the auspices of Bro. Lord HENRY CAVENDISH BENTINCK, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, and as little more than a fortnight remains in which to complete the arrangements which have been more or less in progress since the autumn of last year, there is no need for us to apologise for reverting to a subject which is of so much interest and importance to the whole English Craft. The circumstances attending this particular Festival are of an unusual character. Everybody is looking forward to the Centenary Festival of the School, which will be held some time during the summer of next year, and the eagerness with which this great Anniversary is being anticipated, has been very materially accentuated ever since it became known that his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. has graciously consented to preside as Chairman on the occasion. Hence it is that Bro. J. M. MCLEOD, the Secretary of the Institution, when he goes about among the lodges in town and country, in the hope to obtain the services of a brother or brethren for this year's Festival finds himself in a position of some difficulty. There is no objection on the part of his hosts to listen to his appeal for service, but they all want to render it in 1898. But the needs of the Institution are as great now as they will be then. The yearly income is, in round figures, about £2000, the regular expenditure to which the authorities of the School stand committed is upwards of £13,000, and consequently there is a deficit to be made good of about £11,000 or £12,000, and this need must be satisfied or the interests of the Institution must suffer, before any regular steps can be taken in connection with the far more attractive Anniversary of next year. If the amount required for the current year is not forthcoming, the Board of Management will find themselves under the necessity either of disposing of a part of their very limited capital, or electing fewer children than there may be room for at the October election. But this is not the only difficulty with which Bro. MCLEOD finds himself confronted in his travels in search of Stewards for this year's Festival. As we have pointed out on more than one occasion, the number of Diamond Jubilee Funds that are being raised in all directions and in behalf of every kind of charitable institution is legion. People are the reverse of unwilling to contribute towards the support of an Institution which has proved itself so worthy of support, but they have been either wholly or partially relieved of their spare cash by previous applicants for donations and subscriptions to other charities. It is their poverty, not their will, which necessitates their withholding in this instance the cheque which is forthcoming in ordinary years. Of course, the honours and distinctions and passes and certificates which the pupils of the School have won at the more recent public examinations for which they have been entered are a material help to the Secretary. There are few who do not recognise that the School is doing its work admirably, and that the boys whom it sends forth to make their way in the world have been carefully trained and educated, and stand a fair chance of achieving success in the sphere of life to which they may resolve on devoting themselves. All this is fully realised, as well as the fact that an Institution which can increase its invested capital from £17,500 to upwards of £60,000—including the amount paid for the new site at Bushey—in the short space of half a dozen years, after providing for its efficient maintenance, must be financially well managed. All this, we repeat, is acknowledged; but the special circumstances of the present moment, and the desire to figure at next year's celebration, are, we fear, operating to the disadvantage of Bro. MCLEOD in his endeavours to increase the Board of Stewards to a strength that shall be worthy of the QUEEN'S Diamond Jubilee year. Since our former article on the subject of this last of the three great Festivals of the year was written there has been no appreciable influx of Stewards such as we have been accustomed to look for when the Benevolent and Girls' Festivals have been celebrated. We therefore again appeal most earnestly to Provinces and lodges which have not as yet sent up Stewards for the gathering at the Hotel Cecil on the 30th inst.

to lose no time in doing so. For the present, let them be content to leave the Centenary of 1898 to take care of itself. Let them keep in mind that the supply of ways and means is as necessary this year as it will be next; above all, let them note the splendid example which the Chairman's Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, with its limited array of 21 lodges, has set them, and we feel sure that, in spite of our present misgivings as to the result, the Returns will not be altogether unworthy of comparison with those which have been obtained under the new régime.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult., in the Assembly Room, Bath, and was very numerous attended by brethren from all parts of the province. The Prov. G.M., Viscount Dungarvan, presided, and was supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. Eng., and a large number of Past Provincial Grand Officers.

The P.G. Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. W. T. Baker, P.M. 291, and B. Whitby, P.M. 329, respectively.

Bro. E. FRY WADE, P.M. 291, P.G. Sec., having first read the roll of lodges, all those in the province being represented, next read the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Bridgwater on the 28th May last year, which were confirmed.

Bro. C. L. FRY EDWARDS, P.G. Treas., then presented the accounts of Prov. Grand Lodge for the past year, the receipts (including lodge dues, £128 12s. 6d.; fees of honour, £24 8s.; and £15 19s., amount of dividends on stock invested, £600 Consols), amounting to £226 14s. 9d. After payment of expenses and donations from Charity Fund, a balance was left in hand of £55 11s. 4d.

The financial report was adopted on the motion of Bro. RUBIE.

Bro. ASHLEY proposed the re-election of Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards as Prov. G. Treas., and complimented him on the satisfactory and efficient manner in which the duties had been discharged by him in that capacity.

Bro. P. H. WATTS seconded the proposition, which was agreed to with acclamation, the P.G.M. also expressing the indebtedness of Provincial Grand Lodge to Bro. Edwards for his past valuable services.

Bro. C. L. FRY EDWARDS, in response, thanked the brethren for once more reposing confidence in him, and assured them that it would not be misplaced.

Bro. SCALLON, W.M. 437, P.P.G. Purst., next formally presented to the P.G.M., for the use of Provincial Grand Lodge, a very handsome banner, accompanied with the following address written on parchment: "We, on behalf of the whole of the lodges in the Province of Somerset, beg permission to ask you to accept this banner designed to be used on the occasions of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and we would ask you to regard it in the light of our Diamond Jubilee Commemoration gift. While on every hand we find manifestations of loyal intention to celebrate the prolonged reign of our Grand Patroness, we have felt similar means might well be adopted in our Provincial Grand Lodge. After some reflection as to what form this sentiment might take we remembered that there was lacking in the equipment of our Provincial Grand Lodge the insignia of the office of Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, and also concluded that we could not do better than supply this deficiency. After a general conference among the officers and brethren of all the lodges of this province, and with the approbation of our W.D. Prov. G.M., this proposal has been adopted. We trust that your approval will follow this selection and subjoin a list of the lodges which have contributed towards the fund required to carry out this object."

The Prov. G.M. said he had very great pleasure, on behalf of the Prov. G. Lodge of Somerset, in accepting the very handsome banner. The want of a Prov. G. Lodge banner had been felt for some time past, and he did not know any better way in which they could celebrate the record reign than by such a presentation. In the name of the whole of the brethren, as well as himself, he thanked very heartily all those who had subscribed to it for their kindness. One thing he should like to say with regard to it was that those who had presented it came to him and asked what should be put on the banner, and as at the present moment the county of Somerset had no arms, he placed himself in communication with Sir Albert Woods, who informed him that the arms should be those of the Grand Lodge with the name of the province underneath it, and he was glad to see it had been placed there.

The Prov. G.M. next remarked that last year was the 21st anniversary of the reign of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England, and it was then proposed that Past rank collars might be given to a certain number of Past Grand rank officers who had done good service to the Craft in Freemasonry. He therefore, had received permission of his Royal Highness to give these to three Past Grand Officers of the province who had rendered such service, and would now have great pleasure in conferring them upon the brethren who had been selected for the special honour.

The brethren referred to (who were personally thanked by Lord DUNGARVAN for their past services to Prov. G. Lodge) were as follows:

Bro. W. J. Nosworthy (Crewkerne), P.M. 814 and 329, P.P.G.O., P.P.S.G.W.

Bro. J. T. Dunsford (Bridgwater), P.M. 291, P.P. Asst. G. Sec., P.P.G. Registrar.

Bro. B. Reed, P.M. 1883 (Keynsham), P.P.G. Std. Br.

The Prov. Grand Master next appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year as follows.

Bro. C. Curd, P.M. 41	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" P. Jackman, P.M. 53	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. T. H. J. Child, P.M. 1750 (re-elected)	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee, P.M. 1559	...	...	...
" C. L. Fry Edwards (re-elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.

Bro. J. Cruse, P.M. 976	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. Fryc Wade, P.M. 291 (re-elected)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. J. Hulbert, P.M. 772	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. T. Shapland, P.M. 1755	...	Prov. J. G.D.
" H. J. Lye, P.M. 814	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. H. Wake, P.M. 261	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" A. B. Wickenden, P.M. 1750	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" Major C. H. Simpson, P.M. 379	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. O. Scallon, P.M. 437	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" S. P. G. Cox, P.M. 1199	...	
" J. W. Styles, P.M. 285	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. Tyler, P.M. 1966	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" E. W. Loveless, P.M. 906	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" T. Kelway, P.M. 135	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Tyler, P.M. 291	...	
" J. R. Paull, P.M. 1197	...	
" Agnes Fedden, P.M. 1296	...	...
" A. J. Salter, Tyler 53 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" S. Bigwood, Tyler 41 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. A. G. Tyler.

Bro. ELSE, D.P.G.M., next presented a very satisfactory report of the Charity Organisation Committee.

The report was adopted, on the motion of Bro. GREGORY, seconded by Bro. ASHLEY, who expressed the indebtedness of the province to Bro. Else for the great amount of time and labour he had expended in connection with the work of the Masonic Charities in the province, and congratulated him on the success of his efforts.

The motion was agreed to with acclamation.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he had next a rather painful task to perform, and that was to refer to the great loss the province had sustained by the death of two very much respected brethren—Bros. C. F. Marshall and Jelly—both of whom had rendered good service to the province, and he wished to propose that a vote of sympathy and condolence be entered on the minutes of Prov. Grand Lodge, and forwarded to the relatives of the brethren whose loss they so much deplored.

Bro. ELSE, D.P.G.M., seconded the proposition, remarking that he was sure they all deeply regretted the loss of such eminent, beloved, and distinguished brethren. He was sure, however, that the hearts of the brethren in Somerset were in the right place, and that they would never be found lacking in assistance of the right sort to enable them before long to make good the loss they had sustained by the decease of the brethren referred to.

A special anthem was then sung, during which a collection of alms was made, and these (amounting to £8 10s. 6d.) were voted to the funds of the Royal United Hospital, on the proposition of Bro. RUBIE, seconded by Bro. H. C. HOPKINS.

The National Anthem was next sung, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

The customary banquet followed, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Dunganvaran.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. JAMES CREED MEREDITH, I.L.D., AS D.G.M. OF IRELAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland was held in Dublin on Thursday, the 3rd instant, when the peculiarly interesting and necessarily rare ceremony of installation of a Deputy Grand Master took place in accordance with ancient usage.

The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland having been duly convened by summons met at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at eight o'clock p.m. and opened in form. Present:

Bros. Col. Pratt-Saunders, Prov. G.M. of Wicklow and Wexford, on the throne; Sir Chas. A. Cameron, P.S.G.D., as S.G.W.; W. J. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D., P.S.G.D., as J.G.W.; the Rev. B. Gibson, M.A., G. Chap.; Wm. Battersby, J.P., S.G.D.; William G. Huband, J.G.D.; William Spence, C.E., G.S. of Wks.; William Comyns, G.D.C.; George Drury, G. Stwd.; James M. Lowry, G.S.B.; Thos. R. G. Joze, Mus. Doc., G. Org.; William McGee, J.P., G.I.G.; A. St. George, J.P., D.G.S.; H. E. Flavelle, A.G. Sec.; and Frost and Bodell, G. Tylers.

There was a full attendance of Grand Officers, except the M.W.G.M. and the Grand Wardens, who were absent from Ireland on Parliamentary and other duties. Their places were supplied by the Senior Past Grand Officers, Bros. Sir Charles Cameron, M.D., and Chetwode Crawley, LL.D.

Representatives from the Grand Lodges of Indiana, Wisconsin, Maryland, South Australia, Hayti, Spain, Sweden, Tasmania, Hamburg, North Dakota, and Virginia; Bros. Dr. O. Donoghue, Mus. Doc., P.G.O.; Rev. R. S. Campbell, D.D., P.G. Chap. South Connaught; and many others.

The minutes of the proceedings of the March communication were read, confirmed, and signed in due course.

The G.D.C. announced that the M.W. his Grace the Grand Master had appointed Bro. J. Creed Meredith, I.L.D., as his Deputy in place of Bro. Shekleton, Q.C., resigned, and that that brother was in attendance for the purpose of being installed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER having intimated his willingness to perform the ceremony of installation, the Grand Officers not engaged in the active work of Grand Lodge retired and subsequently conducted Bro. Meredith to the throne in the following order: Bros. Battersby and Huband, G. Deacons; the Rev. B. Gibson, G. Chap.; William Spence, G.S. of Wks.; William Comyns, G.D.C.; George Drury, G. Stwd.; James M. Lowry, G.S.B.; Archd. St. George, D.G. Sec.; James Creed Meredith, I.L.D.; representatives from foreign Grand Lodges; and Prov. G. Officers.

The G.D.C. presented the newly-appointed D.G.M. to the Presiding Officer, and his patent of appointment was read as follows:

"I, James Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland, hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint R.W. James Creed Meredith, LL.D., Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge as my Deputy, with full power to act for me in all matters connected with the Craft in Ireland.

"(Signed) ABERCORN, G.M.

"Hampden House, London, W., May 20, 1897."

The following letter was read from Bro. Shekleton, Q.C., the retiring Deputy Grand Master:

Dear Brethren,
I had hoped to be able to attend Grand Lodge this evening to instal my successor but my medical attendant has positively forbidden me to undertake the duty.

The recent accident I met with has so aggravated the effects of a former one which occurred three years ago in Belfast that I felt myself unable to continue to discharge the duties of the office of D.G.M. I therefore placed my resignation in the hands of the Grand Master who most unwillingly accepted it. If I had been able to preside to-night I should have completed 28 years of service as D.G.M. during which period several most important Masonic duties fell to my lot to discharge.

I can assure you, my brethren, I always endeavoured to discharge my duties faithfully and impartially, and with the view of maintaining the landmarks of the Order and the dignity of the Craft in Ireland. If during my long services I offended any member of the Order, I did so most unwittingly, and while I made many friends, I am not conscious of having made an enemy. I bespeak for my worthy successor the same cordial support of the brethren that was always accorded to me, and I most heartily wish him all success in what I cannot but feel is a most responsible post, especially having regard to the position of the Order in Ireland.

Accept, my dear brethren, my sincere good wishes for the prosperity of each of you, and I now bid you all farewell.

Yours most fraternally,

ROBT. W. SHEKLETON.

31, Fitzwilliam-square,
3rd June, 1897.

The new D.G.M. having expressed his readiness to take the customary obligation of office it was administered by the Presiding Officer and he was then placed in the chair amidst the enthusiastic acclamations of the brethren, and saluted according to ancient custom. He briefly thanked the brethren for the cordial reception he had received. He spoke hopefully of the future of the Order in Ireland and dwelt particularly on the fact that even those who regarded the Fraternity with disfavour were learning to recognise that its general tendency is in the direction of benevolence and goodwill.

The following resolution was proposed by Bro. Sir CHAS. CAMERON, acting S.G.W., seconded by Bro. W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, LL.D., acting J.G.W., and passed unanimously:

"That Grand Lodge, bearing in mind the invaluable services of the late D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Robt. W. Shekleton, Q.C., during a period of more than 28 years as Deputy to three successive Grand Masters, desires to give formal expression to its grateful recognition of those services, and, therefore, entrusts to the R.W.D.G.M. and such brethren as he may associate with him the preparation of a suitable resolution and valedictory address, to be laid before Grand Lodge for approval at its next Communication."

The D.G.M. referred to the great loss sustained by the Masonic Order, the Church, and the country at large, since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, by the death of the senior Grand Chaplain, His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, and mentioned that a letter of sympathy had been sent to the family by His Grace the Grand Master, on behalf of Grand Lodge, to which the following reply was received:

My Dear Duke,

On my own behalf and that of the other members of my family, I thank your Grace, and through you, the Grand Lodge, and Masons generally in Ireland, for your message of sympathy.—Believe me, faithfully and fraternally yours.

(Signed)

PLUNKET.

Old Connaught House, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

The Grand Lodge cordially approved of the action of the M.W.G.M., and directed that votes of condolence and sympathy should be recorded on the minutes.

The report was received from Special Committee as to the proceedings to be taken in order to suitably celebrate the completion of the sixtieth year of the reign of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. The address submitted by the Committee was adopted.

The reports of the Board of General Purposes, and of the Committee of Charity and Inspection were then dealt with, and the ordinary business of Grand Lodge transacted. The Grand Lodge, in accordance with the old-world phrase still in use by the Irish brethren, then closed in peace, love, and harmony.

The popularity of the incoming Deputy Grand Master was testified by the large attendance of brethren from the provinces as well as from the metropolitan lodges. Between 500 and 600 brethren were present in the Grand Lodge Room, all of whom showed most hearty approbation of the choice made by the M.W.G.M. It was an additional source of fraternal pleasure that the retiring Deputy was still spared to assist, by advice and counsel, the Grand Lodge over whose communications he had so long and so worthily presided.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the Council of Life Governors was held at Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, W.C., on Friday, the 28th ult., and proved of more than usual interest, there being over 100 brethren present, presided over by Bro. Richard Eve, Patron and Trustee.

Amongst those attending were Bros. Chas. E. Keyser, Thomas Fenn, J. H. Matthews, E. Terry, J. W. Woodall, E. Litchworth, G. Sec., Frank Richardson, O. Philippe, Stanley J. Attenborough, George Everett, Lefevure, Cummings, John Strachan, Q.C., W. F. Lamony, W. S. Emden, J. W. Burgess, Jas. Stephens, Col. Clifford Probyn, J. Lewis Thomas, Rowland Plumb, W. Vincent, W. A. Scourrah, Dr. Geo. Mickle, A. J. Thomas, Richard Luck, William Thomas, E. M. Money, J. S. Cumberland, Major Bridges, G. Blizard Abbott, S. R. Baskett, and others.

Ten petitions were accepted for the October election and one rejected, the case being ineligible on account of short subscription of father.

The business which had evidently attracted so large an attendance was the extraordinary election of a member to serve on the Board of Management. Two candidates were proposed, and on a show of hands, 57 voted for Bro. John Strachan, Q.C., and 37 for Bro. H. Thomas Lyon, the former being declared duly elected.

On the minutes of the Board of Management it was reported that the six architects selected to send in designs for the new School at Bushey had accepted the invitation to compete, and that the designs would be ready by the end of the year.

Also, a statement by the Treasurer, Bro. Chas. E. Keyser, with reference to his offer to build the new chapel, as follows:

"He regretted that an authorised statement should have appeared in the Press with reference to supposed conditions attaching to his offer to build the new chapel at Bushey, and that a letter such as the one referred to had been written.

"He wished clearly to state that the only condition he attached was that the chapel should be erected on the site provided by the successful competing architect, but under his own supervision and from the design and under the direction of his own architect.

"The question of associating a permanent record with the provinces with which he was especially identified was one for the Subscribers to determine upon as they might be pleased—for himself, he wished to repeat that he desired no *quid pro quo*, and his offer, except on the single point named, was unconditional."

THE MASONIC MEETING IN THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL.

The following circular has been issued by Grand Lodge in regard to the order of proceedings at the above meeting:

In celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

Order of proceeding at the meeting of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on Monday, the 14th of June, 1897, under the presidency of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The doors of the Hall will be opened for the admission of the Brethren at 2.30 o'clock, and be closed at 3.30 precisely, after which no Brother will be admitted.

The East to be reserved for the Grand Officers and Visitors of distinction.

The Brethren are to enter the Hall by the doors indicated on their respective Cards of Admission, and take their seats in the several blocks assigned to them, as directed by the Stewards on duty.

A seat is provided for every Brother to whom a Ticket has been issued, Brethren are therefore expected to proceed at once to the places assigned to them, and are requested not to leave their seats after once occupying them.

The Brethren are to appear in Black Morning Coats, Black Ties, White Gloves, and full Masonic Craft Clothing as defined on the Cards of Admission.

At a quarter before four o'clock the following procession will be formed in the Grand Corridor, viz.:

The Grand Stewards of the year.
Past Assistant Grand Pursuivants.
Assistant Grand Pursuivant.
Past Grand Pursuivants.
Grand Pursuivant.
Assistant Grand Secretary for German Correspondence.
Past Assistant Grand Secretary.
Assistant Grand Secretary.
Past Grand Organists.
Grand Organist.
Past Grand Standard Bearers.
Past Deputy Grand Sword Bearers.
Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.
Past Grand Sword Bearers.
Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past Grand Superintendents of Works.
Grand Superintendent of Works.
Past Grand Deacons.
President of the Board of Benevolence.
Grand Secretary.
President of the Board of General Purposes.
Past Deputy Grand Registrars.
Deputy Grand Registrar.
Grand Registrar.
Past Grand Treasurers.
Grand Treasurer.
Past Grand Chaplains.
Grand Chaplains.
Past Grand Wardens.
Past Provincial and District Grand Masters.
Provincial and District Grand Masters.
Visitors of Distinction.
Junior Grand Warden. (Junior Grand
Senior Grand Warden. Deacons.
Deputy Grand Master.
Pro Grand Master.
Grand Standard Bearers.
Grand Sword Bearer.
The M.W. GRAND MASTER.
Senior Grand Deacons.
Two Grand Stewards.

The Procession will enter the Hall, headed by Trumpeters, who, on reaching the auditorium, will sound a Fanfare, at the conclusion of which the Procession will pass through the centre of the Arena to the Dais. A Grand March will be played on the Organ, during which HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS will be conducted to the Throne, accompanied by His Royal Highness the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, supported on the left by the PRO GRAND MASTER, and on the right by the DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, the other Grand Officers will take their respective seats.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS will be pleased to explain the object of the meeting.

The EARL OF LATHOM, Pro Grand Master, will then by request of HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS move an address to HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY, which will be seconded by EARL AMHERST, Deputy Grand Master.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, the Grand Master, will submit the EARL OF LATHOM'S Resolution for approval.

The address having been signed by the M.W.G.M., the Brethren will rise and the Grand Organist will play the first half of the National Anthem, at the conclusion of which, and at the signal of the Grand Master, the whole of the Brethren are requested to join heartily in singing "God save the Queen." The words as follows:

I.

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

II.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

III.

O Lord our God arise,
Scatter her enemies,
And make them fall.
Confound their politics,
Frustrate their knavish tricks,
On Thee our hopes we fix,
God save us all.

The Most Worshipful the GRAND MASTER will then be pleased to confer Masonic honours on certain brethren, and at the conclusion of the proceedings his ROYAL HIGHNESS will be conducted to his room. The Trumpeters will again sound a Fanfare, and a Grand March will be played on the organ.

By Command of the M.W. GRAND MASTER.

ALBERT W. WOODS, G.D.C.

The following regulations for the convenience of all will be rigidly enforced:

Brethren, unless provided with Tickets cannot, under any consideration, be admitted to the Royal Albert Hall.

Brethren must show their Tickets to the Assistants of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Stewards, when required.

Brethren cannot be permitted to remain in the Corridors or in any of the Approaches to the Hall.

The Assistants to the Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Stewards will be stationed at the Entrances and in various parts of the Building, and will each be distinguished by a Rosette.

Colours and Numbers corresponding with the various Tickets issued will be affixed to the several Entrances, to indicate the doors by which the brethren are to enter.

The Brethren are to clothe in the Vestibule at the place indicated.

At the conclusion of the Ceremony, the Brethren are to remain in their places until the M.W. GRAND MASTER and the Grand Officers have left the Hall.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The annual athletic sports were held on the grounds of the Institution on Saturday, the 29th ult. For the first time for some years past, the weather was not propitious, but as the afternoon proceeded, King Sol asserted himself, and made matters more pleasant.

The gymnastic display took place in the gymnasium at the commencement of the proceedings, and was most interesting, showing that great care had been given by the instructor to his young charges.

The remainder of the programme was gone through in the playing field, and resulted as follows:

100 YARDS (OPEN).—First and second prizes, silver-mounted horn cup, presented by Bro. Richard Eve. 27 entries. A. W. Clarke, 1; L. O. Roberts, 2; A. P. Shaw, 3.

100 YARDS (UNDER 13).—First prize, album, presented by Bro. H. Pritchard; second prize, knife, presented by Bro. Arthur Williams. 14 entries. Frost, 1; Curtis, 2; Owen, 3.

440 YARDS (OPEN) HANDICAP.—First prize, cricket bat; second prize, cricket bat; third prize, cricket bag, presented by Bro. H. E. Diamond. 36 entries. L. Greenwood, 1; H. W. Austin, 2; Bennett, 3.

HIGH JUMP (OPEN).—First prize, flask; second prize, cricket pads, presented by Bro. J. Willing, jun. 14 entries. A. J. Wilson, 1; Campbell, 2.

300 YARDS (OPEN).—First and second prizes, Oxford tankard, presented by Bro. W. H. Bailey. 25 entries. L. O. Roberts, 1; A. W. Clarke, 2; A. P. Shaw, 3.

HIGH JUMP (PREPARATORY).—First prize, cricket bat; second prize, cricket ball; presented by Bro. W. Russell. 4 entries. Grant, 1; Fail, 2.

220 YARDS (UNDER 13) HANDICAP.—First prize, cricket bat, presented by Bro. J. J. Thomas; second prize, knife, presented by Bro. Arthur Williams. 16 entries. Curtis, 1; C. W. Walker, 2; Frost, 3.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—First and second prizes, cricket bat; presented by Bro. E. Macbean. 13 entries. Fothergill, 1; Packham, 2. Distance thrown 64 yards.

THREE-LEGGED RACE.—First prize, hockey sticks; second prize, fives gloves; presented by Bro. Richard Clowes. 16 entries. Horsburgh and Frost, 1; Woodward and Packham, 2.

220 YARDS (PREPARATORY) HANDICAP.—First prize, cricket bat; second prize, cricket ball; presented by Bro. W. Russell. 8 entries. E. Webbe, 1; Fail, 2.

350 YARDS (OPEN) HANDICAP.—First prize, cricket ball, presented by Bro. C. E. Keyser; second prize, Indian clubs, presented by Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald; third prize, brass candlesticks, presented by the Star Lodge of Instruction, per Bro. W. Martin. 30 entries. L. Greenwood, 1; Bennett, 2; Fothergill, 3.

100 YARDS PREPARATORY.—First prize, cricket bat; second prize, cricket ball, presented by Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre. 17 entries. Wilton, 1; Fail, 2.

ONE MILE "BIKE" RACE (OPEN) HANDICAP.—Three prizes, Gladstone bag and two handbags, presented by Mrs. James Stephens. 4 entries. Buck, 1; Tutson, 2; Fothergill, 3.

HIGH JUMP (UNDER 13).—First and second prizes, fives gloves, presented by Bro. H. Bevir. 6 entries. Owen, 1; Frost, 2nd; Goode, 3.

220 YARDS (OPEN) HANDICAP.—First prize, telescope, presented by Bro. S. J. Attenborough; second prize, boxing gloves, presented by the Star Lodge of Instruction, per Bro. W. Martin. 35 entries. Frost, 1; L. Greenwood, 2; H. W. Austin, 3.

HURDLE RACE.—First prize, military hair brushes; second prize, tennis racquet, presented by Bro. C. W. Hudson. 27 entries. A. J. Wilson, 1; Dodds, 2; Campbell, 3.

TUG-OF-WAR.—Prizes, pocket-knives, presented by Bro. H. Manfield. Whale, Martin, Fothergill, Truine, L. O. Roberts, Chedzey, L. Greenwood, Penney, Budibent, Godfrey, Perkins, and Longbottom (capt.), 1; Clarke, Shaw, Brewis, Webb, Marston, Barker, Matthews, Brightwell, Chipp, Mills, Bennett, and Ringley (capt.), 0.

CONSOLATION SACK RACE (OVER 13).—First prize, cricket pads; second prize, batting gloves, presented by the Hampden Lodge. Muir, 1; Garner, 2.

CONSOLATION BOAT RACE (UNDER 13).—First and second prizes, writing cases, presented by Bro. E. Margrett. J. A. Goode, 1; W. E. Evans, 2.

VICTOR LUDORUM.—Over 13; silver watch and chain, presented by Bro. George Everett—L. Greenwood; under 13; tankard, presented by the Assistant Masters—Frost.

The programme was closed by some extemporised races between the boys of the band of the Strand Union Schools, which discoursed a capital programme of music during the day, by the kind permission of the Guardians, and under the able conductorship of Bro. Binnie.

The prizes were most genially presented by Mrs. James Willing, jun., for whom ringing cheers were given, and acknowledged by Bro. JAMES WILLING, Vice-Patron of the School and member of the Board of Management.

Amongst those present were Bros. Richard Eve, Geo. Everett, Scurrah, Cummings, Fitzgerald, Pritchard, Glass, Dr. W. H. Kempster, and H. Manfield, of the Board of Management; A. J. Thomas, Captain Reynolds, C. Hunt, Dr. Lovett, F. Stallard, and J. M. Klenck, the Misses Everett, Miss Kempster, Bro. J. M. and Mrs. McLeod, Bro. J. and Mrs. Speller, and others.

DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 860.

DIAMOND JUBILEE SUMMER OUTING.

The summer outing of the above lodge took place in glorious weather, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when the W.M., accompanied by some of his officers and brethren, with a number of ladies and gentlemen visitors, left Paddington Station in saloon carriages for Windsor. The Emperor, a well-appointed steam-launch, was ready to receive them at 11 a.m., with a substantial lunch already laid and prepared in an excellent manner by Mr. J. W. Rixon, of the Ferry Hotel, Cookham. Ample justice having been done to this repast, the entire company were then photographed while waiting in Boveney Lock, which gave satisfaction. The launch then proceeded towards Cookham, whilst several ladies enhanced the charming scenery of the Thames, Cliveden, and its surroundings, by their excellent musical and vocal accomplishments.

Reaching the Ferry Hotel, each pursued the bent of their inclinations, some driving through the leafy lanes, others becoming jolly young watermen, the rest steaming as high as Great Marlow, returning to Cookham at 4 p.m., when all assembled to be welcomed by Mrs. Rixon and her husband, who had evidently determined to make the visit enjoyable.

The company then sat down to an excellent banquet, and while every credit must be given to the proprietor and his indefatigable wife, it would be neglect, indeed, if the admiration expressed at the lovely floral decorations and general setting out of the tables and pavilion by Miss Rixon were not recorded.

The following members and friends were present: Bros. John Wade, W.M.; Miss Morgan, Bro. Robert Burleton, P.M. and Treas.; Bro. and Mrs. Fisher; Bro. T. Jeston White, Mrs. and Miss White; Mrs. Taylor; Bro. Pavitt and Miss Pavitt; Bro. Frank Pinn, Mrs. Pinn, and the Misses Pinn; Bro. and Mrs. Etheridge and friend; Bro. and Mrs. Lonergan and friends; Bro. J. Eales, and other brethren. Also Colonel Bird, Mr. and Mrs. C. Buckland; Mr. and Mrs. Brown; and other visitors.

After grace "The Health of her Most Gracious Majesty" was responded to enthusiastically.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed the toast of the occasion, "The Ladies," without whose presence no outing could possibly be made enjoyable, reminding them of the flowers of spring. Bro. Pavitt would be proud to answer for our fair visitors, no one present being more competent.

Bro. PAVITT, who on rising was much cheered, said everything that was pleasing and agreeable of those he represented.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he was sorry to proceed rapidly. Long speeches were not required, but he had one more toast which merited a few words. "The Visitors." There were some who were companions for the first time, and to them he gave a hearty greeting, hoping they had enjoyed themselves. Others that were there he had often seen before, and they knew that they were always welcome. He would ask Colonel Bird to reply on behalf of the latter, and Mr. C. Buckland for the former.

Mr. BUCKLAND, in feeling terms, alluded to the long period of 43 years that he had been intimately known to the W.M. He and his wife were pleased to be present, having enjoyed the beautiful scenery and festivity.

Col. BIRD replied that it was at all times a pleasure to him to be with the Dalhousie Lodge, and felt on this occasion it was equal to any former outing he had attended, and on behalf of the visitors and himself he begged to offer their sincere thanks and congratulations.

Bro. BURLETON said time being short he must ask them to give the next toast a hearty reception, "The W.M." Great praise was due to him, in the face of difficulties he had had to contend with, for having single handed organised and carried through a meeting which had on every point worked so smoothly, without a single blunder, to their entire satisfaction.

The health of the W.M., with musical honours, was then accorded.

Bro. WADE answered. He highly appreciated being considered a "jolly good fellow," and he thanked the Treasurer for proposing his health, and all present for drinking to it. He then read several letters from members of the lodge expressing regret at their inability to attend, and wishing every success to the outing, also a telegram, which had not long come to hand from their esteemed Secretary, Bro. H. Jenkins. It was true he had to overcome some difficulties, but he had to thank Past Master Burleton for his help and advice, and he took special pleasure in thanking Bro. Jenkins for his valuable assistance, without which he doubted if he could have effectually carried it through. He also wished to thank Mr. and Mrs. Rixon for their efforts, in which they had admirably succeeded in entertaining them.

The party then returned by boat to Windsor, meeting the 9.13 train, arriving at Paddington thoroughly appreciating the day's enjoyment.

Each lady was presented by the W.M. with a tastefully designed case of Commemoration Bouquet, as a souvenir of the Jubilee outing.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. ALDERMAN SNAPE.

A very happy gathering of the members of the Derby Lodge, No. 1055, was held last week at the Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton. Bowling on the beautifully kept green was thoroughly enjoyed till 7.30, when the brethren adjourned to the house, and partook of a sumptuous repast, which was served in Bro. Ollier's well-known first-class style.

After the cloth had been removed,

Bro. SNAPE proposed "The Health of the Queen," and took the opportunity of alluding to some of the blessings that the country had enjoyed during the past

60 years of her beneficent reign, specially emphasising the fact that Masonry had played its part during that time in promoting kindlier and more loving sentiments and actions, not only between Masonic brethren, but also amongst the people generally. It was, he said, the glory of the Masonic body that its head and Grand Master was the eldest son of the Queen, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, and that nearly all the princes were fellow Craftsmen. The outside world might gather therefrom that there was nothing but what was good in Freemasonry, or it would not be so supported.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm and "God save the Queen" was sung, Bro. Charles Nesbit singing the solo.

Bro. GEO. FREEMAN proposed "The Health of the Grand Master, H.R.H., the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and Bro. HALLAM, P.M., proposed "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," both toasts being suitably honoured.

The CHAIRMAN then gave the toast of the members of "The Derby Lodge," and spoke of the liberal way in which the members had supported the Masonic Charities during the time he was Master of the lodge, and also during the time he was its Charity Representative, having subscribed over £170 in that time. He also congratulated the brethren upon the liberal grants they had obtained for the relief of some of the distressed members of the lodge, and especially upon the good work they had performed in getting grants amounting to nearly £200 for the education of four children of deceased brethren. This was practical beneficent work, and it must be a great pleasure to all of them to know that through the Masonic Charities these children were being trained up to be useful and respected members of society.

Bro. GEO. McWILLIAMS responded to the toast, and in doing so spoke of the benefits he and the other members of the lodge had derived from being members, and of the many happy hours he had spent in the lodge. He then proposed "The Health of Bro. Snape," and spoke of the work he had done for Masonry in general and the Derby Lodge in particular, especially alluding to his services in the cause of charity, and concluded by congratulating him on the honour to which he had just attained in Provincial Grand Lodge, viz., that of Prov. Grand Deacon, and presented him, on behalf of the subscribers, with the purple and gold clothing necessary to be worn whilst filling his distinguished office.

Bros. Councillor Thomas Smith, Hallam, Pence, Hall, Brady, Rigby, Bagot, and Charles Smith, also spoke and accentuated Bro. McWilliams eulogies of Bro. Snape and his work for Masonry.

The toast was then honoured with enthusiasm, the company singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Bro. SNAPE feelingly responded, and thanked the brethren for their kind good wishes, and expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the handsome present they had made to him, stating that the greatest lesson experience of life had taught him was that happiness was to be found in trying to benefit others.

Other toasts and speeches followed, which were varied by a delightful musical programme rendered by Bros. Penistone, Hallam, Chapman, Fry, Arnold Edmeston, Brown, and Hall. Mr. Harold Snape recited "Etiquette."

Bro. Charles Nesbit presided with his usual skill at the piano.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE, JUNE 20th, 1897.

"Queens shall be thy nursing mothers."
By BRO. THE REV. R. J. SIMPSON, M.A., P.G.C.

Great Lord of lords! and King of kings!	Her wisdom in her ruling well
To Thee we lift both heart and voice—	Is told in many a happy strain,
Beneath the shadow of Thy wings	While loyal subjects love to tell
Our Church and Nation now rejoice.	The sixty records of her reign.
Rejoice for all Thy mercies past,	Widow and mother, she has shed
And glorious conquests nobly won,	Full many a tear in sorrow's hour,
But, above all, for regions vast	But at Thy smile her sorrows fled,
Won for the Faith of Thy dear Son.	And Hope in rainbow spanned the shower.
Rejoice that our old English nation	Hers is a heart for others' woes,
Holds power supreme on every sea,	However low beneath her throne,
Proclaiming far that great Salvation	Her sympathy no limit knows
Which sets the slave and captive free.	For hearts afflicted like her own.
From famine, pestilence, and sword	A Court surrounds her, nobly pure,
Thou'st shielded us for many a year;	A model fair for other lands,
For by Thy power and at Thy word	And to her own a pledge secure
These scourges come or disappear.	That by God's Law her kingdom stands.
We love and prize Thy Holy Day,	God bless our Queen, and may she rest
Thy Holy Word and Truth revere,	In glory, like the setting sun,
And holy homes, we humbly pray,	When, sinking in the radiant west,
May be to Britain ever dear.	That Light of Day his work has done.
We thank Thee for our gracious Queen!	God save our Queen! and grant her still
And all Thy blessings through her given,	Some years to reign and hold our love,
Beneath whose sway this land has seen	And when Thou shalt her time fulfil,
The mightiest Empire under Heaven.	Take her to reign with Thee above.

Mark Masonry.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 4.

The installation meeting was held on the 24th ult., at Mark Masons' Hall, when Bro. Sir Thomas D. Carmichael, Bart., was installed by Bro. John Smith, P.G. Stwd., in his usual able manner, and the officers were appointed as follows: Bros. J. R. Reep, S.W.; A. Lowe, J.W.; J. Smith, I.P.M.; Henry Lovegrove, P.G.I. of W, Treas.; C. Pulman, P.G.I.G., Sec.; J. Campbell Johnstone, M.O.; A. E. Mullins, S.O.; R. E. Clarke, J.O.; R. Krellitz, S.D.; W. F. Bates, P.M., J.D.; C. J. Axford, P.M., I.G.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler.

THE 1300TH ANNIVERSARY of the christening of Ethelbert, King of Kent, by Augustine, who had been sent on a mission to Britain by the Pope of Rome, was celebrated by a grand commemoration service in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday last, the Bishop of Stepney delivering a very interesting historical address. A similar service was held on the same day in Canterbury Cathedral, at which Archbishop Temple preached before a crowded congregation.

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7.55—For WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Bridgwater, Taunton, Minehead, LYNTON, LYNMOUTH, Barnstaple, ILFRACOMBE, Tiverton, EXETER, Dawlish, Tignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, PLYMOUTH, Launceston, Bodmin, Wadebridge, NEWQUAY, Truro, Falmouth, St. Ives, Penzance, &c., for 3, 10, or 17 days.

12.40 p.m.—For Chippenham, BATH, BRISTOL, Clevedon, Trowbridge, Frome, Wells, Yeovil, WEYMOUTH, (FOR THE CHANNEL ISLANDS), &c., for 3, 10, or 17 days.

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A FORTNIGHT IN IRELAND.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17.—3.35 p.m.—For CORK and KILLARNEY.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18.—6.10 p.m.—For WATERFORD, Dungarvan, CLONMEL, Tipperary, LIMERICK, Tralee, KILKENNY, KILLARNEY, &c.

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Masonic Notes.

We have much pleasure in announcing that on Tuesday next, the 15th inst., one of those pleasant entertainments which are given from time to time to the children of our Scholastic Institutions will take place at the Boys' School, Wood Green, Bro. William Short, of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, and friends having very kindly arranged to give a "musical and miscellaneous entertainment" under the able direction of Bro. R. D. Cummings. Doors will open at 2 p.m., and the proceedings commence at 2.30 p.m. Tea and coffee will be served in the Dining Hall at the close of the performances.

According to the *Indian Masonic Review*, Lodge Waltair, No. 2592, which meets at Vizagapatam, in the District of Madras, though it was only warranted last year, is already a great success. This is not surprising. Our contemporary, in speaking of the April meeting, says each of the Degrees was worked and that proceedings in lodge occupied three hours. But this is not all. There was a full attendance of members, and several travelled long distances in order to be present. One important officer covered 150 miles by stages—12 miles on horseback, then 24 miles by bullock, then 16 miles on horseback and 18 by

bullock-cart, and lastly 80 miles by rail, the last 114 miles being covered in 24 hours. We cannot say off-hand whether this has been equalled or surpassed by other brethren in out-lying districts, but we are inclined to think this looks very much like a record journey to attend an ordinary lodge meeting.

The District Grand Master appears to have been able to speak favourably of the condition of Freemasonry in the District of Madras at the regular communication of his District Grand Lodge on the 20th February. There has been an increase during the past year in the number of subscribing members from 784 to 812. The finances, too, are reported to be in a sound condition. True the balances in hand on the 20th February last were very much smaller than at the corresponding date of the previous year, but in the interval the invested capital had been substantially increased, there being 5500 rupees invested in respect of the District Grand Lodge Fund as compared with 3500 rupees at the close of 1895-6, and 16,500 rupees as compared with 14,000 rupees in respect of the District Grand Charity Fund. The District Grand Master, on reference to the mode of celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, was pleased to suggest—and the suggestion appears to us to be an excellent one—that contributions should be made in aid of the Famine Relief Fund in the District. His idea is that the brethren might raise amongst them a sum of 4000 rupees and that this might be supplemented by a donation of 2000 rupees from the District Grand Charity Fund, making the total contribution—6000 rupees. Such a gift would be in every way worthy of the District and of the occasion.

Bro. Major-General Sir G. B. Wolseley, K.C.B., District Grand Master of the Punjab, at the annual Communication of his District Grand Lodge on the 11th March, in his review of the events of the past year, is reported in the *Indian Masonic Review* to have very severely condemned the conduct of one of the lodges in his District for "working with Books in open Lodge." This is a very grave offence, and should be put down with a strong hand. It is the more to be condemned, because the custom no longer exists, which prevailed in times not very remote from the present, when one or two Installed Masters who were well up in the ritual traversed whole districts, rendering the assistance which was needed by the lodges, in working the Degrees and installing the Master. Thanks to the numerous lodges of instruction which are to be found not only in London, but also in the large Provincial and District centres, the knowledge of the ritual is pretty well diffused among the brethren, so that there is, or ought to be, no necessity for the kind of prompting, which the District Grand Master of the Punjab so justly condemns as "un-Masonic."

But if a brother is elected Master of his lodge who is not sufficiently posted in the ritual of the Three Degrees and the installation of the Master, to be able to discharge this part of his duties, it is far better that he should invite some competent brother to do the work for him than that he should adopt the mean alternative of "cribbing" from a book. The members of his lodge know pretty well before they elect him to the chair, that though he possesses most of the qualities which help to make a good Master, he is not, nor does he make any pretensions to be, a ritualist. They regard him as a splendid fellow, and one who is likely to help the lodge over any serious difficulty, or maintain and hand on to his successor the prestige and prosperity it may have attained. His ignorance of, or indifferent acquaintance with the ritual proved no bar to their electing him to the chair, and, therefore, he need not fear that he will not lose their good opinion if he should invite a P.M. to do the work for him. We admire the Master who does his work in conferring the Degrees and installing his successor, and does it thoroughly, but we must not lose sight of the fact that a brother may be a splendid ritualist, and at the same time a very indifferent orator.

From the report of the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland at its regular Quarterly Communication at Freemasons' Hall, Brisbane, on the 3rd March last it appears that towards the close of the meeting a suggestion was thrown out that the 60th anniversary of the Queen's Reign should be celebrated "by the establishment of an Orphanage for the sons and daughters of Freemasons in Queensland or by some other permanent Masonic Charity." It was explained that a letter containing a resolution to that effect had been forwarded by the North Australian

Lodge, the senior in the District, and should have been brought to the notice of the District Grand Lodge, but unfortunately the letter had miscarried. The suggestion found favour with the District Grand Master and the brethren, but the former took the opportunity of pointing out that District Grand Lodge could do no more at that meeting than express its approval, and he thought it better that the various lodges in the District should be invited to consider the proposal, and when that had been done, it would be easier for District Grand Lodge to take up the question. Bro. Barnett, P.G. Deacon, Dep. D.G.M., gave expression to a somewhat similar opinion, and there for the present the matter rests. There is no doubt, however, that of all modes of commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee that of establishing an orphanage or other permanent Masonic Charitable Institution is about the best that could be chosen.

We rarely take up an American Masonic periodical without finding among its original or quoted matter a few soul-stirring remarks, if not an elaborate essay, on the subject of "non-affiliates." The mere mention of the term has about the same effect on some American rulers and writers as a red rag is said to have upon a bull. Cry "Non-affiliate" and off they go into fits of rage, and, perhaps, the mildest penalty which some of them propose should be adopted towards those brethren, falls just a trifle short of eternal perdition. Yet, the non-affiliate goes on his way, not, it may be, rejoicing, but apparently indifferent to the turmoil to which his existence has given rise. But, why cannot these American experts who are continually worrying themselves and everybody else about those non-affiliates, try another tack and what will be the effect of leaving them alone, or rather of ignoring their existence altogether. We are supposed to know a little about Freemasonry in England, but the non-affiliate never troubles us for the best of all reasons, that nobody takes the slightest notice of him. He left our ranks freely and as he had the right to do just as he joined them freely, and there the matter rests.

The fact is that the non-affiliate is in himself a perfectly harmless being and if left alone cannot possibly exercise the slightest influence one way or the other on the fortunes of Freemasonry. He joined us and he has left. But he will become—we should say that in the United States he must already have become—one of the pests of Masonic society. Nearly every Grand Master and reviewer of correspondence suffers every now and then from "non-affiliate" on the brain, and the result is that he is the subject of more legislation and more condemnation than if he had devoted the whole of his life to petty larceny or murder on the high seas. For their own peace of mind we advise our American brethren to have nothing more to do or to say about him. Ignore him altogether, say, by way of experiment, for the rest of the 19th century, and then perhaps there will be no non-affiliates worth troubling about.

The *Voice of Masonry* for last month records the death of Bro. Theodore Schreiner, who was born on the 15th June, 1811, and had consequently attained the ripe age of 85 years. Bro. Schreiner, we are told, was initiated in August, 1856, exalted Royal Arch in 1857, installed a Knight Templar in 1864, and had taken the 32^d in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He was appointed Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Iowa in June, 1857, and held the office at the time of his death, while he had acted in a corresponding capacity for the Grand Chapter of Iowa since 1863, and for the Grand Commandery since 1864.

We have much pleasure in announcing that at the regular meeting of Lodge Harmony, No. 156, Plymouth, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., it was unanimously resolved to give 25 guineas to the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee; the Life Governorship of this Charity being vested in Mrs. C. S. Stebbing, wife of Bro. C. S. Stebbing, who is now occupying the chair for the second time, having already served in that capacity in 1895.

We regret to say that we are under the necessity, in consequence of the heavy demands upon our space, of holding over till next week a long and interesting account of a visit paid by a strong force of brethren from the Province of Antrim, accompanied by ladies, to the Masonic Orphan Schools in Dublin. However, compensation will probably be found for the omission in the report we publish elsewhere of the installation of Bro. Dr. W. Creed Meredith as Deputy G. Master of Ireland, *vice* Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., resigned.

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.

CANVASSING AGAIN RAMPANT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Although a defeated candidate at yesterday evening's election for the Board of General Purposes, I think I am fairly entitled to utter a protest against the canvassing—by circular and personal solicitation—which was carried on in the most open and unblushing manner, and in defiance of the resolution passed by a unanimous vote of Grand Lodge last year.

Were it not that I am retiring from English Freemasonry—after 32 years' connection therewith in different parts of the world—I certainly should not have hesitated in bringing under the cognisance of Grand Lodge the conduct of two brethren concerned in the practice complained of at this election. However, it is to be hoped, that, next year, some independent brother will come to the front with a stringent proposal, should the manifestly unfair system of canvassing be again attempted, and thus stamp out, once and for all, what has for a long period been a blot on the old time fame of the English Craft.

It may interest the brethren I have hinted at, as well as the English Craft in general to know, that an Australian visitor to Grand Lodge, seeing what he could not well help seeing, last night expressed his astonishment that such things could be possible in the mother Grand Lodge of the world.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY,
Past Grand Warden of Victoria.

June 3rd.

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ANOTHER ENGRAVED LIST OF 1758.

Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D., has courteously sent me for examination an Engraved List which he has just acquired. It possesses the merit of belonging to an edition hitherto unknown. Engraved by Benjamin Cole, and dedicated "To the Right Honble. Sholto Charles Douglas, Lord Aberdour, Grand Master, A.D. 1758, A.L. 5758," it contains one lodge in addition to its predecessor of the same year which ended with No. 234 of 24th March, 1758. The copy now before me contains 20 pages (the last not being paged) ending with "235, Green Man, Barwick-street, St. James's, Aug. 6, 1758." The days of meeting of this new lodge are not given, but they were inserted in the issue of 1760 as "1st and 3d Friday." This new edition of 1758 is all the more valuable as enabling us to fix the dates of removal of several lodges one year earlier than was previously possible, no engraved list for 1759 having yet been discovered. These removals in 1758 are as follows: No. 18, removed to the "Red House, in Old Bond Street;" No. 57 to "Queenhyth Coffee House;" No. 91 to "Salutation, Budge Row;" No. 140 to "Rampant Horse Tavern, St. Stevens, Norwich;" No. 168 to "Cavendish Square Coffee House" [altogether new]; No. 186 to "Rustal's Coffee House, Sherrard Street, Golden Square," and No. 194 to "King's Head, Salford, near Manchester." Brethren who have the last edition of *Masonic Records* and copies of my *Handy Book* may like to note these earlier places of meeting. In thanking Bro. Le Feuvre for his kindness in forwarding this hitherto unknown copy for my inspection, I congratulate him on being its fortunate possessor, for these little gems are rare and valuable. I shall be glad at any time to hear of anything new in relation to lodge lists, engraved or otherwise.

JNO. LANE.

Torquay, 5th June.

Craft Masonry.

St. George's Lodge, No. 242.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 4th instant, in the Masonic Rooms, Nether Hall-road, Doncaster. Present: Bros. F. H. Buckland, W.M.; R. Bridge, I.P.M.; J. W. Smith, S.W.; T. W. Turner, J.W.; J. W. Handsworth, Sec.; H. Foster, J.D.; H. C. White, Org.; W. C. Wright, C. Reasbeck, and S. Smith, Stewards; J. Mason and C. Richardson, Tylers; C. H. Woodhouse, P.M.; J. H. Pawson, P.M.; F. Webb, P.M.; J. W. Chapham, A. Bridge, T. Bletcher, J. F. Hanson, and J. Hirst. Visitors (special invitation from 2259): Bros. J. Constable, P.P.G.S.B.; Theo. Barber, W.M.; G. Eland, J.W.; E. Hirst, S.D.; E. Simpson, J.D.; and B. Maskill, Treas.

Bro. Pawson presented to the lodge a handsome silver loving-cup, for which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his thoughtful generosity.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the supper room.

Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Stanley's Restaurant, Lavender Gardens, S.W., on the 20th ult. Present: Bros. H. J. Ollive, W.M.; A. C. Mead, S.W.; H. J. Martin, J.W.; H. S. Windsor, I.P.M.; A. Southam, P.M., Sec.; H. G. Hills, P.M., Treas.; P. Dodd, S.D.; G. Hayles, I.G.; W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.G.S.; G. J. Kingston, P.M.; J. Merry, P.M.; J. T. Pilditch, P.M.; R. Q. Moody, P.M.; S. M. Southwell, P.M.; G. S. Graham, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex and Surrey; W. Barrow, W. H. Ball, W. H. Iles, F. Kingsbury, the Rev. F. W. Wilkinson, and C. H. Cooper. Visitors: Bros. J. C. Taylor, P.M. 144; W. F. Woods, P.M. 1694; W. R. Mead, 1694; Grellier, P.G. Steward; the Rev. G. Ormsby; Comins, 720; Wilkinson; Boswell, P.M.; G. Hudson, P.M. 144; S. J. Wormsley, 60; and W. J. Woodward, 720.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Permanent Committee was received, which showed the lodge to be in a highly prosperous state, a sum of £200 being in hand. Bro. the Rev. F. W. Wilkinson was raised. The Master elect, Bro. A. C. Mead, was then presented by Bro. H. S. Windsor, P.M., and duly installed in the chair by the retiring Master, Bro. H. J. Ollive. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. J. Ollive, I.P.M.; H. J. Martin, S.W.; P. Dodd, J.W.; H. G. Hills, P.M., Treas.; A. Southam, P.M., Sec.; G. E. Hayles, S.D.; F. Kingsbury, J.D.; W. E. Barrow, I.G.; R. Q. Moody, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Ball, Stwd.; the Rev. F. W. Wilkinson, Chap.; G. S. Graham, Org.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the relatives of the late Bro. E. Spooner, Treasurer and one of the founders of the lodge.

The usual banquet was afterwards held, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bro. Grellier responded for "The Grand Officers" and Bros. Woods, P.M., and Ormsby for "The Visitors."

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Graham, in which Miss Graham, Miss Bessie Spells, Miss Annie Northcroft, and Bro. Woodward took part.

During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. H. J. Ollive for the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office.

Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241.

The installation meeting was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 19th ult., when after the preliminary business Bro. Maurice B. Adams was raised by the W.M., Bro. Alderman Walter V. Morgan, G. Treasurer, after which Bro. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury assumed the chair, and again installed Bro. Alderman Morgan as W.M. for a second year, the dispensation from the Grand Master (the W.M. being also W.M. of the Christ's Hospital Lodge) being read by the Secretary. After the Grand Treasurer had been again placed in the chair, the officers were appointed as follows: Bros. J. J. A. Soper, S.W.; W. S. Bauer, J.W.; C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, I.P.M.; H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. Dangerfield, S.D.; A. T. Walmisley, J.D.; P. Braby, I.G.; J. R. Reep, P.M., D.C.; J. S. Crowther, A.D.C.; W. T. Buck, P.M., Cyrus Braby, and R. E. Perry, Stwds.; and J. Rawles, Tyler.

Bros. W. T. Buck, P.M.; C. S. Buck, P.M.; J. F. Hepburn, P.M.; J. R. Reep, P.M.; and F. W. Potter, P.M., attended. Bro. F. West, P.G.D., could not attend, having a Masonic engagement in his province. A large number of visitors attended, including Bros. Archdeacon Stevens, P.G.C.; W. A. Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Buc, P.G. Std. Br.; T. W. Whitmarsh, P.G.P.; and many well-known Masons.

The usual banquet followed, when an excellent entertainment was given by Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins, assisted by Bros. G. de Pledge, Dudley Causton, and Miss H. Hamilton.

St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Thorne, on Wednesday, the 2nd instant. Present: Bros. F. Barber, W.M.; S. H. C. Ashlin, acting I.P.M.; H. A. Fenton, S.W.; G. Eland, J.W.; J. Constable, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; B. Maskill, Treas.; E. Hirst, S.D.; E. Simpson, J.D.; T. J. Smith, I.G.; T. R. R. Marsdin and R. Brew, Stewards; F. Pine, Tyler; A. L. Peace, J. H. Bletcher, T. Tomlinson, J. Acaster, and others. Visitors: Bros. F. H. Buckland, W.M., and T. J. Turner, J.W., of 242.

Bro. J. Acaster was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the W.M. being assisted by Bro. Peace. Bros. Peace, Barber, Hirst, and Simpson gave in their names for tickets at the Diamond Jubilee gathering at the Albert Hall on the 14th instant, and the lodge was closed.

Hiram Lodge, No. 2416.

The last meeting of the season of the architects' and surveyors' lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 26th ult. The only business was the passing of Bros. T. Rush Dixon and Cecil Simpson, which was correctly performed by Bro. A. F. Wrighton, W.M., assisted by Bros. W. West, S.W.; S. Jackson, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., Sec.; F. A. Powell, P.M.; Geo. Elkington, P.M.; W. J. Ebbetts, P.G. Stwd.; and others.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS DARWIN HUMPHREYS, P.M., P.Z. 4 and 23 (S.C.) &c.

Bro. Thomas Darwin Humphreys passed quietly away at his residence at South Shields on the morning of Monday, the 31st ult., at the age of 72 years. He was regularly initiated in the Lodge of Dunse, No. 23, holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on the 14th December, 1858, and on the 27th of the same month in the same year he was passed and raised. In those days the Dunse Lodge appears to have used a sort of impromptu certificate all written out on a strip of parchment and signed by the Master and Secretary as well as by the recipient. To this certificate is attached, by a green ribbon, the seal of the lodge in a tin box or case a little larger than a crown piece. Bro. Humphreys' Grand Lodge certificate bears date from the Grand Lodge, Edinboro', 14th April, 1859, stating the date of registration to be January 5th, 1859. Our brother was exalted in the St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 69, held in Glasgow on March 8th, 1868, and signed his name on the first pillar of his certificate, which is printed in Latin, English, and French. About this time he became a joining member of the Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4, being then resident in that city, and it was here he passed the chair in the Craft. The Royal Ark Mariners lodge was held "within the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew's, Glasgow, No. 69" and Bro. Humphreys was admitted a member of that grade on May 16th, 1869, the certificate, which bears the seal of the chapter, being signed by Thomas N. Campbell, as N. Our departed brother attained the rank of P.Z., and a certificate was issued to him for having filled the chair in the Royal Arch Degree. Attached to the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew's is the Knights of the Sword, the Knights of the East and West, commonly and erroneously called the Order of the Red Cross of Babylon, or Babylonish Pass, according to the certificate, and our late brother was declared and admitted a member thereof. His receipt for the "Mark chair and exaltation" bears the date January 14th, 1868. About this time and for some years later Bro. Humphreys did much good useful Masonic work, and he was ever kindly remembered and held in high estimation by those few brethren who are old enough to recollect his sterling qualities. It is a matter of regret that business cares and studies, accompanied by removals, prevented our brother from taking an active interest in Freemasonry in recent years. This is a pity, for he was a gifted lecturer, and ceremonial work came to him naturally. He devoted the greater part of his life to the writing and publishing several valuable technical works upon the scientific and practical methods of producing garments for draping the human figure. In this he was eminently successful, and for his peculiar gifts in this direction—his works, comprising many volumes—one of the American Universities conferred upon him the honorary distinction of M.A. and Ph. D. Twenty-one years ago he founded, and for many years personally conducted, a trade journal, which is enjoying a prosperous career at the present time. His place is in the very front rank of technical writers of modern times, and his name is bound to live in connection with the literature of his profession for generations. Our much-respected and beloved brother leaves a widow and family, the latter being grown-up. Our sympathy and condolence goes forth to them, and to our Bro. John Warren, of South Shields, his son-in-law, with whom he was intimately associated. Our late brother's death was preceded by a long and tedious illness of between one and two years' duration, but this trying time was borne with patience and fortitude. In his every-day life did he endeavour to carry the tenets of Freemasonry, being ever found willing to serve a friend or brother in preference to studying his own gain and advantage. Our departed friend will ever be thought of with kindness, and his memory will live long in the minds of those brethren and companions who had the pleasure and benefit of a personal acquaintance with him.

BRO. J. McDOUGALL.

Bro. and Comp. J. McDougall, late of Leyton, E., passed to his rest on the 30th ult., at the good old age of 74 years. He had been a sufferer since Christmas with an incurable malady, and met death like a man, a Mason, and a Christian. He was a P.M. of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, and a P.Z. of the Pattison Chapter, and held distinguished honours in the Grand Lodge and Chapter of the Province of Kent. He was for 40 years surveyor for the old Metropolitan Board, during which time he assisted at the construction of the main drainage system, Thames Embankment, &c., &c., and retired on a pension some eight years ago. He was a Life Governor of one or more of our Charities, and a subscriber to all. He was universally beloved and respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. The funeral took place at the Woolwich Cemetery, Wickham, on Friday, the 4th inst., when deceased was laid to rest in the family grave by the side of his departed wife.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)
For the week ending Saturday, June 19th, 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, JUNE 14.

DIAMOND JUBILEE MEETING, ROYAL ALBERT HALL.

RAFT LODGES.

1305, St. Marylebone, Criterion.
2011, London School Board, Prince's Hall.
2612, Navy, Mark Masons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle Tavern,
1118, Oxford and Cambridge University, Cafe Monaco,
1789, Ubiqne, Criterion.

MARK LODGE.

450, Prince Frederick William, Mark Masons' Hall.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

140, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

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, Mildmay 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.

Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.

Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 34, 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, JUNE 15.

Board of General Purposes, at 5.

RAFT LODGES.

255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
1330, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1605, New Finsbury Park, Holborn Restaurant,
2191, Anglo-American, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal.
1348, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGES.

418, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.
428, Prince Frederick William, Mark Masons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16.

RAFT LODGES.

700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1014, Wandsworth, Municipal Buildings.
1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
2140, Huguenot, Criterion.
2206, Cator, Public Hall, Beckenham.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

RAFT LODGES.

6, Friendship, Criterion.
1120, Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel.
1081, Loundsborough, Cafe Royal.
1710, All Saints, 117, High-street, Poplar.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

93, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

451, Bolingbroke, Railway Hotel, Battersea Rise.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18.

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

RAFT LODGES.

143, Middlesex, Abion Tavern.
975, Rose of Denmark, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
1501, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.
2157, St. Mark's Coll. ge, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
1591, Studholme, Cafe Royal.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19.

RAFT LODGES.

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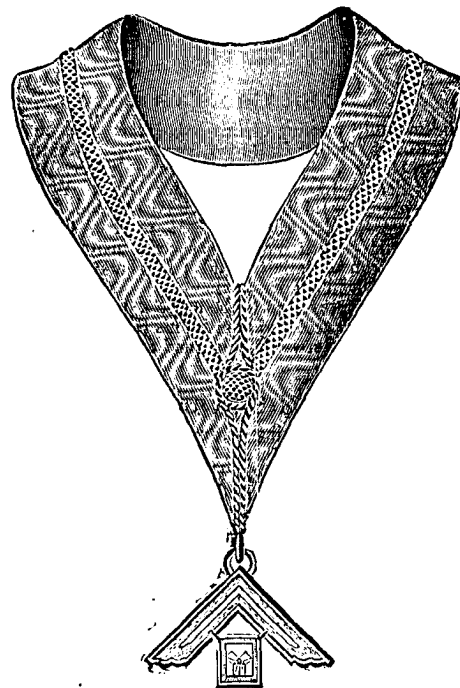
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Masonic and General Tidings.

DOWN TO Thursday night the Lord Mayor's Indian Famine Fund amounted to £536,700.

THE TOTAL RECEIPTS of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund to date are as follows: Annual subscriptions, £19,503 15s. 6d.; donations, £110,735 3s. 1d.; commuted subscriptions to be invested, £19,072 1s. Among the present subscriptions was £105 from Mr. Arnold Morley.

BRO. LORD AND LADY HERSHELL left town on Saturday last with a view to paying a series of visits in Dorsetshire.

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLESELEY has been staying at Waddesdon Manor as the guest of Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF DUNRAVEN and the Ladies Wyndham Quin have arrived at Kenry House, Putney, from Adare Manor, Co. Limerick.

MADAME ALBANI will sing Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" at the special service which will be held by command of her Majesty the Queen in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on Sunday, the 20th inst.

BRO. LORD AND LADY ROBERTS have returned to town from Contrexéville. The feeling of satisfaction is very general that the vacant ribbon of St. Patrick has been conferred upon his lordship.

CHANG YING HUN, the Special Chinese Ambassador to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and a suite of 14 persons, with other specially-invited guests, left Charing Cross by special train at noon on Tuesday for Sevenoaks to view Lord Sackville's beautiful and historic seat of Knole.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE, who have been entertaining a number of guests at Chatsworth, paid a special visit to Buxton on Monday in order to be present at an amateur dramatic entertainment in the theatre in aid of the Devonshire Hospital, which was founded and presented to the town by his Grace's grandfather.

THE ANNUAL regimental dinner of the Royal Horse Guards was held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales honouring the officers with his presence on the occasion. Among the rest were Bros. Field-Marshal Viscount Wolesey, Earl Carrington, the Earl of Galloway, Lord Skelmersdale, Col. Egerton, and Milne Home.

IN VIEW of the many matters connected with the approaching Jubilee celebrations which will demand his Royal Highness's personal attention, the Prince of Wales has resolved on not taking a house at Ascot for the race week, but will go down to the races each day by special train, while on Tuesday and the Cup Day he will be accompanied by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and their daughters.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY has arranged to hold a sale to-morrow (Saturday) at Claremont, of the work and other wares that were left over from her bazaar at the Imperial Institute last week. The sale will be in behalf of the Deptford Fund, as the bazaar was, and as Claremont is rarely opened to the general public there will probably be a large influx of visitors to see the house and grounds which are closely associated with the early years of the Queen's life.

THE MEMBERS of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, which was established more than 10 years ago to cultivate fraternal relations between English and American Masons, having decided at a special meeting to remove the lodge to the Hotel Cecil, Strand, the forthcoming installation meeting (Bro. C. O. Burgess, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, W.M. elect), will be held accordingly on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Hotel Cecil, when a large gathering of members and their friends is expected.

A MATINEE performance in aid of the Queen's Commemoration Fund will be given, by permission of Bro. Sir Henry Irving, at the Lyceum Theatre, under the management of Bro. Edward Terry, on Tuesday, the 29th inst. Among those who have promised their services for the occasion are Madame Albani, Madame Sarah Bernhardt, Madame Réjane, Mr. and Mrs. Beerbohm Tree and the company of Her Majesty's Theatre, Bro. Edward Terry and the Terry Theatre Company, Bro. Charles Wyndham and the Criterion Company, Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft, and Bro. Sir H. Irving.

HER MAJESTY has expressed her intention of visiting Kensington, where she was born and spent the early years of her life, and the day chosen for the purpose will be Monday, the 28th inst., the anniversary of her coronation. Great preparations are accordingly being made by the inhabitants, who are desirous of showing their appreciation of the intended honour. The Queen was born in Kensington Palace on the 24th May, 1819, and it was there that early on the morning of the 20th June, 1837, she received information of the death of her uncle and her accession to the throne.

THE ANNUAL muster parade of the Corps of Commissioners will be held in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on Sunday, the 20th inst., when subscriptions will be invited to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund, Sir E. Walter, the founder and commanding officer, having addressed a circular to the men, in which he expresses his belief that the corps will gladly avail themselves of such an opportunity of showing their gratitude for the advantages they have enjoyed under the Queen's long and beneficent reign by assisting to promote the Fund which his Royal Highness has established. There is a probability that the parade will be inspected by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Dukes of York, Connaught, and Cambridge, and Bro. Lord Wolesey, the Commander-in-Chief.

IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT, where the Queen is in residence for a considerable portion of the year, the plans of the different Jubilee Committees have been pretty well arranged. The vicar of St. Mary's, Cowes, has invited the Urban District Council and the friendly societies to attend Divine service in the restored Church on Sunday, the 20th inst. (Accession Day). On the 22nd inst. the new extension to the parade will be opened by the Chairman of the Council and named the Victoria Parade. A Royal salute will be fired and tradesmen are to be requested to decorate their houses, but the illuminations will be reserved against the hoped-for visit of the Queen at a later date. The children and old people will be entertained in Northwood Park, and in the evening a bonfire will be lighted on the cliff above Egypt Point. At East Cowes there will also be a service on the Sunday, and on Jubilee Day the children and old people will be entertained in the Castle grounds by permission of the Hon. John Vereker.

AS THE TIME for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee approaches, the announcements as to the fêtes that are being organised all over the country in honour of the event become more and more circumstantial. Thus a very elaborate design for decorating the Bank of England by M. A. Legros, the French artist, who has been commissioned by Messrs. Defries to execute it, is so far advanced as to allow of its being seen at the artist's studio in Fulham on Saturday last. The decoration is on a large scale, and will prove one of the chief attractions on Jubilee Day, especially in the evening, when the rays of the electric light will be thrown upon it. The proposal to illuminate the dome of St. Paul's has been negatived, but the electric light will be thrown upon it, and, from the experiments already made, there is reason to hope that it will prove effective. Stands are being erected along the line of route, and next week no doubt the din of preparation will be greater than ever, and those who traverse the route which the Royal Procession will follow will be able to form some idea of what Jubilee Day itself will bring forth.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, accompanied by the Princess Victoria and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, and attended by Lady Emily Kingscote, Miss Knollys, Major-General Clarke, and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, arrived at Sandringham for the Whitsuntide holidays on Saturday, the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), the Marquis of Lorne, and the Duke of Teck arriving as guests on the evening of the same day. On Sunday the Prince and Princess, their family, and their visitors attended Divine service at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene in the Park, while on Monday the baby Princess, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, was christened in Sandringham Church in the presence of a distinguished congregation. The Archbishop of York officiated, assisted by the Rev. Canon Dalton, of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, the Rev. Canon Harvey, Rector, and the Rev. Percy de Putton, Curate. The sponsors were the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duchess of Teck, the Dowager Empress of Russia, Princess Victoria of Wales, the King of Greece, and Prince Francis of Teck. The infant was named Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. SIR MATTHEW WHITE RIDLEY, Bart., M.P., and the Hon. Lady White Ridley have been spending the Whitsun holidays at Cassiobury, near Watford.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, M.W.G.M., has conferred on Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. W. Walker, Prov. G. Sec. Staffordshire, the rank of Past Grand Sword Bearer of England.

TAMWORTH CASTLE, which was bestowed by the Conqueror on Robert le Marmion, Lord of Fontenay, was sold by public auction in Tamworth Town Hall on Tuesday evening. The bidding commenced at £1000, and in the result the castle became the property of the town of Tamworth at £3000.

THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENT of the Province of Staffordshire, Comp. Lieut. Col. J. A. Bindley, has received intimation, through the Home Secretary, of the Queen's gracious acceptance of the address on the occasion of her Majesty attaining the 60th year of her reign, sent by the Provincial Grand Chapter of Staffordshire.

THE P.G.M. OF SHROPSHIRE, Bro. Sir Olfley Wakeman, Bart., has intimated his intention of holding a Provincial Grand Lodge at Shrewsbury on Wednesday, July 14th next, after which the brethren present will attend a service to be held in St. Chad's Church in commemoration of the long reign of her Most Gracious Majesty, at which full Masonic regalia will be worn.

PRINCESS MARY, DUCHESS OF TECK, had so far recovered from her recent serious indisposition as to be able to take walking exercise in the grounds of White Lodge, Richmond Park, on Sunday last. Her Royal Highness was visited the previous day by her sister, the Grand Duchess of Mecklenberg-Strelitz, who afterwards proceeded to Kew to remain there for some few days.

THE STABILITY of the Corporation stand was on Saturday tested by about 250 officers and men of the City Police. The surveyor, his assistant, and the contractors superintended the carrying out of the experiment, which consisted of the police marching and counter-marching over the seats and ascending and descending the steps *en masse*. No hitch of any kind occurred, and the test was regarded as entirely satisfactory.

THE JUBILEE Masonic commemoration jewels, which may be worn by every Freemason who is a member of a lodge under the Grand Lodge of England on June 20th next, are being manufactured by Messrs. George Kenning and Sons, of Little Britain and Aldersgate-street, whose design was selected by the Grand Master. The jewels are being manufactured at various prices, so as to be within the reach of all who may wish to specially commemorate the sixtieth year of the reign of the Queen.—*City Press*.

THE FUNERAL of the late Bro. W. G. Lemon, P.A.G.D.C., took place at Lewisham Cemetery on Saturday, the 29th ult., the first portion of the service being held at the Blackheath Congregational Church. There was a very large attendance of mourners, amongst whom were Bros. W. G. Kentish, W. J. Spratling, W. C. Sayer, W.M. Ravensbourne Lodge; A. Stewart Browne, F.R.C.S., and others. The Ravensbourne Lodge and the Ravensbourne Chapter were among those that sent wreaths.

THE VARIOUS seaside resorts which are popular with Londoners were visited by hosts of excursionists on Whit Monday. Brighton for instance, was invaded by 15 special train loads of them. Eastbourne, Worthing, and other places on the Sussex coast were also visited in great force, so too, were Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft, on the East coast, while as regards Margate, Ramsgate, Herne Bay, and the Kentish watering places generally, it is needless to say they were filled to overflowing and everybody thoroughly enjoyed himself.

THE LORDS OF THE ADMIRALTY have issued a code of instructions relative to the grand naval review which is arranged to take place at Spithead, on Saturday, the 20th inst., and at which her Majesty will be represented by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The number of ships reviewed will be 175, ranging from the huge battleship, of which there will be 21, down to the pigmy torpedo boat. There will also be a line of foreign war ships, and another comprising representative vessels of the British Mercantile Marine, but these will be in lines apart, while the British warships will be moored in five lines. In the evening the fleet will be illuminated, and in the event of the weather being fine, there is no doubt the Spithead naval review will be one of the grandest and most imposing of the spectacles arranged to take place for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

THE QUEEN has decided to return from London to Windsor Castle on the afternoon of the 23rd inst., and the Windsor authorities are busy making arrangements for her Majesty's reception at Slough, Eton College, and Windsor, when addresses will be presented, while it has been settled that a fourth address shall be handed to her from the Thames Conservancy at Windsor Bridge. Bro. Lord Wantage, Lord-Lieutenant of Berkshire, and the County members have been invited to attend the presentation of the Windsor address, which will take place near the late Sir E. Boehm's statue of her Majesty in the High-street and opposite the Castle. The Mayor, it is said, is about to invite the inhabitants of the Royal Borough to keep the 23rd inst. as a general holiday and decorate and illuminate their houses. On the night of the 24th inst. the north front of the Castle will be illuminated by Bengal coloured fires, which will have a picturesque effect, and be visible for a considerable distance round.

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THE FREEMASONS of Leeds intend to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in a practical way. All the nine lodges in the city have combined to give a tea and entertainment to 800 or 900 old people on Saturday, the 19th inst. The event will take place at the Town Hall. The Mayor of Leeds (Sir James Kitson, Bart., M.P.) has promised to attend, and besides the officers and brethren of the local lodges, several members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will be present, including the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P.) and the Dep. Provincial Grand Master (Bro. J. C. Malcolm). On the following day (Sunday) there will be a service in Kirkstall Abbey, commencing at three o'clock in the afternoon. A string band and chorus will render selections of sacred music, under the direction of Bro. H. Cockerlyne, Organist of Kirkstall Church, and the service will be conducted by Bro. the Rev. Canon Bullock, vicar of Holy Trinity. Though the service is being arranged by the Masonic body, the general public will be admitted. It is also proposed by the Freemasons of Leeds to establish a permanent memorial of the Queen's long reign. What form this memorial will take has not yet been definitely decided upon, but the scheme will no doubt be in connection with one of the charitable institutions of the city.—*Yorkshire Post*.

THOSE of our readers who have not yet succeeded in obtaining seats to view the state procession to or from St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., will have no difficulty in finding such accommodation as they require on application at Harrod's Stores, Limited, Brompton-road, S.W. The prices per seat range from one guinea to 25 guineas, and among the positions where they are available are: St. Martin's Church site, Trafalgar-square, prices from five to 15 guineas, which is easily accessible from all parts of the Metropolis, and whence a splendid view of the whole pageant will be obtained. Every provision will be made for the comfort and convenience of ticket-holders. The whole stand will be under cover and handsomely decorated, there will be retiring and cloak rooms for ladies, and a promenade in rear of the stand, while refreshments can also be had. Other sites from which to view the procession where seats are to be had are The New Traveller's Club, 96 and 97, Piccadilly; 134, Piccadilly; the Hotel Carlton (late Her Majesty's Theatre) site; Simps'n's, 101 and 103, Strand; The Mocha Restaurant, 336, Strand; Alexander's, Cheapside; Slater's, King William-street; and Atkinson's, 198-212, Westminster Bridge-road, where there is a ticket office. At each of these sites every accommodation that can be desired is to be had, and we strongly advise all who wish to see the procession to make early application for what they require.

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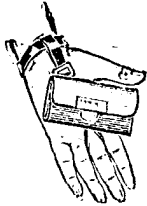
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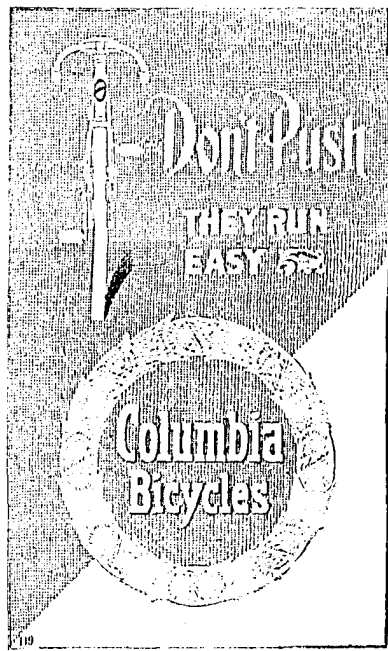
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