

A Dispensation has also been issued to Saint John's Lodge for the purpose of conferring the third degree on two Brothers.

I have appointed R. W. Bro. Higgs to visit St. John, King Hiram, Mount Lebanon, and R. W. Bro. T. A. McLean to visit Victoria Lodge. These Brethren will, no doubt, render an account of their doings.

In December last the members of King Solomon Lodge, No. 9, surrendered their charter. This Lodge came into existence shortly after the formation of our Grand Lodge. It started under most favorable auspices, bade fair to be one of our foremost Lodges, but a short experience has shewn that two Lodges are all that we require in this city for the present. Although I regret to see the already small number of our Lodges decreasing, still, upon consideration I think our brethren of King Solomon Lodge acted wisely in surrendering their charter. Many of the members have affiliated with the other Lodges.

The sad and sudden death of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, in April last, was an event which was universally regretted. Highly esteemed for his own worth and as the son of our most gracious Queen, his death was deplored not only throughout the British Dominions but very generally by the whole civilized world. He was a zealous and accomplished mason.

And now my Brethren, I beg once more to offer you my sincere thanks for the repeated honor you have done me by continuing me in the high position of your Grand Master, and for the kind and fraternal consideration you have at all times extended to me. My duties have been light, and they have been made still more so by the kind thoughtfulness of those with whom I have been associated.

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