

acted through the established institutions of the country, thus uniformly securing to every interest an equitable measure of representation, and the great personal influence of Your Majesty has ever been exerted on behalf of every object fitted to promote, not only the material, but also the moral and religious well-being of Your subjects. We cannot over-estimate the power for good which Your Majesty's noble example has exercised upon the society of our time; while the innumerable instances in which Your Majesty has shown a kind and womanly heart ever at leisure from its own splendid cares and state burdens to sympathize with the sufferings of the poorest of Your people, have produced a profound impression upon all hearts, and caused a deep personal attachment to mingle with our public loyalty. We earnestly hope that Your Majesty may be long spared to continue to us the inestimable benefits and advantages which it has always been our privilege as a nation to enjoy under Your Majesty's beneficent rule. We pray that, through this remarkable year, which must put a special strain upon Your Majesty's strength, special grace may be given from on high to enable Your Majesty to bear up under the great joy of Your people's loyal enthusiasm, as on former occasions grace was given to Your Majesty to bear up under the great sorrows and trials of Your Own personal life.

That the eventide of Your Majesty's Reign may have the sweet calm harvest light of high hopes fulfilled, and great duties faithfully performed, and a noble life lived, and that at last, when the Divine purposes in regard to Your Majesty are finished in this world, you may receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away, is the earnest prayer of

May it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland in General Assembly convened.

Signed in name and by appointment of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, at Edinburgh, the 22nd day of June, 1897 years, by

Hugh Macmillan, D.D., LL.D., F.R.S.E.,
Moderator.

[Presented by the Reverend Hugh Macmillan, D.D., LL.D., and the Reverend Principal Rainy, D.D.]

St. James's Palace, July 27, 1897.

THE Services in the Chapel Royal and the German Chapel will be discontinued after Sunday next, August 1, until further orders.

EDGAR SHEPPARD, Sub-Dean.

Downing Street, July 24, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by Sir John Robinson, K.C.M.G., lately Prime Minister and Colonial Secretary of the Colony of Natal.

Downing Street, July 26, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Letters Patent, dated the 21st July, 1897, passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to make fresh provision for the Government of the Seychelles Islands.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to re-appoint Henry Cockburn Stewart, Esq., C.M.G., to be Administrator of the Seychelles Islands.

Admiralty, 24th July, 1897.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant Richard Hastings Graves-Burton has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Dated 20th July, 1897.

Admiralty, 26th July, 1897.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—

Naval Instructor Robert Staveley, M.A., has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 29th June, 1897.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Colonel Second Commandant Charles Harington Scafe is absorbed in the establishment of Colonels Second Commandant, on vacating the appointment of Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General. Dated 26th July, 1897.

Royal Marine Forces.

Major James Henry Bor, Royal Marine Artillery, to be Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, vice Scafe, and to be placed on the Supernumerary List. Dated 26th July, 1897.

Education Department, Whitehall, July 23, 1897.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACTS, 1870-1893.

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued orders this day for the Triennial Election of School Boards in the undermentioned Parishes:—

| Parishes. | County. | Union. |
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| We-t Chilington | Sussex | Thakeham |
| Polesworth | Warwick | Atherstone |
| West Moulsey | Surrey | Kingston-on-Thames |
| Featherstone | York | Pontefract |
| Wood Dalling | Norfolk | Aylsham |
| Somersham | Huntingdon | St. Ives |
| Kemble | Gloucester | Cirencester |
| Houghton and Wyton (U.D.) | Huntingdon | St. Ives |
| South Witham | Lincoln | Grantham |
| Ceulan-y-Maesmawr | Cardigan | Aberystwith |
| Henllys (Contributory) | Cardigan | Aberystwith |
| Brassington | Derby | Ashbourne |
| Skirbeck | Lincoln | Boston |