

mersdale to be Deputy Grand Master, and the Marquis of Hamilton and the Lord Mayor to fill two chief offices in Grand Lodge. The nomination of the Lord Mayor appeared to give especial pleasure to the brethren, and his Lordship, as he took his official seat, was greeted by loud and prolonged applause. The other Grand Officers were then appointed, and at five o'clock the lodge was formally closed. The Prince was conducted to his retiring-room by a procession of the principal brethren, and the assembly dispersed. It was not the least noteworthy feature of the whole that the character of the great meeting and the habitual discipline of a lodge had combined to produce perfect order, so that from first to last there was no hitch in the proceedings, no trace of insubordination, no hesitation, even for a moment, in obeying the directions of the appointed Stewards. The 10,000 brethren took their places and left them without a single hindrance; and in the salutes and responses of the Masonic ceremonial they kept time with a precision which was marvellous, and with a grandeur of effect which no words could adequately describe. To this result the admirable arrangements of Garter King-at-Arms and of his chief assistant, Mr. Fenn, no doubt largely contributed, but at least equal credit must be assigned to the brethren themselves.

The following were the deputations who were presented to the Grand Master:—

SCOTLAND.—Brother the Earl of Rosslyn, representative to the G. L. of England, R. W. Past Grand Master of Scotland; Brother the Earl of Mar and Kellie, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; Brother J. T. Oswald, of Dunniker, R. W. Sub-Grand Master; Lord Rosehill, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; Brother Wm. Mann, R. W. Past Grand Warden; Brother the Hon. W. H. Gray, D. D., P. W. Grand Chaplain.

IRELAND.—Brothers Robert W. Shekleton, Deputy Grand Master; Lord Dunboyne, Junior Grand Warden; Arthur Bushe, Grand Treasurer; Sir John M. Stewart, Pro-Grand Master of Tyrone and Fermanagh; the Hon. David Plunket.

GRAND LODGE OF SWEDEN.—Brothers Count Salbya, Admiral Lagercrantz, Baron Beck-Frus, Baron de Mecklenburg, Oscar Dickson.

The Grand Lodge of Italy sent an address.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master then made the following appointments of officers for the ensuing year:—

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro-Grand Master; Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master; the Marquis of Hamilton, Senior Grand Warden; the Lord Mayor of London, Junior Grand Warden; Canon Simpson and the Rev. Spencer Wigram, Grand Chaplains; Brothers Samuel Tompkins, Grand Treasurer; McIntyre, Grand Registrar; Hervey, Grand Secretary; Wendt, Grand Secretary for German Correspondence; Montague Guest and Wm. Speed, Senior Grand Deacons; Robert Gray and Frederick E. Murrell, Junior Grand Deacons; Sir A. W. Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. R. Woodman, M. D., Grand Sword Bearer; Kuhe, Grand Organist; Wright, Grand Pursuivant; E. P. Albert, Assist.-Grand Pursuivant; Payne. Grand Tyler.

The Grand Stewards for the year were then presented. The appointments of his Royal Highness appeared to be most popular, and especially that of Brother David Stone, Lord Mayor of London, who, on being called on to be invested with the insignia of his office, was greeted with a perfect hurricane of cheering.

THE MASON AS A HUSBAND.

WE have too frequently heard that "wives do not like Freemasonry, and they do not like their husbands to become Freemasons." It would seem that in the estimation of some of the fair sex, our Order is in diametrical opposition to Domestic Happiness—that if connubial sweets are to be preserved unmixed from drops of bitter, the husband must never enter the portals of a Masonic lodge. A thousand pities that such an *erroneous* impression has gone abroad. For various reasons we regret it, for the entrance of the Temple of Hiram need not be likened, alas, to the crater of *Ætna*, which can never be converted into a cool and crystal *jet d'eau*. Freemasonry, however, does not nap asunder the *Vinculum Matrimonii*—but intertwines closer the golden chains which bind two congenial souls. Freemasonry does not put out the torch of Hymen, but makes it burn brighter and brighter. Freemasonry does not viti-ate the atmosphere of *home*, but sweetens it. If the husband is "a worthy" Son of Boneh, he will conform to the requirements of "the Charges" of our Order. What say "the Old Charges?" "You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man. You must also consult your health, by not continuing together *too late* or *too long* from home, after lodge hours are past; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your families be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working." (Old Charges, vi. 5.) A *genuine* Mason, then, is a man who will avoid "gluttony and drunkenness"—who will act as "becomes a *moral* and *wise* man," and who will no