

many other Grand Lodge Officers, and Mayor Boswell will take part with Doric Lodge in welcoming and receiving the Buffalo brethren.

TORONTO—The installation of officers of Orient Chapter, No. 79, took place on the 25th ult. The ceremony was performed by R. Ex. Comp. James B. Nixon, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Sargant, and Francis Gallow. The following is a list of those who have been installed:—Ex. Comp. Andrew Park, Z.; Ex. Comp. D. H. Watt, H.; Ex. Comp. A. W. McLachlin, J.; Comp. L. Gibb, Scribe E.; Comp. Alfred Hirst, Scribe N.; R. Ex. Comp. Jas. B. Nixon, Treasurer; Comp. John Jones, Principal Soj.; Comp. Wm. Bain, S. S.; Comp. Jno. Young, J. S.; Comp. J. Bedley, Jan. After the installation Ex. Comp. Park, on behalf of the officers and members of the chapter, presented R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon with a handsome Grand Chapter regalia. The Comps. then adjourned to the banquet, and the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

We have not heard for a long time from our friend and correspondent, M. W. Bro. J. S. Morrow, P. G. M., and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory, so we are obliged to take some items regarding that Grand Body from a correspondent in a contemporary publication. He says, "there are fifteen lodges in the Territory, and amongst the members are found many belonging to the various Indian tribes, whom I am pleased to state make zealous and trusty Masons. As a fact, and as a general rule, Indians require less scrutiny and investigation into their qualifications than the pure white, for fidelity and friendship are decisive, and a solemn promise made by them in such matters is faithfully kept; and undoubtedly their faith in God, the Great Spirit, is equally as strong as that of the white man. Most of the Indian membership is from the Cherokee, Creek, and Choc-

taw nations, although the Government has located here over twenty different tribes. The merchants find the young men of these tribes an essential aid to their business, as salesmen."

MASONIC BANQUET.—The Brethren of St. David's Lodge, No. 302, G. R. C, St. Thomas, fairly outdid themselves at the recent magnificent Masonic banquet given by them to their brethren and their friends, at the Grand Central hotel, on the 10th inst. Of the three hundred guests, nearly one-half belonged to the fair sex, and the gallant Past Grand Master was consequently very happy. Lieut. Col. Moffat, P. G. M.; J. J. Mason, G. Sec.; Dr. W. H. Street, G. D. of C.; G. Jarvis, D. D. G. M., and R. McKay, P. D. D. G. M., made speeches.

Wor. Master Hess, in opening the toast list, expressed his delight at the large attendance, and in proposing the health of H. M. Queen Victoria, remarked that she was an ardent admirer of the Craft, her sons being Masons, and H. R. H. the Prince of Wales being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. In response the company sang "God save the Queen" in splendid style.

"The Grand Lodge of Canada" was the next toast, and after the assembly had duly honored it, the Wor. Master, Hess, called upon a highly esteemed gentleman who but recently vacated the chair of Most Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Bro. Lieut. Col. Moffat, in reply, thanked the committee for the opportunity afforded him of being present at such a grand demonstration. It was somewhat of a departure from Masonic practice, but it delighted him. He eulogized the fair sex, and was followed in a similar strain by R. W. Bros. Jarvis, McKay, Mason, and Street. Other toasts rapidly followed, and the evening closed with "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."