

room was occupied, and many brethren were unable to gain admission. About 500 subsequently sat down at the banquet table, when bright speeches interspersed with first-class vocal and instrumental selections were the order of the evening.—*The Australasian Keystone*.

It is evident from the report we have received of the Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay at its 68th half-yearly Communication, on the 28th November last, that His Excellency, Bro. Lord Sandhurst, Pro. District Grand Master, is making himself exceedingly popular among the brethren by the interest he takes in their doings. His lordship was prevented by his public duties from presiding on the occasion, but Bro. H. Wynford Barrow, P.D.D.G.M., who occupied the chair as District G.M., referred to the desire exhibited by Lord Sandhurst to become acquainted with the various lodges under his charge, and stated that since his lordship's visit to Lodge Orion in the West, No. 415, Poona, in October, he had been present at a meeting of Union Lodge, No. 767, Karachi, and had met with a most cordial and enthusiastic reception. We rejoice to find that such excellent relations are rapidly being established between the *alter ego* of the Duke of Connaught, District G.M. and the lodges in Bombay and its dependencies.—*The Freemason*.

It is worthy to mention as showing the esteem and respect which are entertained towards Bro. Smith, the M. W.G.M. of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, that at St. Andrew's Festival on the 30th November last, the brethren presented their distinguished chief with a handsomely illuminated address, together with a jug and salver and a carriage, on the occasion of his marriage, "as a proof of their regard." The presentation was made by Bro. W. L. Harvey, Grand Master Depute, and in the course of the address there occurred the following paragraph: "The urbanity, tact, judgment, and ability

with which you have discharged the responsible duties of the office of Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India have won for you the esteem and regard of all under your rule." Both in Grand Lodge where the presentation took place, and at the banquet which followed, Bro. Smith gracefully acknowledged the kindness of the brethren.—*The Freemason*.

It has been arranged that the Grand Master of Scotland, Sir Charles Dalrymple, of Newhales, Bart., M.P., will, on Friday, 7th February, lay the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall, in Ayr, which is being built by Lodge Ayr, No. 204. On the following day the Grand Master will instal Brother Hugh R. Wallace, of Cloncaid, as Master of Lodge Mother Kilwinning, an appointment which carries the Provincial Grand Mastership of Ayrshire, in succession to Brother the Hon. Thomas Cochrane, who has resigned. At these functions the Grand Master will be accompanied by the Grand Officers.—*The Freemason's Chronicle*.

Miscellaneous.

WAR.

BY REV J. CLARK.

I hear the war drum's rattle,
The sound of hurrying feet,
The noise and crash of battle,
Where sword and salre meet.

I see the war horse rushing,
With heated, fiery breath,
Where armed hosts are crushing
The foe to instant death.

Like loud incessant thunder
The murderous cannon peals;
The shuddering nations wonder,
And earth in terror reels.

I see the death flame flashing
Amid the fearful strife,
While shot and shell are crashing
Through ranks of human life.

I hear the cry of anguish
From soldiers overthrown,
Who, maimed and wounded, lauguish
In agonies unknown.