

prosperity. The officers for the current year are:—

M. Ill. Comp. E. H. Raymour, St. Thomas, M. Ill. Grand Master.

R. Ill. Comp. P. J. Slatter, Toronto, Deputy Grand Master.

R. Ill. Comp. D. Taylor, Ottawa, P. C. W. M. Ill. Comp. D. McLellan, Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.

M. Ill. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Toronto, Grand Recorder.

R. Ill. Comp. W. R. Howse, Whitby, Grand Captain of Guard.

R. Ill. Comp. James Douglas, Toronto, Grand Lecturer.

R. Ill. Comp. Rev. A. Antony, Caledonia, Grand Chaplain.

The following Ill. Companions were duly appointed by the Grand Master:

V. Ill. Comp. J. A. Nelles, Guelph, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

V. Ill. Comp. A. Chatfield, Ottawa, Grand Conductor.

V. Ill. Comp. R. G. Makins, Grand Sentinel.

V. Ill. Comp. George Gott, Amherstburg, Grand Steward.

V. Ill. Comp. Alexander Bruce, Guelph, Grand Steward.

V. Ill. Comp. Joseph Parks, Windsor, Grand Steward.

And, on the nomination of the Representatives of their respective Divisions and approved by the Grand Master, the following Companions are Inspectors-General of Divisions:—

R. Ill. Comp. W. B. Doherty, St. Thomas, London Division, Ont.

R. Ill. Comp. S. R. Moffatt, Guelph, Hamilton Division, Ont.

R. Ill. Comp. G. J. Bennett, Toronto, Toronto Division, Ont.

R. Ill. Comp. S. C. Fairtlough, Kingston, Ottawa Division, Ont.

R. Ill. Comp. I. H. Stearns, Montreal, Quebec Division, Que.

R. Ill. Comp. E. E. Sheppard, Toronto, Georgian Division, Ont.

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—M. Ill. Comps. D. Spry, J. K. Kerr and J. B. Nixon.

The next annual assembly of Grand Council will be held in the third week of July next, at the city of Toronto, at such day and hour as may be named by the M. Ill. the Grand Master.

CHARITY APPROPRIATIONS.

Charity is universally recognized as the crowning virtue of a true Freemason's heart. Individual Masons, lodges, boards of relief, and the like, if within their power, seldom fail, as far as practicable, to relieve the wants of their needy and deserving fellows, and of those being or having been dependent upon them—and that, too, in general, from whatever jurisdictions their suffering brethren may hail. This has ever been one of the glories of our ancient, honorable and benevolent institution. In the practical working of systematic Masonic relief, the question necessarily sometimes arises, are there any restrictions or limitations thereto, other than those of ability to do and the necessities of the deserving poor and needy—and if so, what are they? As is frequently the case, we not only consult our own hearts, the regulations and rules of our own lodge, and of our own Grand Lodge, but we often betake ourselves for instruction and guidance thereanent, and on other like matters, to the "Constitutions of the ancient fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England."

On page 61, article 120, of the January 1st, 1884, revised edition of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, is the enactment that—"No lodge shall be acknowledged, nor its officers admitted into the Grand Lodge or a Provincial or District Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the fund of benevolence, or other Masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered." Hence, it appears that none of the members of a lodge in England, which is not enrolled on its registry, and consequently not of its obedience, are "entitled to partake of the fund of benevolence or other Masonic privilege."