

fellow of his should have obtained this appointment. When Bro. H. G. Buss was invested amid loud cheering, Lord Carnarvon said to him, it was his duty now to confer on him the collar of Assistant Grand Secretary. He entered upon a new office. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master, had been pleased to create, or rather he should say, to revive an office, which he doubted not Bro. Buss would discharge well, as he was sure he had hitherto discharged his other duties faithfully. The business of Grand Lodge had shown that tendency to grow which was not inseparable from the increase of an institution so great as Freemasonry; and it had been found justly necessary to re-inforce the staff of Grand Secretary's Office. He doubted not that the Grand Lodge would find in Bro. Buss a good and worthy Assistant Secretary, and he congratulated him most heartily on the appointment. Lord Carnarvon, after the other appointments had been made, said he had to announce that the Grand Master had appointed Bro. Albert to take the rank and wear the clothing of a P.G. Purst.

Grand Secretary then read the following list of Grand Stewards for the year: Bros. Charles Ed. Smith, 58; A. A. Bristow, 14; C. O. Baker, 29; R. Gooding 1; E. P. Deacon, 2; H. A. Bennett, 4; Major H. Scriven, 5; J. F. Fawcett, 6; J. P. Probers, 8; T. A. Macey, 21; C. Martin, 23; A. H. Henry, 26; G. H. Savage, 46; Capt. J. Wordsworth, 60; W. Surr, 91; A. Bell, 99; Thos. Donnithorn, 97; and F. H. Golney, 259.

Before closing Grand Lodge Lord Carnarvon said: Brethren, nothing now remains but for me to close this Grand Lodge, the business being transacted; and I take this opportunity to express to you a matter of very sincere personal regret to myself, that at the last moment when and after I had fully hoped, and made up my mind to be present at the banquet, I am called away by official business, against which it is perfectly vain to struggle. I shall therefore, unfortunately and sorely against my will and my expectation, be obliged to absent myself immediately after the Grand Lodge is closed. I have only the satisfaction to know that my noble friend and brother, Lord Skelmersdale, will take my place, and discharge my duties as efficiently as I could have done myself.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided by the Grand Stewards, and supplied by Bro. E. Dawkins, the manager of Freemason's Tavern. All the arrangements were perfect, and reflected the greatest credit on the Board of Grand Stewards, who were Bros. F. S. Knyvett, 58; President; Dr. Edmund Nash, 14; Treasurer; Arthur J. R. Trendell, 29, Hon. Secretary; Thos. T. Smith, 1; Dr. W. Hope, 2; B. C. Veley, 4; J. C. Havers, 5; Winthrop Mackworth Praed, 6; J. L. Geiger, 8; Robert Berridge, 21; John Boyd, 23; Thos. C. Tatham, 26; William Kingsbury, 46; John C. Chancellor, 60; Henry John Reynolds, 91; George Marshall, 99; William George Cusins, 197; and Gabriel Prior Goldney, 257.

After the banquet the customary toasts were proposed.

Lord Skelmersdale, in giving the toast of "the Queen," said that Her Majesty was Patroness of the Order, and she always acted up to the greatest of its precepts, charity. There was never a charitable case which came under Her Majesty's notice to which she did not give a ready response; as witness the great mining accident in South Wales the other day, when she telegraphed to know how those poor men were going on; and ministered to their aid. If she did not belong to the Order as a member, she was one of them in heart.

Lord Skelmersdale then gave "The Health of H. R. H. the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family," and that of "H.R.H.