

and the appearance of its members. The Lodge had a membership of 185, they had initiated 20 during the past year, and he could safely say that those who had come into the Lodge during the time represented quality and not quantity. As for "gratitude" to the Lodge, and to the fraternity, he could scarcely find words in which to express himself. He had always received kindness at the hands of the brethren, and the beautiful address they had presented him with that night would always be cherished by him and his family. (Applause.)

W. Bro. Moerschfelder then introduced to the Lodge Bro. J. W. Elliott, who had been a member of St. John's Lodge for 38 years, being initiated in 1858.

BANQUET.

The large hall was utilized for the holding of the banquet that followed the meeting of the Lodge. Over 300 brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast got up in the very nicest manner by Bro. J. H. Pritchard, the caterer for the evening.

The menu card was one of the prettiest pieces of artistic work that we have had the pleasure of seeing for some time. It was got up in nine different colors and ornamented with various Masonic emblems. Messrs. Apted Bros. were the printers.

W. Bro. Tomlinson occupied the Chair, and to his right and left were seated the distinguished guests of the evening.

The following was the toast list :

1. "The Queen and the Craft" with the following lines attached: "A perfect woman, nobly planned."—*Wordsworth*.

Part Song "Moonlight," by St. John's Choir.

2. "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master" with the following lines attached: "Our hearts receive you with all kind love, good thoughts and reverence."—*Julius Cæsar*. Proposed

by R. W. Bro. B. Saunders and replied to by M. W. Bro. Gibson, M.P.

Song "We're a' John Tamson's Bairns," by Bro. G. W. Grant.

3. "The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada" with the following lines attached: "You are welcome, masters, welcome all."—*Hamlet*. Proposed by W. Bro. Hugh Blain and replied to by R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone.

Selection "The Bells Polka," by Toronto Hand-Bell Ringers.

4. "The D.D.G.M." with the following lines attached: "Your Lordship speaks most infallibly of him."—*Hamlet*. Proposed by W. Bro. Wm. Simpson and replied to by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White.

Song "The Cruskeen Lawn" by Bro. John Alexander.

5. "Past Masters and Old Members of this Lodge" with the following lines attached: "I love the memory of the past."—*Holmes*. "Superfluous lags the veteran on the stage."—*Johnson*. Proposed by Bro. Spencer Love and replied to by several old members of the Lodge.

Song "'Tis 40 Years My Old (Saint) John," by R. W. Bro. Wm. Simpson.

Recitation by Bro. Harry Blakey.

6. "Our Sister Lodges" with the following lines attached: "In one fair bumper let us toast them all."—*Holmes*. Proposed by W. Bro. Rev. W. Smith and replied to by several city Masters.

Selection "Soldiers Farewell," by Rosdale Male Quartet.

7. "Visiting Brethren" with the following lines attached: "We'll have a speech straight; come, give us a taste of your quality."—*Hamlet*. Proposed by W. Bro. C. E. Matthews and replied to by several of the visiting brethren.

Selection, "King Pippin Polka" by Toronto Hand-Bell Ringers.

8. "Junior Warden's Toast" with the following lines attached:—