

Rev. C. J. Martyn, the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Thomas Fenn, S. Rawson, J. M. Clabon, Raynham, W. Stewart, Major Shadwell Clerke, Capt. N. G. Philips, Colonel Somerville-Burney, Ex-Sheriff Hutton, Cameron Churchill, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. Oxon, (Northern Bar Lodge); and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the Grand Secretary read the minutes of last Grand Lodge as far as related to the election of the M.W.G.M.

These having been put and confirmed,

Lord Carnarvon said: It is now my duty to proceed, in the name and place of His Royal Highness the Grand Master, to the appointment of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year. I have in the first instance to announce that H.R.H. has been graciously pleased to appoint me Pro. Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Loud applause.) I have next to announce that H.R.H. has been pleased graciously to appoint my noble friend Lord Skelmersdale as Deputy Grand Master. (Renewed applause.) There is only one other point which I may take the opportunity of mentioning to Grand Lodge, that is the regret which His Royal Highness the Grand Master feels at being unable to be present here to-day. He is unavoidably, as you are all aware, detained abroad at this moment. Brethren, there is yet another point to which I wish to direct your attention. Grand Lodge is honored to-day by the acceptance of the offices of Senior and Junior Grand Wardenship by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, and His Royal Highness Prince Leopold. (Cheers.) I regret greatly, and Grand Lodge will regret equally, that neither of these two illustrious Princes can be here to receive the badges and symbols of the office which they have undertaken. The Duke of Connaught is in Ireland, and H.R.H. Prince Leopold, I am afraid, is at this moment suffering so much from indisposition that he is unable to attend; and therefore it will be necessary that they should receive the insignia of their office from the hands of some other brethren.

The customary salutes were then given to the Pro. Grand Master, after which Lord Skelmersdale was re-invested and saluted as Deputy Grand Master. The Earl of Donoughmore and the Hon. W. Warren Vernon were then invested as proxies for the Duke of Connaught, S.G.W., and Prince Leopold as J.G.W.

The other brethren appointed and invested were Bros. the Rev. Charles W. Arnold and W. Lake Onslow, G. Chaplains; Samuel Tomkins, re-elected G. Treas.; Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., re-appointed G. Reg.; John Hervey, re-appointed G. Sec.; E. E. Wendt, re-appointed G. Sec. for German Correspondence; Capt. N. G. Philips, and Peter Le L. Long Senior G. Deacons; H. C. Tombs and E. J. Morris, Junior G. Deacons; F. P. Cockerell, G. Supt. of Wks.; Sir Albert B. Woods, (*Garter*) re-appointed G. Dir. of Cers; F. Robinson, Assist. Dir. of Cer.; Geo Toller, G. Swd. B.; C. E. Willing, G. Org.; H. G. Buss, Assist. G. Sec.; S. G. Foxall and W. T. Howe, G. Purst.; and C. P. Payne, re-appointed G. Tyler.

On investing Bro. Tomkins the Earl of Carnarvon said he had to congratulate him on the appointment, but he had to congratulate still more the Grand Lodge on the re-election of so worthy a brother. To Bro. McIntyre he said it was his grateful duty to declare that the services he had rendered to Grand Lodge were many and great. To Grand Secretary he said (the cheers being exceedingly hearty), that it was a satisfaction to feel that on his re-appointment the expression of Grand Lodge was more eloquent than any words he (Lord Carnarvon) could bestow, and he congratulated him heartily. To Capt. Philips he said it was a very great pleasure to him that an old school-