

W Bro J T Wardley; S D, J Hibbins; J D, Ed Morrison; Organist, R L Chase; D of C, F Brain; I G, Jas Morrison; Stewards, W H Riley, H Douglass, J G Wickens; Tyler, John Lawrence; Permanent Committee, V W Bros G F Durey, H Brodie, W D B Janes, Jr. The installation of the officers of this Lodge took place at the regular communication on Tuesday night, the 24th ult., at the British Masonic Chambers, with the above result. Among those present were M W Bro Melbourne, M Tait, G M G L Q; R W Bro J H Isaacson, G S; R W Bro McMinn, D D G M, R W Bro Murray, P D D G M, and a number of P M's and members of different Lodges. During the evening a most handsome Past Master's jewel of exquisite workmanship was presented to W Bro W H Whyte, the retiring W M. It consists of the monogram of the Lodge with the square and compass depending. The letters P. C. are encrusted with pearls, the L. with turquoises and the square and compass with diamonds. W. Bro. Gladstone made the presentation, which he said was but a slight mark of the appreciation in which W Bro Whyte is held by the Lodge. W. Bro. Whyte replied in suitable terms, and an adjournment was then made to the restaurant of Bro. Mount, beneath the chambers, where an excellent repast was served. Toasts and songs followed until the "Wee sma hours," when hands were heartily shaken and the party dispersed.

The Secrecy of Masonic Charities.

BY BRO. H. W. SCHEIDEMANTLE.

In the March number of 1878, of THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN, appears an article captioned "Masonic Reminiscence," by Bro. Cornelius Moore. He relates of a circumstance in which charity was bestowed by a Lodge in Kentucky upon the widow and orphans of a deceased brother Mason; that the widow's pride prevented her from making known her destitution—her endeavors to support herself unavailing—at last taken ill—want came with sickness—the family reduced to the last extremity—and still the Lodge was not informed. It at last came to the knowledge of one of the members—he attended Lodge to make it known to the brethren. The Lodge meeting was interesting, and in the course of lecture given the "Star" was alluded to and variously

explained; the usual question before closing being asked, the brother who had learnt of the widow's condition, appealed to the brethren—their response—the measures adopted for instant relief—the purchase of supplies—the approach to the widow's house—hearing the voice of the aged mother as of supplication—who was devoutly engaged in prayer expressing her entire confidence that the Master of the Universe would heed and answer her requests, and send relief to the destitute family. The committee quietly laying down their loads of provision at the door—making an alarm, and hastily withdrawing to note the result. The aged mother rising from her knees, opening the door to see what could cause the disturbance at such an unseasonable hour, revealing to her the unlooked for and ample supplies of the good things of life, and coming to the conclusion that her prayer had been heard and answered.

Bro. Moore says "for the members of the Lodge, as is wont with the Craft, kept the whole transaction a secret; but those noble-hearted brethren, if any of them survive, will remember the occurrence and know who were the agents of Providence in supplying the sick and destitute widow and the helpless orphans with supplies, when there were none else to help them." Indeed, I know of one, who is still among the living and an active worker among the Craft, and I am rejoiced to know that he assisted in raising me to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The brother who is an operative as well as a speculative Mason, and was a member of the Lodge at the time, heard the lecture, the appeal of the brother, and the prayer of the aged mother, and who laid his portion of the good things at the door of the widow, was stopping with me for several days in October, 1877. One evening at the supper table we were conversing and soon wandered (as usual with zealous Masons) to Masonry. The