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Dedication of Waterdown Lodge.

On Tuesday evening, 20th ultimo, about forty leading members of the Masonic Fraternity belonging to Hamilton proceeded to Waterdown, Ont., and took part in the consecration and dedication of the new Lodge ("Waterdown, No. 357," in that village. When the visiting brethren arrived at the hall, some of whom went out in carriages, and others by the afternoon train, they found there assembled a very large number of the fair sex belonging to the village and surrounding country, who took a deep interest in the proceedings.

The ceremony of consecration was conducted by R. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, D. D. G. M. of the Hamilton District, as Grand Master, and the dedication of the Hall also took place, the following brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers:—W. Bro. D. Atchison, G. S. W.; R. W. Bro. C. Stewart, G. J. W.; R. W. Bro. E. J. Mitchell, G. Treas.; Rev. Bro. Sutherland, G. Chap.; R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, G. Sec.; V. W. Bro. C. R. Smith, G. D. of C.; Worshipful Bros. Henry and W. Gibson, Grand Stewards. During the consecration the following ode was sung, the ladies joining their sweet voices with those of the brotherhood:—

"Thou! who art God alone!
Accept before the Throne,
Our fervent prayer!
To fill with light and grace
This house, Thy dwelling place,
And bless Thy chosen race,
O Lord! draw near.

"As through the universe,
All nation's works diverse
Thy praise accord,
Let faith upon us shine,
And charity combine
With hope to make us Thine,
Jehovah, Lord!

At the ceremony of dedication the following ode was sung:

Genius of Masonry, descend,
And with Thee bring Thy spotless train;
Constant our sacred rites attend,
While we adore Thy peaceful reign.

Bring with Thee virtue, brightest maid;
Bring love, bring truth, and friendship here,
While kind relief will lend her aid,
To smooth the wrinkled brow of care.

To Heaven's high Architect all praise,
All praise, all gratitude be given,
Who deigned the human soul to raise,
By mystic secrets spring from Heaven.

In a gallant, neat and humorous speech the fair sex were then requested to retire, by the D. D. G. M., and R. W. Bro. Brier-

ly, at the request of R. W. Bro. Murray, proceeded with the installation of the officers, of the Waterdown Lodge as follows, viz:—

W.M.—David Hamilton Hunter.
S.W.—James McMonies.
J.W.—Thomas Attridge.
Treasurer.—John Baker.
Secretary.—W. H. Croker.
S.D.—Thomas Atkinson.
Chap.—Edward Pepper.
I.G.—Edward Brown.
D. of C.—William Macdonald.
Stewards—Ed. Housegrove, James Foster, and Samuel Flatt.
Auditors—Dr. McGregor and John Forbes.
Tyler—Samuel Greens.

After the installation of the Worshipful Master the following ode was given by the brethren:—

Behold! in the east our new Master appears,
Come brothers, we'll greet Him with hearts all sincere;
We'll serve Him with freedom, with fervor and zeal,
And aid Him his duties and trust to fulfil.

In the west, see the Warden, with level in hand,
The Master to aid, and obey his command,
We'll aid Him with freedom, with fervor of zeal,
And help Him his duties and trust to fulfil.

In the south see the Warden by plumb stand upright,
Who watches the sun, and takes note of His flight,
We'll aid Him with freedom, with fervor and zeal,
And help Him his duties and trust to fulfil.

The charges in the several degrees were given by W. Bros. Henry W. Gibson, and Gavin Stewart. The installation over, R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason delivered an eloquent and impressive address on Freemasonry, followed by R. W. Bro. Ed. Mitchell. When the interesting proceedings were terminated, the company repaired to Cooper's Hotel, where they were entertained in first-class style, the visitors being the guests of the Waterdown Lodge, who extended to them a right hearty welcome on the occasion. The chair was occupied by the Worshipful Master, and the vice-chair by the S. W.

After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the Grand Lodge of Canada, the D. D. G. M., and P. G. officers, were replied to by hearty speeches from R. W. Bros. J. J. Mason, Hugh Murray, Ed. Mitchell, and R. Brierly, and that of our visiting brethren and Hamilton Lodges by V. W. Bros. C. R. Smith, Gavin Stewart, and W. Bros. John Henry, Wm. Gibson and D. Atchison. The Waterdown Lodge by W. Bro. Hunter. Bros. McMonies and Attridge were very happy in their remarks, and each closed their interesting speeches with recitations very suitable to the occasion. Bro. McMonies read a piece written and composed by himself, which we give in full below, and Bro. Attridge that beautiful composition of Bro. J. Glasgow on the laying of the corner stone of our Court House in Hamilton, on the 17th of August last.

Every one present enjoyed themselves heartily. After some excellent songs from