

A VERY LARGE ATTENDANCE

of the brethren, many having come from long distances to be present. When everything was in readiness the lodge, which had been opened in an adjoining room, was announced by three knocks, and the door being thrown open, the mournful procession marched in, the brethren assuming the attitude of sorrow, while the organ pealed out the soul stirring strains of the "De Profundis."

THE CEREMONIAL,

which is of a particularly solemn and impressive character, was then proceeded with by R. W. Bro. Barber, assisted by W. Bros. Egleson and Kerr. The choir, under the direction of W. Bro. Orme and Bro. Baxter, (who presided at the organ), was admirable, and great credit is due to these brothers for the pains they took in getting up the musical portion of the ceremonial. The occasion will be long remembered by the brethren of Ottawa.—*Ottawa Citizen*.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

ON Wednesday, the 10th of February, R. W. Brother Chauncy Bennett, D. D. G. M., Wilson District, visited Oxford Lodge, No. 76, working under the newly elected W. M., Brother Joseph Rippon.

Upon Thursday morning, at ten o'clock, a. m., a Lodge of Instruction was opened and continued for two days, each day three sessions having been held, the work in the three degrees, opening and closing a lodge, reception of candidates, reception of Grand examination of visitors, &c., were exemplified in a very able manner by the R. W. the D. D. G. M., assisted by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, R. W. Bro. Westlake, D. D. G. M., London District; R. W. Bro. John Turquand, M. D., P. J. G. W.; V. W. Bro. J. S. Scarff, W. Bro. C. L. Beard, W. Bro. Richard Revelle, W. Bro. Joseph Rippon, W. Bro. Robert Stark, W. Bro. Brian Varey, Erie, 149, W. Bro. A. W. Francis, W. Bro. E. F. F. Corlin, Scotland, 193; W. Bro. Schyler Brown, Drumbo; W. Bro. George Risk, Plattsville, 178; W. Bro. C. E. Foster, Oak Branch, 261; W. Bro. John Ross, Thistle, 250; W. Bro. Mansfield, Albion, 80; W. Bro. Kitchen, M. D., St. George, 243, and a large number of brethren from the Woodstock and distant lodges. Owing to the fearful storm whereby the railway tracks and roads were blocked up by snow drifts, the attendance was greatly curtailed.

At the close of the last session a very flattering vote of thanks was moved by W. Bro. R. Stark, seconded by W. Bro. A. W. Francis, and carried heartily and unanimously; thanking R. W. Bros. Bennett, Mason, and Westlake, and the W. Bros. and brethren from a distance for the trouble they had taken to make the Lodge of Instruction a success, and the excellent instruction imparted, also expressing the wish that at some not very distant date Woodstock might have another such meeting.

In the evening the brethren were invited to Bro. George Harwood's, where they enjoyed a very nicely prepared oyster supper, enlivened by speeches in reply to numerous toasts proposed by the R. W. and W. Brethren, and two or three patriotic songs sung in capital style by R. W. Bro. Bennett.

After an exceedingly pleasant evening, all separated about eleven o'clock, "Happy to have met, sorry to have to part, and happy to meet again."

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

THE officers of King Solomon's R. A. Chapter, No. 89, G. R. C., Toronto, were installed January 23rd, 1875, by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Porter, of Bradford, Grand Superintendent of the Toronto District, assisted by R. Ex. Comps. James Adams, Thomas Sargent and Daniel Spry, Past Grand Superintendents R. Ex. Comps. R. P. Stephens, G. S. E., J. B. Nixon, G. S. N., and A. T. Houel, as follows:

Ex. Comp. James Norris, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. James B. Nixon, I. P. Z.; Ex Comps. Joshua G. Burns, H.; George Watson, J.; Comps. W. J. Cameron, S. E.; George M. Lynn, S. N.; E. B. Graham, Treasurer; Daniel McDonald, P. S.; J. S. Lovel, S. S.; J. B. Reid, J. S.; N. F. Hagle, Master of 4th Veil; John McKee, Master of 3rd Veil; Wm. Wright, Master 2nd Veil; Robert Smith, Master 1st Veil; James E. Day, Director of Ceremonies; Henry Clay Houel, Organist; T. J. McLelland and Dr. Stevenson, Stewards; W. H. Pomeroy, Standard Bearer; H. L. Skeele, Sword Bearer; R. Ex. Comps. Daniel Spry, Rep. to Benevolent Com.; Thomas Sargent and J. B. Nixon, Executive Committee; Comp. John L. Dixon, Janitor.

After the installation ceremony, R. Ex. Comp. Daniel Spry, at the request of the Ex. Comp. Z., presented the retiring First Principal Z., R. Ex. Comp. James B. Nixon,