

PROCEEDINGS OF FIRST DAY.

ST. JAMES' HALL, HAMILTON, ONT.,

Tuesday, February 15th, 1876.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Master, Brother and Companion Sir William J. Parkhill, took the Chair at 2 o'clock p.m., and Brother and Companion James Bennett, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, took the Deputy Chair.

The R. W. appointed Companion Sir Robert Magness as Inside Herald, and Companion Sir John Noble as Outward Herald.

Companions Sirs Thomas R. Brownlee, G. D. C., and John Hoey, D. G. Lecturer B. A., tested the Companions, and the Deputy Master reported all correct.

Companion the Rev. Sir Hugh Cooper, Grand Chaplain, conducted the opening services of the Illustrious Degree of R. S., in a very impressive manner, after which the R. W. declared the R. W. Grand Chapter duly opened for the despatch of business.

Companions Sirs James McClure, Grand Lecturer, and John Hoey, D. G. L. B. A., repeated the Lecture of the Illustrious Degree.

Business connected with Royal Scarlet considered.

Moved by Companion Sir James McClure, Grand Lecturer, seconded by Companion Sir Robert Cade, C. M., and

Resolved,—That this R. W. Royal Scarlet Chapter be now reduced to the Orange Degree.

The R. W. Grand Chapter was accordingly reduced to the Orange, and the members of that Degree admitted.