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BILL AND RECEIPT FOR THE FIRST CHARTER, BARTON LODGE.

Bro. Aikman furnish liquor and light." Aug. 12, 1803, "That the Treasurer take as much money out of the chest as will purchase three gallons of whiskey against the next lodge night." June 24, 1805, "That Bro. S. King furnish the lodge with bread and cheese." Barton Lodge prospered from its inception, and now is one of the largest on the Grand Register of Canada.

For want of space the many interesting incidents in its history for the last half century have to be left unnoticed, save the event of this week, "the celebration of its tooth anniversary." The total number that have been initiated during the history of Barton Lodge (now No. 6 in the Grand Register of Canada) is 605, and the total number affiliated 225, making a total who have joined its membership in the 100 years of 830 altogether.

## ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CRYPTIC RITE.

The twenty-fifth annual assembly of the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of Ontario was held in the Masonic Hall, Toronto Street, last month, Grand Master Nelles presiding. The Grand Recorder's report showed a decided advance for the Rite from that of the preceding year, and the Grand Master's address likewise gave promise of a substantial revival in

Cryptic interest. The following were selected for office: G. C. Patterson, Toronto, Grand Master; J. C. Morgan, Barrie, D.G.M.; James Wilson, Toronto, G.P.C.W.; J. B. Nixon, Toronto, Grand Recorder; R. J. Craig, Cobourg, Grand Conductor; W. J. Hallett, Barrie, G.C. of G.; J. Hetherington, Toronto, Grand Treasurer.

The next annual assembly will be held in Toronto on the evening prior to the meeting of the Grand R. A. Chapter. Adoniram Council, No. 2, of Toronto, subsequently received the visiting Companions, and the officers of Heraclius Council, Barrie, illustrated the working of the Cryptic Rite. A. pleasant hour in the banquetting room closed a successful reunion. The following were among those sent: J. A. Nelles, G.M., Guelph; D. F. MacWatt, P.G.M., Barrie; G. J. Bennett, P.G.M., Toronto; J. Hetherington, P.G M., Toronto; J. C. Morgan, G.P.C.W., Barrie; G. C. Patterson, G.R., Toronto; James Wilson, I.G., Toronto; R. J. Craig, Cobourg; F. Wilson, W. J. Hallett, J. W. Mc-Phee, D. W. Spry, Barrie; L. E. Horning, Cobourg; Ed. Davies, J. J. Cassidey, R. Walker, A. G. Horwood, A. Allan, Joseph King, W. Graham, L. L. Patterson, W. J. Morris, W. G. Eakins. W. A. Barclay, Benjamin Allen, E. Egan, S Stoodley, John Patton, D. McDonald, C. A. Matthews, W. J. Lake, etc.