

NEW LODGE

The M. W. Grand Master has granted a dispensation for the purpose of opening a second Lodge at the Town of Chatham Ont., to be named the "Parthenon" Lodge. Meeting on the First Wednesday of every month. Bro. A. D. Bogart, W. Master; Bro. William H. Ballard, Senior Warden; and Bro. W. J. Howard, Junior Warden.

This Lodge has over thirty petitions and we doubt not it will give a good account of itself next July.

ST. GEORGE.

MASONIC CONSECRATION AND INSTALLATION.

Thursday, the 25th ult., was a memorable day in the village of St. George, the occasion being the Consecration of the new Masonic Hall for St. George Lodge, No. 243, and the Installation of the Officers for the present year. The popular and highly respected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, M. W. Bro. Jas. Seymour, of St. Catharines, was present, notwithstanding the inclement weather and his own ill-health, and besides him we noticed R. W. Bro. D. Curtis, of Brantford, P. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, of Preston, and V. W. Bro. W. S. Burnett, of Galt, W. Bros. John Barbour, of Galt; A. McMichael, of Waterford; J. S. Martin, of Paris; P. Buckley, of Ayr; A. Cranston, of Galt; T. M. Anderson, of Ayr; H. McK. Wilson and Charles B. Heyd, of Brantford; Wm. G. Nelles, of Burford; and Bros. the Revds. Christopherson, Stimson and Caswell. St. George Lodge of Freemasons has been established for nearly one year and a-half, during which time, under the able Mastership of Bro. E. E. Kitchen, M. D., it has achieved the reputation of being one of the most prosperous and best working Lodges on the Register. About one hundred and twenty-five brethren assembled in the Lodge Room, and the Dedication of the Hall to Masonic purposes was conducted by M. W. the G. M. in accordance with the solemn and impressive ceremonies of the Order. The dedication was succeeded by the installation of officers. The following is the list for the ensuing year:

W. Bro. E. E. Kitchen, W. M.; Bros. Benj. Bell, S. W; W. A. Mulien, J. W; Rev. Bro. Caswell, Chaplain; C. F. Bell, Treasurer; James Mullin, Secretary; Wm. Austin, S. D; Augustus Stimson, J. D; George Forsyth, D. of C; Robt. Burt, I. G; John Forsyth, and G. Bell, Stewards; and Charles Haas, Tyler.

At the close of the ceremony of installation the Brethren, clothed in regalia, marched from the Hall down the principal street of the Village to Snowball's new Mill, a large two-story building, where the Banquet had been spread and was awaiting their arrival. The tables extended around three sides of the room, and so large was the attendance that other tables had to be extemporized. At the head of the table was seated the W. M. of St. George Lodge, Dr. Kitchen, having on his right the M. W. the G. M., R. W. Bro. Klotz, W. M. Cranston, and others, and on his left V. W. Bro. Burnett, W. Bro. Wilson, Bro. Rev. H. Christopherson, Dr. Kelly, and others. After grace had been offered by Bro. Christopherson, the Brethren partook of a sumptuous repast.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given by the chairman and the same were enthusiastically responded to, and at an early hour was