

PROCEEDINGS OF FIRST DAY.

OPERA HALL, STRATHROY, ONT.,

FEBRUARY 21st, 1882.

The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario West assembled this day in its Twenty-third Annual Session.

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

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Companion Sir James Degroat as Outward Herald, and Companion Sir John Noble as Inner Herald, and instructed them regarding the duties of their offices.

The Companions present were tested in the Royal Scarlet Degree by Companions Sir James E. Hopkings and Sir Frank Somers.

The R. W. A. Deputy Grand Master reported all present entitled to sit in this R. W. Grand Chapter.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Companion Sir William I. Wilson Director of Ceremonies, *pro tem*.

Companion the Rev. William Walsh, R. W. D. G. Chaplain, conducted the opening services in the illustrious degree of Royal Scarlet, after which the R. W. Grand Master declared this R. W. Grand Chapter opened for the despatch of business.

The Lecture in the Royal Scarlet Degree was repeated by Companions Sir William Douglas and Sir W. H. Murney, R. W. Grand Lecturers.

Moved by Companion Sir James S. Duff, P. D. M., Essa, seconded by Companion Sir James Chapman, and

Resolved,—That Companion Sir E. F. Clarke, County Master of Toronto, be one of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees.