

The dedication of the new hall, as we have said, took place on the 30th December, but, unfortunately, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was unable, through illness, to be present as he intended. In his absence, however, Deputy Grand Master Kerr, of Toronto, filled the position of honor on the occasion. The weather was somewhat inclement, yet it had no perceptible effect on the brethren, for the gathering was very large. The interior of the hall, it may be as well to premise, is admirably arranged. The ground-floor of the building is intended for stores; and on the second floor are the Grand Secretary's offices, the Blue Room, for the uses of Craft Masonry, and certainly it is the finest that could have been designed. The beautiful carpet of this room was the admiration of all who beheld it on the afternoon of the opening; indeed, nothing like it has ever been seen here, and we may as well state that it and the hangings of the room were furnished by Messrs. Stewart and McDonald, of Glasgow, Scotland. The chairs and settees were made by the Oshawa Manufacturing Company, and the altar, pedestal and pillars by Messrs. Brierley and Graham, of Hamilton. The splendor of the room was the theme of general conversation, as it really deserved to be. The third floor is devoted to the higher degrees of Freemasonry, and the arrangement of the hall throughout is such that all the different Masonic bodies will be kept apart, thus affording all the opportunity that is needed for the holding of meetings.

Returning to the dedication, the spacious hall was crowded with ladies who had been invited to be present to witness the event. In fact, the crowding by the inquisitive fair sex, who had made it a point to be on hand to see the ceremony, was so great that very few members of the fraternity besides those actually taking part in the dedication could find admittance, the outer halls being filled with well dressed Masons, many of whom had not appeared in regalia for years before.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in an adjoining room, marched into the Hall in double file.

#### ORDER OF PROCESSION :

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| Bro. W. W. Summers, as Grand Tyler.                                                                                                                                           | Grand Registrar.                                        |
| W. Bros. C. Davidson, G. Stewart, R. A. Hutchison, John I. MacKenzie, John S. Henderson, D. McPhie, J. W. Kerr, J. H. Tilden, C. W. Smith and Hugh Hyndman as Grand Stewards. | " " " Otto Klotz, Preston, as Grand Treasurer.          |
| W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, Hamilton, as Grand Pursuivant.                                                                                                                          | " " " H. Macpherson, Owen Sound, as Grand Chaplain.     |
| " " W. Reid, Hamilton, as Grand Sword Bearer.                                                                                                                                 | " " " H. Murray, Hamilton, Grand Junior Warden.         |
| V. W. Bro. W. T. Munday, Hamilton, as Grand Director of Cerem's.                                                                                                              | " " " B. E. Charlton, Hamilton, as Grand Senior Warden. |
| " " " F. R. Despard, Hamilton, Assistant Grand Secretary.                                                                                                                     | " " " W. H. Weller, Cobourg, P.D. D.G.M.                |
| " " " C. R. Smith, Hamilton, as Grand Junior Deacon.                                                                                                                          | " " " H. B. Bull, Hamilton, P.D. D.G.M.                 |
| " " " R. Brierley, Hamilton, as Grand Senior Deacon.                                                                                                                          | " " " C. Bennett, Port Rowan, D. D.G.M.                 |
| R. " " J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.                                                                                                                                | " " " R. P. Stephens, Toronto, D. D.G.M.                |
| " " " J. W. Murtun, Hamilton, as                                                                                                                                              | " " " E. Mitchell, Hamilton, as D. G.M.                 |
|                                                                                                                                                                               | " " " J. K. Kerr, Toronto, as Grand Master.             |

As the Grand Tyler, leading the procession, entered the door, the organ struck up a grand march, and the Lodge passed into the apartment and escorted the Deputy Grand Master to his seat on the Throne, at the head of the room. The impressive and solemn dedicatory service then began. The acting Grand Master, in suitable language for such an occasion, set the building apart for