

the sale of tickets in an "anti-lottery" scheme! It offers, of course, great inducements in watches, sewing machines, kegs of wine, grape vines, &c., with peculiar privileges to the agents, in the usual style of *lottery swindles*. If the issuer is really a mason, (which seems hard to believe), some one should point out to him that such a prostitution of masonry for business purposes, is deserving of the severest condemnation, and not only brings disrepute upon himself, but tends to degrade the Fraternity he should deem it a price and honor to uphold.

Yours, &c.,

March 30, 1870.

VERITAS.

[We entirely agree with the purport of the above remarks. It is in the highest degree improper to make general use of masonic privileges for secular purposes; this principle has been already, more than once, clearly enunciated in the *CRAFTSMAN*.]

MASONIC DEDICATION AND LECTURE AT INGERSOLL.

The new and commodious Masonic Hall, occupied by King Hiram Lodge 37, and St. John's Lodge 68 Ingersoll, was formally consecrated to Masonry, on Thursday the 7th instant, by M.W. Bro. Wilson, Past Grand Master of the G.L.C., assisted by R.W. Bro. Seymour, Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Klotz, D.D.G.M., for Wellington District, R. W. Bro. Brown, Grand Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. Harris, Grand Secretary, V. W. Bros. Mudge, Canfield, McLean, and W. Bros. Bennett, of Port Rowan, Bain, of Tilsonburg, Wood, of Otterville, and several others from the Western District.

The dedication was succeeded by a Public Lecture on the origin, nature and object of Free Masonry, at the Town Hall, by the Rev. Bro. Bartlett, of Princeton, at which M.W. Bro. Wilson presided. The Reverend Bro. interested and pleased not only the members of the Craft, but also the uninitiated, for nearly an hour, by an eloquent and learned exposition of the order.

After the lecture, the ever to be remembered hospitable brethren of Ingersoll, entertained their visitors at Bro. Grant's Hotel, who served up in excellent style, a supper under which the stereotyped phrase, "the table groaned beneath the weight of it's good things," was fully and actually realized.

R.W. Bro. P. J. Brown, Grand Senior Warden, occupied the chair, and vice chairs were filled by V.W. Bro. McLean and W. Bro. Walker, respectively.

After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been given, the chairman then in a short but effective speech, gave the M.W. the Grand Master, and the P.G.M. of the G.L.C., coupling with them the name of M.W. Bro. Wilson, which was drunk with all the honors.

The M.W. Bro. in his "bashful" but very pleasant style of diction, thanked the brethren for the enthusiasm manifested, and in an eloquent speech he traced the rise and progress of Masonry in Canada, more especially of the G.L. of Canada, over which he had so long presided, and which, at its formation, the fraternity were few in numbers, and disunited in consequence of the Grand Lodge of Great Britain having jurisdiction masonically in Canada; now, however, he had the gratifica-