PROCEEDINGS OF FIRST DAY.

Corporation Hall, Wingham,

February 17th, 1885.

The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West convened this day in its Twenty-sixth Annual Session.

Right Worshipful Sir H. A. L. White, Grand Master, took the chair at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon; Sir W. W. Fitzgerald, Deputy Grand Master, in the Deputy chair, supported by Sir Henry Perkins, Junior Deputy Grand Master.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Companion Sir George Pettypiece, Inside Herald, and Companion Andrew Mc-Manus, Outside Herald.

The Companions present were then examined in the Royal Searlet by Companions Sir Arthur Robb, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Sir Thomas C. McAvoy, D. G. L. B. A.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master having reported to the R. W. Grand Master, Companion Rev. Rural Dean Cooper, B.D., Grand Chaplain, conducted the opening service, after which the R. W. Grand Master declared the Grand Chapter opened for the transaction of business.

The Grand Secretary laid on the table the printed minutes of the Session of 1884, also the Annual County Lodge Reports, and the correspondence coming through his office for the year.

Moved by Companion Sir James Brodie, District Master, Artemesia, seconded by Companion Sir William Douglas, G. R., and

Resolved,—That Companion Sir John Hoey, P. C. M., South Simcoe, be one of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees, Moved by Companion Sir John Baird, C. M., Halton, seconded by Companion Sir Thomas Hopwood, C. M., Middlesex West, and