

ing so high a grade in Masonry was not to be ignored or passed by lightly—and then, too, for the small sum of 11 1-9 cents a degree. This was a big consideration in these times of monetary stringency. The thing was talked up, and twenty-three of the brethren of the mystic tie, some of whom had been honored with the highest positions in the order in the state—agreed to be initiated in the sublime ninety degree rite, and accordingly paid their \$10 each, in solemn conclave assembled in room 137 of the Boody House, where the obligation of the degree was most solemnly administered. In appending their signature to the paper, they were required to acknowledge him, the said C. C. Burt, as Grand Master for life. The money—\$230—was all paid and the obligation taken, and what remained, and what still remains, was the conferring of the degrees. The suave gentleman, with the blandest smile, fixed Monday as the day for conferring the degress and installing the officers, as he should be compelled to return to Jackson at once on account of sickness in his family. He left the city on Saturday and was to return on Monday without fail. His family is probably very sick, for he has not returned yet, and the "select 23" are still watching and waiting with their degrees unconferrd and their officers uninstalled.

Since the amiable gentleman's departure circumstances have developed some strong suspicions that the twenty-three have been the victims of a stupendous sell. The name of the Grand Commander of the United States K. T. is not V. L. Herbert; his initials are N. V. This, we believe, was told Mr. Burt, but he passed the matter over by saying that he was known as Vincent Lombard, the name of his wife. Letters have been received also from several sources—among them from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois—saying that he has played a similar game elsewhere, and

warning friends against the swindle.

A letter has also been received from Grand Commander N. V. Heubert, in which he denies that he has ever endorsed Mr. Burt, or that he has had anything to do with that gentleman, denouncing him as an impostor. "Two for five or nine for a dollar" will not soon be forgotten in the Masonic circles of "The Future Great."—*Toledo Bee.*

Woodstock.—St John's Day was celebrated here by a dinner in the evening at the Woodstock House, and a very pleasant time was spent. Members met in their Lodge rooms about 7.30 p. m., for the installation of officers, after which they marched in procession, headed by the 22nd Battalion Band, through Dundas street to the hotel. Quite a number of visiting brethren from the country were in and joined with them, and as the procession passed along the street large numbers of our citizens turned out to view it. Arriving at the hotel they repaired to the dining-room where a most excellent feast had been prepared by "mine host" Bishop. W. Bro. Richard Revel, W. M., was Chairman, and Bro. E. Thacker, J. W., Vice-Chairman. After ample justice had been done to the dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honored. During the evening, the services of the string band were called into frequent requisition, and they interspersed the proceedings with several excellent selections. The gathering broke up in the wee sma' hours, and all went home in good spirits and well pleased with everything except the excessive heat.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, G.R.C., Norwich, Ont., installed by W. Bro. Bain: I.P. M., W. Bro. H. Couzens; W.M., W. Bro. G. W. Poldon; S.W., Bro. Samuel B. McCay; J.W., Bro. E. Underwood; Treas., Bro. Wm. Hand; Sec., Bro. A. P. Miller; Chap. Bro. T. Merritt; S.D., Bro. C. E. Burgess; J.D., Bro. A. A. Allen; I. G., Bro. C. J. Corbin; Tyler, Bro. J. F. Yates.