

HAMILTON.

The *Annual Meeting* of the City Lodges was held at the Masonic Hall on the 27th Dec., on which occasion a more than usually large attendance of members was present. The D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. James Seymour paid an official visit, and was accompanied by other Grand Officers. The following is a complete list of the officers installed and invested, viz:—

LODGE OF STRICT OBSERVANCE, No. 27.—W Bro F C Bruce, W M; V W Bro W W Pringle, P M; Bros David Gillies, S W; John Peacock, J W; Rev Geo A Bull, Chaplain; Alex Turner, Treas; A J Nuthall, Sec; Thomas Lawrence, S D; Jas M Lottridge, J D; Robt Duncan, D of C; Robert Evans, I G; Andrew Hart and G D Hawkins, Stewards; W W Summers, Tyler

ST JOHN'S LODGE, No. 40.—W Bros George Walker, W M; J G McIntyre, P M; Bros William Clear, S W; John Williams, J W; Rev Geo A Bull, Chaplain; R W Bro Thos B Harris, Treas; Bros C F Pechin, Sec; M W Attwood, S D; W McFee, J D; Josh Heron, D of C; C L Thomas, Org; Thomas Hill, I G; James Omand and Josh Walton, Stewards; W W Summers, Tyler.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 61.—W Bro E Mitchell, W M; V W Bro J W Fergusson, P M; Bros Geo Magill, S W; John Guy, J W; Rev Geo A Bull, Chap; E Magill, Treas; —, Sec; John Laven, S D; Nelson Humphrey, J D; W Bro Wm Reid, D of C; Bros Luther Eckerson, I G; Denis Beveire and John Sterling, Stewards; W W Summers, Tyler.

COLLINGWOOD.

The officers of Manito Lodge, No. 90, were installed on the 20th December, by V. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, P. M., P. G. S., as follows, viz:—

W Bro John Nettleton, re-elected, W M; Bros E R Carpenter, S W; John Sutherland, re-elected, J W; Hiram Gillson, re-elected, Chaplain; James Lindsay, re-elected, Treasurer; Joseph Jardine, Secretary; D W Port, S D; Robert Henry, J D; A Moberly, M D, D of C; T R Earl, Wm Bain, Stewards; E C Florence, I G; J A Caster, Tyler.

After which the brethren regaled themselves at a banquet provided by Bro. Cameron.

R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, P. D. D. G. M., was present, with a number of visiting brethren, who contributed not a little to the evenings entertainment.

CHATHAM.

The following brethren were duly installed and invested as officers of Wellington Lodge, No. 46:—

V W Bro Jno E Brooke, W M; Bros Wm Carruthers, S W; Alex R Cochrane, J W; Robt O'Hara, Chaplain; Jas Marquand, Treas; Jno H Luscombe, Sec; Jos H Bell, S D; Jno A Stuart, J D; V W Bro Thos C McNabb, D of C; Bros John H West, I G; Charles Smith, Tyler.

After 'he installation the brethren dined together at the Rankin House. Toast, song and speech followed in rapid succession, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

St. John's Lodge, No. 9.—Bros. Josiah F Scott, W M; Scott Jones, S W; Isaac Holden, J W; Noah Loggey, Treas.; John W Taylor, Sec.; Francis G Jones, S D; John H Smith, J D; Rev. Walter Hawkins, Chap.; John W Sparks, M of C; Phillip Hackett and G Washington, Stewards; Stanton Hunton, Tyler

GUELPH.

The festival of St. John, the Evangelist, was duly celebrated by the Masonic fraternity of Guelph. The celebration was held in the new Lodge-room of the Brotherhood, in the handsome cut-stone building recently erected by John Hogg, on Wyndham Street, and comprised a concert, supper and ball. The Lodge room was tastefully festooned and decorated with flags, colored cloths, and evergreens,

masonic emblems, paintings, portraits, and busts of distinguished characters. The supper room was also beautifully decorated, and, like the Lodge-room was brilliantly lighted with lamps and Chinese lanterns. The guests, amounting to more than two hundred ladies and gentlemen, began to assemble soon after 8 p. m.

The proceedings were opened by the procession of the brethren with their insignia and badges of office, headed by P. W. M. Dunn—in absence in England, of W. M. Sharpe—into the Lodge-room, when, the "honors" having been giving in accordance with the formula, Br. Dunn addressed the assemblage at considerable length, and in eloquent and appropriate terms.

After the address came a concert, in which a number of the gentlemen and lady amateurs of Guelph took part, and the company then adjourned to the supper room, where Mr. Henry Berry, the popular caterer, had prepared a most sumptuous repast, to which ample justice having been done, the tables were removed, and dancing commenced to the music of the Preston Quadrille Band. In the Lodge-room a number of drawing-room amusements, such as parlor croquet, carpet balls, draught, etc., which were interspersed with songs and duets, by Mrs. Cuthbert, Miss Jones, Mr. Breadon, Bro. Taylor, and Mr. E. R. Martin. The latter gentleman presided at the pianoforte in his usual able style. The evening was spent in the most pleasant manner, and all the arrangements for the entertainment of the company, reflected the utmost credit on the Committee of Management.

BELLEVILLE.

The Masonic celebration of St. John's Day, was one of the most successful ever gotten up in Belleville. The turn-out of the masons in the afternoon was the largest seen in the town for many years.

At three o'clock the Brethren, headed by a portion of the Royal Canadian Rifle Band, marched from their Lodge Room to the Episcopal Methodist Church, where an impressive and eloquent discourse was preached by the Rev. Brother Wild.

In the evening there was a grand festival at Ontario Hall, which was very largely attended. The hall was tastefully decorated with banners, flags, evergreens, mottoes of various kinds, and devices and emblems of Masonry, the whole presenting a very pleasing effect, and reflecting credit upon the Committee to whom was entrusted the decoration of the room. The first part of the evening's entertainment consisted of a concert by the Philharmonic Society of Belleville, under the leadership of Mr. Crozier. The concert ended about half-past ten o'clock, when the floor was cleared and dancing commenced, which continued until an early hour. The best feeling prevailed, and under the able direction of R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, the whole entertainment passed off in the most satisfactory manner.

PLATTSVILLE.

PLATTSVILLE LODGE, No. 178.—W Bro G Byron Philip, P M; W Bro George Risk, W M; Bros William Leithead, S W; Phineas Cornell, J W; D L Philip, M D, Treasurer; Robert J Bouchier, Secretary; Edward H Irving, S D; Frederick J Zingg, J D; Fred Butcher, I G; Chester E Benedict, Tyler.