

are of black Walnut, elaborately carved and upholstered in velvet and rep.

AT THE EASTERN END

of the room is a raised platform or dais of three steps in height, where the master is seated. Immediately behind his seat is a recess, and on each side of it four short columns. In the centre of the room is the altar with its two immense candlesticks, and at the western end is an organ immediately between the two doors which lead into the hall, the one from the preparation room, and the other from the anti-room. A platform, lower by a step than that on which is the Master's seat, runs along the north and south sides of the hall, and is wide enough to afford room for two rows of settees in black wood, upholstered in blue. Near the door leading to the preparation room are two massive columns, each supporting a globe.

THE ATTENDANCE.

Since the invitations were so generously given as to include not merely Masons, but also ladies, and since ladies are never disinclined to accept such invitations, the sitting capacity of the hall was severely taxed, and it was necessary to supplement the regulation seats, with an infinite number of ordinary chairs, which formed an interior row, and all of which were occupied. The ladies trod the sumptuous carpets they may never tread again; sat in places that shall know them never more; looked around at the brilliant hall with admiring eyes, and seemed to regret that it should be dedicated to purely masculine purposes.

THE GRAND MASTER.

When the Grand Master entered, the W. Master called up the Lodge, and the members remained standing till the grand honors were given. Then the procession moved three times around the hall, after which the Grand Master took the chair, the escort in front of, and on the right and left of him. The Grand Master said he felt it his duty not to allow the present moment to pass without extending to the officers and members the hearty congratulations of the Grand Lodge on the completion of one of the grandest Masonic Halls in the United States. They all remembered that fire which had swept away the property of eighteen Lodges, and a number of beautiful halls, that of Oriental Lodge being the chiefest, belonging to the first Lodge of Chicago, the largest in Illinois, and the one which had been so prompt in rebuilding. He was sure that its course would be onward and upward.

GRANADA.—Never in our recollection was this town thrown into such a state of excitement as on Friday last, when the Masonic Fraternity turned out and marched to St. Andrew's Kirk, for the purpose of having a sermon preached to them, on the anniversary of their Tutelar Saint. The streets, and the windows in every building throughout the line of route, were thronged with persons of all classes and creeds—in fact, there were thousands out to witness a sight which for over twenty years Grenada had not seen. The brethren formed in procession at the Lodge, and (avoiding the order in which they respectively stood), numbered thirty-eight. Amongst their number stood some old veterans of the craft,—brothers, who on that day, called to remembrance happy years of the past when similar happy gatherings took place, and who also, with that love for the order which none but Masons can have, marked the stirring present, and for old "Caledonia, 324," pointed to a hopeful future. The names of the brethren present at this interest-