

panied them, formed a large part of the Hamilton procession. The following was the order of procession :

DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

XIIIth Batt. Band.

Members of the Masonic Order in this City.

GARDINER'S FLINT CITY BAND.

The Knights Templar of Detroit and Michigan.

CARRIAGES.

The procession marched from the station up Stuart to Bay street, up York to Park street, up Park to King street, down King to the Gore, when the procession marched round the lower fountain and then up John to Main, from Main down Hughson to the Gore, and thence down James street to the Masonic Hall, when the Knights filed into the Blue room and D. D. G. M. Brierley bade them a cordial welcome. Refreshments were then served to the Templars and their ladies, after which Bro. Brierley, D. D. G. M., conducted his guests through the building. At eleven o'clock the Knights were conducted back to the station, when they took the train for home. The appearance of the Knights drew forth the admiration of every one, and the precision with which they marched and the military evolutions through which they went on their way up town showed that they had been severely and critically drilled. Flags were hoisted above the City Hall and the Royal Hotel in their honor, and the corporation allowed the fountains in the Gore to play. The morning was excessively hot, but fortunately the streets through which the procession passed were well watered, else the march would have been very fatiguing. While the procession was in motion Gardiner's Flint City Band played the Pearl Grand March and the Montana March, the 13th Band playing the Belphegor and superba Marches.—*Hamilton Spectator*, June 9th.

A Grand Concert under the auspices of "The Hiram Lodge" of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, in Dundas, was given in the Town Hall on Friday Evening, May 26. The programme was a very attractive one and drew quite a large audience. All arrangements in regard to the carrying out of the programme were perfect, and the punctuality of beginning and the reasonable hour of closing are deserving of imitation by the promoters and managers of concerts in general. Taken altogether it was the most satisfactory concert in respect to the programme and arrangements that a Dundas audience has listened to for some time, and was a credit to the enterprise of the ancient order under whose auspices it was held.

THE VALUE OF FREEMASONRY.

PEOPLE may doubt or debate in respect of the history of Freemasonry, but none can question its value or deny its benefits. Freemasonry has this peculiar characteristic, explain it as you may, that it includes within its ample fold men of very contrasted callings and conditions of life. It has its attractions, apparently, as well for the intellectual as the well-to-do, for the man of science as well as the man of business, for the followers of the learned professions as well as those who make up the great nameless middle-class of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. Clergymen and physicians, barristers and solicitors, the skilful surgeon and the able *literateur*, all alike are not ashamed to avow themselves Brethren of the mystic tie. And to them Freemasonry often holds out a kindly and helping hand. Prosperity is not necessarily the lot of any. It often leaves many of us in the great forest of life, when the leaves are sere and the winds are chilling. Too often, day by day, we hear of sad cases of those who once were traveling the high road of affluence and comfort and respectability, men of gaiety and geniality, who now are, alas! too sadly and slowly limping along the cross-country lanes of gloom, and misery, and penury. Misfortunes overtake us all alike, and adversity visits us, some one has said, in turn; no life is necessarily exempt from its drawbacks; no career can be always preserved from its vicissitudes. No, there is one law for us all alike, often of "hard measures," as we think, of deep sorrow, of overwhelming misfortune, of untoward hours in this great, noisy, struggling, dusty world of ours.—*London Freemason*.

MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

THERE are ninety-six English and twenty Scotch lodges now at work in British India.

THE Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia contains 9,301 Master Masons, and has in its treasury \$4,605.