

plar from London, Sir Kt. H. A. Baxter, writes us that the parade on the first day was the grandest affair he ever witnessed; and concludes his letter with the words—"take it all in all, it was a grand sight."

We believe that the next tri-ennial conclave will be held in the city of Chicago.

Visit of the Hamilton Masons to their Brethren in Toronto.

A large party of the Hamilton Freemasons, and their friends, visited the City of Toronto on Monday, the 3rd instant, and received a hearty reception from the brethren in that city.

The members of the different city Lodges having assembled in the Masonic Hall, Toronto Street, at 10, a.m., a procession was formed, and they marched down to the G. W. R. Station, headed by the fine Band of the 10th Royals, for the purpose of meeting the excursionists. On the arrival of the party, which numbered eight or nine hundred, the procession was re-formed in the following order:—

Band 10th Royals.
Toronto brethren in the following order:—
Marshall—C. G. Walker.
Master Masons.
Inner Guards.
Stewards.
Directors of Ceremonies.
Junior Deacons.
Senior Deacons.
Treasurers.
High Priests.
Marshall—Jas Purvis.
Past Masters.
Junior Wardens.
Senior Wardens.
Worshipful Masters.
District Deputy Grand Master.
Director of Ceremonies—W. J. Hambly.
Band 13th Battalion, Hamilton.
Hamilton Brethren.

The Hamilton brethren mustered over two hundred strong, and with the Toronto Masons formed quite an imposing procession. After passing through some of the principal streets, and in view of several thousand spectators, the procession halted at the Albert Hall, where the visitors were entertained by the Toronto brethren at lunch. The Hall was handsomely and appropriately decorated with

flags, banners, and emblems of the Craft. Before the party sat down to lunch, R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, D.D. G.M. of the Toronto District, addressed a few words of welcome to the Hamilton brethren. He referred to the hearty welcome which the Toronto Masons had received in Hamilton on another occasion, and this opportunity of returning the hospitalities afforded them great pleasure. He said that the cities of Hamilton and Toronto were rivals in many respects, but he trusted the Masons of the two cities would be rivals only in their endeavors to benefit their fellow men, and their desire to uphold the principles of the Order. He would not, he said, make a long speech, but would again extend to the brethren of Hamilton a hearty welcome.

R. W. Bro. Richard Brierley, D.D. G.M. of the Hamilton District, replied on behalf of the Hamilton brethren. He said it was as great a pleasure for them to visit Toronto as it was for the Toronto brethren to receive them. They expected to receive a kindly welcome, and they had not been disappointed, and they would long remember this occasion.

W. Bro. Rev. J. G. Robb having asked a blessing, the party sat down to lunch. The following toasts were proposed and duly honored: "The Queen and the Craft;" "The Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada;" "Our visiting Brethren;" and the usual Junior Warden's toast, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

After lunch the procession was re-formed and marched to the Queen's Park, where it was disbanded. Before leaving the Park, the Band of the 13th Batt., Hamilton, serenaded M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, at his residence, who invited the band and the Hamilton brethren into the house, where they partook of refreshments. The excursionists afterwards left for home, having spent a very pleasant day.