

Grand Encampment of the United States.

Tuesday, August 28th, was a great day in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, on the occasion of the Grand Parade of the Knights Templar, assembled for the twentieth triennial conclave. Never before, it is said, has the city been dressed in such gay attire, nor has so much labor ever been expended in the preparation for the welcome and entertainment of guests. The decorations, consisting of flags, banners, and shields, all bearing the Masonic emblems were particularly beautiful. In the business part of the city, nearly every building was decked with flags, banners, festoons of evergreens, and trimmings of every description. No business was transacted during the forenoon, and many of the stores were closed; and along the line of march, every available window, and even the roofs of the houses, were crowded with spectators. In extent the parade surpassed expectations, about one hundred and seventy-five Commanderies participating; and it is calculated that there were nearly eight thousand Knights in line, the music being furnished by no less than fifty-six bands.

The procession was the most beautiful of its extent that has ever passed through the streets of Cleveland. The handsome uniforms, brilliant banners, and glistening instruments of the richly-attired bands were splendid in the sunlight, and the movements of the bands and commanderies in line were remarkable for grace and precision, and particularly in marching by the City Hall, at which point the Knights passed in review before the Grand Commander of the United States, Sir Knight Hopkins. Upon the breaking up of the procession, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment was escorted to the new Court House of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, where the escort halted, while the Grand Com-

mander's escort, Tancred Commandery, of Pittsburg, formed into line and a way was opened into the Court House. Here an address was presented by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The Grand Encampment met at five, p.m., for the transaction of business. The Grand Master's address was long and interesting.

On Wednesday, 15,000 people were assembled to witness a competitive drill between nine Commanderies of Knights Templar. Each Commandery was allowed thirty minutes to drill, and the result—Detroit Commandery was awarded the first prize; Indiana Commandery the second; and Munro Commandery, of Rochester, the third prize.

The election of officers for the ensuing year took place on Thursday, and are as follows:

Grand Master, Vincent L. Hurlburt of Chicago; Deputy Grand Master, Walter Bragg of Montgomery, Ala.; Generalissimo, Benjamin Dean of Boston; Grand Captain, General Lafayette Lytle of Toledo; Grand Senior Warden, Robert C. Withets of Virginia; Grand Junior Warden, B. B. Richardson of Galveston, Texas; Grand Treasurer, John W. Simons of New York City; Grand Recorders, T. Parvin of Iowa City, Iowa.

The hospitality of the people of Cleveland, and especially of the Masons, was unbounded; and magnificent receptions were tendered the visiting Sir Knights. The reception and concert given by Oriental Commandery was grand, and we regret that want of space prevents an extended description of the proceedings.

The Canadian Sir Knights, who were present, speak in the highest terms of the hearty and kind reception extended to them by their American Fraters. They were especially honored by the Grand Master, who invited them to a place on the Grand Stand, and afterwards requested them to attend him as attached to his Guard of Honor. A Canadian Tem-