

the English Board of the Great Western Railway, as Grand Senior Warden; W. Bro. H. McK. Wilson, as Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, as Grand Chaplain; W. Bro. C. Heyd, as Grand Treasurer; R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, Grand Secretary; V. W. Bro. W. W. Pringle, as Grand Senior Deacon; W. Bro. W. Masterson, as Grand Junior Deacon; W. Bro. Wm. Thompson, as G. Superintendent of Works; W. Bro. Wesley Howell, as Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Bro. Hugh Murray, as Assistant Grand Secretary; V. W. Bro. Allan McLean, as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Bro. Dr. Kitchen, as G. Sword Bearer; V. W. Bro. Fred. Mudge, Grand Organist; Bro. E. Kester, as Grand Pursuivant; Bro. Wm. Woodyatt, as Grand Tyler; V. W. Bros. N. Greening, W. S. Martin, Wm. Roberts, H. Willson, as Grand Stewards; with about 250 brethren hailing from the following lodges, viz: Barton, No. 6, Hamilton; St. George's, No. 19, Montreal; Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton; King Hiram, No. 37, Ingersoll; St. John's, No. 40, Hamilton; Brant, No. 45, Brantford; Acacia, No. 61, Hamilton; Alma, No. 72, Guelph; St. John's, No. 82, Paris; Valley, No. 100, Dundas; Burford, No. 106, Burford; Doric, No. 121, Brantford; Scotland, No. 193, Scotland; St. George, U. D., St. George.

The procession having been formed, it marched to the site of the intended building in the following order:—

The Grand Trunk Brigade, headed by their band, the Members of the Sons of Temperance, the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, St. Andrew's Benevolent Society, St. George's Benevolent Society, the Masonic Fraternity and Grand Officers bringing up the rear. The marshals of the day being Messrs. Bowell and Tisdale and W. Bro. Wesley Howell.

On arriving at the platform the M. W. Grand Master was received by the town and county officials, and there were also present Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald, Hon. E. B. Wood, Geo. Smith, Esq., Wm. Weir, Esq., English Directors of the Great Western Railway of Canada, W. K. Muir, and Joseph Price, Esqrs., Hon. Wm. McMaster, Wm. Mathews Esq., Mayor, A. Watts, Reeve, W. Patterson, Deputy Reeve, and all the Town Councillors, Hon. N. F. Blake, American Consul at Hamilton, H. Yates, R. Larmour, and E. Broughton, Esqrs., G. T. R., John H. Greer, Esq., &c.

The Band of the Grand Trunk Brigade commenced the proceedings by playing an ode suitable to the occasion.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed the assemblage as follows:—

Men, women and children assembled here to behold this ceremony: Know all of you that we are lawful masons, true to the laws of our country, and professing to fear God, who is the Great Architect of the Universe; to honor the Queen, to confer benefits on our brethren, and to practice universal benevolence towards all mankind.

We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of other men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but those secrets are lawful and honorable, and are placed in the custody of masons, who alone have the keeping of them to the end of time.

Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honorable we should not have existed for so many centuries; nor, should we see to day, as in all time past, so many distinguished and illustrious brethren throughout the civilized world sanctioning our proceedings and contributing to our prosperity.

The century in which we live is distinguished above any which has preceded it for benevolent and philanthropic enterprises as is manifested