

Editorial Notes.

THE Masonic Excursion from Hamilton to Erie, Pa., on the 24th June, was very largely attended, the party numbering about 400. The excursionists left by the H. & N. W. R., accompanied by the Band of the 13th Battalion. At Port Dover the steamer was taken, which landed the party safely at Erie, after a pleasant sail across the Lake. The Hamiltonians were most hospitably received by the citizens of Erie, and were given a warm and hearty welcome: During the afternoon the excursionists visited the principal points of interest. In the evening, the 13th Band gave a Concert in the Central Park, at which several thousands of the Erie people were present. The *Erie Despatch* says that the "music furnished by the Hamilton Band was particularly admired." After the concert the party re-embarked, and returned home by moonlight, reaching Hamilton at 7 o'clock the next morning.

AN Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada was held at Owen Sound, on Dominion Day, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new High School. In addition to the local Lodges, a large number of brethren from Meaford, Durham, Flesherton and other places, were present. The ceremony was performed by M. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, Grand Master, assisted by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, acting D. G. M., W. Bro. D. A. Creasor, acting Grand S. W., W. Bro. Henry Robertson, acting Grand J. W., W. Bro. Thos. Gordon, acting Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary.

THE Brethren at St. John, New Brunswick, invite the assistance of their friends in other places in the Fair which they are to hold at that place on the 15th of September next. The special object is to aid the fund of the new Hall which they are erecting, and the necessity for which arises out of the fire of June, 1877, when the Craft lost all its possessions.

Although a handsome sum for relief was then sent in from other places, it was all used to assist the distressed, and none of it was used to restore Masonic property. The Fair is to be an Art and Industrial Exhibition, and contributions of every kind are requested. Circulars have been sent to the different Grand Lodges asking them to contribute something to illustrate the resources or capabilities of the State or country in which they are located, but assistance from every individual brother is solicited. No doubt many of our readers know something of St. John and its people; and even to those who do not the appeal is not likely to be made in vain. Contributions can be sent to the Secretary of the General Committee, Mr. T. Nisbet Robertson, St. John.

HAMILTON.—Bro. David Williamson, an aged and honored citizen, was recently called to his rest, and was buried with Masonic honors. Our deceased brother had a certificate from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, shewing that he had been received into Masonry on the 12th May, 1814. There was a large attendance of the Brethren at the funeral, the Masonic service at the grave being conducted by W. Bro. Colin Munro, W. M. of Barton Lodge.

A number of the members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec went to Newport, Vermont, on the 23rd ult., to attend a meeting of the Golden Rule Lodge, No. 5, G. R. Q. The Montreal Lodges were mostly from Royal Albert, Mount Royal, Mount Moriah, Prince Consort, Coeurs Unis and others. Among those present were M. W. Bro. Tait, G. M.; R. W. Bro. Isaacson, Grand Secretary; V. W. Bro. W. Simpson Walker, V. W. Bro. T. P. Butler, W. Bro. Roderique, &c. The brethren from the city were, upon their arrival, met by the M. W. the Grand Master of Vermont; R. W. Bro. Clarke, of Rutland, Grand Secretary, Vermont; R. W. Bro. Safford, of St. Albans, G. S. D.; R. W. Bro.