

hailing from Wellington, Kent, Tecumseh and Parthenon Lodges. The Grand Lodge having been opened in form at 1 o'clock, R. W. Bro. Macnabb stated that he had been empowered by the M. W. Grand Master to perform the ceremonies of laying the foundation stone of the Church of St. Thomas, Dover East. A procession was then formed under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the Rankin Wharf, where the steamer Steinhoff was in waiting to convey the Lodge to the site of the church. The band of the Fire Department and many friends of the church, other than the Masons, were on board, and a few minutes sail brought the party to their destination, where a large number of the people were assembled to bid them welcome. The brethren having assembled, and taken their positions, the Acting Grand Master addressed the assembly, and the Acting Grand Chaplain invoked the blessing of the G. A. O. T. U. on the undertaking.

W. Bro. Houston, Acting Grand Secretary, read the following scroll, to be deposited in the cavity of the stone:

"In the name and by the favor of the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, on the 12th day of October, A. D. 1875, and of the Masonic era, 5875; and in the 39th year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, Ireland, and the Colonies; The Right Hon. Sir Frederick Temple, Earl of Dufferin, K. P. K. C. B., &c., Governor General of the Dominion; Lieut.-Gen. O'Grady Haley, being Administrator in the absence of the Governor General; the Hon. Donald A. Macdonald, being Lieut.-Governor of Ontario; the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, being Minister of Public Works and Premier of the Dominion; Hon. Oliver Mowat, Attorney-General and Premier of the Province of Ontario; James Kirkpatrick Kerr, Grand Master A. F. and A. Masons of Canada; Rev. Freeman Harding, Rector of the Parish—this foundation stone of St. Thomas' Church, erected in the township of Dover, East, was laid by R. W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb, D. D. G. M., St. Clair District, Acting Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge, and a large concourse of the brethren, in accordance with the ceremonies and usages of the Order. Which may T. G. A. O. T. U. ever protect and prosper."

This scroll was beautifully engrossed on parchment by Mr. C. J. O'Neil. After it had been read, it was enclosed in a glass bottle, with copies of *The Banner*, *Globe*, *Mail*, *Canadian*, *Huron Recorder*, and *Planet*; a paper with the names of the Bishop of the Diocese, Archdeacon of Kent, Rector of the Parish, the Building Committee, and of the petitioners for the erection of the church; specimens of the silver coins of the Dominion, &c. The bottle having been placed in the stone, the Acting Grand Master was then presented with a massive silver trowel, manufactured for the occasion, and bearing the following inscription: "Presented to R. W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb, D. D. G. M., A. F. and A. M., St. Clair District, on occasion of laying the corner stone of St. Thomas Church, Dover." After receiving the trowel, he made a few appropriate remarks, and proceeded to spread the mortar on which to lay the stone. The stone was then lowered to its place, the band playing appropriate music.

Rev. Mr. Harding returned thanks to the Masons for their kindness, after which the choir sang a hymn. The formal proceedings of the day being concluded, the ladies connected with the congregation invited all present to partake of refreshments—the bill of fare comprising turkeys, chickens, sandwiches, etc., with the most delicious hot coffee—which, after a few hours in the open air, facing a bracing wind, was most acceptable, and was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Before leaving, Rev. Mr. Bartlett proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for their kindness in providing such a delectable feast, a proposition which was carried unanimously. The health of "The Queen," was proposed by Mr. McNabb, and duly responded to. A vote of thanks to the Masons was next in order, after which Mr. Eberts spoke for a few minutes, giving some interesting particulars of the life of the late Miss Ann Smith, through whose generosity the church in Dover was established.

The Masons and their friends from town then re-embarked on the Steinhoff, arriving home about 6 o'clock. Before separating, the Grand Lodge passed a vote of thanks to Bro. Steinhoff for his liberality in conveying the Lodge to and from the church.—*Chatham Banner*.

ABROAD.

THE corner stone of the new Masonic Temple at Reading, Pennsylvania, was laid on Thursday, Oct. 7th, with appropriate ceremonies. Hon. Richard Vaux delivered the oration. All the members of the Grand Lodge were present and about one thousand brethren of the order took part on the occasion, which marks a grand epoch in the history of the city of Reading.

Loomis' *Masonic Journal* says that the Knights Templars of New Haven, Conn., are to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary Nov. 5th.