

which had probably seen the formation of the first Masonic Lodge in Great Britain, back in the ages when history melts from view, and is only connected with the present by the continuation of those principles of honor and brotherly love that time does not obliterate. The presentation was made by M.W. Bro. Stearns, who recalled much of the past history of the Montreal Kilwinning Lodge which had so well kept up the name that it had inherited from the mother lodge. The W.M., in receiving the honored relic, which was in a measure to unite the past and the present old world Masonry with new world Masonry, said that it should be carefully guarded and honorably used.

THE Masonic brethren in Detroit had a great time of it on Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, in laying the corner stone of the Detroit Masonic Temple. The *Tyler* says: "At the hour appointed all Detroit and his wife seemed to be present. Woodward avenue was in many places finely decorated, and the whole city was surrendered to the Craft. At the hour appointed the scene presented on the streets of Detroit was of the most attractive character. The day was all that could be desired, and the turn-out of brethren was fully in accordance with the auspicious event." The procession formed in four divisions, the first consisting of Knights Templar from 27 parts of the State, and among them we find Windsor Preceptory "who made a fine appearance." The second Division consisted entirely of thirty-second degree Masons of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The third Division consisted of Blue Lodges, among whom we find "The Great Western and Windsor Lodges," both of Windsor and numbering over 100 members,—and the last Division composed of the Grand Lodge of

Michigan. The ceremonies of laying the corner stone was done in due and Ancient form by Grand Master Phillips.

THIS session of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was its semi-centennial, it having been organized in 1844. A meeting in honor of the event was held in the Auditorium, which was addressed by distinguished members of the Craft and among others by Ill. Hugh McCurdy, 33d, the head and front of Scottish Rite, York Rite and Templar Masonry in Michigan.

AMONG the pleasing incidents of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was the presentation of an elegant jewel appropriate of his position to Grand Secretary Connover, and among the regrettable was the vote on the acceptance of the "Masonic Home." The *Tyler* says: "The work of the Grand Lodge on Thursday, the last day of the session, was of a character to send a thrill of regret through thousands of Michigan Masonic hearts, in the rejection of the overture to accept the Masonic Home in Grand Rapids. The vote on the proposition accepting the ownership and charge of the home, was taken about noon, and to the astonishment of a very large and respectable portion of the body it was defeated by 125 to 189 against, each blue lodge having three votes. Out of the 407 lodges in the State, only seventy last year contributed to the support of the home, and these were unanimous in favor of the maintenance of the institution by the Grand Lodge. The defeat of the proposition was therefore accomplished by the non-contributing lodges, and the vote illustrates very emphatically the stringency of the present times and the aversion of the smaller lodges to assume more financial obligation than they are under at present."