

frame of mind in this preacher, had he been content to denounce the crimes and the societies which promoted them, without falling foul of us, who are as innocent of all association with them, as himself."

Colored Centennial Celebration.

The centennial celebration of the establishment of Colored Masonry in the United States, which began in Philadelphia last Monday, was a marked success. There were large Masonic bodies in attendance from the jurisdictions of New York, Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania, with smaller delegations from the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Michigan, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The procession, which took place on last Monday morning, was a brilliant affair, with fifteen hundred colored men in line, in full Masonic regalia, glittering with banners and symbolic decorations, and marching to twelve bands of music. The display was creditable to the fraternity, as it was imposing to the crowds of eager-faced citizens upon the sidewalks. The Grand Masters of ten States were present and in line. The ceremonies of the afternoon took place in Industrial Hall, which was crowded with men lately in line and hundreds of friends of colored Masonry. Samuel W. Clark, of Cincinnati, Grand Master of Ohio, was the orator of the day, who delivered an eloquent address, congratulating the fraternity on the contrast between the condition of the colored Masons and the colored race one hundred years ago and now. He said:—"We are here as the American negro, happy that we may assemble as such and proud of our identity as such. We have no apology to make to any one, and we do not ask that the mantle of charity be thrown around us. We present ourselves to the world not fearing the penetrating rays of the fierce light of American pre-

judice." Mr. Clark eulogized the "anti-ethnic" character of Masonry, and praised the patience of his race under oppression, the outgrowth of cruel prejudice. He reviewed the history of colored Masonry since 1784, and congratulated his hearers that at Philadelphia, in 1797, the second lodge of colored Masonry in America was instituted. He noticed also the charge that the colored Masons are an irregular body, and demanded that both they and the white Masons of America submit to like tests to establish their regularity. He had no fear of the result. A grand reception was tendered the visiting Grand Bodies at Horticultural Hall in the evening by the Ladies' Centennial Commission. A concert and dance closed the evening. The grand parade of Capitular Masonry took place on Tuesday afternoon, and a banquet at Horticultural Hall followed. The day was also appropriately celebrated in Boston by parades, banquets and general festivities. The literary exercises at Tremont Temple included the reading of the original warrant of the establishment of the first African Lodge.—*Exchange.*

CANADIAN MASONIC NEWS.

Grand Master Wilson, 96°, as a compliment to the Substitute Grand Master of Canada, has appointed his son, Bro. Dalh Ramsay, 95°, an honorary member of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the United States.

The Grand Commandery of the State of New York, will hold its annual session on the 14th and 15th inst., at Buffalo. Arrangements have been made by the Hamilton, Toronto, and London Knights, to attend in full uniform. The round trip from Toronto will not cost much more than twenty dollars. We trust there will be a large attendance of Canadian Fratres, as we know they will receive a courteous welcome.