

ago the first silver jewels, after much tracing, were found in Chicago, in the possession of the widow of an old member of the lodge. We can recognize the significance of what one hundred years mean in this Province when we find that it was only three years previous to the institution of Barton Lodge (in 1792) that the Province of Upper Canada was itself formed into a separate Province with Lieut.-General John Graves Simcoe, as Lieut.-Governor. At the same time it was made a separate Masonic jurisdiction and R. W. William Jarvis was appointed its Provincial Grand Master.

On Sunday, Nov. 17th, commemorative service was participated in by a great many members of the Masonic Order in Hamilton and the country. The procession formed at the Masonic Hall and went by way of James street, round the Gore and back down James street to the cathedral. The gathering was the largest of its kind seen here in years, there being about 900 of the fraternity in the procession. The members of the six city lodges turned out in full force, and the lodges at Dundas, Ancaster, Stoney Creek, Grimsby, Beausville, Binbrook and Burlington were largely represented. From Toronto came R.W. Bro. E. T. Malone and others. W. Bro Jas. Bicknell, W.M. of Barton Lodge, was supported by R.W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, M.P., D.G.M., and M.W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, P.G.M. The body of the cathedral was completely filled by the Masons, and a good many citizens were unable to gain an entrance. The services of the church were heartily joined in. The preacher was R. W. Bro. Rev. E. Horace Musson, M. A., of Aurora, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada. He took for his text II Timothy, 2, xv. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," from which he preached a powerful discourse.

On Wednesday, Nov. 20th, an Emergent Meeting of the Lodge was

held at the Masonic Hall, James Street, when the following Order of Proceedings were gone through with: 9 a.m. Initiation of Candidates; 12.30 p.m. Lodge called from labor; 2 p.m. Reception of the M.W. the Grand Master W. R. White, Q.C., and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario—and a reception of the D.D.G.M., and the Worshipful Masters, Officers and Members of the several Lodges in the 8th Masonic District, and other visiting brethren; 3 p.m. Exemplification of the work in the First Degree; 4 p.m. Historical Address by Bro. A. T. Treed, S.W.; 4.30 p.m. Reminiscences by the older Brethren.

In the evening an "At Home" was held in the Drill Hall, when an immense crowd of the brethren, their wives and friends assembled. The armory was beautifully festooned and decorated, making the surroundings very attractive. During the evening the fine band of the 13th Regiment furnished an excellent entertainment in the way of music. Many old Masonic emblems and records, chiefly belonging to Barton Lodge, were on exhibition.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF LODGE.

In the minutes it is shown that an emergency meeting was held on the 7th of March, 1796, and the petitions of John Smith and Caleb Reynolds were a second time read. These petitions were not presented on the 31st of January. Again, in the minutes of 2nd of April, 1796 Bros. Beasley, Aikman and Henry were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. A copy of the minutes of a meeting held on January 31, 1796, and A. L. 5,796, reads as follows:—"Lodge opened in the entered apprentice degree, fellow crafts and apprentices being present. The lodge was closed and opened in the Master's degree, when Bro. James Wilson was duly installed Senior Warden. The Masters' Lodge was then closed and an apprentice lodge opened when