

New Church in Buffalo

Our friends in Buffalo seem to be in a high state of enjoyment. Our readers are aware that they are building a new and beautiful church on a commanding site in Main street of that growing city. The corner stone was laid with imposing ceremonies on the 2nd inst. Three or four thousand people assembled on the occasion. The work seems to be progressing satisfactorily. We take the following account of the services from the *Buffalo Commercial Advertiser*:

LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF THE NEW UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.—The ceremonies of dedicating and laying the corner stone of the new Universalist Church, on Main street, were performed yesterday afternoon, though at an hour somewhat later than that previously designated, on account of the unfavorable aspect of the weather.

The fact that the ceremonies were to be conducted by the Masonic fraternity lent additional interest to the occasion, and the turnout was a very large one. Clinton F. Paige, Esq., Grand Master of the State, arrived in the forenoon, and was cordially welcomed by the members of the order.

With the Union Cornet Band, the procession...marched by the route previously designated to the church.

Arriving at the church, the front of which has been appropriately decorated, the ceremonies were commenced with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Tomlinson. A hymn was then sung, after which the Grand Master laid the corner stone, with the customary observances of the order, delivering a brief but most eloquent and appropriate address.

An oration by Rev. J. Hazard Hartzell, pastor of the church, followed, and was listened to with rapt attention by all. It was a masterly production—fervent, eloquent and poetic—and we regret that our space will not permit us to give it to our readers in full.

A brief address, closing with a benediction, by Rev. Mr. [George W.] Montgomery of Rochester, completed the ceremonies, which were solemn, beautiful and impressive throughout.

The members of the order subsequently returned to St. James Hall, where they were addressed by Grand Master Paige, his remarks having reference to the occasion on which they were called together.

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