

THE STATUE OF SILENCE.

The ceremonies of the formal unveiling of the marble statue of "Silence," presented by Mr. L. H. Willard, of this City, to the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, took place at noon yesterday at the Masonic Temple. The ceremonies were conducted by M. W. Ellwood E. Thorne as Grand Master of Masons of the State of New-York and President of the Board of Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, assisted by his official staff. There were also present Judge Samuel Jones, representing the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; W. H. Davis, representing the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and numerous others of more or less note in the Masonic fraternity, besides several ladies. The affair was a strictly informal one, and little publicity was given to it out of deference to the wishes of the donor.

The statue is the work of Aug. St. Gaudens, of New-York, and was executed in Rome. It represents a female figure, about seven and a half feet in height, habited in classic costume, with the left arm and hand extended, and the fore finger of the right hand placed on the lips. The face is noble and expressive, and the whole figure imposing.

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