

The possession of a HOME of its own has long been an aspiration, a dream of many members of the Society. At length there is a fair prospect of those aspirations and of that dream being realized. It is hoped and believed that not only will the possession of the new building enable the Society to dispense its charities and conduct its affairs in a more effective and becoming manner than heretofore, but will also bring into closer relations to it and to each other Englishmen and their descendants, who will here always find an open door and a fraternal welcome.

The membership of the Society may and should be largely increased; and I may further say that the subscription books for the erection of the new hall are not yet closed, that some additional capital is required to complete this edifice, and that every member of the Society is invited to join in the undertaking, and contribute at least a few bricks to this the first St. George's hall erected in the Dominion.

On behalf of the management, I thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your presence here to-day. It will greatly aid and encourage us in our labours. After the ceremony of laying the corner-stone is performed, we will sing the National Anthem, and addresses will be delivered by some of the gentlemen present, whom I am sure we shall all be gratified to hear.

Mr. Percival Ridout, Chairman of the Building Committee, in felicitous terms thanked the ladies for their great assistance in furthering the purposes of the Society, and presented Mrs. J. Herbert Mason, wife of the President, with a silver trowel. Mrs. Mason, assisted by the workmen, then gracefully performed the necessary duties, and when the stone was declared by her to have been "well and duly laid," all present joined heartily in singing the National Anthem.

Addresses followed from Rev. Dr. Scadding, who had joined the Society in 1838, and was one of its first chaplains; the Hon. J. Beverley Robinson, Past President, related the