

M. W. Bro. Simpson, on the assemblage of the Brethren at the St. George's Hall, informed them that he had been deputed by the M. W. Grand Master to act as his representative, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of a New Building about to be erected in the Market Square of this City, the upper portion of which it was intended should be especially set apart for the use of the Craft.

A Grand Lodge was opened in *due form* at Eleven o'clock A. M.

A procession was then formed in the order as laid down in the Book of Constitution, under the superintendence of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and proceeded to the Market Square. On arriving at the site of the proposed building, the Brethren opened out in two columns facing inward. The M. W. the acting Grand Master, preceded by the Standard Bearer and Sword Bearer, and followed by the acting Grand Officers, took up their proper positions around the foundation stone, and the remainder of the Brethren having formed round them, the acting Grand Master ascended the platform and addressed the assemblage as follows:—

"Men, women, and children, here assembled to-day to behold this ceremony: Know all of you that we are lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country, and professing to fear God—who is the Great Architect of all things,—to confer benefits on our brethren, and to practice universal benevolence to all mankind. We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but these secrets are lawful and honorable, and are placed in the custody of Masons, who alone have the keeping of them to the end of time. Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honora-