

simple white lambskin or leathern apron, the 'emblem of innocence and the badge of a mason,' and others having more showy ornamented aprons. Outside the masons' circle was a great gathering of spectators, and many others filled the windows and covered the roofs of the neighboring houses."

CEREMONY

USED

AT THE LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE

OF FREEMASONS' HALL,

Halifax, 31st August, 1875.

Arranged for the Occasion from various Manuals.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed

SILENCE! SILENCE!! SILENCE!!!

MUSIC—"OLD HUNDRED," sung by all present and accompanied by two bands.

PSALM C.

With one consent let all the earth
To God their cheerful voices raise;
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before Him songs of praise.

Convinc'd that He is God alone,
From whom both we and all proceed;
We, whom He chooses for His own,
The flock that He vouchsafes to feed.

O enter then His temple gate,
Thence to His court devoutly press,
And still your grateful hymns repeat,
And still His Name with praises bless.

For He's the Lord, supremely good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth, which always firmly stood,
To endless ages shall endure.

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