

PRESENTED
to the
Most Worshipful.
W. MERCER WILSON, Esq.,
Grand Master of Ancient
Free and Accepted Masons
of Canada,
by
His Honor, the Mayor of Hamilton,
HENRY MCKINSTRY, Esq.
on the occasion of laying the
CORNER STONE OF THE HAMILTON CRYSTAL
PALACE,
24th May, Anno Domini, 1860.

Ald. M. W. Browne, acting Mayor, then presented the Trowel to the Grand Master. In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, he said he had been deputed to present the Grand Master with the Trowel. It afforded him great pleasure to do so, having every confidence in the skill and ability of the gentleman who was to use it.

The Grand Master said he received the trowel with thanks, and would ever retain it as an interesting memento of the occasion which had brought them together. He then, accompanied by his D. G. M., Wardens and sen. Deacon, proceeded to spread the mortar on the stone, which was then let down into its place in the accustomed manner by three regular stops.

G. M. to D. G. M.—You will now cause the various implements to be applied to the stone, in order that it may be laid in its bed according to the rules of Architecture.

G. M. to D. G. M.—What is the proper jewel of your office?

Ans.—The Square.

G. M.—Have you applied the square to those parts of the stone that should be squared?

Ans.—I have most Worshipful Grand Master, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

G. M. to Sr. G. W.—What is the proper jewel of your office?

Ans.—The level.

G. M.—Have you applied the level to the stone?

Ans.—I have Most Worshipful Sir, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

G. M. to Jr. G. W.—What is the proper jewel of your office?

Answer—The plumb.

G. M.—Have you applied the plumb to the several edges of the stone?

Ans.—I have Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the craftsmen have done their duty.

G. M.—Having full confidence of your skill and ability in the Royal Art, it remains with me now to finish the work.

The Grand Master then struck the stone three times with the gavel, saying: Well formed true and trusty; may this undertaking be conducted and completed by the craftsmen according to the grand plan, in Peace, Love and Harmony.

The cornucopia and the flagons, containing Corn, Wine and Oil, were then handed to the Grand Master, who poured them upon the stone, pronouncing at the same time this Benediction:—May Corn, Wine and Oil, and all the necessaries of life, abound among men throughout the world; and may the blessing of the supreme Grand Architect of the Universe, be upon this undertaking and all connected with it, and may the same Providence preside over and preserve it from ruin and decay to the latest posterity.

The Grand Master then directed the various implements to be returned to the Architect and addressed him as follows:

Architect—The foundation stone of this building, planned in much wisdom by you, being now laid, and the implements having been duly applied to it and approved of, I return them to you, in full confidence that, as a skilful and faithful workman, you will use them in such a manner that the build-

ing may rise in order, harmony, or beauty, and being perfected in strength, will answer every purpose for which it is intended, to your credit, and to the honor of those who have selected you.

The Grand Superintendent of Works then threw upon the stone a handful of silver coin, which was for the refreshment of the workmen, and the ceremonies closed with three cheers for the Queen, three for the Grand Master, and three for the Mayor and Corporation.

List of Officers of St. John's Lodge, Delaware, No. 81, G. R. C.

- V. W. Bro. John Dutton, W. M.
“ Henry Grist, P. M.
“ C. J. Ladd, S. W.
“ J. B. Burwell, J. W.
Rev. “ R. Flood, A. M., Chaplain.
“ C. S. Harris, Treasurer.
“ J. A. Lyman, Secretary.
“ B. Paine, S. D.
“ M. M. Tiffany, J. D.
“ J. Dain, J. G.
“ W. S. Rogers, Tyler.

Regular Meetings, 1st Tuesday in each month.

List of Officers of Zetland Lodge, Montreal, 21 C. R.

- V. W. Bro. Edward Himes, W. M.
W. “ Wm. Reed, P. M.
“ A. Hoffnung, S. W.
“ O. A. Craddock, J. W.
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“ Robt. A. Campbell, J. D.
“ Lewis J. Levey, J. G.
“ S. Hoffnung, Chaplain.
“ W. Hanah, Tyler.

Regular Communications, 2nd Thursday of each month, Masonic Hall, Place d'Armes.

MASONIC—ST. ANDREW'S LODGE

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Lodge of F. and A. Masons for the election of officers for the current year took place last Tuesday, in the Masonic Hall, Toronto street. The following officers were elected:—V. W. Br. Harris, W. M.; Br. J. E. Ellis, S. W.; Br. Patterson, J. W.; Rev. B. Stimson, Chaplain; V. W. Br. Rowsell, Treasurer; and Br. Bain, Secretary. At the close of the business, the brethren, on the invitation of the W. M., R. W. Br. Storm adjourned to partake of an elegant supper laid out in an adjoining apartment. The chair was occupied by Br. Storm, and on his right sat Br. Richardson, R. W. D. G. M., and Br. Harman, W. P. M. On the left of Br. Storm, were seated Br. Cumberland, W. P. M., Br. Levey, W. M., Wilson Lodge, and Br. Jamieson, W. P. M. After the various viands provided had been disposed of, the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft"—was given and received with Masonic honors, as was also the next—"The M. W. the Grand Master." A number of others followed, including R. W. Br. Richardson, "The W. Masters of the sister Lodges," and "The visiting Brethren,"—the last being, as usual, the "Junior Warden's Toast." Several excellent speeches were made by Brethren present, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour, in a very satisfactory manner, especially to visiting Brethren, who spoke in high terms of the hospitality of St. Andrew's Lodge.

THE Turkish word for freemason is "Far-mashood."

GRAND MASONIC LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

On Friday last, the Grand Lodge of this body, for some days in session in New York, elected the following gentlemen officers for the coming year:—M. W. John W. Simons, Grand Master; R. W. Finlay W. King, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Clinton F. Paige, Senior Grand Warden; R. W. Stephen H. Johnson, Junior Grand Warden; R. W. James M. Austin, M. D., Grand Secretary; R. W. Charles L. Church, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Salem Town, L. L. D.; R. W. Rev. H. C. Vogel, and R. W. Rev. R. L. Schoonmaker, Grand Chaplains; R. W. Oren Brown, Grand Pursuivant; R. W. Sewell Eisk, Grand Tiler; R. W. W. H. Drew, Grand Lecturer.

THE STABILITY OF MASONRY.

Amid this vast instability of human institutions, how very often do we feel that all is vanity. Is there not in the entire world any permanency? Is there no institution that has braved the storms of time, and gloriously survived the general wreck of nations? Is there no society that has scorned the touch of change, and has proudly raised itself above and beyond the mutability of human institutions?

Yes my friends, there is. The well cemented fabric of Freemasonry is secure. *The fabric is secure.* For nearly sixty centuries it has stood, and nobly braved the persecution and opposition of bitter foes, the treachery of pretended friends, and the denunciations of papacy. But in each successive age it has gained new strength, and challenged the respect and admiration of the pure heart, and the intelligent mind. The pure and holy precepts of the Order have made our brethren bear their prosperity with caution and prudence, and while in the overhanging darkness of adversity, trusting in the strong arm of Divine Providence, and the justness of their intentions, they have nobly borne the sneers and contumely of enemies, the sharp pangs of wrongful persecution, and the desertion of pseudo friends, with manly and heroic fortitude.—*From an Address of great merit, delivered at Sparta, Wis., June 24th, 1859, by Dr. Carl C. Pope, of Black River Falls, Wis.*

Ah, there is such a sympathy in the sincere, brotherly hand-grip! It is the touch of friendship—a touch whose sensation, undefinable, is yet perfectly understood. It is the natural Freemasonry springing from and recognized by the heart. Such a grip is that which every true hearted brother delights to give and receive.

The Cholera, which, commencing in the East, travelled westward and encircled the earth, put the fraternal claim to a test never before applied. By whatever language the brotherly aid was asked, brotherly aid was afforded, and money, time, sympathy and masonic burial were the practical answers to the plea heard from so many tongues.

STYLE OF MASTER.—Brother J. S. Weed, of New York, in a late number of the *Voice of Masonry*, objects to the title of "Worshipful Master" in addressing a Master of a Lodge. He claims that the name of the office, and the style of the office-holder, are separate and distinct, and ought never to be used together. We should address a Master of a Lodge as "Worshipful," and should write or speak of him as "Master."

We think Bro. Weed is right. In using the initials "W. M.," the first should be placed before the name, and the latter after the name, thus: "W. John Smith, M."—*Masonic Journal.*

The necessity of the tie or covenant of a Past Master is very evident to one who studies the philosophy of Masonry. Some ceremonial to illustrate the nature and extent of his authority; some token by which he may make himself known to others situated like himself; some binding pledge by which he may use the almost despotic powers with which he is entrusted—these make up the degree of Order of the Past Master, vital to the very existence of constitutional Masonry.