

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE form.

The M.: W.: the Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge, stating the object of this special communication; viz: to lay with masonic honors and ceremonies the corner stone of the Stewart Memorial church in the town of Freligsburg.

A procession was formed in the usual masonic order, under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched in procession to the site of the intended building, where the fraternity were joined by the Lord Bishop of Montreal (anglican) and clergy in their robes.

The Rector, the Rev. J. B. Davidson, delivered the following address:—

I have, for myself as Rector, for the Wardens and Building Committee, and for our parishioners in general, a cordial welcome to extend to the M.: W.: the Grand Master and your attending members, of your ancient and honorable fraternity. We learn that it is a principle of your order to recognize the Volume of the Sacred Law, in which we find terms which seem intimately bound up with the claims of the Christian religion. "Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious stone," a sure foundation, cried the Prophet of that Ancient Word. And further, he expresses the mind of the Great Architect and Creator—"Judgment will I lay to the line and Righteousness to the plummet"—references which, no doubt, are applied by you in your speculative labors. We believe that Solomon's temple, with all its marvelous features and pristine glory, foreshadowed realities which we possess, and which by incidents such as that to which you this day extend your countenance and labors—these vital influences to society and the world at large—are more and more diffused. We are, therefore, pleased to have your cordial co-operation in the laying firmly the foundations of this house of prayer, believing the law and the gospel intimately combined, the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets being one, and Jesus Christ himself, to us who believe, being the head corner stone. Will you, therefore, in due order, extend your impressive rites to the great work which we have in hand, and in accordance with the ancient customs and usages of your honorable Fraternity, lay the under foundation stone for the reception of our historical records and those of your honorable Craft. We think that it is no slight bond of sympathy between us, that if we venerate the memory of a Bishop of the church of God, you have been the recipients from him of a volume of the Sacred Law, which, in your careful preservation, is becoming a remembrance of historical interest and of the large sympathies of that laborer in every field of philanthropy, whom we regard as among the best of men.

The Grand Master replied:—

Reverend and Dear Sir,—We are grateful for your cordial welcome, and we will now proceed cheerfully to comply with your kind request.

The Grand Master then addressed His Lordship the Bishop, the Clergy, and the large concourse of spectators as follows:—

My Lord Bishop, Reverend Sirs,—Men, Women, and Children, here assembled,—Be it known unto you all, that we be true and lawful Freemasons, bound by solemn obligations to be loyal to our Sovereign, to be obedient to the laws of our country, to assist in the erection of stately, superb, and sacred edifices, to be ser-