

A procession was then formed in accordance with the rules of the Constitution, which, headed by the West Winchester brass band, proceeded to the site of the new church, where a large number of people from the surrounding country had assembled.

Prayer having been offered up by the Grand Chaplain, and a hymn having been sung, the Acting Grand Secretary read the following scroll :

By the favor of

Almighty God,

ON THE 15TH DAY OF AUGUST,

A. D. MDCCCLXXXIII of the era of Masonry, 5883,

And in the Forty-seventh year of the reign of our Gracious and much Beloved Sovereign,

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland, and the Dependencies in Europe, Asia and Africa, the Dominion of Canada, Australia, Empress of India, &c., &c.

His Excellency the MARQUIS OF LORNE, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada,

The Honorable JOHN BEVERLEY ROBINSON,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

Charles E. Hickey, Esq., M.P., and Andrew Broder, Esq., M.P.P. for the County of Dundas.

Rev. John Stewart, Pastor, Alva Currigan, John Adam Barkley, Peter Suffell, Edward Suffell, Richard Suffell, Richard Coons,

Charles Durant, John Currigan and James N. Johnston, Esquires, Trustees, and Alva Currigan, Charles Durant, Richard Suffell, James N. Johnston and John Adam Barkley, Esquires, Building Committee.

James Gillespie, Mason, John Toye, Carpenter.

This Corner Stone of the First Methodist Church of Canada,

at Inkerman, Ontario, was laid by

Rt. Worshipful Bro. RICHARD T. WALKEM, Q. C., P. D. D. G. M.

St. Lawrence District, acting for the M. W., the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada,

Assisted by

The Grand Officers and a large concourse of the brethren, in accordance with the ceremonies and usages of the Order.—Whom may Almighty God ever protect and prosper.

A handsome trowel was then handed as a gift to the Acting Grand Master, and an address presented to him in the following words :