

transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our craft were good, and our calling honorable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honored with the patronage of so many illustrious men all ages, who who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests, and defend us from all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day in the face you all to build a house which we pray God may deserve to prosper, by becoming a place of concourse for good men, and by promoting harmony and brotherly love throughout the world, till time shall be no more.

After the address, the Acting Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing.

The Grand Secretary then read the following scroll:—

“In the name and by favor of the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, on the 10th day of October, 1877, A.D., and of the Masonic era 5877, and in the 41st year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign, VICTORIA, Queen of Great Britain, Ireland, and the Colonies, Empress of India, etc. The Right Honorable Sir Frederick Temple, Earl of Dufferin, K.P., K. C.B., etc., Governor General of the Dominion of Canada. Hon. D. S. Macdonald, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; Hon. Alex. Mackenzie being Minister of Public Works, and Premier of the Dominion; Hon. Oliver Mowat, Attorney General, and Premier of the Province of Ontario; W. H. Weller, Grand Master G. L. of A. F. & A. M. of Canada; Rev. Amos Campbell, Pastor; A. Elliott, Architect, and Geo. Emery, Contractor. The foundation stone of this Methodist Episcopal Church, in the village of Brighton, was laid with Masonic honors by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, and a large concourse of brethren, which may the G. A. O. T. U. ever protect and prosper.”

Under the stone with above scroll were deposited various coins of the Dominion, and a copy of each of the principal daily and local papers.

W. Bro. I. B. Thayer, on behalf of the officers and members of his Lodge, presented the Grand Master with a beautiful silver trowel, with ivory handle, which bore the following inscription delicately traced on the blade:—

“Presented to Bro. W. H. Weller, Esq., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Canada, by United Lodge, No. 29, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the M. E. Church, Brighton, Oct. 10th, A. L. 5877.

The stone was then lowered into its place with the usual ceremonies.

On returning the plans and specifications to the Rev. Bro. Campbell, pastor of the Church, the Grand Master, in a few appropriate terms, expressed the gratification it gave him to be present to perform such a pleasing ceremony for another congregation over which Bro. Campbell was pastor, and referring in a happy manner to a pleasurable occasion when but two years ago, he then holding the office of D. G. M., performed a similar ceremony for Bro. Campbell, in the town of Belleville.

As the rain had continued falling fast and steadily, the ceremonies were brought to as speedy a termination as possible, and the brethren again formed in procession and marched back to the Lodge room.

Before closing Grand Lodge, the Grand Master expressed his gratification to the brethren present for their kindness in turning out in such large numbers to assist him in the performance of the pleasing ceremony in which they had just been engaged. It gave him pleasure also to notice the advancement of the cause all over the world. This seemed to be the era of Freemasonry. It was extending itself on every hand, and, powerful as it has been in the past, more powerful would it be in the future, in dis-