

dedicating the new Temple was performed by M. W. Bro. James A. Henderson, D. C. L., Grand Master, assisted by the following Grand Officers:—

R. W. Bro. James Moffatt, London, D.G.M.
 " " R. B. Hungerford, " D.D.G.M.
 " " J. Cascaden, Iona, as G.S.W.
 " " J. Wilkinson, Kingston, as G.J.W.
 " " G. W. Morgan, St. Thomas, as G.Chap
 " " J. J. Mason, Hamilton, G. Sec.
 " " W. B. Idsardi, St. Thomas, as G.S.D.
 " " John Midgley, " as G.J.D.

About 200 brethren from the various Lodges in the London District were present.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, W. Bro. Robert Mackay, W. M. St. Thomas Lodge, presented to the Grand Master, as a memento of the occasion, a handsome rosewood Gavel, inlaid and ornamented with silver, bearing the following inscription:—
 " Presented to James A. Henderson, Esq., Q. C., D. C. L., Grand Master of Canada, by the Fraternity of St. Thomas, on the dedication of their new Hall, March 18th, A. L. 5880."
 In each of the rosewood ends were inserted medallions. On one was engraved the jewel of Grand Master, viz., the compasses extended to 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points, an eye irradiated within a triangle also irradiated; on the other medallion, an emblem of the order of Knights Templar, a passion cross and crown, a rosewood handle inserted in a socket of silver and finished by a richly chased silver ferrule.

In presenting the gavel, W. Bro. Mackay said:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR.—The members of the fraternity of St. Thomas have assigned to me a very pleasant and agreeable task, that of offering to you a small token of their regard and the high esteem they have for you and the excellent position you now occupy, for which your high social position, grand attainments, and profound knowledge of the grand principles of our vener-

able Order so admirably qualify you to fill. We are not insensible to the many urgent and important demands on your valuable time, or the long distance you had to travel in order to be with us to-night, nor can we lose sight of the hearty manner in which you responded to our invitation to honor us by your presence, and perform for us the ceremonies of dedicating and consecrating our new Temple, and we cannot too highly estimate the value of your services or the influence and good effect on the craft your advent amongst us must produce. As a token of remembrance of your visit to us, and the happy associations connected therewith, we present you this gavel, the emblem of the Master's office. I need not remind you, Most Worshipful Sir, that the gavel is an important instrument of labor, and highly esteemed as an implement of art. Though recognized by various artists under different appellations, it is admitted by them all that no work of manual skill can be completed without it. But as speculative Masons, we apply this emblem to our morals. In this sense it teaches us this important lesson:—that skill without exertion is but of little avail,—that labor is the lot of man. The heart may conceive, and the hand devise in vain, if the hand be not prompt to execute the design. It also teaches us, Most Worshipful Sir, to correct irregularities, and reduce man to a proper level, so that by an upright deportment he may, in the school of discipline, learn to be content. What the gavel is to the workman, enlightened reason is to the passions; it curbs undue ambition, depresses and moderates anger, and encourages good dispositions. Hence arises that comely order amongst good Masons which nothing earthly can give or destroy—the soul's calm sunshine, the pure and heartfelt joy. In placing this gavel in your hands, we do so in all confidence that the great knowledge you possess of the art, the generous and wise measures you adopt and carry out for the benefit of the institution and the welfare of its members, entitles you to their trusting gratitude and esteem. And may you (though the day, we trust, be far distant,) when the great Master of the Universe shall sound his gavel to summon you from this sublunary sphere, be ready to ascend to that Celestial Lodge, that Spiritual Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, where the great Master rules and shall forever reign supreme.

The recipient in responding, thanked the brethren for their handsome present. The manner in which it had been given showed the truly generous spirit which promoted the offer, and which spirit, imbued with