

undertaking, and may the structure here to be erected stand in wisdom, strength and beauty, a lasting monument of the zeal, enterprise and liberality of its founders.

(Band.)

The Past Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Rev. R. Avery, then presents the Architect, saying :

M. W. GRAND MASTER.—Allow me to present to you the Architect of this New Building. He has his craftsmen ready for the work, and desires you to give him the designs from the trestle board, and the tools of the workmen.

The Grand Master then hands him the plans and tools, square, level and plumb, and says :

To you Bro. Architect are confided the implements of operative Masonry with the fullest confidence that by your skill and taste a fabric will here arise which shall add new lustre to the city of Halifax, and be a credit to our community. May it be blessed with wisdom in the plan, strength in the execution, and beauty in the adornment ; and may the sun of Righteousness enlighten the craftsmen who build, the Commissioners who superintend, and the community for whose benefit this structure shall arise.

(Music by the Band.)

The following Proclamation is then made in the East by the First Herald :

BRETHREN,—In the name of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Nova Scotia, I now proclaim that the Corner Stone of the structure to be here erected, has this day and in this place been laid by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, J. Wimburn Laurie, according to the Ancient Customs of the Craft

This Proclamation is then made from the West by the Second Herald, and from the South by the Third Herald. Once (trumpet.) Twice (trumpet twice). Thrice (trumpet thrice).

Address by M. H. Richey, Esq., Mayor of Halifax.

DOXOLOGY.

Benediction.