

LAYING A CORNER STONE.

THE corner stone of the new Methodist Episcopal Church, Belleville, was laid with Masonic honors, recently, in the presence of a large number of spectators. The new church is intended to accommodate 1,200 persons, and will cost about \$30,000. We gather the following particulars from the *Intelligencer*:

The proceedings were as follows:—At high noon a special Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, D. G. M. The Grand Officers present were:

R. W. Bros. W. H. Weller, Cobourg, as G. M.; Donald Ross, Picton, as D. G. M.; A. A. Campbell, Belleville, as G. S. W.; S. S. Lazier, Belleville, as G. J. W.; Bros. Rev. A. Campbell, Belleville as G. C.; W. L. Hamilton, Belleville, as G. T.; R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Hamilton, G. S.; W. Bros. John McKeown, Belleville, as S. D.; D. Pitceathly, Belleville, as J. D.; W. Docter, Belleville, as S. W.; Alfred Ellis, Belleville, as D. of C.; Bros. Alex. Baker, Belleville, as Pursuivant; D. Urquhart, Belleville, as Tyler; W. Bro. Flint, Tweed, and Bros. Brignal, Belleville, Atkins, Belleville, Donelly, Montreal, Newberry, Belleville, Northcott, Belleville, as Stewards.

Assisted by a large number of brethren from the following lodges; Moira, No. 11; Belleville, No. 123; Eureka, No. 283, Belleville; Tweed, No. 239, Tweed; Mystic, No. 278, Roslin; Franck, No. 127, Frankford; Quinte, No. 241, Shannonville; Marmora, No. 222, Marmora.

The Deputy Grand Master then announced the object of convening the Grand Lodge, which was for the purpose of laying with Masonic ceremonies the corner stone of the new M. E. Tabernacle.

The brethren were then formed in procession by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site of the new Tabernacle, where the procession halted and opened out, facing inwards, when the Grand Master and Officers passed through. The Deputy Grand Master then informed the large concourse of spectators of the objects of the meeting. At this part of the ceremony the Deputy Grand Master was presented with a fine silver trowel by Mrs. John Rowe.

The Deputy Grand Master having appropriately replied, the Grand Chaplain offered up prayer, and the scroll, which bore the following inscription, was read by the Grand Secretary:

In the name
and by the favor of the
Glorious Architect of the Universe,
in the 39th year of the reign of our Gracious
Sovereign VICTORIA, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, &c.,
JAMES KIRKPATRICK KERR, Esquire,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M., of Canada.
His Excellency Right Honorable
the EARL OF DUFFERIN, K. P., K. C. B.,
Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.
Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario,
the Honorable D. A. MACDONALD.

The Corner Stone of the Methodist Episcopal Tabernacle of Belleville was laid by R. W. Bro. W. H. WELLER, D. G. M., assisted by the Grand Officers and a large concourse of the brethren, on Wednesday, the Seventeenth day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-five, and the officers were:

PASTOR—The Reverend Amos Campbell.

TRUSTEES OF CHURCH IN BELLEVILLE—Sylvester Ostrom, Cephas Peterson, Samuel Sills and Elijah Goldsmith.

STEWARDS—John Wesley Shoults, Elijah Goldsmith, Theodore Spafford, George Goldsmith, Edward Bosely, and John MacMullen.

CLAS LEADERS—John MacNeal and William Minore.

LOCAL PREACHERS—William Jarvis Maybee, and Stephen A. Arkels.

These are the members of the Quarterly Meeting Conference.

BUILDING COMMITTEE—James G. Robinson, Esq., John Row, Esq., Samuel Barton Burdett, Esq., L. L. B., Samuel Sills, William B. Robinson, John MacMullen, and Sidney MacMullen.

The Communicants of said Church number CCL. 250. The Scholars attending the Sunday School CL. 150.

The erection of the Church is computed to cost Thirty Thousand Dollars currency, XXX. \$30,000. And the cost of the land whereon it will be built is MCCC. \$1,300. And the name of the Contractor is Edward Lang. And the name of the Architect is C. W. Mulligan, of Hamilton.

The Trowel with which this Corner Stone is laid was presented by Mrs. Mary Ann