

The Stone being Laid.

This Corner Stone of the Foundation we lay in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and may God Almighty grant that the building thus begun in His Name may be happily carried on to its complete termination, without injury or accident, let or hindrance; and that when completed it may be consecrated and set apart for Him and His services, to the honour of His Name, and the salvation of the souls of men, from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is JESUS CHRIST," who is "God over all, blessed for evermore;" and "in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins." Amen.

ANTHEM.

From Psalm CXXXVI. verse 1.

Being the words *sung together by course, in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord, on the laying of the Foundation Stone of the second Temple.*—
(See Ezra III. verse 11.)

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for He is gracious: and His mercy endureth for ever.

Let us pray.

I.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Son of the living God, who art very God Almighty, the Brightness and Image of the Eternal Father, and Life Eternal, who art the Corner Stone, cut out of the Mountain without hands, and our unchangeable Foundation: Confirm Thou this Stone now laid in Thy Name; and do Thou, who art the Beginning and the Ending, by whom in the Beginning God the Father created all things, vouchsafe to be the beginning, and the increase and the ending of this work, which we this day begin to the honour and glory of Thy Name, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

II.

GRANT, O Lord, that all who with ready minds shall have given help to the building of this Thy Holy House, may obtain health in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

III.

O LORD God Almighty, who hast put into the hearts of men wisdom and understanding in all manner of workmanship, grant to all who shall be employed in this holy work, a spirit worthy of Thy service; that having Thee ever before their eyes, they may so order themselves in all blameless conversation, that with clean hands and pure hearts, minds sanctified and bodies undefiled, they may day by day prepare a sanctuary fitted for Thy worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

IV.

O ETERNAL God, mighty in power, and of Majesty incomprehensible, whom the Heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of Temples made with hands, and who hast yet been graciously pleased to promise Thy espe-