

A GRAND MASONIC TEMPLE TO BE ERECTED IN NEW YORK.

It is a matter of interest to the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons here and elsewhere throughout the world, to learn that a magnificent Masonic Temple is soon to be erected in the city of New York, under the direction of the Grand Lodge of this State, which is composed of the representatives of over 700 lodges, with over 100,000 members residing in the State of New York.

The Grand Master of the State has sent to the Masonic bodies, circulars setting forth the design of the Grand Lodge in reference to this great work, from which the following particulars are extracted :

The new Temple will be at the corner of Twenty-third street and Sixth Avenue, directly opposite Booth's Theatre. The building will be of granite, five stories in height, the distance from the sidewalk to the eaves, being about 95 feet, with a front of 141 feet, and a depth of 98½ feet. The estimated cost of the building is between \$500,000 and \$600,000. The grand entrance will be on Twenty-third street, and there will also be one of smaller dimensions on Sixth Avenue. The ground floor will be for stores, and in the second story will be located the Grand Lodge room, which will be twenty-eight feet in height and elegantly furnished. The offices of the Grand Master, and Grand Secretary, and the Committee Rooms will also be on this floor. The third floor will be divided into Lodge Rooms, and on the fourth floor will be located the Chapter Rooms. The fifth story will be entirely devoted to the use of the Commandery. The entire building will be warmed by steam, and an elevator will be conveniently located for the use of members and visitors. The basement will be let for restaurants, and every convenience and comfort will be provided.

It is estimated that the yearly receipts from the whole building will be between \$75,000 and \$100,000. After the building is completed and paid for, the revenues will be applied to the erection and maintenance of an asylum, in some selected locality in the State, the choice of the place of locality to be influenced in a great degree by the liberality of subscriptions. The Trustees of the Hall and Asylum, are the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden and Grand Secretary. The organization is incorporated by a special Act of the State Legislature.

The lot upon which this noble temple is to be erected, cost \$340,000, and is paid for. There are already \$60,000 with which to commence the work. The corner stone will be laid on the eighth of June next, when the Grand Lodge is in session.

From the *Halifax Citizen* we learn that the brethren of Truro Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., at their last Regular Communication, presented Bro. Hugh McCallum, who lately removed from Truro to Richmond, with a very handsome P. M. Jewel, and took advantage of the occasion to present him with a very complimentary address, to which he made suitable reply. After the Lodge had closed, the Brethren, with a few guests present, partook of refreshments in the Lodge Room, and enjoyed themselves as the craft know so well how to do on such occasions, several toasts being drank and responded to in good style.