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The Rector, the Rev. E. C. Saunders, then gave a brief historical sketch. His Lordship, the Bishop of Montreal, offered up a suitable prayer, and after an able address, was presented with a silver trowel.

The Hon. L. S. Huntingdon was then called on, and addressed a few words of congratulation to those present on having such a bishop and such a rector. He expressed his earnest hope for the future of the work. The hon. gentleman had been forbidden by the doctor to speak in the open air and was therefore brief.

The Grand Master also briefly spoke, urging that Freemasonry did really represent Christian traditions, and that they had authority to take part in such proceedings as those. He recalled the first such event that took place in their jurisdiction, the laying the foundation stone of a church at Frelighsburg two years ago. That day had become historical, and should this. He concluded by reading the appropriate passage in Ezra, iii. and 10, describing the founding of the Temple after the captivity.

The Bishop's benediction brought the proceedings to a close, and by five o'clock the Montreal party was being carried back to town, more than satisfied that they had been able to attend such a very successful ceremony, and one on which all concerned are heartily to be congratulated.

The new church, St. John's, will seat three or four hundred. The foundations, and six or seven feet of the walls, are of massive stone, and the rest of brick. The whole cost, including a handsome tower and spire, will probably be \$7,000 or \$8,000, but there is a wise determination to keep out of debt, and several gentlemen have signed a guarantee for \$3,000, which will make the building fit to be used for services.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

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QUERY.—On pages 130 and 139 respectively, of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec for 1881, you will find the following clauses, as contained in the revised Constitution:—

"No lodge shall exclude or suspend a member for non-payment of his dues," etc.

"No brother shall, however, be entitled to any of the privileges of honorary membership unless he be, and continue to remain, a subscribing member of a lodge."

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