

Priory at Hamilton on Tuesday, 14th July, 1881.

Several notices of motion were given of amendments to the Statutes, and Great Priory was closed in ample form.

Grand Lodge of Quebec.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held on Tuesday, the 8th ult., for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Stewart Memorial Church at Frelighsburg in the Eastern Townships.

Shortly after one o'clock Grand Lodge assembled in the Lodge Room of Frelighsburg, Lodge No. 33, Q.R., when the following Grand Officers were present:—M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. O'Halloran, as D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. J. P. Martin, D. D. G. M.; Dr. Keyes, D. D. G. M.; W. M. Demesurier, D. D. G. M.; E. R. Johnston, G. S. W.; G. R. Marvin, G. J. W.; Rev. H. W. Nye, Grand Chaplain; Rev. L. C. Wurtele, G. Assistant-Chaplain; J. H. Isaacson, G. S.; C. S. Rowe, G. T.; V. W. Bros. Hobart Butler, Acting G. S. D.; C. P. Faber, G. J. D.; Fred. Massey, G. Organist; S. R. Whitman, G. D. of C.; L. B. Warner, Grand Pursuivant.

The procession to the Church was formed as follows:—Band, Rector, Wardens, Building Committee, Representatives of other invited Public Bodies, the Freemasons in order, the Clergy in robes, and closing with the Bishop. The procession was met at the gate of the Church grounds by the choir of Trinity Church singing, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

The services of the Church having

been performed by the Bishop, Clergy and choir, and the Grand Master and other officers having taken their position, the Rector, Rev. J. B. Davidson delivered the following address of welcome:—

I have, for myself as Rector, for the Wardens and Building Committee, and for our Parishioners in general, a cordial welcome to extend to the M. W. the Grand Master and your attending members of your Ancient and honorable Fraternity. We learn that it is a principle of your Order to recognize the Volume of the Sacred Law, in which we find terms which seem intimately bound up with the claims of the Christian religion. "Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious stone," a sure foundation, cried the Prophet of the Ancient Word. And further, He expresses the mind of the great Architect and Creator—"Judgment will I lay to the line and Righteousness to the plummet"—references which, no doubt, are applied by you in your speculative labors. We believe that Solomon's temple with all its marvellous features and pristine glory, foreshadowed realities which we possess, and which by incidents such as that to which you this day extend your countenance and labors—these vital influences to society and the world at large—are more and more diffused. We are, therefore, pleased to have your cordial co-operation in the laying firmly the foundation of this house of prayer, believing the law and the gospel intimately combined, the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets being one, and Jesus Christ himself, to us who believe, being the head corner stone, will you, therefore, in due order, extend your impressive rites to the great work which we have in hand, and in accordance with the ancient customs and usages of your honorable Fraternity, lay the under foundation stone for the reception of our historical records and those of your honorable Craft. We think that it is no slight bond of sympathy between us that, if we venerate the memory of a Bishop of the Church of God, you have been the recipients from him of a volume of the Sacred Law, which, in your careful preservation, is becoming a remembrance of historical interest and of the large sympathies of that laborer in every field of philanthropy, whom we regard as among the best of men.

The Grand Master replied:—

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—We are grateful for your cordial welcome, and we will now proceed cheerfully to comply with your kind request.