

It affords me extreme pleasure also to welcome the Brethren here present from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont.

Brethren,—This auspicious day becomes historic in the annals of our young, but not unrenowned Grand Lodge, which the Most High has greatly prospered.

Let the important lessons of this day be deeply impressed on your minds, and while you continue as craftsmen faithfully to discharge your duties to your fellow-men—to one another and to yourselves—do not forget, to love, serve and obey Him, who is the God and Father of us all.

Brethren—So mote it be.

The Grand Master next addressed the Bishop and clergy as follows :

Right Reverend Lord Bishop, Reverend Rector, and Reverend Sirs,—Permit me to assure you that it has afforded myself and fellow officers and members of our Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec, the greatest satisfaction to accept the invitation so kindly extended to participate in these solemn ceremonies, and thereby to perpetuate, as recorded in the volume of the Sacred Law (Ezra 3, 10-11), the goodly customs of the fathers of the olden time, and of the masonic, civil, and spiritual rulers of the mother land and other enlightened countries, by the laying, according to the immemorial usages of our ancient and honorable fraternity, the foundation corner stones of stately and superb edifices, and more especially of sacred superstructures, such as this which is to be set apart and dedicated to the service of Almighty God, and for the erection and beautifying of useful public buildings, and of Temples, Cathedrals and Churches; our ancient Brethren for so many ages, almost wholly devoted themselves; and whose skilful and pious labors in many lands remain to this day the wonder and admiration of the world.

It now remains with you, Right Reverend Sir, to finish the important public services of this day, and our humble prayer is that the Most High may prosper our united endeavors, and that He may cause the good work thus begun to be successfully carried on and completed to His honor and glory.

And it is our fervent hope that this sacred edifice, having been finished and dedicated to His service, may long continue to be an ornament to this goodly village and township—may long remain a monument of the wisdom, liberality and piety of this people—be a lasting memorial of the saintly servant of God, whose honored name it bears, and be a hallowed sanctuary wherein godly men may proclaim the truth to many succeeding generations of those who shall assemble herein to pay sincere and acceptable adorations to the only living and true God, who alone is good, and whose mercy endureth for ever.

Brethren—So mote it be.

The R. W. Grand Chaplain then pronounced the Patriarchal Benediction :—

May the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob,—the God of our Fathers,—graciously command His blessing upon the labors of this day, and enable us all so to dedicate and devote our lives to His service, that we may display the beauty of true godliness to the honor and glory of His great and holy name.

Brethren—So mote it be.

The Bishop and clergy then laid the super-incumbent corner stone with the impressive rites of the church.

The procession then re-formed and Grand Lodge returned to the lodge room.

There, on motion of R. W. Bro. G. R. Marvin, seconded by R. W. Bro. Lemesurier, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lands-