

bent, and the Reverends J. S. Lauder and Nesbitt, and the ceremony was commenced by singing the 100th Psalm, and then reading second Chronicles, Chap. II. "And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the Lord, and an house for his Kingdom."

Thos. Douglas Harington, Esq., P. G. M. Grand Lodge of Canada, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Men, women and children here assembled to-day, know all of you that we are lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country, and established of old, with peace and honor in most countries, to do good to our brethren, to assist in the erection of buildings, and to fear God, who is the great Architect of all things.

To-day we are here assembled, by request, to assist in the interesting ceremony of laying with appropriate forms, and according to the ancient custom, the *foundation stone* of this new Church, proposed to be erected to replace the one so unfortunately destroyed by fire, and we pray God to prosper the undertaking, if it seem good to him, that it may become a building for good men and good deeds, and the promotion of religious ceremony and brotherly love, till the world itself shall end.

The Grand Chaplain was called upon to implore a blessing from Heaven on the undertaking.

THE BLESSING.

Great Architect of the Universe, maker and ruler of all the worlds, deign from thy celestial temple, from realms of light and glory, to help us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly pray thee to give us at this and at all times wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, oh! thou author of light and life, great source of love and happiness, to erect this building, so that hereafter it may be useful and blessed for the all-important purposes for which it is intended, and the promotion of thy glory.