

"will give new impetus to our progress, and unite us still more closely
"if need be in the bonds of brotherly love.

"In conclusion we sincerely trust that the Great Architect of the
"Universe, may in his infinite wisdom and mercy, long spare you to
"preside over that Grand Lodge of which you were in a great measure
"the illustrious founder, and over whose councils you now wield the
"gavel with so much dignity and impartiality, and may you long
"continue the first light of Canadian Masonry.

"Pembroke 19th of March, A. L. 1873.

"On behalf of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128.

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To this the Grand Master briefly replied in a few happy remarks, congratulating the brethren on the tasteful and elegant furnishing of their Lodge Room, and expressing his intention of replying to the address in writing at a future time. The ceremony of dedication was then proceeded with, and the corn, wine and oil borne in silver vases by the Grand Wardens, and Deputy Grand Master, having been poured upon the Lodge according to ancient form, the Grand Master declared the Hall solemnly dedicated and consecrated to the purposes of Masonry. The Grand Lodge officers then assumed the chairs of the officers of the Lodge, and the Grand Master having again congratulated the brethren on the completion and dedication of the Lodge, delivered a most eloquent and impressive address on the origin progress and object of speculative freemasonry, an address which we have no hesitation in pronouncing as unsurpassed in beauty, force of thought, and eloquence of expression, and was listened to by the large audience with the most rapt attention, and loudly and enthusiastically applauded at its close. The procession was again formed and retired from the Lodge Room when the Grand Lodge was closed *in ample form* at 5 p. m.

The Hall thus dedicated is a new erection, having been built during the past summer. The Lodge, refreshment and ante-rooms, occupy the whole upper flat of a large three story brick building on the main thoroughfare of the town, and the brethren appear to have spared neither trouble nor expense in decorating them. The floor of the Lodge Room is surrounded by a raised dais, rising to three steps in the east, covered with a neat tapestry carpet, while the central position is filled up with a black and white brussels carpe^t, in imitation of tessellated pavement, and having a beautiful emblematic border. This carpet was imported from England for this purpose, and is in very good taste. Two large columns of white and gold surmounted by gilt globes stand in the west. The furniture is all black walnut, upholstered with a beautiful shade of Masonic Blue, and is very unique in design. There are three large chairs in the east, and two sofas and similar chairs in the west and south, while the assistant officers occupy very neat chairs, and the Secretary and Treasurer sit at elegantly covered walnut desks. The organ is a cabinet organ of great power and volume, and during the ceremony of dedication regaled the audience with many beautiful volutarie under the skilful manipulation of the organist of the Lodge. The pedestals and altar are in black walnut, the latter covered with a very neat blue cushion. The three candlesticks are of solid walnut, exquisitely carved, and with the Wardens' columns, represent the five