

ducted and completed by the craftsmen, according to the grand plan, in Peace, Harmony, and Brotherly Love." As they were handed to him, he poured out the customary libations, saying: "I strew corn upon the stone as an emblem of Plenty, I pour wine on it as the emblem of Cheerfulness, and I anoint it with oil as the emblem of Comfort and Consolation. May corn, wine and oil, and all the necessities of life, abound among men throughout the world, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe be upon this edifice and all connected with it." The implements having been handed to the M. W. G. M., he presented them to the architect, saying:—"The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I present you the implements applied to it, also the plans, in full confidence that, as a skilful and faithful workman, you will use them in such a manner that the building may arise in order, harmony and beauty, being perfected in beauty and strength, that it may answer every purpose for which it is intended, to your credit and the satisfaction and honor of those who have selected you for the work."

The Masonic ceremonies being ended, addresses were given by the Warden, the Mayor, County Judge, and Sheriff.

The Grand Master then called for three cheers for the Queen, which were heartily given.

The speeches being finished, the procession re-formed and marched back to the Masonic Hall, where the Grand Lodge was closed.

BANQUET TO THE GRAND LODGE.

At four o'clock the Grand Lodge was entertained at the Royal Hotel by the County and City Councils.

Covers had been laid for about 150 guests, and an excellent bill-of-fare was provided by Messrs. Hood Bros., the popular proprietors of the Hotel. The appearance of the table was extremely pretty, several handsome floral designs, the work of Mr. Rowe, florist, adorning it. In front of the chairman was a large floral crown, and at other parts of the table different Masonic emblems.

His Worship Mayor Kilvert occupied the chair, and the Warden of the County, Thos. Stock, Esq., the vice chair. On the right of the chairman was seated the acting Grand Master, M. W. P. G. M. Bro. James Seymour; R. W. Bro. Emilius Irving, M. P.; R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz; J. H. Greer, Esq., Registrar; Col. Aikman; R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, and on the left Hon. Adam Hope, Sheriff McKellar, F. Mackelcan, Esq., City Solicitor, A. T. Wood, Esq., M. P., Hon. Isaac Buchanan, R. W. Bro. Rev. W. R. Ross, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. Bennett, D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, Assistant Grand

Secretary. The vice-chair was supported by Adam Brown, Esq., and other prominent citizens.

A band was stationed in the hall and played during the banquet.

The usual toasts having been disposed of, that of the Grand Lord being responded to by M. W. Bro. Seymour, and R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, the party broke up about 8 o'clock.

REFRESHMENTS AT THE DRILL SHED.

At the close of the ceremonial, the brethren, excepting the Grand Lodge, proceeded to the Drill Shed, where a collation had been provided by the brethren of the City. The caterer was Bro. H. McKillop, who did his work in a manner that merited and called forth much praise. About two hundred sat down to the repast. After the edibles had had full justice done to them, some of the brethren took their departure, but the majority remained to participate in an informal and social jollification. W. Bro. Widger, W. M. Accacia Lodge, invited all present to stay, and thanked the visiting brethren for their attendance, also paying a compliment to the city brethren for the manner in which they had responded to the call. Volunteer toasts and songs were the order of the day, W. Bro. Joseph Fligg, of Grahamsville, singing in an excellent way and calling forth an encore on each occasion. The toasts of the Queen, Grand Master, Visiting Brethren, Hamilton Brethren, the Masters of Lodges, the Press, and other toasts were duly honored and responded to.

The Principles and Objects of Masonry.

A Sermon preached in St. Paul's Church, Lindsay, on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, 25th June, 1877, by Rev. Bro. W. T. Smithett, D.D.:—

1 COR. III CHAP., 9 to 15.—"Ye are God's building. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he has built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss."

We are met together to-day, brethren, for the double purpose of celebrating the anniversary of one of our patron saints, and at the same time for