

Arch Chapter Room, 23x37; Excellent and Super-Excellent Degrees Room, 11x28; the A. & A. Rite occupies half of this story, comprising a space of 77x45. Banqueting room, 17x31; general reception room, 16x26. The flat on this story is also furnished with fuel rooms, hoist room, fire-proof vault, and other conveniences.

The front of the procession having reached the site of the new building, a halt was made, and the ranks opened out and faced inwards, when the Grand Master, supported by the Grand Officers, passed through to the north-east corner, where a platform had been erected for the Grand Officers. The opening ceremonies commenced with the singing of the following

ODE.

Accept, great Builder of the skies,
Our heartfelt acts of sacrifice!
Each brother found a living stone
While bending low before Thy throne.

While Craftsmen true their work prepare,
With thoughts unstained, and holy care,
May each be fitly formed, and placed
Where Love Divine his hope had traced.

With all my powers of heart and tongue,
I'll praise my Maker in my song—
Angels shall hear the notes I raise,
Approve the song, and join the praise.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The M. W. Bro. Wm. Mercer Wilson, Grand Master, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Building Committee.

At your request I have caused to be convened a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada to meet me here to-day, for the purpose of assisting me in the interesting ceremony of laying with masonic ceremonies, and in accordance with the rites of our ancient fraternity, the corner stone of your proposed masonic Temple, an enterprise most creditable to the Masons of Hamilton, and the completion of which,