

from accident, long preserve the structure from decay and ruin, and grant unto us and to all men an abundant supply of the Corn of nourishment, the Wine of refreshment, and the Oil of joy.

Brethren—So mote it be.

The public grand honors were given.

G. M.—Brother Architect : The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I return to you, with my approval, the plan of the superstructure. I also present to you the implements of your profession, in full confidence that, as a skilful and faithful workman, you will use them in such a manner that this edifice may rise in order and harmony, and being perfected in strength and beauty may answer every purpose for which it is intended, to your credit and to the honor of those who have selected you.

Grand Sec.—I now declare this corner stone duly laid according to our ancient customs, by Most Worshipful Bro. John Hamilton Graham, Doctor of Laws, &c., Grand Master of Masons of the Province of Quebec, assisted by other Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Quebec, on this 8th day of June, A.L. 5880, A.D. 1880.

Music by the Band.

R. W. Brother G. R. Marvin, G. J. W., on behalf of the members of Frelighsburg Lodge, No. 33, Q. R., presented the trowel to the M. W. the Grand Master, with an appropriate address.

INSCRIPTION ON TROWEL.

Presented to

John Hamilton Graham, LL.D., &c. &c.

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.

By the Members of Frelighsburg Lodge, No. 33, Q. R.

On the occasion of

Laying the Foundation Stone of the

Stewart Memorial Church,

Frelighsburg, P. Q., June 8, 1880.

G. M.—R. W. Sir : You have kindly presented me with one of the most important instruments of our craft, which I gratefully accept and will immensely prize. I shall take it to my place of residence and will deposit it in a conspicuous place, and I will direct that it be handed down from me to my son, and to my son's son, in a perpetual generation, as a valuable ornament and as an excellent token, an ornament for its surpassing workmanship, which does honor to the silversmith, and an excellent token because, as in operative masonry, its use is to spread the cement which binds all the parts of the building into one common mass, so we are taught by it to spread the well-tempered cement of kindness and affection which tends to unite all men in one common bond of brotherhood, worshipping and serving the one God and Father of all.

The Grand Master then addressed the officers and brethren as follows :—

Officers and Brethren,—Be pleased to accept, as you so well deserve, my fraternal commendation for your alacrity in responding in such large numbers to the summons to assemble here on this interesting occasion.

Your presence indicates your zeal and fidelity as officers and members of our most ancient fraternity of craftsmen and as companions of the Holy Royal Arch with us by special invitation.