

DONATIONS RECEIVED.

The liberal donations made by individual Brethren whose names are well known to you, and also by Lodges in addition to their regular fees, abundantly testify their zeal for the Order and their affection for this Grand Lodge; and they deserve, and no doubt will receive, an expression of your hearty thanks.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

The unity and prosperity that are now dawning upon the Craft in this Province, betoken, at no distant day, the inauguration of measures for the erection of a Masonic Temple in this city, which will be worthy of the metropolis of the Dominion and of this Grand Lodge; and to any one acquainted with the spirit and purposes of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, it needs no prophetic tongue to foretell, that in the prosecution of those schemes of practical benevolence which are among the most cherished aims of the Craft, in due time, a rural Asylum and Home for the helpless and aged—the indigent and the infirm;—and a School of Training and industry for the Orphan youth—will be among the blessed fruits of the seeds that are now being sown; and may the God of the needy, the widow, and the fatherless, prosper you in your laudable designs.

OTHER SUBJECTS.

There are other subjects, to which, if time permitted, I would be glad to call your attention, such as the exemplification of the great principles of our Order in our daily lives,—the care and relief of the sick and needy,—the exercise of circumspection in the selection of materials, and of master-builders for our temples,—the careful instruction of novitiates,—the duty of liberally supporting able, friendly Masonic journals at home and abroad,—the establishment of Grand Lodge and Private Lodge Libraries from the abounding literature of the Craft—the desirableness of Lodges of Instruction in private Lodges, in district assemblies. and in Grand Lodge, &c., &c.,—but there are two or three topics to which I must briefly refer.

PUBLIC DIVINE SERVICE AND BANQUET.

In accordance with a goodly custom of the Fathers, at their annual and other Assemblies, and in consonance with the well known wishes of many of the officers and members of this Grand Lodge—and with a profound sense of our duty and privilege as a Grand Lodge of Free-