

The inscription on the parchment placed in the cavity was read, as follows:—

**By the favor of Almighty God,**

On the 20th day of October, MDCCLXVIII,

Of the era of Masonry 5868,

And in the Thirty-second year of the reign of our beloved Sovereign

**Victoria,**

(Whom may God preserve;)

The Right Honorable CHARLES STANLEY, Viscount Monck, &c.,  
Being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada,

AND

JOHN BREDEN, Esq., Mayor of the City of Kingston,  
ALEXANDER A. STEVENSON, Esq., Most Worshipful Grand Master,

**The Corner Stone of this Building,**

The upper portion of which is set apart for a Masonic Hall,  
was laid by

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM BENJAMIN SIMPSON,  
Past Grand Master, assisted by

Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE MARKLAND WILKINSON,  
District Deputy Grand Master for the District,

And an Especial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Canada,  
attended by various brethren,

And in presence of a large concourse of people.

There was also placed in the cavity, inclosed in a box made of zinc: List of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada for 1868-9; list of the Officers and Members of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, and of the Catarqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston; *Kingston News* and *British Whig* of the day, together with silver and copper coins of the Dominion.