

LESSON.

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding.

"Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

"Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the Corner Stone thereof?

"When the morning stars sang together, and all the Sons of God shouted for joy. Job xxxviii. 4-7."

"That our daughters may be as Corner Stones, polished after the similitude of a palace."—Ps. cxliv. 12.

"Therefore, thus saith the Lord God—Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation Stone, a tried Stone, a precious Corner Stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet."—Isa. xxviii, 16-17.

"What is this, then, that is written, the Stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner."—Luke xx, 17.

R. W. Bro. the Rev. A. W. Nicolson, Grand Chaplain, offered the following Prayer:—

Almighty God, Supreme Architect and Ruler of the Universe, we would come reverently into Thy presence and devoutly implore Thy blessing upon the services of this hour, and upon the undertaking in which our Brethren of this City are now engaged. While we thank Thee for the prosperity which has attended them in the past, we ask that Thy continued favor may be upon them in the future.

Bless those who direct and the workmen who shall construct this edifice, that when completed it may fully illustrate the wisdom, strength and beauty of the Spiritual Temple not made with hands.

Within its walls may the divine principle, "on earth peace, good will toward men," be ever inculcated and enjoyed; may all the proper work of our institutions that may be done in it, be such as Thy wisdom may approve and Thy goodness prosper.

And finally, graciously be pleased, O! thou Sovereign Architect of the Universe, to bless the Craft, wheresoever dispersed, and make them true and faithful to Thee, their neighbour and to themselves; and when the time of our labor is drawing near to an end, and the pillar of our strength is declining to the ground, graciously enable us to pass through the "valley of the shadow of death," supported by Thy rod and Thy staff, to those mansions beyond the skies, where love and peace and joy forever reign before Thy throne.

The Brethren repeating with the Grand Chaplain: "Our Father who art in Heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily

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