

point, and the cupola was surmounted with a staff from which the Masonic flag was flying.

The officers taking part in the ceremonies were M. W. Bro. J. Wimburn Laurie, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Allan H. Crowe, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Rev. Richard Avery, S. G. Warden; R. W. Bro. James Hudson, J. G. Warden; R. W. Bro. Rev. H. P. Almon, Grand Chaplain; and V. W. Bro. Wm. F. MacCoy, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Proceedings were commenced by the Grand Director proclaiming "Silence!" after which the choir sang Psalm cxxii. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8.

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

Prayer was then offered by the Grand Chaplain.

Almighty God, Supreme Architect and Ruler of the Universe, we would come reverently into Thy presence and devoutly implore Thy blessing upon the undertaking in which our Brethren 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.

Within the walls of this edifice 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 neighbor 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 members of the Craft then repeated the Lord's Prayer, after which the "Old Hundred" was sung by all present.

With one consent let all the earth
To God their cheerful voices raise;
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before him songs of praise.

The Deputy Grand Master then addressed the Grand Master as follows;

The Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia being animated with a desire to promote the honor and interest of the Craft, have erected this Freemasons' Hall for their convenience and accommodation. They are desirous, M. W. Grand Master, if it should meet your approval, that the same be solemnly dedicated to Masonic purposes, agreeably to ancient form and usage. It gives us great pleasure therefore to present to you Bro. David Stirling, the Architect, and Bro. Samuel Brookfield, the Builder, who have completed the labors confided to their care when the corner stone was laid, and who now desire to surrender the implements and return the designs furnished them from the tressel-board, which they have faithfully carried out to the satisfaction of the Building Committee.

The Architect, Mr. Stirling, then spoke, as follows:

M. W. GRAND MASTER,—“Thanking you for the honor conferred when I was chosen to be the Architect of this new Hall, I have respectfully to inform you that the work is now completed, and to return to you the implements entrusted to me when the corner-stone was laid, and to express the hope that the designs upon the tressel board which have been furnished from time to time, will be found to have been faithfully carried out.”

The Builder, Mr. Brookfield, then said:

MOST WORSHIPFUL.—“Having been awarded the contract for the erection of this edifice, and having, according to the best of my ability accomplished the task assigned me, I now beg leave to surrender the designs that were furnished me for my guidance, humbly hoping that the duties performed by me, will be crowned with your approbation.”