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### LAYING THE HAMILTON CRYSTAL PALACE CORNER STONE.

We have delayed publishing this number two days, expecting to receive the particulars of this interesting ceremony. They have but just arrived and are too late for insertion this month, so we shall have to defer them until next.

### PRINCE OF WALES' VISIT.

In a few weeks the Province will be honoured with a visit from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the eldest son of His Royal Mother, and the Heir apparent to the Throne, and it will be a fitting opportunity for a Masonic demonstration. There will, no doubt, be hundreds of Masons present in Montreal at the opening of the Victoria Bridge, from all parts of this Province, as well as from the sister Provinces, the neighbouring States, and the Old Country. Why should they not then organize and take part in the proceedings as Masons? We shall be glad to receive communications, setting forth the views of the craft generally upon this suggestion, before our next issue, when we shall be prepared to say something more upon the subject.

The following notices of our journal appeared in *L'Ordre* of the 11th ultimo, the Jesuits organ of this city. —

“ Nous apprenons que MM. Owler & Stevenson ont commencé à publier un journal périodique, ayant pour titre : *The Canada Freemason*, et qui sera l'organe de la loge. MM. Owler & Stevenson sont eux-mêmes France-Maçons ; et cette feuille, paraît-il,

sera rédigé d'une manière que les membres de cette société pourront seuls apprécier. Il n'est malheureux que dans un pays aussi catholique que le Canada, les frères d'une société secrète aient assez d'audace pour montrer au jour leur honteuse turpitude, et agir avec autant d'impudence que par mépris de tous les principes.”

We give a translation for the benefit of such of our readers that do not understand the French language :

“ We learn that Messrs. Owler & Stevenson have commenced publishing a periodical paper, entitled *The Canada Freemason*, which will be the organ of the Lodge. Messrs. Owler & Stevenson are themselves Free Masons, and this journal, it appears, will be edited in a manner which the members of the Society can alone appreciate. It is a pity that in so Catholic a country as Canada, the brethren of a secret society dare publish their shameful turpitude and act publicly as if it was to ridicule all principles.”

The paragraph speaks volumes and proves clearly how soon our liberty would be taken away if that order could bear the sway. We happily live in a country where we can promulgate the exalted principles of Freemasonry in spite of Priestcraft or Jesuitical interference.

At the Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, a memorial was presented, of which the following is a copy :

*To the Most Worshipful & Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled.*

### THE MEMORIAL

Of the Worshipful Master, the Officers and Brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

“ That this lodge has for a long time been deeply impressed with the importance of some public step being taken more fully to exemplify to the world, than can be done by the private distribution of Masonic benevolence, the grand and fundamental principles of the order—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

“ That your Memorialists are of opinion that this feeling is widely shared among the masonic brethren through the length and breadth of Canada.

“ That the unhappy differences which for a long time separated the Craft, preventing unity of design in carrying out any grand and general plan of masonic benevolence, being now happily removed by the union of the Craft, under the jurisdiction of your worshipful body, a happy consummation, in which your memorialists rejoiced with deep feeling. Your memorialists venture to submit, that the time has arrived when the respectful suggestion of such public step being taken, is all that is required to kindle a fervent desire at once to carry out the same, in a manner creditable to the craft.

“ That your memorialists are further prompted to bring this matter under the consideration of the Grand Lodge, from the feeling that although by local effort, various asylums or other means of giving effect to their desire, might readily be erected or accomplished, still, from difficulties which must necessarily exist, any such local effort can only be carried

out on the most limited scale, while a comprehensive scheme devised under the wise deliberation of your most worshipful body, and in which the entire craft could join, would be the happiest means of erecting such an institution as would be worthy of the Masons of Canada.

“ Your memorialists therefore humbly commit this sacred object to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, praying that a committee may be appointed to consider the best means to be taken for erecting an Asylum or other Charitable Institution, bearing the name of Masonry, that thus the world at large, unable indeed to penetrate our mysteries, may have the evidence afforded by such an institution, that our profession is not an empty sound, but that every act of a true and sincere Free and Accepted Mason is done in the name and to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe.”

WILLIAM G. STORM,  
Worshipful Master.

WM. F. McMASTER,  
Senior Warden.

GEO. H. WYATT,  
Junior Warden.

JOHN PATTERSON,  
Secretary.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge :—

“ That a Committee be appointed to consider the Memorial presented by St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, on the subject of taking some steps for the erection of a Masonic Asylum, or Charitable Institution in Canada, that thus the world at large unable indeed to penetrate our mysteries, may have the evidence afforded by such an institution, that our profession is not an empty sound, but that every act of a true and sincere Free and Accepted Mason, is done in the name and to the glory of the great Architect of the universe.”

And the Grand Master appointed a committee in conformity therewith.

Our object in bringing this subject before our readers is for the purpose of urging upon the brethren the necessity of being prepared to answer the call that will be made, during the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, to aid and assist in this praiseworthy work ; and thereby prove that charity is really one of the principal characteristics of a mason. Let us, then, ask ourselves the following questions—“ Is any Brother waxen poor through misfortune, or fallen into decay, through sickness, that we may repair his losses or relieve his distress? Is there any stranger or sojourner from a foreign land needing the welcome of our hospitality, or the assistance of our bounty, that he may live with us? Is the desolate widow of some deceased Brother in necessitous circumstances, or are his helpless orphans requiring our protection or maintenance? Such enquiries as these cannot fail to stir up in us that spirit of charity which is mingled, as it were, with our natures as Masons—and the response will be in our actions.

There is no doubt a great demand upon the funds of our Lodges, as well as our private purses, for the dispensation of relief to casual applicants, who appear to be under the im-