

the Acting Grand Master saying:—"I strew corn upon the stone as an emblem of plenty; I pour wine upon it as an emblem of cheerfulness; and I anoint it with oil as an emblem of comfort and consolation. May corn, wine and oil, and all the necessities of life, abound among men, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe be upon this edifice and all connected with it."

Response—"So mote it be."

The plans having been presented to the Acting Grand Master, he presented them to the architect, saying:—

"The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I present to you the implements applied to it, also the plans, in full confidence that as a skilful workman you will use them in such a manner that the building will be perfected and will rise in harmony, beauty and strength."

He also addressed the Rev. Incumbent as follows:—

"Having completed our work according to ancient usage, I now wish that every success may attend your and the congregation's endeavors, that as the work has been happily begun it will, with God's blessing, be carried to a happy ending. May I remark that when on the chancel arch you will emblazon that prophetic sentence, 'Glory to God in the Highest, and peace on earth, good-will towards men,' you will remember that written within our mystic halls we have inscribed in letters of gold, on the cope stone of the arch and on the pillars, these words of far greater antiquity, 'Holiness to the Lord, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth'; and then your parishioners and our brethren are alike reminded of their duty to God and man."