

the benefit of our fellow men. He (A. G.) could tell them that these were exactly the principles and precepts of the "Patent Combination." (Great laughter and cheering.) It had borrowed from the most ancient and respected Order of Free Masons. Their first object, on taking office, had been to address themselves to the consideration of what was necessary to relieve the sufferings of humanity, and in furtherance of this object a large Lunatic Asylum had been established at London, a Deaf and Dumb Institution at Belleville, and this school for the blind was the third on the list. While all this had been done, there still remained more benevolent work to be completed by appropriation from the public money. It was their intention to establish an Asylum for that unfortunate class—the idiots. The government had also a thought for those who were not suffering from the loss of any of their senses, and were going to establish an Agricultural College for the benefit of the farmers of the country, and he hoped one of these days to see his friend, the Grand Master, coming to Upper Canada to perform a similar ceremony to that which he had done that day. Then there was another building—the Central Prison—in which the criminals of the country would be made to work and earn their keeping within the walls of the place, and to learn some trade which would be useful to them when they returned to liberty. But then there was another interesting institution—the school for mechanics and artisans, where our tradesmen can be trained without having to leave their own country as they now have to do. (Hear hear.) In the dedication of all these buildings, he hoped to see the honest face of his friend, the Grand Master, making its appearance. He had to thank them all most cordially for the interest they had shown in those matters. It did his heart good to see that the people of the surrounding country are alive to the importance of such works of active benevolence with which politics had nothing to do. He gloried in the fact that he was to-day in a place where politics were not, and thought it would relieve him from a good deal of the affliction under which he had been suffering for the last ten weeks.—He felt very much pleased with his visit, and was very much obliged to Mr. Kempster for the honor he had done him in asking him there. It was to be hoped that the town of Brantford would be equally well pleased with the Institution. Only let the "patent combination" go on for another four years more, and it would place public buildings in every town in the Province. (Laughter) He supposed he would be accused of trying to bribe them, so he thought he might as well do it wholesale as retail. (Increased laughter.) But joking should be laid aside, as this was a very solemn proceeding. Brantford would enjoy the advantage of having one of the finest buildings in the country, and that, too, in a very prominent position, in the selection of which he himself has had something to do. He hoped the institution would prove greatly beneficial to those poor sufferers who would praise God and thank those who had done their best to alleviate the afflictions which had been so well described by the Grand Master. Fancy the position of our fellow beings who are deprived of the pleasure of beholding the green fields and the blue skies and then think of the advantages of an institution such as this where they can read the Bible and make their way to salvation, as well as keep themselves posted as to the current events of the day, just by fingering the leaves of the book before them. Ontario had reason to be proud of being the first of British American Province which had taken steps in this laudable direction. Thanking the assembly again most heartily, and wishing them God-speed, Mr. Macdonald retired amidst continued applause.