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בְּיָמֵינוּ יִשְׁמַח ה' בְּעַמּוֹתָיו
וְיִשְׁמַח בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל וְיִשְׁמַח
בְּכָל הָעַמּוֹת הַזֹּת

in the ancient Rabbinic expression: -
"May it be God's will, that the Divine Presence shall ever dwell within this work of your hands".

Yes, My friends, this is a golden moment in the spiritual history of the sons and daughters of your Congregation in this outpost of the Empire. The Divine summons has come unto you all to consecrate not merely these walls (the work of your hands) but your souls, your lives to the Service of your God and your People. For in every land, wherever destiny has caused the People of the Book to live, Faith has invariably been the bond that has untied them, and the Synagogue has indeed become the rallying point of all Jewish Communal endeavour. In this sacred hour, therefore, let me re-iterate that indispensable condition by which the true spirit of God, shall abide forever in this Tabernacle. It is that Peace and

Amity and Brotherhood, shall form the keynote of your lives as Jews and *as worthy citizens of this country. ((I emphasise the citizenship ideal because to-day's event, has a significance unconfined to the Jewish people alone. All good men and true, should view the opening of a new Temple of Religion with joy and with satisfaction. The Consecration of this Synagogue should be hailed as an event of moment by all, irrespective of their own religious view-point. Because it means a new "WITNESS TO THE*

UNSEEN" IN this town.