

## NEWFOUNDLAND.

We learn from the *Harbour Grace Standard*, that on Thursday, the 7th January, the Masonic Hall in Harbour Grace, lately finished, was consecrated according to the ancient ceremonies of the Craft. At 11 o'clock, A. M., the Lodge "Harbour Grace," with a number of transient members and brethren of the Grand Lodge, assembled in its old Hall, and shortly afterwards formed in procession, and, preceded by the British Society with its Band, walked in the following order down Water Street to the Carbonar Road, and thence up Harvey Street to its new Hall:—

GRAND TYLER,  
With drawn sword.  
ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS,  
Two and two.

FELLOW-CRAFT MASONS,  
Two and two.

MASTER MASONS,  
Two and two.

THE LODGE,  
Covered with white satin, and carried by four Tylers with drawn swords.

SILVER VASES CONTAINING WINE AND OIL,  
Carried by Brothers Tarpnell and Payne.

GOLD VASE CONTAINING CORN,  
Carried by Brother R. Munn.

THE STEWARDS WITH WANDS,  
Two and two.

THE DEACONS WITH RODS,  
Two and two.

FIRST LIGHT,  
Carried by Junior Warden.

THE ARCHITECT,  
With Plumb, Square, and Level.

THE BIBLE BEARER,  
Carrying Bible, Square and Compasses on a Velvet Cushion.

THE TREASURER AND SECRETARY,  
THE ACTING GRAND CHAPLAIN,  
Rev. Brother A. Ross.

THE SECOND LIGHT,  
Carried by Senior Warden.

THE THIRD LIGHT,  
Carried by Brother J. O. Fraser.

THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE,  
Hon. Judge Hayward.

THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS,  
Carried by R. W. Master Rutherford.

THE GRAND CLERK WITH STAFF,  
Brother W. P. Munn.

THE GRAND SECRETARY WITH BAG,  
Brother Prescott Emerson.

THE GRAND SWORD BEARER,  
Brother Higgins.

THE SUBSTITUTE GRAND MASTER,  
Brother Ridley.

On arriving in front of the new Hall, the procession halted, when three cheers were given for Her Majesty the Queen, followed by complimentary cheers given for the British Society, and acknowledged by them. The Masonic procession then entered the Hall, where some two hundred and fifty ladies and other guests had been provided with seats. The Lodge, covered, was placed in the centre of the room, and the Bible, Square and Compasses on the Pedestal. The SUBSTITUTE GRAND MASTER, and Grand Officers, took their places upon the Dais. The Acting Grand Chaplain, Rev. Brother A. Ross, offered up a prayer, and read the CXXXIII Psalm. The first consecration Hymn, "Before Jehovah's awful throne," was then sung. The RIGHT W. THE SUBSTITUTE GRAND MASTER then desired the ARCHITECT to return the working tools entrusted to his care at the laying of the Foundation Stone.

The Architect, Brother Hutchings, then stepped forward and delivered them to the GRAND SECRETARY, by whom they were returned to the proper officials, at the same time thus addressing the Substitute Grand Master:—

Right Worshipful Sir,

Having been entrusted with the superintendence and management of the workmen employed in the construction of this edifice, and having according to the best of my ability accomplished the task assigned me, I now return my thanks for the honour of this appointment, and beg leave to surrender up the implements which were committed to my care when the foundation of this fabric was laid, humbly hoping that the exertions which have been made upon this occasion will be crowned with your approbation and that of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The GRAND SECRETARY then said:—

Right Worshipful Sir,

It is now my province to inform you that it is the unanimous desire of Lodge "Harbour Grace," and of the brethren here assembled, that this their new Hall be now solemnly consecrated, and to pray in their behalf that you will be pleased to consecrate the same according to the rites and ceremonies of our most ancient order.

The ladies and other guests, together with the Entered Apprentices and Fellow-Crafts then retired.

The Lodge was then tyled and opened in due form. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and the Hall dedicated to MASONRY, VIRTUE, UNIVERSAL CHARITY, and BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge being covered, the ladies and others were re-admitted, and the third consecration Hymn, "All Honors to our Master pay," was sung.

The ACTING GRAND CHAPLAIN then spoke as follows:—

Right Worsh. Substitute Provincial Grand Master, Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and Brethren

I do sincerely regret that the honour devolving upon me upon this occasion has not been assigned to some person more competent than I am to instruct and edify this large and respectable assemblage. Waived upon at a late hour last night, I only consented to undertake the duty on the express assurance that much would not be expected.

It is indeed a subject of sincere congratulation to us all that although we have been in existence, as a Lodge, but little over one year, we are nevertheless, through the energy and liberality of our members, now in a position to dedicate this spacious and commodious building to the interests of our cause.

I regard this Hall, now solemnly dedicated, according to the ancient rites of Freemasonry, to Virtue, Charity, and Universal Benevolence, as a credit to our Lodge. I look upon it as a credit to the town in which we reside, and I believe it will prove a lasting benefit to the community at large.

Our Order is indeed a noble one;—it holds a foremost place among all mere human institutions. Dating from an early period, it has come down to us, through all the revolutions of states and kingdoms, in all the integrity of its original principles. And during these thousands of generations, it has numbered among its members many of the great and good of mankind. Kings and Emperors, Princes and Nobles, Philosophers and Divines, have been willing to associate themselves with a fraternity in which all are considered brothers, and in which worth of character, alone, can confer a title to respect.

I claim, Sir, for the principles of our Order the sanction of Heaven. They have their foundation in the one infallible standard of right and wrong—the word of God. According to that word, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father" is, "to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world." And the new commandment which our Blessed Saviour came to promulgate was, "that we should love one another." Now, the cardinal principle of Freemasonry is *Brotherly Love*. Its grand object is mutual helpfulness. It inculcates universal benevolence, without distinction of class or colour, or country or creed, integrity and charity between man and man, subjection to civil authority, loyalty to our rightful Sovereign; and all this under the sanction of religion and the fear of God.

Its history in the past is a noble one. It is replete with deeds of loftiest and purest philanthropy. It tells of the captive delivered, the oppressed set free, and the poor relieved. And although of recent origin among ourselves, it has already proved a blessing, and carried comfort to the hearts of not a few in our community.

Men there are, in all human associations, who will fail of their duties; but it may be safely affirmed that no man who acts up to his principles as a Free Mason, can be a bad man. And, what is