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FREEMASONRY AND TEMPERANCE.

We are glad to learn that an opportunity will very soon be afforded to those desirous of joining in the mystic art, but who have hitherto refrained from doing so on account of the convivialities of the social board. Whilst one of the fundamental principles of the Masonic craft is "temperance," the knowledge that lodges are frequently held in public-houses, and are accompanied with the free circulation of the so-called loving cup, has prevented thousands from becoming "free and accepted Masons." Steps have been taken by several brethren in Manchester holding high Masonic rank, for the formation of a lodge on total abstinence principles, where abstainers can find a congenial home and enjoy all the beauties of Masonry without meeting with John Barleycorn.

The lodge will be held in the Collegiate School rooms, Corporation street, Manchester, and is to be called the "Wolseley Lodge" in honor of Lord Wolseley, of Cairo, who is already within the mystic circle, having been initiated and passed his degrees in a military lodge held at Dublin. Lord Wolseley has written an autograph letter to the provisional secretary thanking the brethren for the honor conferred on him in naming the lodge after him, wishing the lodge the success it deserves, and soliciting to have his name enrolled on its list of members. His well known efforts to forward the temperance cause prompted the promoters to name the lodge after him, and such rapid progress have they made that within two months fifty brethren have joined the lodge, and twelve candidates have voluntarily offered themselves for

initiation, and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the warrant from H. R. H. Brother Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, the most worshipful Grand Master of Masons in England. This is expected daily, as the R. W. P. G. M. Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie has already, signed, supported, and forwarded the promoters' petition to the Grand Lodge. It is expected that Lord Wolseley may be present at the consecration of the new lodge next month, in which case there will be such an assembly of Masonic notables in Manchester as has rarely if ever been witnessed in Lancashire.

The promoters are sanguine that after a liberal allowance for the elaborate and elegant furnishing of the lodge, and all other expenses, a handsome margin will remain at their disposal for Masonic charity, which is the main object of the founders. We believe and trust that this new departure may be the precursor of a social revolution in Masonic lodges, affecting the highest stratum of society, as the complete success attending the movement here has prompted similar efforts in London, Liverpool, Edinburgh, Halifax, Nottingham and Jersey.

The distinguished honor of being the first Worshipful Master has by unanimous consent been conferred on Brother Daniel Edwards, a Past Master and treasurer of the Callender Lodge, No. 1,052, who is a life abstainer, and who has been a member of the Rechabite Order for the last 30 years. To him and to Brother Philip Barker (the senior Past Master of the same lodge), belong the credit of originating the movement, but they have been materially assisted in their laudable and necessarily heavy labors by the indefatigable energy of Bro. P. Howard Davis, of the Derby Lodge, No. 1,055, who acts as provisional secretary until the consecration. All good men and true Masons wish them God speed.—[COMMUNICATED.]—*The Alliance News, England.*