

former Grand Officer, and growing out of a dispute as to the work to be adopted. There is no possible ground for this schism. Thirdly, there are two spurious Lodges in the Province of Quebec, backed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which, with one regular one previously existing, have formed a Prov. Grand Lodge, and we shall doubtless have it soon applying for recognition. This matter we have already fully explained. Whatever justification there may be for the continued existence of Elgin Lodge, which was at work in the Province of Quebec previous to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of the Province, the other two are in direct invasion of its rights, and must therefore be, and they will be, regarded as absolutely clandestine, and unless their warrants are recalled by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that body will find itself occupying the same position as the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and the doors of every Lodge on this continent closed against it. Our brethren in the Dominion have our warmest sympathy, and as their troubles have arisen without any justifiable pretence, we indulge the hope that the agitation may soon cease, and law and order be again respected.—*New York Dispatch.*

WHY WOMEN CANNOT BE MASONS.—The following gem is from the unpublished manuscript of Herman Bowman of Kentucky, an eminent Mason, now dead:—"We are often asked why the ladies are excluded from a knowledge of our mysteries and a participation in our labors. Endowed as woman is with all that is beautiful in virtue, sublime in morality, and pure in religion, the Fraternity are accustomed to regard the sex rather as beacon lights to illumine their pathway, than suited to partake of the rude labors of either Operative or Speculative Masonry. Our emblems are derived from the implements of the Operative Mason; their uses in the hands of the architect are known. In Speculative

Masonry, the plumb, square, level, and other instruments are used for the purpose of divesting our minds and consciences of the evils and imperfections incident to man in his rude and imperfect state. We should as little expect to find the ladies engaged with the implements of the Operative Mason, in the construction of a house or other edifice, as in the idle occupation of attempting to remove vices and imperfections which in *their* natures can have no existence. It is for man to build, for woman to occupy, beautify and adorn the edifice when completed. To imitate their virtues is our noblest aim, to be worthy of their smiles, our loftiest ambition."

THE DUTIES OF FREEMASONRY.—It is not alone on the consecrated floor of a Mason's lodge, nor within the circle of the Sons of Light, that the brethren of the great fraternity should practice the virtues inculcated or the duties imposed by Freemasonry. Abroad in the outer world, in the daily walks of life, in their business avocations, at their homes, among the profane, should all their actions be governed by that Masonic Charity, which embraces the whole duty of man to man. We see not in this life the end of human actions. Their influence never dies, but in ever widening circles it reaches beyond the grave. Death removes us from this to an eternal world, and time will determine what shall be our condition in that world. Every morning when we go forth, we lay the moulding hand on our destiny, and every evening when we have done, we have left a deathless impression on our character. We touch not a wire but vibrates in eternity; not a voice but reports at the throne of God. Let Masons especially think of these things, and let every one remember that in this world, where character is in its formation state, it is a serious thing to think, to speak, to act.