

## THE LODGE IN JERUSALEM:

A NON MASONIC journal, the *Springfield Republican*, attempts to be witty over what the *New England Freemason* calls "this non-descript"—the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 203, of Jerusalem. We fail to see the wit, however, and in its stead there is something savoring of untruth. For instance, the *Republican* says: "There are Masons in Jerusalem, also in Joppa, also in Damascus, but not a lodge in all the land." Were this so, then Bro. Dodge of Ohio must have been romancing when he said that the Masonic lodge of the Holy City "is in every way healthy, and the members are a good set of boys." The jocularity of the *Republican* might be excused, but there is no reason why the *New England Freemason* should assist that journal in casting odium upon those engaged in establishing the Order in Palestine, simply because the charter for Royal Solomon Mother Lodge went from Canada.

As if it were not enough for the non-Masonic press to ridicule the chartering of the lodge in question, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Montana had to have his say, because he wanted to hit Bro. Rob. Morris under the fifth rib. What matters it whether the petitioners for the lodge resided in Palestine or not, the charter was granted at the request of Masons interested in spreading the benefits of Masonry; and it is satisfactory to find that the good work is progressing in the Holy Land. The accounts received are highly encouraging, and those who now sneer at what they term one of the acts of the Grand Master of Canada, may yet have occasion to see the folly of the course they are pursuing. We are surprised at the fact of Masons in high standing endeavoring to belittle the efforts of one so earnest in his work as the Past Grand Master of Kentucky, who certainly does all he can to sustain the Order and extend its benefits.

## MASONIC BRIEFLETS.

THE *Masonic Tidings*, published at Suspension Bridge, N. Y., has ceased to exist for want of proper support. What a reflection on the brotherhood, that hardly a journal in the interest of the Craft can live. The *Journal*, also published by Bro. Ranson, is hereafter to have a column every week devoted to Masonry.

THE *Masonic Token*, issued quarterly, at Portland, Maine, is sent to all Grand Secretaries and Recorders free of charge. This is certainly very liberal. The *Token* is a valuable publication, and we should think must be a favorite with the brethren of Maine.

THE second number of a new paper called the *Citadel*, and purporting to be the organ of the "Knights of Carthage," has reached us from Milwaukee. The *Citadel* says.

"The tenets of the Order commend the worship of one God, and a life in accordance with the golden rule, or the two great commandments. The Order gives great satisfaction wherever it has been introduced, it being semi-military in its character; and having a rich, though inexpensive regalia, it is calculated for those who have a taste for such an order.

The side degree business is evidently on the increase. The *Portland Token* says.

"Bro. Macoy has just completed a new degree, to be known as *Queen of the South*, formed on the event of the visit of the Queen of Sheba to King Solomon. The officers are twelve ladies, styled Princesses, and two brethren, and the place of meeting is