

THE NEW YORK INDEPENDENT.

From the *Mystic Star*.

Our devoted friend Pres. Blanchard, it seems had taken special pains to have all the members of the Oberlin Council which met last November, to frame a new, brief, and comprehensive creed, for the Congregational Church, adapted to the present age, and wants of the church, supplied with the *Cynosure*.

Of course knowing the practices of some of the leading men in that Church, he expected a double-headed thunderbolt of denunciation.

The *Independent* gives the result better than we can express it. We always pitied the Dr. in his monomaniacal attempts to overthrow an institution like ours, but now *Et tu Brute* we pity him more than ever.

From the *Independent* of Dec. 7th, 1871.

The *Cynosure* has attained unto the honors of martyrdom. A special edition of the first number issued after the Chicago fire was sent to the Oberlin Council; and there, it is reported, was solemnly burned by the anti-Masons themselves. Now look out for red-hot, double-leaded denunciations of these luke-warm brethren. It will not be difficult for the *Cynosure* to show that they are wolves in sheep's clothing. There is President Fairchild—is not he a tricky renegade, or something of that sort? And Dr. Finney—was he not once a Mason, and are not converts sometimes reverts? To think of the scathing that awaits these new persecutors of the *Cynosure* is enough to make one shudder!

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It is just as we prophesied. Down upon the devoted head of the president of Oberlin comes the cudgel of the president of Wheaton. So deep is the indignation of Dr. Blanchard at the apostacy of President Finney that his own words, though not generally erring on the score of mildness, are wholly inadequate for his purpose, and he drops into quotation after this fashion:

"Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fail from among the children of men."—*King David*.

"Few rare and worthy men continue such unto the end; therefore let no man trust in man."—*John Rogers*.

Having thus found vent for a portion of his feelings, Dr. Blanchard thus inquires and exclaims:

"Who would or could have imagined that Prof. Finney would have fraternized with a convention whose secretary and a fair share of its members he would not believe under oath? Only think of his sitting with them, suffering himself to be applauded by them, and, though forewarned, and his attention directed to the subject, coming away without uttering one word or note of warning against the lodge!"

The Doctor next proceeds to catechise *The Independent*. He wants us to read his deliverances in the *Cynosure*, and then to tell him wherein his opinions differ from ours. That will not take long. Dr. Blanchard regards secret societies as the worst evil in the world. We do not. He believes that those who belong to these societies should be excluded from Christian fellowship. We do not. He thinks it his duty to drag this hobby of his into every assembly of Christians, where he can get a footing, and to ride rough-shod over the consciences of his brethren,