

shown while here, were carried on that day. Fraternally,

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In a case built in the wall of the Lodge room is this Masonic apron, and its history is told by a card attached thereto :

"This sash and apron are the handiwork of Mrs. General Lafayette, were presented to our worthy brother, George Washington, by Lafayette, when he visited Mount Vernon, in 1784. They were presented to Lodge 22 by Major Lawrence Lewis, June the 13th, 1812, with the box made in France. The apron and sash were worn at the laying of the corner-stone at Yorktown, by the Grand Master of Virginia, and at the dedication of the Washington monument."

The apron is white satin with diamonds and rubies set in the embroidered emblems of the Craft in the center. There are a few men who, although they have received the degrees of Freemasonry, have never been brought to light. The refulgent rays of light and knowledge have often spent their force on them in vain. But every Free and accepted Mason who has had the light to penetrate his soul, should he visit the National Capitol, should by all means avail himself of the opportunity to visit this sacred retreat of friendship and brotherly love. We are sure that all pains would be taken by the members of that Lodge to show and explain to them the many objects of interest connected with that Lodge. They will come away with a higher appreciation of their beloved Order, which has been so often honored by king, president, prince, peasant and potentate from time immemorial ; that the shrine where lessons of charity and brotherly love are inculcated should ever be held sacred, and they would feel like exclaiming : "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity !" — *Masonic Advocate*.

TOBACCOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—A semi-masonic society of the last century,

with four degrees. The symbolism of the tobacco-plant formed the basis of moral instruction. The catichisms of this curious society are still extant.—*Notes and Queries*.

The incessant attacks of the last two Popes upon "Freemasons" as the most malicious and powerful foes of the Roman Catholic Church have had a strange effect upon the agricultural folk in some countries. In Elsass, for instance, the simple "Bauer" has not the slightest notion what a Freemason is ; but he is supposed to be in league with Satan, and consequently in the temporary possession of mysterious powers over nature. This fact came to light in the trial of the "Sorceress Otilie," a widow Stehli, who has just been condemned at Strasburg to three years' imprisonment and a fine of 1,800 marks for cheating several credulous peasants out of their money. One silly fellow was duped out of 500 marks. Her excuse to her client was that she had herself to pay extravagant fees to "three gentlemen of Basel, named Petri, Jean, and Weber," who were "mighty Freemasons," and as such had the command of extraordinary magical powers. Although she had been able "to give commands to the Devil for sixteen years," her wit was obstructed by the "drei Baseler Herren, who could only be induced to withdraw their opposition by large bribes. The oldest thing was the evidence that the sorceress had to keep on good terms with Heaven and Hell at the same time. She had demanded from her clients sums of nine marks, twelve marks, and fifteen marks for "special Masses," as well as larger sums for the bribery of Satan's allies, the Freemasons. She was imprisoned in 1882 for similar extortions.—*Westminster Gazette*.

Are they Freemasons? The Vienna correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," writing on the subject of "Life in Macedonia" says there is a curious custom existing among the Macedonians which is called *Pobratinstvo* or