

"HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN MARYLAND," is the title of a very interesting book by Edward T. Schultz, 92°. This is No. 1, containing the History of Masonry in Maryland during the colonial times and up to June 19th, 1883. As a good deal of information is given concerning the early history of the Craft in America, the work will prove of great value to Masonic students. Price 50c.

OUR Apostolic brother, Leo XIII, is again in a bushel of trouble, and "all on account of"—Masonry. From a telegram from Rome to the New York *Herald*, dated August 13th, we learn that the Vatican has been surprised to learn that Alphonso, King of Spain, is a Freemason! This, if true, (and we have no reason to doubt it), is certainly rather rough on Bro. Leo, but if he had full returns in from all his constituencies, we rather think he would be the object of a large number of surprises of the same kind. If we might be permitted to give his holiness a word of advice, it would be this: lay aside the unfounded prejudices you now hold, investigate for yourself, and when you have found—as you certainly would—that you had been imposed on, send in your petition for membership, and become a member of the most noble institution—next to the church—in the world.—*Exchange*.

A DISTINGUISHED brother courteously sends us clippings from exchanges, for which thanks. Will he kindly inform us, why "seventeen former members of Ohio Grand Consistory" were "excommunicated?" What was the "direct violation of the vow of fealty?" and what "defiant affiliations with an irregular body not recognized by the A. & A. Rite of Ohio?" In a word, what is "that muddle at Columbus?" Will our correspondent, *Masonic Review* or *Masonic Chronicle*, explain? We expect it is some of Carson's work, which is ever Ritism against Masonry. Masonic despotism and tyranny against Masonic liberality,

equality, and truth. It is time such disgraceful outrages, worthy of the dark days of the inquisition, were stamped out, and that Master Masons took these matters in hand and branded with the mark of the coward and Masonic assassin men, who, having high-sounding titles of questionable character, dare to attach the stigma of "excommunication," "suspension," or "expulsion," upon a brother Master Mason.

It is a terrible thing to think that the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and the Supreme Grand Council of Canada, A. & A. S. R., 99°, and the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada, are illegally constituted Masonic Bodies. It is awful that our leading Masons should countenance such and decline to bend the knee to Moloch, and dare to practise their mysteries in Quebec, without authority of the local legislature of that Province. The *London Freemason* will explain the danger we are in.

THE *London Freemason* says;—"The Royal Arch degree is simply an English grade,"—a distinctly English part and parcel of Freemasonry unknown and unpractised in those countries whose people do not speak the Anglo-Saxon tongue. We have long held this view and pointed out that it is far from being as universal a grade as many others practised on this continent. As a principal part, however, of the English rite, we advise all Master Masons to take it when opportunity offers. It is a beautiful and impressive ceremonial, forming a fitting sequella to the Master Mason's degree.

"ARE THERE ANY KENTUCKIANS PRESENT?"—At the last re-union of the A. & A. S. Rite, at Cincinnati, one of the Ill. brethren asked, "Are there any Kentuckians present?" meaning that a cork-screw was in demand. Thirteen gentlemen from this side of the river, without further hint or question, commenced investigating the depth of thirteen pockets, and thirteen hands were