

Pennsylvania, upon the subject. It is advisable for them to fall into line.

The Grand Lodge of Utah declares that any Mason who avows the doctrines of Mormonism or practices polygamy, in violation of the laws of the United States, as well as the laws of morality and common decency, brings the institution of Masonry into disrepute. The report disavows any intention to interfere with any brother's religious belief.

We are pleased to learn, from a private communication, that the difficulties in Rehoboam Lodge, Toronto, have been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned, and that the investigation held by authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, instead of being entirely a "whitewashing" one, terminated in a way that pleased every one. The utmost harmony, we are informed, now prevails amongst the members. This is as it should be.

A new lodge called "El Salam" (public good), has been installed at Cairo by delegates from the Grand Orient of Italy, to which the new lodge owes its creation. It is composed of Arabs previously initiated by the Italian Lodge Il Nilo (the Nile). Besides this lodge, the G. O. of Italy has in Egypt, the Lodge Mazzone, at Cairo; two lodges, Severa and Nuova Pompeja, with a chapter and conclave at Alexandria, and a lodge, la Fraternita, at Mansourah.

ELOHIM.—Our correspondent who seeks to know why the name is applied to the Deity in the Apprentice Degree of the Scottish Rite, will find its just application in the fact that the first degree of Masonry relates to "creation" in its manifold capacity. Elohim is an expression throughout the first chapter of Genesis applied to God, because it signifies the Divine Omnipotence, the Source of all Power, the "Power of all Powers," which was alone active in the creation. After creation a different name is applied to

the Supreme Being of all, as Providence then intervenes, the which could not have been active until the world or universe had been created by Elohim. Thus, in the Second, or Fellow-Craft, Degree, the Presidential name proper takes its place—*Hebrew Leader*.

We learn from the "Masonic Review" that the fanaticism which is persecuting the Israelites is now awakened also in some quarters against the Freemasons. For example, the journal called the "Vaterland," of Bavaria, recently published a list of some of the founders and functionaries of the Craft, and such malice was awakened that the Masons were obliged to retire from their lodges under pain of being deprived of their livelihood. One of them was even excommunicated, and as a consequence lost his means of earning a living.

Medieval Masonic Lodges were opened with impressive ceremonies, and observed a certain degree of careful formality. When the craftsmen were called to labor, a signal sounded. It was enacted by the Torgau law (Ordinances of Stonemasons, A. D. 1462), that "the Master should give three knocks, a Pallirer (Warden) two, consecutively, and in case the Craft at large were imperatively demanded, one blow must be struck, morning, mid-day, or at eventide." This was claimed to be in accordance with the ancient usages of the country. Exactly similar signals were appropriately given when the lodge closed. From this it is evident that as early as the year 1462, the Operative Masons followed an old custom in opening and closing their labors with distinctive knocks.

The *Citizen*, following the example of the *Daily Telegraph* we quoted last week, has deposed the Prince of Wales from his position as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, and announced the installation of the Lord Mayor. Now we have the greatest admiration for our brother the Lord