

acknowledgement of his services to the Craft. The story, as might be expected, turns out to be mere fabrication. The absurdity of such a thing is seen in the fact that the Marquis left the Order; that is, turned his back upon it to become a religious pervert; then, how in the name of sense could Masons do anything so foolish, as to make an emblematic present to one who thought so little of his position of Grand Master as to abandon it in the way he did? This imaginary present, said to be already prepared, is marked by numerous symbolisms of Masonry, just as if the Marquis would care to have anything now to remind him of what he had been before he entered the bosom of the Roman Catholic Church. It is to be regretted that Masons are found who will endeavor to delude their brethren and the public generally with such apocryphal reports as the one in question.

WE regret that some typographical errors occurred in the paper on "The United Orders of the Temple and of Malta" in the CRAFTSMAN for March. The sentence, "Hence by their templar and spiritual power," should read, "the temporal, etc.," and "Haut or Hautes Grades," should be "Hautes Grades."

AN opponent of Masonry has turned up in the person of Lord Montagu, M. P. for Westmeath, Ireland, and he is about to take a singular way of showing his opposition. A London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* says:

"Lord Robert Montagu is preparing to spring a mine upon several exalted persons, one of whom is unconsciously helping the right hon. member to that end. By an Act passed early in the present reign, Freemason lodges and societies of a similar kind in Ireland are exempted on two conditions from the penalties provided by an earlier statute against all secret societies. The conditions are simply that an annual list of each society's officers and members should be furnished to Clerks of the Peace; but several of those now existing having failed to do this, every member thereof is guilty of felony. For this he is subject to transportation by the strict interpretation of the law, and the returns on the subject which Lord Robert Montagu has obtained from the Chief Secretary for Ireland will show that among these incriminated offending societies is the Grand Lodge, of which the Prince of Wales, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Chief Secretary himself are members."

A DRAMATIC entertainment under Masonic auspices, is to be given in New York, in aid of the fund for the dedication of the new Temple. Why should theatricals be patronized and not a ball? Our United States brethren seem to see a difference between a ball got up for the purpose of gratifying members and their friends, and an entertainment for the purpose of raising funds to aid Masonic designs.

THE new Masonic Temple in New York is to be dedicated on Wednesday, June 2nd, with imposing ceremonies, and is expected to attract a greater number of Masons than ever gathered together before in America. A majority of the Grand Masters of the various States have signified their intention of being present, and many of the heads of the Craft of foreign jurisdictions will be there. The procession, numbering, it is believed, 40,000 Masons, is to be in twenty divisions. Master Masons are to wear black clothing, high black hats, white gloves and aprons. In addition to the usual forms observed on such occasions, the Grand Master of New York is to deliver an address, to be followed by a grand oration. A grand banquet is to be given in the evening, tickets \$10 each. There will be a grand tournament of Knight's Templar in the Hippodrome, most of them to be mounted in the procession.

MR. GREAME M. WILSON, eldest son of the late Grand Master, has been elected Prosecuting Attorney of Bay City, Michigan. The brethren of this jurisdiction and the friends of our lamented Grand Master generally, will be pleased to hear of this mark of esteem conferred upon one so worthy.

THE St. Louis *Freemason*, which we supposed had gone to the shades of oblivion, has given us quite an agreeable surprise, by appearing in a double