

by persons who have sought and obtained the Fellowship of the Fraternity. Bad men sometimes conceal their selfish designs so skilfully that the closest scrutiny may fail to unmask them. But the object of Freemasonry to unite and harmonize in a benevolent and honorable work, the best representatives of all theological and governmental opinions, is not the less apparent on this account. And that its influence in this direction has been exceedingly potential and beneficent no one acquainted with the facts of the case will pretend to deny.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

### MASONRY AND DEVIL WORSHIP.

The following article, taken from an exchange, is rather amusing as showing the teaching Catholicism gives its adherents. As common schools would disperse such ignorance, the people must be debarred from sending their children to them. "Let there be light" is not the dogma of the Church:

"Satanism, or the worship of the devil, has by reason of recent developments in the law courts of Paris, been attracting much attention in France. While it may not be generally known, there are many Satanists in America, particularly in the south. There are two entirely different schools of belief among the Satanists. One of these is vividly described in Huysman's hideous novel "La Bas," and the criminal and hysterical rites there told of are well calculated to startle the most hardened student of the cult. The other school is that of the worshippers of Lucifer, who stand upon an entirely different plane.

Satanism seemed an impossible and preposterous nightmare until the fact of its existence was put beyond doubt, and one might say the same of Luciferianism were it not a proved fact that in certain decadent circles nothing, however absurd and morbid, is impossible. The deity in this new variety of diabolism is not the spirit of evil, but

Lucifer, "the star of the morning," typifying, like the Satan of the Italian poet Carducci's famous hymn, human reason, love and aspiration, as opposed to ritual and blind mysticism. Like him, Lucifer is

The lightning flash  
Of the new time  
Shining behind the dark  
Bars of the cloister,

and offering to man, in lieu of abnegation and asceticism, the frank joy in life sung by the ancient Greeks. It is, in fact, a revival, in spirit, of the pagan renaissance.

Differing, however, from a vague cult of Hellenic abstractions, Luciferianism has its personal deity, its constitution, its pope, its churches, its altars, and its rites, which are copied from the ritual of the Roman church. It has its supreme directory at Charleston, South Carolina, its executive committee at Rome, and its administrative at Berlin.

Its ulterior objects are not, as has been thought by some, the mere acquirement of political power, but the de-Christianization of the entire world. The Luciferians claim that they already possess India and China, and that America is in course of conquest, the supreme and decisive battle between the faiths of Christ and Lucifer will—they say—he waged over Europe.

The members of the cult of Lucifer bear the title "Chevaller Kadosh," gained by having been initiated into the secret rites of Misraim and of Memphis. Among them are several women, one of whom lately seceded from the sect, and published a book dealing with her experiences, entitled "Le Diable au Dix-Neuvieme Siecle." More prominent is another, the high priestess of Lucifer, who claims to be the great-grandmother of the future anti-Christ.

"The number of popes"—she proclaims—"of Adonai (the Hebrew name which we translate as 'The Lord') is, according to the prophets, limited. At the age of thirty-three I shall be the mother of a daughter, who, herself, at thirty-three, will give to the