

sinewy arms, begrimed and sweaty brow, blue and honest eye, modest and loving face; they compelled him to receive sufficient funds to purchase a horse and bear him home; and it is needless to add, their loan was promptly returned to them so soon as he touched Georgia soil.—*Jewel.*

THE CRUSADE inaugurated by the fanatical Blanchard, Finney & Co., to uproot, destroy, and obliterate Freemasonry, is being pushed with great vigor. Prof. Finney, we understand, has consecrated the residue of his life to the destruction of the Order, and expects to raise a *typhoom* before which the fraternity will be scattered like chaff before the whirlwind.

Petitions have been poured into the General Conference of the M. E. Church, lately in session, asking that ministers who are Masons be required to withdraw from "the unholy, unchristian, and idolatrous society." Many of the members of that body are Masons, and the language used by the petitioners was a gross and deliberate insult to them. Such petitions should have been thrown out of doors, and a rebuke administered to those who presented them.

The Conference seems to have appreciated the impertinence, for two, at least, of the just elected Bishops are Masons—one of whom, we believe is Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. We congratulate Brother Harris upon his promotion, and we feel confident that, as a Christian Bishop, he will so demean himself as to put to silence the vain babblings of foolish, conceited and super-religious fanatics.

A meeting of these modern apostles of anti-secrecy was held recently at Oberlin, with a view of nominating candidates for President and Vice-President. They will hardly be elected, and there is no danger to be anticipated from that cause. An effort has been made to induce a prominent clergyman of this city, who has long been a Mason, to withdraw from and abjure the Order, but he thinks it is too late in life to begin such a course.

But the storm so long invoked has not yet come; the only sound we hear is the rattle of babbling tongues and vehement anathemas. "A little more grape," Messrs. Blanchard and Finney, but be careful you don't land in an asylum for the insane.—*Review.*

ILLINOIS.—There are now 682 lodges in Illinois—a larger number, we believe, than in any other State. In giving the list of lodges, the Grand Secretary has added the time of meeting of each—a plan that all other Grand Secretaries ought to adopt forthwith. They have a system of District Deputy Grand Masters in Illinois, which appears to work well. It provides a closer supervision of the subordinate lodges, by the highest authority, that has an excellent influence. In such large jurisdictions it is impossible for the Grand Master, if he were to devote all his time to the work, to visit even half the lodges; but by dividing the State into Districts of reasonable size, and appointing a Deputy for each, all the lodges can be personally visited; and the Grand Master, receiving detailed reports from these Deputies, is thus kept fully advised as to the condition and needs of the Order in his Jurisdiction.

The total membership in the State is reported at 36,593; initiations last year, 3,170; rejections, 1,382.—*Review.*