

bers of the craft elsewhere may have the means of refuting the false and specious pretensions of these would-be "Grand officers," who may be described as representing an "incorporated" fraud.

Altogether the "Missionaries" have not had a very pleasant time in Port Hope, and we think we have laid the foundation for a warm reception of them elsewhere, for we have sent the following circular to all the Lodges east of here:—

Office of THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN,  
Port Hope, July 3rd, 1880.

To the Secretary — Lodge.

DEAR SIR & BRO.—I consider it my duty to warn you that two persons claiming to represent the defunct bogus Grand Lodge of Ontario, are travelling through this section of the Province, and establishing "Lodges" wherever they can secure a sufficient number of dupes to join them.

They are Francis Westlake, of London, an expelled member of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who styles himself "Grand Lecturer," and S. Bean, of Toronto, who professes to be "Grand Junior Warden."

You will do well to watch for these men, and warn the public against them, should they make their appearance within the jurisdiction of your Lodge. I am,

Yours Fraternaly,

J. B. TRAYES, P.D.D.G.M.

### Masonic Correspondence.

*We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.*

### The Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada.

ORILLI, June 17th, 1880.

To the Editor of THE CRAFTSMAN.

DEAR SIR & BRO.—As my letter in re the expelled Mason Burt, which appeared in the CRAFTSMAN, and was copied into the *Advertiser*, has called forth a reply from a brother signing himself "W. D. McCloghlon, 95°, N. W. Jessie Chapter, sitting in the Valley of London," in which the writer attempts to impugn the legality of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada, I propose to give him certain data, which, I presume, he even will admit are unanswerable. His claims as to the regularly organized body at Chicago, I will also touch upon, as said body is *illegitimate*.

The Rite of Memphis of 96 degrees, was first publicly inaugurated at Paris, France, 7th July, 1838, by Marconis de Negre, 97°, Grand Hierophante. The Rite was established in New York by Marconis de Negre in person, Nov. 9, 1856, under the title of A Supreme Council, 90°, at the head

of which was placed Ill. Bro. John Mitchell, 95°. March 1, 1857, Marconis de Negre organized in New York a Sovereign Grand Council, 94°, with Ill. Bro. David McLellan, 96°, as Sov. Grand Master. In 1861, Bros. John Mitchell and David McLellan resigned all jurisdiction over the Rite, (they being about to proceed to the seat of war, in which Bro. Mitchell lost his life) in favor of Ill. Bro. Harry J. Seymour, 96°, who succeeded as Grand Master. In Sept. 3, 1862, H. J. Seymour received a Charter from M. de Negre, 97°, constituting the Sovereign Sanctuary of America, of the Rite of Memphis, 96°, with Supreme and Independent powers, and appointing him (H. J. Seymour, 96°) the Sov. Grand Master General. This Charter was registered as number 28,911, in the Great Book of Seals of the Grand Orient of France, and was vised by the Grand Officers, and the seals of the Grand Orient attached. Marconis de Negre died in Paris, 21st Nov., 1868. In 1862, the Rite of Memphis of 96° was reduced and condensed to 33°, and has since that time been known as the "Ancient and Primitive Rite" of 33°. This reduction and condensation was made by the Supreme power of the Rite in France, and was concurred in and approved by the members of the Rite in America, the 33° of the Ancient and Primitive being, in fact, the 96° of the Rite of Memphis. On 8th June, 1874, H. J. Seymour, 33°, 96°, resigned the Grand Mastership, and was succeeded by Bro. Alex. B. Mott, M.D., who since that time, and at present, holds the position of Sov. Grand Master General. On March 31st, 1876, the Rite was introduced into Canada, a Charter for a "Mystic Temple," 30°, being granted to 12 brethren in Maitland, Ont., by Dr. Mott and the Sov. Sanctuary of America, three of the twelve being constituted members of the 33°. By virtue of the powers granted to the Mystic Temple, a Rose Croix Chapter, 4° to 11°, a Senate of Hermetic Philosophes, 12° to 20°, and a Grand Council of Perfect Pontiffs, 21° to 30°, were soon after constituted, also at Maitland. The members of the Rite in Canada, not approving of remaining longer under a foreign Jurisdiction, held a general Convention on 6th Dec., 1877, and then formed a Sovereign Sanctuary for the Dominion of Canada, with supreme and independent Jurisdiction, receiving a Charter for that purpose from the three thirty-thirds (who were also ninety-sixths), originally created by the Sov. Sanc. of America, by this course following the precedent of both the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Canada. Bro. Geo. C. Longley, 30°, 90°, 96°, was elected Sov. Gr. Master General, and continues in that position to the present time. The Rite of Mizraim, 90°, and authority to work and use the discarded degrees of the Rite of Memphis, 96°, were