

they tried to establish a society, taking Solomon as an exponent of wisdom. It was encouraged by the court of James I., and his successor, Charles I., until the revolution broke out. Then the royalists, after the death of Charles I., reorganised their society for religious and political motives—the religion for the re-establishment of the church, the politics for the restoration of the monarchy. Next they invented what is called the legend of the third degree. Hiram Abiff was the murdered monarch. Hiram, the King of Tyre, was the King of France. Solomon was the church. Hiram's three assassins were the three kingdoms: England, Scotland and Ireland.

The Masons of that day, who were the conspirators—the Jacobites—were necessarily a secret society. They called themselves, as the Masons of the European continent do to the present day, the Sons of the Widow, inasmuch as the King had been beheaded and his son had not been recognised. After the restoration the leading men of the movement formed the Royal Society, which exists to the present day, and they openly continued the work of the house of Solomon. The Jacobites in France continued their benevolent organisation. In England, immediately after the Restoration, a number of those who had previously affiliated conjoined with a guild of so-called operative Masons, a body of freemen of London, meeting in Masons' Lane. They then became free and accepted Masons. In 1717 there appeared to be four Lodges in London. They met in the Apple-tree Tavern, placed the oldest Mason in the chair, and proceeded to organise a Grand Lodge, electing Sir Christopher Wren Grand Master. From that body originated all the Masonic Lodges at present known to be in existence.—*Notes and Queries.*

Don't use Masonry as a covering, under which you can take advantage of a brother. The cloven hoof will soon be discovered, and then you will despise yourself.

OBITUARY.

BRO. GEORGE NEWMAN.

This respected brother died at his residence, in London, England, on Monday, the 4th ultimo. Bro. Newman was a Past Master of the William Preston and Lion and Lamb Lodges; a P.Z. and founder of the William Preston Chapter; a P.M. of St. Mark's Mark Lodge; and a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities. The funeral took place on the 11th ultimo, at East Finchley Cemetery, and was largely attended by members of the Masonic Order, among whom were Bro. William Worrell, P.M., and Secretary 766, E. Kidman, P.M. 766, and F. G. Barnes, S.W. 766. A very handsome wreath of flowers was laid on the coffin, "in affectionate remembrance, from the brethren of the William Preston Lodge."

BRO. JAMES DAVIDSON.

Died on Sunday, March 10th, 1889, at Chelsea, Detroit, Mr. James Davidson, aged 86 years. The funeral was held at his late residence, and was largely attended by relatives and friends. The F. & A.M., of which he had been a faithful member, took charge of the funeral and he was buried with Masonic honors.

BRO. GABRIEL M'ALLAN.

The remains of the late Mr. Gabriel M'Allan, who for many years carried on a most successful joinery business at Red House, Loch Lomond side, were interred in the Alexandria Cemetery, Lower Egypt, recently. Deceased having been an enthusiastic Freemason, the brethren of the Bonhill Lodge and Alexandria Chapter and the Bonhill Instrumental Band turned out in large numbers. Bro W.E. Gilmour, R.W.M., officiated at the lodge and at the grave. The burial service was read by the Chaplain, Bre. James Mushet.

BRO. CHARLES WOODHEAD.

Word has been received from Port Dover that Bro. Charles Woodhead, a member of New Dominion Lodge, No.