

most of the lodges were under English Registry. We have not learned that any of them were disciplined in any manner for the public display, even if the exhibition was un-English. This provokes the enquiry: did the brethren in 1853 act without authority or precedent; or did they follow a custom already established, by fact or tradition?—*Boston Lib. Freemason.*

WELLINGTON AS A MASON.—It is recorded that the Duke of Wellington was initiated at the close of the last century, in lodge No. 494, on the Registry of Ireland. Lord Combermere, speaking of the Duke of Macclesfield, in 1852, said,—“Often, when in Spain, where Masonry was prohibited, he (Wellington) regretted . . . that his military duties had prevented him taking the active part his feelings dictated.” There is also a record, in which the Duke declined to sanction the naming of a lodge after him, “inasmuch as he never was inside any lodge since the day he was made;” yet, shortly before he died, he lost all recollection of ever having been initiated at all. He was a remarkable man; but there is nothing in his case that might not happen to any one. It is true, the rite of initiation into Freemasonry is a very solemn ceremony, and calculated to strike the mind with great force. That the Duke felt the solemnity of the occasion, there can be no doubt; that he subsequently desired a better acquaintance with the craft, is equally true. Admitting this, it is not impossible to understand the first impressions gained in an experience, it may be of half an hour, might in the lapse of years entirely vanish from the mind. Cases of this kind have been known.—*London Freemasons' Chronicle.*

WHAT MASONRY ENJOINS.—“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God.” Masonry enjoins it. To Him her temples are erected. Without an abiding trust in Him the bright Temple of Masonry must be forever shut. He

who has not this must pause at the outer door—his footsteps can never resound in her halls. “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” He who neglects this is no Mason. Cover him with the gorgeous paraphernalia of our fraternity, place him on the topmost pinnacle of our column, if his heart is not filled with this, he is no Mason. In vain would all our learning and traditions and mysteries flow from his tongue, glibly as oil, if, in his heart of hearts, he is not imbued with this principle.—*Bro. Geo. Reynolds.*

BRO. WM. JAMES HUGHAN, the well-known Masonic archæologist, has promised a lecture to the members of the St. Aubyn Lodge, No. 954, Devonport, England, on the “Connecting Links Between Ancient and Modern Freemasonry.” A collection is to be made on behalf of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, the whole of the proceeds of which will be devoted to that excellent institution. This will make the seventh lecture delivered in Devon by Bro. Hughan, and at each meeting not less than five guineas have been obtained, thus giving each entertaining lodge five votes for twenty years.—*London Freemason.*

The Masonic supper and ball given by Brock Lodge, No. 354, G. R. C., Cannington, on the evening of the 21st, was an unqualified success. The supper was served by J. E. Smith, of the Queen's Hotel, in his best style. Dancing was kept up till the “wee sma' hours,” and the craft and their friends greatly enjoyed themselves. A local paper says of it:—“Always the social event of the year, and the success that again attended it on Thursday evening last, must be very gratifying to the promoters. There were between eighty and one hundred guests present. Both supper and music were all that could be desired, the company marking their appreciation by tripping the ‘light fantastic’ until 8 a. m. ‘The belle of the ball’ was—well, our girl, and we were there—‘nuff said.’”