

sowing strife and bitterness. We do not. We have no doubt of the purity of his motives; nevertheless, we regard his conduct as most unwise and injurious. And we are very glad that his brethren at Oberlin thought so too, and made a bonfire of his firebrands outside the council.

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#### INTERESTING MASONIC RELIC.

Lt.-Col. W. Lacey, late of the 46th Regt., has just sent to the Secretary of Antiquity Lodge, Montreal, a most interesting Masonic relic, being *fac simile* pages of the Bible, belonging to Lodge, No. 227, under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and called the Lodge of Social and Military Virtues, whose warrant afterwards passed into the hands of Antiquity Lodge of the Grand Register of Canada. The Bible bears date 1712, and it contains on its pages, some most interesting relics, of lodge, and of persons connected with it; and it is said to have been that on which Washington received a degree of masonry. During the war of independence, it was taken by the enemy, and was returned under a flag of truce; it was afterwards taken by the French in their attack on the island of Dominica, together with the lodge jewels and mess plate of the officers, who returned it with the lodge jewels under a flag of truce, keeping the mess plate. The bible has had a most eventful record, travelling with the regiment into all quarters of the world, and sharing its vicissitudes. Colonel Lacey has been at the pains to have *fac similes* printed of some of the prayers, and of all the records in the original verse writing, and bound in blue, with the title, "Masonic Bible of the 46th Regiment." We congratulate the brethren of Antiquity Lodge upon the possession of so curious and valuable a relic.—*Gazette*.

In Austria proper, Masonry has been long under the ban, while in the kingdom of Hungary, of which the Emperor of Austria is King, a flourishing Grand Lodge is in existence. A recent attempt to obtain permission of the Government to establish a Lodge at Vienna met with a refusal, or what is tantamount to a refusal, as related thusly:

"A deputation composed of a Catholic, a Protestant and a Jew waited upon Home Minister M. von Lasser, to request his permission to the establishment of a new Freemason's Lodge. M. von Lasser gave a very unfavorable reply, and though the request was allowed to go through the appointed stages, it is not likely to be conceded. Government refuses to grant a license to a new Lodge, without the stipulation that a police officer shall be present at all the proceedings."

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There are in the United States over eight thousand Lodges, with a membership of about five hundred and eighteen thousand members; showing that the growth of Masonry in this country has been surprising many of its friends. The State of New York has the largest number of the craft, 77,079; Illinois next, 36,250; Pennsylvania, 33,228; Ohio, 24,087; Indiana, 23,308; Michigan, 22,172; Kentucky, 20,338. The small State of Connecticut has 14,072; and also the largest number, to any one Lodge, of any Lodge in the country, 688, while New York comes next, 561; and California next, 429. Such a growth speaks well for the craft; for if the institution was as bad as its enemies would like to