

known rule of calculation April 16 is erroneous.

The whole matter is explained by this, the tables in the Prayer Book are incorrect. The Julian year by which the prayer book is calculated exceeds the solar year by which almanacs are made, nearly one day in one hundred years, and at the expiration of this century the golden number in the prayer book must be moved forward one day to repair the error. Assuming the prayer book correct or nearly so, at the beginning of this century, it is now wrong by at least 12 hours, and the full moon falling nearer than usual to the dividing line, the prayer book missed the canonical Easter by one week.

According to Teinard and others, Christ was crucified on the 3rd of April at or near 9 o'clock a. m.; darkness was over the land from 12 to 3 o'clock; he died a little after three and was taken from the cross before 5 o'clock; he lay in the tomb during the 4th of April, and arose on the morning of the 5th. Hence Easter on the 9th is four days beyond the true anniversary, and the 16th is still worse.

B. CRAVEN.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.—The Twenty Third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania will be held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia on Tuesday, May 30, 1876, at 8 o'clock, p. m. Full Templar Uniform. The Reunion of Knights Templar under the auspices of this Grand Commandery, will take place during the Conclave. The Grand Parade on Thursday, June 1, 1876, at 8 a. m. Installation of Grand Officers in the American Academy of Music at 3 p. m. Reception and Promenade Concert at American Academy of Music and Horticultural Hall, in the evening of Thursday, June 1st.

KEROSENE A CURE FOR SNAKE BITES.—The Aberdeen (Miss) *Examiner* says that kerosene oil is an effective antidote for the bite of a snake when applied externally. It says that a little child of Mr. C. M. Jones was bitten by a highland moccasin and perfect relief and cure was obtained by application of this oil. It further says that a valuable dog was bitten by a cotton mouth, and was in a dying condition when the first external application of the oil was made, but obtained instant relief, and was up and running about in two or three hours.

Gardeners should attend to the following rules in making flower beds: Avoid placing rose colored plants next to scarlet, orange or violet. Do not place orange next to yellow, or blue next to violet. White relieves any color, but do not place it next to yellow. Orange goes well with blue, and yellow with violet. Rose color and purple always go well together.

There was a two hundred and fifty thousand dollar fire in Baltimore on Sunday afternoon. It broke out in the large drug house of W. H. Brown & Bro. The origin is supposed from combustion. Two-thirds value of the stock only was covered by insurance. At one time it was thought the fire would spread to other blocks, but prompt attention of the firemen kept the flames subdued. About five years ago this same firm was similarly burned out at the same place.

Landlords, look out for a swindler by the name of J. P. Billings, hailing from Meadville, Pa. He represents W. S. Luther & Co., engaged in the manufacture of Luther's canvas front pictures. He left last night for parts unknown. Hotel bill unpaid.

C. S. Brown, National Hotel.

"More Light."

"Must a Lodge Be Opened For the Installation of its Officers?"

GEO. FRANK GOULEY IN VOICE OF MASONRY.

In the March VOICE, page 171, Bro. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND replies to our former article under this head and commences by saying:

"I am not sure that I understand Bro. GOULEY'S remarks upon this question. Does he mean that it is a departure from the universal law and usage to install officers in open Lodge? I so understand him."

In reply to his question, we must plainly say that our esteemed Brother has entirely misunderstood us, for we never said anything of the kind, and as his whole argument is based upon his misunderstanding of the case, and therefore, upon a wrong premise, it would be ungenerous to reply to his article in *extenso*, especially that part relating to Grand Lodges, as we did not refer to them at all.

We also agree with him that if an installation is held in open Lodge that the lodge is tyled as on other occasions, else it ceases to be a lodge. We also agree that the words, "this lodge" as used in the Monitors is correct, so also is the term "the lodge." We cannot agree that conferring degrees is an *executive* duty, for it may be performed by any well skilled workman in the presence and by the authority of the Worshipful Master, but who ever heard of a Junior Warden installing a Worshipful Master elect, in the presence and by the authority of the outgoing Master? We answer, nobody. Conferring degrees is a "lodge work," and that work cannot be done without a LODGE, and the ritual requires a certain number of members to be present to do it.

What we did say, and still adhere to without the fear of contradiction is, that there is no law which says that "the LODGE installs the officers." That is an *executive* duty, pure and simple, and because it may be done in open lodge, it is no argument that the lodge has to be opened for that purpose. We hold it to be perfectly proper for a District Deputy Grand Master to install the officers elect of half a dozen lodges in one open lodge, without opening the whole six, or in fact, any of them. He may order all the officers elect to be present, upon invitation of the Worshipful Masters elect, to meet him at such time and place, and there be installed.

Again, we challenge the production of a single record which reads thus: "Jno. Smith, Worshipful Master, Jno. Brown, Senior Warden, Jno. Jones, Junior Warden and other officers were installed BX ORIENTAL LODGE, No. 1." But it is a common thing to say that "John Smith was elected Worshipful Master by *Oriental Lodge, No. 1*," or "the degrees were conferred on John Smith by *Oriental Lodge, No. 1*." We hope our good brother can now see the difference.

Bro. A. F. A. Woodford announces that he has been successful in tracing the Wilson MS., esteemed very valuable to Freemasons, and that he has obtained a transcript thereof, which he will publish in *extenso* in the April number of the London *Masonic Magazine*.

There is a lodge of prudent brethren, in London. There are some American Masons who might be benefitted by association with that kind of a lodge—for example, those who "have no time to read," and those who can afford almost anything, but a subscription to a Masonic periodical.

Varieties.

A four thousand pound boiler was stolen in Albany, N. Y., the other night.

A. T. Stewart, of N. Y., died of inflammation of the bowels on Saturday evening, last.

Thirty-four Governments will be represented at Philadelphia

Mrs. Morgan, Sister of Gen. John Morgan, of Tenn., took laudanum while at a card party and died from its effects.

Benjamin Franklin, though a zealous Mason, had no Masonic funeral, notwithstanding twenty thousand people attended his burying.

The New York *Masonic Chronicle* proposes to change from a monthly to a weekly, if its patrons will so determine by their subscriptions

Boston is fifty-four years old. The city was incorporated in 1822, one hundred and seventy years after the incorporation was first mooted, and one hundred and thirteen after the first failure to incorporate it.

Two new breeds of sheep have been introduced into England from the west coast of South America. One is white woolled sheep, with four horns; the other a dark woolled species, a cross between the llama and the alpaca.

Hon. Richard Vaux, P. G. M. of Masons of Pennsylvania, has accepted the invitation of American Union Lodge, No. 1, of Marietta, Ohio, to deliver the oration at the celebration of its Centennial, on St John the Baptist's Day next, June 24.

St. Paul describes a gentleman when he exhorted the Phillipian Christians: "Whatever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think, of these things."

A cat belonging to Nathan Wilson, of Langdon, recently got upon his bed and waked him by scratching. Thrown off, it immediately returned and renewed its demonstrations until Mr Wilson got up and found the house on fire about the fire place, just in time to save the house and the family.

The first Episcopal Ordination in America took place in 1795, and both the clergymen were zealous Masons, viz., Bishop Samuel Seabury, and the Rev Ashbel Baldwin. The latter was also the first Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and lived to the age of 89 years, having died in 1846.

The Veil de l'Eau Hotel, at Sewell's Point near Norfolk, together with all the furniture and out buildings was burned on Wednesday night last. If it was fully insured the loss is a good one for the stockholders as by a fire alone could they ever have got any of the money invested in it back. As a summer resort it could never become popular on account of its great exposure to the sun.—*Roanoke News*.

March 14th, a Grand Commandery was constituted in Colorado, under a Warrant issued by M. E. Sir James H. Hopkins, Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States. The following are the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery: Sir Henry M. Teller, of Central City, Grand Commander; Sir W. D. Anthony, D. G. C.; Sir J. W. Stanton, E. G.; Sir J. M. Strickler, E. C. G.; Sir W. G. Todd, G. Treasurer; Sir Edw. C. Parmelee, Georgetown, Col., Grand Recorder. The Grand Commandery announces at its outset its laudable desire to form a Masonic Library. Let there be LIGHT!

MASONIC FOLLIES.—1. To think that the more a man eats the fatter and stronger he will grow—that is to say, the more members a Lodge takes in, the more strong and compact it will become. This is a folly ripe and rotten.

2 To believe that the more studies pupils take at school the faster they will learn—that is to say, the more degrees a Mason takes the more Masonry he will know. This is a folly of the loudest sort.

3 To conclude that if exercise is good for the health, the more violent and exhaustive it is the better—that is to say, the more lodge ceremony it can go through the more kindly the placid impulses of Masonry affect the soul. This is a folly broad and deep.

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