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THE LAKE LIGHT.—This is title of a paper, published at Trumansburgh, Thompkins county, by Messrs. PHELPS and BLOOMER. In his last number, MR. PHELPS comes out in honourable and manly style, as follows:—

RENUNCIATION.

Considering secret societies incompatible with the principles and derogatory to the constitution of a free government; living in a land of liberty;—being engaged in conducting a paper devoted to "equality to all;—and having been regularly initiated, passed and raised to the degree of Master Mason, I hereby withdraw myself from any connection with masonic lodges, and renounce the self organized institution of free masonry.—I shall hereafter consider myself at liberty to answer any question relative to the secret, that I may be acquainted with—for in the language of the learned Doctor Paley "an obligation from which a man can discharge himself by his own act, is no obligation at all." "The guilt therefore," if any there be in denouncing the system of speculative masonry "lies in *making* not in *breaking*" the masonic oaths.

W. W. PHELPS.

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