

THE "KU-KLUX KLAN."—This mysterious organization appears to be on the increase throughout the South. Its purposes are subjects of speculation among the Southern papers. Those who are in the secret say nothing about it; and those who are not are evidently much perplexed over the enigma.—The Nashville *Union* of the 6th instant thus describes the doings of the K. K. K. in that locality:

All yesterday rumors were rife on the streets that at half past eleven o'clock of Wednesday night a ghostly cavalcade had made its appearance on the square, simultaneously with a similar parade at Murfreesboro, and daylight of yesterday revealed on a brick wall on the east side of Printer's ally, the following mysteriously awful summons:

ATTENTION, I. O. V.!—Dem, No. 1, March 4th, 1868—Special orders No. 14.—You are hereby commanded to meet in secret conclave to-morrow night (5th), at twelve o'clock. The cock shall crow thrice. The serpent's head shall be crushed. So say you all.

By order of the

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND TURK.

This strange hand writing on the wall created an immense sensation and a sharp lookout was kept last night by the curious. At about midnight a body of thirty horsemen, wearing black masks and dressed in the sombre habiliments of the Ku-Klux made their appearance on Church street, but moved silently along, giving no indications whatever of anything but peaceable intentions. They were at first supposed to be a party of young men out on a nocturnal frolic, but a closer inspection led to a different conclusion. Disappearing shortly after, they were next seen about two o'clock this morning, moving down North Summer street towards the Sulphur Springs, and are supposed to have left town by that route.

We understand the police are to take steps looking to the prevention of another display of the kind, and serious trouble is anticipated between the M. P's. and the mysterious horsemen. There is a corporation law against the wearing of masks, and by the authority of this the Metropolitans will act.