

as the Rose Croix 18° of the A. and A. S. Rite in some jurisdictions which admits Jews and Free Thinkers, &c., is not in reality the Rose Croix at all.

It is to be regretted that when adopting the Templar Order in the United States as one of the Masonic degrees, they should, from motives of expediency, have discarded its principal Land Mark to admit of those Christian Masons who deny the doctrine of the Trinity being received as Templars, this compromise virtually cutting off the entire Order from forming a close alliance, or its members affiliating with other existing bodies of the Order. No one can for a moment doubt that there are numbers of Christian Masons who, although they deny the Trinity, are most estimable members of society and consistent observers of the virtues of Christianity; but the objection still remains, and they cannot properly be considered as true Templars. The society admitting none but members of the Masonic body, and such only as profess themselves to be Trinitarian Christians, it will be at once seen that the organization of the United States Templars is totally different from that of all other jurisdictions, which, until of late years, from the limited intercourse existing between them, was not generally known.

But surely there can be no difficulty in receiving our Brethren of the United States Templars in our Preceptories, with the same cordiality as formerly, although in case of affiliation it will be necessary to comply with the test.

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The Supreme Grand Council of the A.
and A. Rite in Canada.

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I have lately been reading the proceedings of this body for 1878, and am struck with the arrogance that

this mushroom organization, with its ridiculous titles assumes towards the Craft generally. Does the Supreme Grand Council of Canada recollect that it is, properly speaking, *an illegal and unconstitutional body*—that the old constitutions of 1786, which are *unchanged and unchangeable*, and which, according to Ill. Bro. Albert Pike, every member of the Rite is sworn to uphold, declare there shall be only *two* Supreme Grand Councils, 33°, in North America, yet the Canadian one makes a *third*? Now these same constitutions which, so far as Frederick of Prussia is concerned, are generally admitted to be forgeries, the members of the A. & A. Rite are sworn to uphold and maintain, and yet the members of this Supreme Grand Council of Canada deliberately break their vows on this question and then, not content with regulating their own affairs must arrogate to themselves authority over other rites and bodies of Masons, their equals, if not superiors, in every respect.

Let me now run over these proceedings, beginning with the address of that high and mighty potentate, the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Holy Empire—not, by-the-by, the Celestial Empire of China. His address, like everything that emanates from his pen, is chaste, elegant, and erudite, but he finds it necessary to go out of his way to denounce other rites, as legitimate and orthodox as his own. What right has the A. & A. Rite to interfere with the Ancient and Primitive Rite, the Rite of Misraim, or the Rite of Memphis? These Rites are not established on a *forgery* and supported by *broken vows and shattered obligations*. Their members in this country are as enlightened and as intelligent as any Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, of the A. & A. Rite, and that body has neither the *right*, nor *power*, to attempt to denounce any class or body of Masons except those under its own allegiance. This part of the address was referred to a special