

and when reference is made to the Holy Name and prayer offered up to the Throne of Grace, unless all due reverence and deep humility is observed, is but taking the 'Holy Name in vain,'—let us then, my Fratres, 'Be not deceived, God is not mocked.'

As we have freely mutilated the copy of the allocution sent us, will the Colonel please forward another one.

### BRO. PARVIN NOTES A BLUNDER.

R. W. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, in a letter to the editor, says:—"I notice in reading your article 'The Triennial Conclave,' you fall into some errors, one of which is of such grievous magnitude that I venture to correct your statement. You are quite excusable for having made it, as you may find the same historical blunder in the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and adopted at the Triennial of 1886 at St. Louis.

"The Grand Encampment of the U. S. was *not* created, as you and that Committee state, by the Subordinate Encampment named, nor indeed, by any such. On the contrary it was created by the two Grand Encampments of Maine and Rhode Island and New York. All of the Subordinate Encampment you named in your editorial were at that time subordinate or constituent bodies of the two Grand Encampments named, and had united in the formation of the Grand Encampment of Maine and Rhode Island in 1805, and of the Grand Encampment of New York in January, 1814.

"I cannot here elaborate, but courteously refer you to my historical article in the *Voice of Masonry*, for April, 1889, entitled 'Origin of the Grand Encampment of the U. S.' In that article I scattered the cob-webs of sophistry and showed the true origin of the National Body.

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, at the recent 'Triennial Conclave, ac-

knowledgeed the error and in a paper, ordered to be published, gave a true account of its origin, while failing to give me any credit for exposing its errors and bringing the truth to light.

"I beg to refer you to my paper aforesaid, as you have a file of the *Voice*, and may I not ask a republication of at least a part of the same to warn other writers not to fall into the error into which you were betrayed by the untruthful statements officially promulgated regarding the origin of the Great Templar Body. It sprung from the loins of Grand Encampment, (commanderies) derived its constitution and constitutional powers from them and them alone, though it has, year by year, encroached upon the prerogatives of its founders, till they have become only satellites thereto."

We thank our worthy brother for putting THE CRAFTSMAN right, and will attend to his request in a future issue, as too much care cannot be observed in keeping Masonic history within the bounds of truthfulness if it is to be reliable and worthy of study.

### NOT AN ISOLATED CASE.

Those brethren who have the true interests of Masonry at heart and not the selfish motive of everlasting seeking office, will in their hearts admit that the following, taken from the *South African Freemason*, applies to other jurisdictions than the one referred to. The journal alluded to says a letter was received "from a gentleman of high culture and more than average intellectual power, who, whilst writing to give notice of withdrawal of his subscription to this journal, takes care to inform us that he is not prompted to such withdrawal by any dissatisfaction with the paper, but simply because it will be henceforth of no use to him, as he intends forthwith to sever entirely his connection with the Craft. He has been a Mason not many months, certainly under a year. He joined full of