

A SWEET MORSEL.

The (London) *Freemason*, the forlorn hope organ of the "English perpetual Colonial jurisdictionists," has found "a sweet morsel" in Sir Knight E. T. Carson's Ohio Foreign Knights Templar Correspondence Report, in which he sits in judgment on the Great Priory of the Dominion of Canada for claiming and exercising the same rights as the Great Priory of England in unoccupied British territory!

This is what in substance it is,—but Sir Knight Carson is said to be trying to make it appear that the Canadian Sir Knights are "invasionists!"

THE CRAFTSMAN has not only shown that such a statement is without foundation both in law and in fact;—and contrary to 'the dictum of *The Freemason*, we purpose to show that Sir Knight Carson *does not know* whereof he speaks.

In the meantime we ask what means it that *The Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, Ohio, in speaking of Sir Knight Carson's recent Report (so highly praised by the London *Freemason*!) says, among many other like things in it:—

"We miss, most of all, the warmth of knightly zeal, the glow of knightly charity and hospitality, the fervor of fraternal love, the generous culture of the heart, in its best affections and sentiments, which the office of reporter demands. The words of cheer, of courage, and of faith, we miss. The spirit of the page is so often *personal* and *intolerant*, and so often hot to furnace-heat with the pitch and resin of prejudice and bigotry. It is so often discourteous, uncivil, resentful, and even malignant, that, with but little to cheer the reader, and much to weary and annoy him, it has been no easy task to go through with it all."

A MASONIC REGALIA.

A Peculiar Action Now Before the Courts.

An action, the circumstances of which are without a precedent in this district, has just been entered in court.

Stephen J. Thompson, of Longue Pointe, a member of St. George's Lodge, 440, A. F. & A. M., E. R., was suspended from all Masonic privileges by order of the English Deputy District Grand Master W. H. Hutton, and thereby divested of all his rights and powers as a Mason. He left all his regalia consisting of a gold plate, triangle, trowel, scale, compass, sword, pillion, etc., in the Oddfellows' Hall which, it will be remembered, was destroyed by fire last January. A seizure is now placed upon these effects by one Joseph A. Donais, who claims that he purchased them from Mr. Thompson for \$619. The defendants are Messrs. Wm. Maynard and Geo. F. Heywood, both officers of the lodge, and the plaintiff further alleges that they have refused to give them up.

The defendants plead to the action that the plaintiff's allegations are false, that the plaintiff is merely a *prete nom* of Mr. Thompson, and that he is not, and never was, the owner of the effects he wishes to obtain possession of. They were destroyed by fire in January, and Mr. Thompson had left them in the building at his own risk.—*Montreal Star*.

Our valued exchange, *The Master Mason*, in reproducing our recent editorial on the word "Demit," says:—

DEMIT NOT DEMIT.—THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN in its last issue calls the attention of the craft to a distinction with a difference. The point is well taken and should be heeded.

It also reproduces, with due credit, our recent article on the "Masonic Calendar," under the heading "Facts Worth Remembering."