

the body to which he has subscribed; the body itself is bound by the tenor of its warrant of constitution to support the constitution of the body which has given it existence. When the bodies within a certain territorial limit, by their proper representatives, combine to form a governing body, it is by their own free will that they resign their original warrants and accept new ones from the body of their own creation—free-will and accord pervade every portion of the entire Masonic system. In the United States, the 'State Rights' theory has prevailed in Masonry. It is considered in the interest of that peace and harmony that should ever prevail among Masons, that all the bodies located within the limits of a State or Territory should join in the formation of a grand jurisdiction; but in order to properly lay the foundation for the future, present unanimity must prevail, and all the local bodies must take part in the formation of the new body. In this act majorities cannot govern. Coercion is unknown in Masonry. The moment force is used to compel a body to renounce its present allegiance and accept another, Masonry there is no more—discord prevails, and brotherly love gives place to hatred. Perhaps, in the background may be seen the dark shadow of ambition directing the discordant elements."

And the same authorities support my general view upon the nefarious scheme of force, as follows:—"These unfraternal edicts of non-intercourse will accomplish no good to Masonry in Canada or elsewhere, but rather work a great injury to the institution. The Grand Lodge of England cannot withdraw its protection from her children, lawfully begotten, who cry to her for aid; nor will the Convent-General of Scotland disinherit her own progeny who are loyal to her. 'Haste makes waste,' is an old proverb, particularly applicable to the state of affairs in Canada. It would be far better that the governing

powers restrain their towering ambition for a time, and consider the benefits to be derived from the practice of that truly commendable virtue, patience, before resorting to extreme measures. We anxiously await the result of this un-masonic application of the 'boycott' to a pretended Masonic purpose. Exclusive jurisdiction is no part of Masonry itself, and when coercion is used to enforce that theory, the result will be no jurisdiction—Masonry has departed. It is hoped that our American bodies will keep their 'knives' securely sheathed, and if they have aught to say, let it be words of brotherly admonition in the interest of true Freemasonry—harmony and brotherly love."—*Kansas Light*.

So mote it be! May our "big" brethren of the Grand Lodge of Illinois take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.—*Voice of Masonry*.

MASONRY ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.

It is published to the world, upon the very respectable authority of Prof. Lawson, that, in the deadliest of the fight, at Buena Vista, near where McKee, Clay, Vaughn, and Willis fell, a young Kentuckian of the 2nd Infantry, was struggling with unyielding and manly courage to protect the honor of his flag and the bright renown of his gallant State, when, upon a vigorous and overwhelming attack of the enemy, he found all the brave hearts that supported him borne down by the sabres of the Mexicans, and himself cast to the earth, dangerously wounded, whilst a hundred bright lances gleamed above him. In this hopeless situation, when all his comrades had fallen, and the chances of the fight had entirely deserted his cause, he felt justified, by his love of life, to appeal to a sign that is never made to a true Mason without a response.