

shall issue an edict declaring non-intercourse with all Templar bodies meeting in Canada and holding warrants from any authority but this Sovereign Great Priory," and as nearly a year has elapsed I would like to hear from the Grand Master, M. E. Frater Col. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, or Grand Chancellor, R. E. Frater Daniel Spry, as to their action in the matter. I do hope that, because those Fratres are members of the A. & A. S. R., they are not influenced to prevent the action of Great Priory, owing to the hostility of Ill. Bros. J. Lester Peters, 38°, and John V. Ellis, 38°, of St. John, both of whom are strongly opposed to union with the Templars of Canada. I am informed that Bro. Peters in reporting on the subject to his Encampment referred contemptuously to the Great Priory of Canada as a "much christened body" and desired to know "what new disease will next afflict it." Considering that the Grand Master, Provincial Priors of Quebec and New Brunswick, Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer, are 38° Masons, I am justified in asking if there is any treason in the Templar camp, and whether those officials are loyal to the Templar Order, or to the A. & A. S. Rite Masons in New Brunswick. It is really marvellous how these Ancient Scottish Rite fellows seem, by some extraordinary means, to be at all times befiling the wishes of the various Orders, as if their sole aim was to strangle every Rite but the one to which they belong. There is a rapidly growing feeling that sooner or later the several Masonic bodies in Canada will have to form an alliance offensive and defensive, as a protection against the mischievous machinations of members of the Scottish Rite, and when that is done every member of the Rite should be excluded from positions of honor and trust in the craft. Indeed, it might be well to consider whether such a course would not be a wise one even at the present time. Let the Peterses, the Ellises and the rest of

the A. & A. S. Rite men devote their time and their energies to that Rite, if they prefer it to all others; but do not allow them to occupy positions in other branches of Masonry, if they make use of their power to injure any portion of the Masonic family. I am liberal enough to allow every Mason who wishes to go beyond the Blue Lodge, where the only pure and true Masonry is taught, the right to exercise his own judgment; but when those who battle the "high funk" degrees try to injure other Rites, I am prepared to meet the issue squarely.

TEMPLAR.

May 11, 1885.

#### EXTRAORDINARY PROCEEDINGS.

The Regular Meetings of a Lodge called;  
for 7.30 a.m.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTION OF THE W. M.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.

SIR AND BRO.,—I would ask you a few questions bearing upon some recent transactions in King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, of Toronto. The summons issued for April called the lodge for the hour of 7.30 in the morning, and was worded and printed in such a way as to convey the impression that this unusual hour of meeting was simply a typographical error. You will readily understand my meaning on referring to the summons, which I enclose, and which is in the usual form in every way except that "a. m." was substituted for p. m. The meeting was called for the transaction of general business, balloting for candidates for initiation, and also to deal with charges preferred against a member of the lodge. Several members, believing a trick about to be perpetrated, secured admission to the lodge-room before the hour named on the circular (7.30 a. m.), and were present when the necessary number presented themselves to open the lodge, the W. M., I am sorry to say, as