

and all and sundry denounce the Order as though they believed it to be the most dangerous in the land. It is a pity they waste so much time and indignation in abusing something they know nothing about. The fools are certainly not all dead yet.

WE find an important question raised by a correspondent in the January number of the *Voice of Masonry*, on the taking of Chapter degrees abroad. The following is the question :

"We have a member of our lodge here (Kansas) who went on a short trip to Canada and came back a Royal Arch Mason. Would you consider this legal in Missouri ?

And here is the *Voice's* reply :

"No ; nor will it be considered legal in any other State. The Chapter in Canada violated your jurisdictional rights, and the party should not be recognized by your chapters, but the case should be reported to the Grand Chapter of Canada through your Grand High Priest, and thus the matter be amicably settled. As it stands, the man has been irregularly exalted, and has no status outside of the Chapter which did the work."

THERE is a disposition on the part of new Masonic journals to ignore the existence of those which have done the Order some service. The London *Freemason's Chronicle* treats its elder contemporary the *Freemason*, as though it had not battled for the right nearly as long as the CRAFTSMAN. This attempt to despise and lower the older journals is not creditable on the part of the new ones.

THE *Square* must be an odd sort of sheet, to copy from a contemporary one month, and abuse it the next. There is no necessity for putting on so many airs, braggarts have been forced from their unnatural element before the *Square* had an existence. Let it beware.

THAT "fools rush in where angels fear to tread," may be a very trite saying, but it is exceedingly applicable to a New York upstart Masonic periodical, which assumes to know more about Freemasonry than all its *confreres*, notwithstanding its youth and inexperience. It not only lectures ourselves, the *Keystone* and others, but actually points out to the Grand Master of the great State of New York what he should do. We might overlook its impertinence towards the CRAFTSMAN, but it is just as well to remind it that there is such a thing as people minding their own business. We are not aware that it has anything to do with the difference between us and the *Masonic News*. Perhaps, however, we may be mistaken.

COMMENTS ON DR. A. G. MACKEY'S "TEMPLARS OF CANADA."

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WE have read with much pleasure a review by Dr. Mackey, New York, of the address of Col. McLeod Moore, Grand Prior of Canada, in the *Voice of Masonry* for December, 1875. While agreeing with Dr. Mackey in a great deal that he has written, and fully acknowledging his pre-eminent position as a Masonic authority and writer, there are still a few of his comments that appear to us to require explanation, and perhaps correction. He states: "The most important item alluded to, in the address is, that there exists a very strong disposition among the Canada Templars to dis sever their dependency on the Convent General of England, and to establish for themselves a National Great Priory."

This is entirely a mistake. There *never* was, and we are confident never will be, the least desire among the Canadian Templars to dis sever their connection with England and the Convent General ; all that was sought or asked for was this,—that the Dominion of Canada should be erected into a Great Priory, co-equal with those of