

The Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska recently reported as follows :—"That this Grand Lodge expressly declines to enter upon any discussion of the history, use or legitimacy of any bodies claiming to confer what is known as Scottish Rite degrees, or to be committed to the recognition of any such body, or to the recognition of any body conferring any degrees over which this Grand Lodge has no control, as being Masonic, or as being part of Ancient Craft Masonry." The above was, in our opinion, very righteously adopted. The end of this Grand Lodge interference with the higher grades will certainly be disastrous to Freemasonry, as it will undoubtedly result in disruption. The power of Christianity has been terribly lessened by creed or sect warring creed, and so it will be with the Craft.

The CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN is unduly caustic upon the subject of ritual. Well, there is room when the Canadian ritual is the subject of discussion. Our good brother of THE CRAFTSMAN evidently feels a good deal like the fellow who went home with his girl from church one night. As they parted at the gate she said, "Josh, don't you tell anybody you came home with me." "I won't," said Josh, nervously, "I'm as much ashamed of it as you are."—*The Tyler*.—Come off, Bro. Brownlow! We may have made a mistake in going home with the wrong girl, but we do not want to imitate the Chicago man who got divorced from his wife, made another matrimonial venture, and eventually married wife No. 1 again. Was it not a proposal to transact business in the third degree, instead of the first,

that stirred up our bile? Somebody has gone to bed with his boots on.

We have received two pamphlets from Grand Commander Pike, of Washington, one of them being a reply to Brother Haigh's pamphlet, recently noticed in these pages. Bro. Pike, although feeble physical¹, is yet a giant mentally, as he frames an indictment against Bro. H., and then proceeds to demolish him in the most approved adjectival style. What benefits the Craft will receive from the many productions sent forth by the parties to a long-winded and tedious controversy are beyond human ken, as the hurling of vile epithets at each other is neither edifying nor instructive, nor has it a tendency to add dignity to the Masonic institution. Those brethren who have no interest in the unseemly wrangle that exists between the rival bodies might well wonder if the disputants were ever made acquainted with the five points of fellowship.

From South Africa comes the sympathy and positively-expressed opinion that was denied those who needed it by our Grand Master or any of his associate officers, although several of them belong to the lodge referred to. The *South African Freemason* says :—"We learn from the CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN that one of the Canadian lodges has been brought to the verge of ruin by a small knot of contemptible so-called 'brethren' who are blackballing every candidate because one of their number was excluded some time ago on a charge of agnosticism. THE CRAFTSMAN appeals to the 'Grand Lodge to take some energetic action in