

hand, is certain, and we only express the sentiment of the Canadian craft, when we close this imperfect sketch with the words, "God bless the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Canada, M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray."

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THE "MASONIC REVIEW" AND  
BRO. ENOCH CARSON.

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We have been very much amused at the latest ebullition of the Scottish Rite Potentate of Cincinnati, who, with all his ability, force of character, talent and energy, is so childish and thin-skinned as not to be able to bear the least criticism. Every one knows who knows Bro. Carson at all, that he is a remarkably narrow-minded individual; and when we find him rushing into print, paying his back subscription of four years' standing to the *Masonic Review*, because it dares to criticize the illegal and monstrous legislation of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and Grand Commandery of Ohio, and to quote from the *CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN*, which in the eyes of this *quid nunc* is a crime. Now, here are the facts:—

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and Grand Commandery of Ohio are attempting to legislate for sister masonic powers, over which they have no more authority than the High Court of Foresters. The *CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN*, *Masonic Review*, *Freemason* (London, Eng.), *Masonic Advocate*, *Freemasons' Repository*, Corner [Stone, Hebrew Standard, *Masonic Token*, *Freemason* (Sidney, N. S. W.), and other Masonic journals, together with such authorities as Parvin, Morris, Macleod Moore, &c., have denounced this gross outrage upon the inherent rights

of individual masons. Bros. Carson and Drummond, with their ally Pike, cannot bear that any mason should have the least liberty of conscience, and unless he can worship this Trinity (the only trinity, by the bye, in which the two latter believe) they are to be driven out of the pale of masonry, and independent masonic journals that dare expose wrong are to be designated by this Scottish Rite Potentate as "disreputable, dirty masonic publications, assailing the Chapter, Commandery, and Scottish Rite system," and the first reference he gives in proof of this is the *CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN* (page 50), and this is what the *CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN* did say, and is prepared to reiterate:—

"The Ohio Knights Templar have stultified their Templar record by mixing themselves up with Scottish Rite squabbles. Let the Scottish Rites fight their own battles; for the Grand Commandery of Ohio can rest assured that the Templars under its banners will not submit to any dictation as to what masonic or non-masonic degrees they are to take; unless Ohio Templars are mere serfs who will not read and use their own judgments as to which is the legitimate rite in the United States."

And again Sir Knight Carson objects because we dared to say:—

"The Grand Commandery of Ohio holds that a subordinate commandery can revoke a dimit if the party has not used it. The law is bad."

Forsooth, it is coming to a pretty pass if the masonic press of the United States and Canada cannot express an opinion as to an absurd law or a ruling *ultra vires*. If the Grand Commandery of Ohio, or any other Grand Masonic Body can legislate for a sister Sovereign Masonic Body it must pos-