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My great objection to this American degree lies in the O.B., looking upon it as unnecessarily stringent, if not impious, and I therefore never conferred or have taken the O.B. In Ireland and Scotland the O.B. is simply the usual one of secresy, quite sufficient where there is nothing to conceal.

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