

denouncing the Order. We can hardly say, therefore, that we were surprised to find the *Irish Canadian*—a rampant, red-hot concern published in Toronto by a fiery zealot who seems to think that the only way of doing a service to his church is to try and annihilate Freemasonry—joining in the unholy crusade. He has certainly shown his readiness to do the best he can, but he makes a sorry exhibition of himself. In a recent number he took occasion to denounce the commutation of the death sentence on the so-called Dr. Davis, the infamous abortionist, and boldly asserted that Freemasonry was the secret agency by which it was carried out. How the editor of the *Irish Canadian* knows Dr. Davis to be a Freemason is somewhat of a puzzle, unless both are Masons. The mere fact of the man displaying a Masonic emblem on his coat is no proof, and that may be all the *Canadian* has to judge from. We have been informed that Davis belongs to some spurious body calling themselves Masons; at all events, were he a member of the regular Order, he would meet with no sympathy, but on the contrary would be driven from the ranks. That Davis had his life spared on account of being a Freemason, the *Canadian* must know is untrue, since it is patent to everybody that his sentence was commuted in order to secure from him the evidence he has given against Clements. It is astonishing how persistently some people will stick to error. The Masons had about as much to do with saving Davis from the gallows as had the Pope of Rome, who, we judge from the way he denounces Masonry would have no compunctions in hanging every member of the Order, if he had the power. The absurdity of charging the escape of Dr. Davis from hanging upon the Freemasons, is so apparent that the editor of the *Irish Canadian* ought to be ashamed of himself. To make good his assertion he must not only know that Davis is a Mason, but that the Minister of Justice (Mr. Blake,) is one too. There is nothing easier than to jump at conclusions, but this slanderer must be aware that he has no means of satisfying his readers as to whether the one or the other is a Mason. We are getting pretty well used to the calumnies of the papistry, and look upon the *Irish Canadian's* tirade as just so much stuff it had to get rid of by way of raising a sensation which it has so signally failed in doing. Had it not better confine itself in future to preaching more Fenianism?

COLORED MASONRY AGAIN.

THE question of Colored Masonry is looming up somewhat portentously in the United States, and judging from present appearances, our brethren there are likely to have more on their hands than they bargained for. The Grand Lodge of Ohio has thrown down the gauntlet, and challenged discussion on the subject, by the resolutions recently submitted, but which were wisely postponed. It has also sent forth a pamphlet in which it is attempted to be shown that there is nothing else for it but to recognize the colored bodies in existence. From all we have seen in favor of recognition, it is evident that the real point at issue is overlooked, and that is, that there can be no recognition, on the ground that any Colored Masons there may be, have been clandestinely made; and moreover, that as it is contrary to the Constitution for more than one Grand Lodge to exist in a single jurisdiction, therefore the so-called Colored Grand Lodge of Ohio cannot be recognized by the lawful and regularly appointed Grand Lodge.