

*Resolved*,—"That the Sovereign Grand Commander, during the recess of the Supreme Council, take the necessary steps for an exchange of representatives of the Supreme Council of Canada and the Supreme Councils of Mexico and New Granada."

Will the Masons of the Dominion legalize, by their silence and without protest, a resolution which literally endorses the action of the Supreme Council of Mexico in *expelling* brethren because they desire to establish independent Symbolic Lodges, where Freemasonry will be taught and practised in all its beauteous simplicity, without the gorgeous paraphernalia and empty high sounding titles of Scotch Ritism? The above resolution is a *direct insult* to every Grand Lodge in the Dominion, and we fail entirely to understand how *any brother true to his Grand Lodge* could endorse an action that in reality strives to give a *death blow* to Blue Lodge Masonry—a Masonry by-the-by that was hoary with age before such mighty potentates as those of "the Holy Empire" were thought of or dreamed of. Is the Supreme Council of Canada to be recognized as a legitimate Masonic body when it was organized in direct violation of those Constitutions of 1786, which every member of the Rite is *sworn* to uphold and maintain? And admitting it was a legally constituted Masonic Grand Body, should we recognize it as Masonic, when it proposes to exchange representatives with another Supreme body that, according to its own Committee of Foreign Correspondence is *expelling* brethren because they desire to organize symbolic Lodges and practise in all its simplicity the Masonry of our fathers of 1717? Surely this Supreme Grand Council should be a little guarded in its remarks and views; but no Ancient Craft Masonry is too common a thing for it to recognize, so instead of upholding it by its influence, it covertly endeavors to undermine it. This is the body that presumes to dictate to other Rites and falsify their position

by base insinuations and underhand inuendoes—and accuse brethren their equals, if not superiors, of "prostituting Masonry" and being "traffickers in degrees."

May I ask, if the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada, exercising as it does jurisdiction over the Ancient and Primitive Rite of 33°, the Oriental Rite of Misraim of 90°, and the Supreme Rite of Memphis of 96°, ever proposed to send emissaries out into the highways and byways to secure candidates for their mysteries? No. Yet this is what the so-called Supreme Grand Council proposes to do. Is the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada violating any Masonic obligation in working these degrees? No. And yet this mighty Supreme Grand Council of the A. & A. Rite, 33°, is established on Constitutions generally supposed to be forgeries, so far as Frederick of Prussia is concerned, and in direct violation of solemn vows taken by every member of the Supreme Grand Council. I quote in proof of my argument, Art. V. Sec. III. of the Constitutions of 1786, and defy any member of the Rite to declare that he has not *sworn* to uphold and maintain them: "In each of the Great Nations of Europe, whether Kingdom or Empire there shall be but one single Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree. In all those States and Provinces, as well of the Main Land as of the Islands, whereof North America is composed, there shall be *two* Councils, one at as great a distance as may be from the other," and in the preamble it is declared that "*these decrees are and forever shall be the Constitutions, Statutes and Regulations for the government of the Rite.*"

Now, the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States was organized in 1801, that of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States in 1815, and the so-called one for Canada in 1874. How dared these brethren break their vows? In the words of a celebrated Masonic writer, the existence of the Supreme