

into saloons and gambling dens. I have heard of such things by wholesale.

It will hardly be possible for *one* man, or a *few* men, to check the swelling tide. I have thrown my influence and example abreast the surging current. I utter a warning to the Templars of Missouri; from demoralization and excessive indulgences the Order must be saved, or 'Ichabod' will tell our future history."

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#### ANTI-MASONIC CONVENTION.

The Rochester *Union* gives a facetious account of the "Anti-Masonic Convention" recently held in that city:

"Brother Barlow was called upon to break the ice. This was on account of his weight. Brother Barlow is a man of metal. He has a leaden look and a copper-color countenance, or, perhaps, some might call it a brazen face. He probably possesses an iron jaw, and is strong enough to wield that terrible weapon with which Samson slew a thousand men. Or perhaps we are mistaken. Brother Barlow may not be as heavy a man as we had supposed.

"The grinning, ghastly skeleton of Morgan was held up for the admiration of the assembled multitude of a hundred or two. Brother Barlow had vowed to God never to baptize a Mason. A Mason had actually been converted under his preaching, and had been asking baptism for two years, but he would never receive it from Brother Barlow.

Masonry was a cancer that had been cut out, but had become a greater sore than ever.

Brother B. once slept with a man who had Masonry like —.

"Masonry was established just one hundred and fifty-four years ago, on the 24th of June. Men would be disciplined and turned out of the Church rather than give up Masonry. Masons teach that the reason why they strip men when conferring the degrees is because Masonry dates back to the primeval ages, when clothing had not yet become fashionable.

"Bro. Barlow 'lit on' an interesting Masonic publication in 1870. Bro. B. is confident that he has seen wings (angel wings) on a Royal Arch Mason. This book, just spoken of, he thought rather 'too strong a pill to be let out at once.' Masons make laws intending to break them. They can make laws as they please. Masonry is a system of Deism, or rather Theism, which is only the Greek instead of the Latin!

"Even Bro. Barlow's own brother is in the Baptist ministry, as well as in the flesh, had so fallen as to join the Masons, and had taken fourteen degrees. He had rather his brother had sunk to the bottom of Lake Huron than joined the Masons." [Truly this is comfortable, and charitable and Christian doctrine.]

"He had a relative a Mason—*Brother to a member of Assembly*, who died. 'Did the Masons help him? Nary a dollar!

"I've talked longer than I ought!"

Is it any wonder, now, that Masonry has grown powerful under the revilings of such religious and idiotic fanatics? The order cannot be otherwise than a good one, when it annually enlists in its ranks the noble of all classes, irrespective of politics and religion.—*Rochester Union*.