

original, as has been done in the modern Order of the Templars, which is so metamorphosed to make it a Masonic degree, that scarcely a vestige of the original chivalric character remains, and might with just as much propriety be called by the name of any other Christian society as that of the Templars.

Many of the legends of the numerous invented Masonic degrees of the last century are but "pious frauds," bearing no resemblance, except in name, to that from which it is said they are derived; at the same time there can be no possible objection to the adoption of any Masonic ceremonial agreed upon, which suits the views of the compilers, but why pass it off as *de facto*, a representation of the actual ceremonies of the original. This we know is the case in most of the Masonic Knightly Orders, which profess to be correct imitations of those they are named after, but are in almost every particular at variance with history and truth, being mere fanciful and fictitious representations for dramatic effect, rejected by all who have given the subject any consideration. We maintain that to represent *true* Templary, the old Monastic Military Order, which the Masonic Templars affirm they do, a belief in the Holy Trinity is indispensable, and an organization which does not require it, is no more Templary than one which does not require a belief in God is Masonic. If the Grand Orient of France is no longer a Masonic power, Templary which rejects a belief in the Holy Trinity is *not* and *never* was Templary.

OUT DOOR COSTUME AND MILITARY DRILL.

Remarks have been made, and correspondence taken place, on a subject which seems to be looked upon as important by some members of the Order, viz: the adoption of an out-door costume, and the introduction of a system of military drill. This, I do not intend to enter into any discussion about, as my views are very fully expressed in a letter published in the July CRAFTSMAN by a member of the Grand Council, (*vide* Appendix C.) At the same time, although I cannot approve of this deviation from the Statutes and our established usages, it is not my intention to object or interfere, nor, indeed, can I do so, with individual members wearing any fancy costume they may please, but I certainly will not consider any Body of the Order, meeting together so equipped, as representative of the British branch of Knights Templar, or receive them as such. I have been distinctly told, and have letters in my possession to the effect, that a showy military uniform is absolutely necessary, and is alone the attraction that will make the Order popular in Canada, and induce candidates to join it; for this reason, it is said, a large majority of our members would wish to change the features and