

labored through these columns to call attention to the necessity for this moral protest emanating from the presumed culture, education and Christianity of America, as exemplified in the Order of Knights Templar, but also personally discussed the question with prominent Sir Knights, but received no assurance or satisfaction that any action would be taken, and we pause to ask, with all solemn earnestness and in the name of Him whose passion cross we bear, what is the use of Templary? What is the mission of this great body of Christian gentlemen? Have we to actually subside into the settled conviction that the Knights Templar of to-day is but a lay figure on which to display fine clothes, feathers and gaudy trapping? If this be so, brothers, better, far better, to disband the Order and start a peacock farm. It will be much cheaper and gratify the desire to behold 'the gaudy' just as fully.

"We speak with all seriousness in this. The world is on the eve of a great political and religious change, and faithful servants should be watching for their Lord's coming. The reply given to us, in answer to our solicitations, from prominent Templars: 'Oh, I don't care to go on record as agitating this question of Templar protest,' will not answer, Sir Knights, when our Lord takes cognizance of the work of His servants, and *The Tyler* for once, even in its humble protest, proposes to ascend the hill of the Lord with clean hands and a pure heart in this matter, and will say, that in this inexcusable neglect at Boston to protest against these awful butcheries, American Templarism lost the golden opportunity of its history either past or subsequent."

Since the foregoing article was written, we find, however, that a wave of jingoism has rushed across the great American Republic. In their Senate and House of Representatives are a great number, no doubt, of Knights Templar, and the celerity with which they received and endorsed the insult

ing message of their President to the only country who is anxious to save these poor unfortunate Christian Armenians, many of whom are the converts of American missionaries, as well as the lives of the missionaries themselves, and whose property are destroyed, welcomes their opportunity to fly to the aid of the Turk, by trying to twist the Lion's tail, when his whole energies are required to help a cause that it is more especially the duty of America to attend to—who professes to be the great friend of humanity—to rescue their own citizens and converts from the cruel Turk. How will history look at the event? On the one side Britain anxious to go to the rescue, on the other America and its allies Russia, who fills Siberia with Christians and Jews, because they will not worship in the "Holy" Greek Church. Think of it, Philip Villier de l'Isle Adam, the defender of Rhodes, what class of men takes upon themselves to call their Order Knights Templar. Well may the old defenders of Rhodes and Malta turn in their graves at American Knights Templary. But these brave Sir Knights, who had not one among them with courage sufficient to rise in his place, and tell their confreres to go slow, and calmly to consider the question before coming to a conclusion, were quite willing to embroil their country in war for, not to save the slaughter of thousands of innocent Christians, but for the sake of a slight strip of country, that has been in dispute before they were born, and in favor of a nation, that they know so little about, that their Masonic papers circulated a story only a short time ago that its President was so ignorant that he could not read and write. These brave Sir Knights and other God fearing Christians of the United States, could calmly propose to march an