

more expressively still, these teachings are all embraced in the three moral virtues which composed the chief stairs of Jacob's Ladder—Faith, Hope, and Charity: Faith in the G. A. O. T. U.; Hope in salvation from darkness and sin; and Charity, the brightest gem that adorns the Masonic profession, to diffuse happiness on every hand. "The greatest of these is Charity." It is the light which is reflected from the life of the true Mason; the spirit of brotherly love which aims at spreading "good will among men." A Mason who does not as truly reflect the Light of divine Charity as the moon reflects the glory of the sun, is a Mason unfaithful to his profession. We have quoted largely from our brother's masterly and truly catholic exposition of a subject which cannot fail to be of vital interest to all Masons, but recommend those who are yearning after a greater halo of Masonic Light to procure for themselves this rich and recondite treatise, of which of course we are precluded, through want of space and other considerations, from giving more than the merest outline—*Freemason's Chronicle*.

An English Brother on the Great Priory of Canada.

Bro. William James Hughan, an eminent and well-known English Masonic writer, has contributed to the columns of a recent number of *The Freemason* (London) a lengthy review of the proceedings at the last Assembly of the Great Priory of Canada, held in Montreal in the month of October last.

In that article Bro. Hughan speaks of Bro. Col. Macleod Moore, Great Prior of the Dominion, as the "distinguished Freemason—archæologist," who gives his whole heart to the Order, and endeavors to incite in

others somewhat of the enthusiasm enkindled in his own, as well as to lead the members of the Order to a more careful study of the past history of the Society. The proceedings, he says, were conducted with great dignity, and certainly if the Templars of the present day are the actual descendants or lineal representatives of the *fratres* of old, "then the dignity was well ordered."

The following extracts from Bro. Hughan's article will be read with interest by Canadian Knight Templars:

"The address by the Great Prior, to my mind, is one of his happiest efforts, and, in the attempt to show 'what the Order really is,' he has conferred a boon on many students of its history. The 'encampment' and 'commandery' style of nomenclature receives hard blows. The independence of Canada as much as England and Ireland, Masonically, and in Knights Templar, is not only plainly stated, but is proved, for it is as a peer of the other contracting parties, that Canada appears on the roll of the Convent General. In that spirit Canada protests against certain alterations in the statutes, 'at the same time the Great Priory can still adhere to her own views of the question without departing from the federation of the whole body.' The chief point of the objection is to the term 'Eminent Commander,' which the Canadian Knights Templar deem an unhistorical designation for the chief of a preceptory. The question of 'past rank' also is an objection in some respects, as the *fratres* of Canada only care for it in a limited or restricted sense, not wishing for a multiplication of honors to such an extent as to lessen their value.

"The revision of the ritual having become necessary, so to 'assimilate with historic truths and the changes that have taken place in the Constitution,' the ritual of the Templar