

mittee, composed of five laymen and three ecclesiastics, all persons distinguished by their virtues and their social position, all desirous of responding to the desires of the vicar of Jesus Christ. This committee placed itself at once in communication with the Executive Committee in Rome, and assists it as much as it can.

"A few weeks ago the President of our diocesan committee received from the Central Executive committee at Rome the news that our committee was constituted as the Canadian National Committee. We cannot, my dear brothers, remain strangers to this movement, from which the holy father expects such good results. As his Eminence Cardinal Parocchi recently said: 'It is necessary to organize the logical and social defence of our faith against the invasions of Freemasonry. The Freemasons say Satan must reign. We Catholics say Christ must reign. Let us not rest on our arms and cease our struggles until Jesus Christ is the conqueror over hell.'

KEEPING OUT "THE WOLF."

"Here in Canada the Bishops have always had a watchful eye to prevent the wolf entering the fold. Nearly all the Provincial Councils of Quebec have placed the faithful on guard against these secret and shady societies, which the followers of Jesus Christ cannot enter. In spite of this great solicitude on the part of pastors the enemy has known how to make some breeches in our walls, and we have seen too great a number of Catholics enter these societies under different pretexts.

"It cannot escape any one that Freemasonry under the different forms which it takes in order better to deceive exercises a certain influence in our country, an influence underhand, veiled, disguised, hypocritical, which infiltrates like a subtle poison in associations apparently very inoffensive. It is for that reason that Catholics ought to distrust their own judgment so much and place their confidence

completely in the sentinel whom the church has placed in each diocese."

SECTARIANISM AND KNIGHTS TEMPLARY.

Our brother of the *Orient* is after *The Trestle Board* again, denying that itself is arrogant or bigoted. Its own language determines the fact, and we will not repeat. It refers us to the petition we signed when we became a Knight Templar. We have one of the printed blanks used by us as Recorder of a Commandery in good standing, and that appeared in the last Triennial parade with 200 members. No reference is made therein to any religion whatever, and for aught we know the same form is in use now. We have a vague recollection of hearing something read in California bodies which we never heard before. We were, on receiving the Order, asked on this subject if, in case of a religious war, we would give our preference to the Christian religion, which of course we would do. But our brother ignores the principal point of our controversy, viz.: the *dogma of the Trinity*. The preference given the Christian religion does not require us to engage in warfare against Unitarians, such as our present Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment of the United States, V.E. and Rev. Sir Henry W. Rugg, who was Prelate of the Commandery in which and when we received the Orders of Knighthood; and we should ask to be absolved from our vows and decline to engage in any conflict with thousands of like opinion. If the Grand Encampment has interpolated any test of faith in the doctrine of the Trinity or of "a firm belief in the Christian Religion" even, it cannot apply to any fraters who entered the Order before it was required. If it is now required that every man should be a firm believer in the Christian religion when he enters the Order, we will express the doubt that exists in our mind that all will accept the doctrine of the Trinity as the test, and further, that it is a vio-