

annual chats with our Fraters, but because—and here we are at a loss to give a reason which would stand the test of criticism, and therefore we frankly confess, that *sheer laziness* has deprived the Templar world of these reports which emanated from 'these headquarters.' We therefore confess our fault, and, if spared, we promise to make amends."

There is nothing calling for further comment.

CONCLUSION.

And thus our pleasant task is ended, and the "circle of our duties" is complete.

To those Fraters who have so kindly and courteously spoken of your chairman's labors our thanks are due, and tendered. We are more than satisfied with the space and notice awarded to Canada, and the Sir Knights of the Dominion will again be gratified to find with what attention and deference the allocation and opinions of the Great Prior are received.

The Trinitarian question is again, it will be seen, fully discussed, and, on the whole, with dignity and fairness. The controversy, or rather discussion, originally raised by Canada, in our opinion has been of mighty advantage in marking more emphatically the Christian character of the Order. The contrast between our system and that of our United States brethren has elicited discussion, and is becoming better understood.

The undersigned has adhered, as far as possible, to his rule, in not thrusting forward his own views or opinions, except in so far as may be necessary for elucidation or explanation. Where such was necessary he has not refrained from doing so, and he trusts that any expressions of dissent and dissatisfaction will be received in the same spirit that they are made.