

Let our "decoration days" be those glorious days hallowed in the mind of every knight who understands the true principles of our Order, and these are our days: The Nativity, Good Friday, Easter, and Ascension Day, not forgetting All Saints Day, when with sorrowing hearts and sincere religious devotion we should pay proper respect to the memory of those worthy knights who have passed over the dark river before us.

At page 61 it is truly and tersely said:—

Loss in the Lodges is due to the desertion of the mercenaries. When Masonry loses, mutual benefit societies gain. The Commandery, where dues are the highest, and which does less in relief, loses least, therefore the mercenaries are in the flying column, and may God speed them.

The writer believes:—

The time has come when a General Grand Lodge would be useful to Masonry, as the General Grand Encampment is now to the Order of the Temple. If we had such an organization the same result would follow in Masonry as has in the Order of the Temple, the thousand and one foolish, stupid, childish, nonsensical Masonic decisions now made, scarcely two alike, would disappear, and soon the Grand Old Masonic institution would take its place where it properly belongs, among the institutions of progress of the nineteenth century.

There are too many Lodges, Chapters, and Commanderies, making it too easy to obtain admission into these different bodies, and the result is that neither Masons nor the profane regard it as an especial recommendation when one introduces himself, if he shows that he is a Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason, or Knight Templar. This ought not to be, and it would not be if the three branches of Masonry named were true to the general interests of each.

And concludes:—

Again our work is done. We have noticed in our report all the printed Proceedings of the Grand Commanderies of 1878-79, that have reached us up to the day that this report was closed (Oct. 29th).

As promised in our report (under Canada), we subjoin as an appen-