

However, I cannot help admitting it is only reasonable, that, as all but *three* Preceptories are held in the Province of Ontario, that members might naturally wish, to suit their own convenience, to have Great Priory meet there, and in conjunction with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter as heretofore, considering that all Templars are Royal Arch Masons.

TEST OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

The resolution, acting on the report of the Grand Council, adopted at last meeting of Great Priory, requiring a test from the visiting Knights Templar of the United States, of their belief in the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, having been erroneously stated in a Masonic periodical as recommended by me, I felt it necessary to contradict, in a letter to the CRAFTSMAN in June Number (see Appendix A. B.,) and for the reasons therein given, I would recommend that the resolution be rescinded, but, as a matter of course, brethren who may wish to affiliate must comply with our rules and regulations in this and every other particular. The belief in the doctrine of the Trinity is common to all Knights Templar systems, excepting that of the United States, and is the acknowledged characteristic of every Christian Order of Knighthood, therefore, there is nothing singular in our requiring such a test of genuine Templary, when we find that those who reject the doctrine of the Trinity in Unity, have been admitted members of the Order. In its Templar organization the United States stand alone, materially differing on this point, as in many others, from all the existing branches of the Order. In this assertion there is no mistake. Their own writers declare that "they as Templars have naught to do with dogmas, and allow no denominational lines to be drawn round their Commanderies," thus at once surrendering the claim to be considered as representing the original Order of Knights Templar. There cannot be a shadow of doubt that the Templar Order was always rigidly Trinitarian, and in fact the persons who compiled the present American Ritual held that view in its completeness, but of late years the Unitarian system has spread so extensively in the United States, and more particularly among the educated classes, from which the Templars are principally recruited, thus the American Order had been in a measure obliged to qualify its original stand point so as to permit of Unitarians taking the OB. However, that is their affair more than ours, and if they are "out of keeping" they must suffer the reproach.

Do away with the chief characteristics of an Order, give it new titles and nom enclature, in fact, take from it all semblance to the