

Uniform of the American Templar Body, [so inappropriate to our system,] which, as they argued and asserted, would cement the friendship of our neighbors. The result does not appear to have been realized or proved satisfactory. Strong opposition has been shown and was exerted against Great Priory, by a majority of the U. S. Templars of influence at the meeting of the Grand Encampment. They may reverse their decision when they become fully informed of all the facts in the case.

#### DISPENSATION FOR A NEW PRECEPTORY.

In May last, I received a petition to establish a New Preceptory in the town of Parkdale, Ontario—(near Toronto), strongly recommended, showing that a Lodge and R. A. Chapter existed there, and enclosing a numerous list of signatures from Royal Arch Masons desirous of being admitted into the Templar Order, should a Preceptory be opened at "Parkdale." As, however, a protest was sent to me from the Presiding-Preceptor of the "Odo de St. Amand" Preceptory of Toronto, with a resolution of the Preceptory, to the effect that another Preceptory so near them would detract from the prospects of the Order in Toronto, and the "Provincial Prior" withdrawing his recommendation on the same plea, I withheld the issue of the Dispensation, although fully approving of it, for further consideration until the meeting of Great Priory. I do not myself see any valid grounds why a warrant should not be issued. It is only reasonable to suppose that Royal Arch companions would prefer joining The Order of the Temple, nearer their own homes, than to be obliged to attend meetings at a distance, and as they have successfully maintained a lodge and chapter they may with every prospect of success hope to do so with a Preceptory.

#### PROVINCIAL PRIORS AND PRECEPTORS.

I must again remind "Provincial Priors" of the importance of their duties and the necessity of a constant supervision over the Preceptories of their Districts. I would refer them to the able report last year of the Chairman of the Committee on the condition of the Order of the Temple in Canada, which so clearly points out what is *most required* of them, and how necessary it is to ascertain that the Preceptors of their Districts fully comply with the Statutes and are conversant with the AUTHORIZED ritual, and not permit any deviation therefrom or innovations of any kind what-