

THE SCOTTISH TEMPLARS OF NEW  
BRUNSWICK.

The whole matter of the dispute with the Scottish Templars of New Brunswick being well understood and its merits discussed, it is not necessary to enter upon it again, further than to say, no settlement has been made, and the unmasonic system, familiarly known as "*Boycotting*" is still in force. This unseemly dispute amongst Masons is but a poor example to the world, and a contradiction to the precepts of the order.

I am myself aware that conciliatory proposals have been made from time to time to the Scottish body of New Brunswick, which they persistently neglected. The assertion is not correct that no invitation had been extended to the two Scottish Encampments of New Brunswick, [I should say *one*,—that of St. Stephens, existing in little more than the name]; several invitations had been sent to them to join in forming a Sovereign Great Priory for Canada, and they were well aware of it. I did not consider it necessary to put off the declaration of independence for another year, to await their formal assent, as all the Preceptories of Canada were represented in 1884, and desirous of having the movement carried out at once, the few Scottish Templars of New Brunswick having already—non-officially, but *virtually*, signified their intentions to co-operate on independence being declared. Let us, however, hope that our New Brunswick Frates, Scottish Constitution, will give in their adhesion to our Great Priory of the Dominion, when time, the peace maker, has brought about a happier state of affairs.

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE U. S.  
OF AMERICA.

The reception by the Triennial Grand Encampment of the U. S. of America, at St. Louis, in September last, to our Canadian representative, was one of scant courtesy, for although the Past Grand Master, who in his official capacity, before his retirement from office as Grand Master, had recognized the independent sovereignty of Great Priory, his ruling was set aside, and the matter re-discussed in the Grand Encampment, before acknowledging our Delegate, which required some exertion on the part of its members, friendly to Canada, to ensure a confirmation of the recognition. This is not as it should be, and evidently there exists an *under-current* of opposition, principally from those who favored

the pretensions of the Scottish Templars of New Brunswick to remain as a separate Body in Canadian Territory, although opposed to *their own laws of exclusive jurisdiction*, and antagonistic to the generally expressed fraternal feelings towards the Canadian Templar body. Many of our Canadian Frates were impressed with the belief that they had the full and firm support of the American Templars, who would at all times, and in all places, support their views. I never entertained any such ideas, and never could see that we in Canada had any right to think an exception would be made in *our favor*, to apply U. S. of America Rules and Regulations to a Foreign Jurisdiction, when its adoption would militate against their own wishes and interests. This want of the support they expected, will, it is hoped, teach all our Frates a practical lesson that may be useful to them.

Some of our Brethren are constantly running after and adopting American Masonic customs, at variance with our own usages. Many were not content until they introduced the Parade Military 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