

our Colonies are occasionally treated to an outbreak of this class of disturbance, and in some cases it has happened that one or other of our home Grand Lodges, with every desire to be at peace with the rest of the Masonic world, has been dragged into the unpleasant dispute. This Templar conflict in Canada does not directly concern us, but the principle at issue between the Great Priory of Canada and the Scottish Templars in New Brunswick is almost, if not precisely, the same as that involved in the Quebec-England difficulty as to the English lodges in Montreal.

"About two months since, the question was brought under our notice by Bro. Emra Holmes, the Representative in this country of the National Great Priory of Canada, whose opinion was hostile to the pretensions to freedom advanced by the Scottish Templars of New Brunswick. We pointed out at the time that we took a different view of the question from Bro. Holmes, and we have no hesitation in stating that our opinion remains unaltered. With all due respect to Bro. Holmes, and the body he represents here, there is no justification whatever for the attempt that is being made by the Great Priory of Canada to force its authority upon these Scottish Templar Encampments, which have never had anything whatever to do, either with the Great Priory of Canada or Convent General, of which, till quite recently, that Great Priory was a constituent part. These Encampments derived their existence from the Supreme Templar authority in Scotland, by whom they were warranted, and to whom they have always paid due allegiance. The reorganization of Canadian Templary as an independent, instead of a dependent body, is a matter with which the Scottish Templars in New Brunswick have had, and have, no concern whatever. They may have sympathized, or they may not have sympathized, with the change, according as they may have considered it would

prove beneficial or detrimental to the cause of Templary generally. But they have never expressed the slightest wish to sever the connection which has always existed between them and their parent body—the Chapter General of Scotland. They are prepared to show proper respect to the Great Priory of Canada; they are sincerely desirous of living on terms of the most sincere friendship with it; but they are not prepared to exchange their Scottish for Canadian warrants. Their position might, and no doubt would be, quite as honorable under the banner of Canada as under the banner of Scotland; but they prefer remaining under the latter, and there is no power, vested in any supreme authority of which we have any knowledge, that can force them from their present allegiance to Scotland. As with the three English lodges in Montreal, which cannot be forced into a union with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, so long as they desire to remain in allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, so with the two Scottish Templar Encampments in New Brunswick; if they prefer being under the Chapter General of Scotland, to casting in their lot with the National Great Priory of Canada, there is no power existent that can disturb them from their purpose."

GRAND ENCAMPMENT K. T. OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Hamilton Sir Knights have arranged a very cheap and pleasant excursion for Canadian Frateres to the meeting at St. Louis, of the Grand Encampment of the United States. The following circular gives particulars:—

The Masonic Knights' Templar fifteen day excursion leaves Hamilton, morning of September 19th next for St. Louis, to attend Triennial Conclave. Go sure! The all round return ticket including sleeper from Hamilton via Chicago, remaining in