

ada recognize that Templarism, even in its original form, was progressive and did not have for its motto *Semper Idem?* When it does it will conform with the American system and become progressive and powerful in numbers instead of being as at present much like a venerable Brahmin under a banyan tree, with his feet cocked in the air lost in divine contemplation of self.

A new volume embracing in brief compass the history, principles and philosophy of Freemasonry, with its present status in every country, is in the hands of a prominent publishing house in the United States. It will be a symposium volume prepared by seven Americans, three British and two Canadian Masonic writers. The writers will sign the chapters prepared by them. The Canadian specialists are Dr. John H. Graham of Richmond, Que., and Col. McLeod Moore, of Prescott. Dr. Graham will give an "Eulogium of Symbolic Freemasonry," and Col. McLeod Moore a chapter on "Knights Templarism in England and Canada."

The April number of *THE CRAFTSMAN* has as a frontispiece a "picture" of R. W. Bro. Elias Talbot Malone, of Toronto, which is a speaking likeness, and will no doubt be pronounced so by all who look upon it—even critically inclined. His lecture on "The Worshipful Master," an exceedingly clever paper, is published in the same issue, and will repay perusal.—*London Free Press.*

Masonic matters appear to be in a prosperous condition in London according to the following from Bro. Dewart, in the *Free Press*:—At no time in the

history of Craft Masonry here has there been exhibited, amongst the members and lodges, individually and collectively, such unity of spirit and action as is noticeable at present. The brethren seem to be at peace with themselves and all the world beside; visitations of officers and members to sister lodges are almost nightly made, and the warm and brotherly welcomes they receive attest the heartiness of the reception. It is good that such should be the case and everyone having the welfare of the craft at heart will cheerfully express the hope that such a pleasing condition of affairs may long continue.

For the benefit of Masters and Secretaries throughout the jurisdiction, especially the latter who are in charge of the records, we publish the following information which should find a place in the back of the minute book for reference.

The Grand Master opens a Lodge in AMPLE FORM, His Deputy in DUE FORM, a Worshipful Master in FORM.

Sessions of Grand Lodges are called COMMUNICATIONS, and of Lodges MEETINGS, (stated or called). Those of the Grand Chapters and Chapters CONVOCATIONS, and of Grand Commanderies and Commanderies, CONCLAVES.

The Degrees of the Blue Lodges are termed SYMBOLIC Degrees, of the Chapter, CAPITULAR Degrees and of the Commandery, TEMPLAR Degrees.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana is opposed to life membership, an opinion expressed by *THE CRAFTSMAN* on several occasions, and still adhered to. Touching this topic Louisiana says:—"That as life membership is incompatible with the best interests or suc-