

Ah! that accounts for the dignity which allows no smile on the face of a reporter, and no cheerful word to relieve the drouth of detail of proceedings. The "court" must "sit" with "eyes severe and beard of formal cut," when in judgment on the doings of Knightly Bodies and the writings of brother reporters, all the same as if presiding at the "old Bailey assizes," with the "black cap," betokener of "doom" on the judicial caput; how *revelations* do crop out in these days!

The Great Prior's address for 1878 is characterized as follows:—

A document in keeping with the great ability and attainments of its author, in the philosophy and history of the Order.

And goes on to say:—

Sir Moore is a genuine, broad, high-minded man, treating all matters of difference in the "*true catholic spirit*," viz: "in essentials unity, in non-essentials diversity, in all things charity." It would be well for some of our mushroom growth of Templars to get hold of Sir Moore's writings, read them, try and understand them, and then be moved by the inspiration of the same spirit which pervades them through and through, and there is no Sir Knight this Committee has ever met who might not derive great good from studying Sir Moore's works in appreciative mood, and then chime in with the great oratorio, wherein dissonance may not come, of which they are prophetic.

The claim of the Grand Encampment is thus put forward:—

The Grand Encampment of the United States of America recognizes no superior mundane authority, more than the Government of the United States recognizes any superior earthly power to whose behests it owes allegiance. The government of this country is on amicable terms with the nations of the earth. Our people recognize the "Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man," but both government and people claim to be "independent of all save the mercies of God." It is easy for anybody to *claim* to be supreme; it is *another thing* to substantiate that claim *de facto*, when the government, or people of the United States constitute the party of the other part. Our Fratres of Canada may as well recognize the fact that the United States, in the aggregate, is not a province, or, in detail, are not provinces of