

of its branches. May Masonry with us ever be the centre of union between good men and true, and never degenerate into senseless show and parade, which the desire to exhibit the glitter of the paraphernalia of the degrees, and a semi-military uniform has led some inconsiderate Brethren to wish should be adopted, and become the great attraction of our Templar Order.

THE UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN TEMPLARY.

The occasional sarcastic remarks indulged in by some writers in the Foreign Correspondence, of the Grand Commanderies of the United States, on our customs and usages, display so little knowledge of social life in Europe and the United Kingdoms, together with the Republican dislike to hereditary rank and titles, as well as the morbid antipathy towards Royalty, seems to quite warp their better nature and judgment, leading them into most erroneous deductions, only calculated to provoke a smile, and which had better be passed over in silence.

What our recognition of but one Grand Master for the whole Order (as of old), in the person of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, has to do with the complete independence of the National Great Priory of Canada is difficult to understand. The Supreme Grand Master does not interfere with the Representative Government of the National Great Priors in any particular, but has it exclusively in his power to confer honors which members might be proud of possessing; and in his exalted station of life, his acceptance of the office adds materially to the status and dignity of the Order, at once stamping its character by placing it amongst the recognized honored societies of the Empire.

It certainly appears to us strangely inconsistent that our American Brethren, who pride themselves on their levelling principles and democratic constitutions, should assume a title of English aristocratic civil life, by addressing each other as "Sir," prefixed to their names, frequently making the great mistake of leaving out the Baptismal name altogether, as the title of "Sir" can only properly be applied in conjunction with both Christian and Surname. Whatever ideas they may entertain about our independent position cannot in the least affect us, a totally different organization. This is fully admitted in their Foreign Correspondence,* which also distinctly shows the Templary

*The Eminent Brother Theodore T. Gurney, of Chicago, Ill., worthily known to Masonic literature in the United States, says in his last year's report to Grand Commandry:—"It is not supposed that we remotely resemble anything either in equipments or rituals, except the fancies of

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