

Another very pleasant and painstaking review on Correspondence, is given by P. G. C. Wilbur F. Foster. He starts out with the admonition ringing in his ears to be brief, but finds out in his conclusion that he was unable to stand to orders. Canada at Hamilton, 1898, has kindly attention, and the Grand Master's address quoted from. He quotes part of our remarks on non-affiliation and gives as his reason therefor that we "are on his side" and of course thinks we are right. Quite right Brother Foster. Referring to our remarks on the Baldric, he says:—

This writer deeply sympathizes with everybody that has to wear that extraordinary uniform. We have known this scheme to work. Give the gauntlets away or save them up for driving gloves; forget the baldric and leave it at home; give the handsome plumes from the chapeau to your best girl, and carry the remainder of the chicken coop under your left arm.

We find the following under South Dakota, and would merely remark that there are evidently others.

Yes, we know full well how that is. Nearly all this writer's reports are prepared after everybody else has gone to bed. The hand grows weary, the eyelids heavy, the head droops, and—oblivion.

"Now blessings light on him that first invented this same sleep," said Sancho Panza, but it sometimes interferes sadly with the work of a Correspondence reporter.

Frater Foster does not believe in the "dependent membership" theory and says, that as the Grand Encampment has adopted it, the order is to cease firing, but friend Foster cannot omit a parting shot and says:—

We venture to predict, however, that it will not be many years until this law will be pitched out, neck and heels. It is too unjust and oppressive to become popular; is too much in violation of the fundamental principle that membership in any Masonic body is only by the applicant's "own free will and accord" to be quickly accepted by a free people; and will surely work more injury to Commanderies than can be compensated by unwilling accessions of the unaffiliated to Lodge and Chapter.

Membership, 991; decrease, 84.

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