

vailing and prospering in the United States, whose Grand Commanderies and National Grand Encampment are duly recognized and acknowledged as regular and legitimate Grand Bodies of the Chivalric Order, by "the Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, in England and Wales, and the Dependencies thereof."

Neither do we think that the "Salvation Army corp" comparison introduced above, has any merited application to, or at all comports with the truth or dignity of the questions or facts under consideration; neither can we, nor can many others in England even, express such supreme commendation of the 1873-74 "English" investigations whose seemingly foregone conclusions were the re-enactment if possible, of a universal iron-clad theological "trinitarian" dogmatic test,—and the utopian creation of but "one Supreme Grand Master of Temples" for the whole world, by means of a so-called "Convent General,"—notwithstanding the fact that the modern Masonic alliance of Templarism had been generally acquiesced in, by its acceptance of the constitutional principles of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry as to the establishment and government of territorial and exclusively sovereign Grand Bodies. And if any section of Knight Templarism purposes to be or become a specific concomitant or upholder of any one Church or any one State, the question of the continued recognition and acknowledgment of such, by Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, necessarily becomes an open question, and it behooves

all would-be or actual extremists to pause and duly consider.

Nor can we divine the intended application of the remarks in the last paragraph of the foregoing letter from our M. E. Frater, except on the principle that all is "hetero doxy" which is not my "doxy." *Tamen floreat Ordo Templi.*

### CANDIDATE.

Among the ancient Romans, those who offered themselves for the suffrages of the people, clothed themselves in a white robe called *toga candida*. Such an one was called *candidatus*, and hence our word "candidate."

The derivation and expressive meaning of this word, should forcibly remind brethren of the purity of character and conduct which should distinguish all those who are "candidates" for admission into the Fraternity of Freemasons. Guard well the outer door.

SEND for samples of Lodge forms to THE CRAFTSMAN office.

GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC.—The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, at its last annual convocation, passed a resolution that a testimonial be presented to R. Ex-Comp. David Seath, on his retiring from the office of Grand Scribe E; which he has held for four years. On Nov. 30, M. E. Comps. I. H. Stearns and Frank Edgar, P. G. Z.'s; R. E. Comp. Will H. Whyte, G. H., and Rt. E. Comp. Joseph Mitchell, G. S. E., waited upon Compn. Seath and presented him with a handsome revolving desk and chair. The desk bears the following inscription on a triangle:—"Presented by the Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of Quebec, to R. Ex Compn. David Seath, in a recognition of his services as Grand Scribe E. for the years 1883, '84, '85 and '86."