

—and, although the Royal Arch is looked upon as the climax of the Craft, it has but little connection with it; and is an innovation of modern times, the Master Mason being perfect in itself as a symbolic exposition of Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, which are the *five points*, hence, we hold that to be a Mason a man must believe in a Supreme Being and in a future state in some shape or the other, whereas a Templar must believe in the Trinity, which restricts the Order. There is no religion to be met with that has not a Trinity in some shape, though the analogy may not always be plain—even our Royal Arch degree has its Triune teaching.

Much of the opposition by "the Craft," in England, to Christian Masonry, and Templary in particular, arises from the restrictions required, and the dislike, is no doubt inherited, from their late respected Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, who was a "Unitarian," and did not acknowledge as Masonry any rites at variance with the universality of the Craft, and of course could not approve of the Templar Order.

ON TITLES.

I cannot help remarking how much it is to be deprecated that any further attempt should be made to add to the titles of the Order. I allude to the notice in the Agenda paper, to adopt the term "Right Eminent," a prefix used by the Chiefs of the Order in the United States. I am quite of opinion with our great English authority, R. W. Bro. Hughan, that there are too many absurd and objectionable titles already in our Masonic Society, which it would be well to drop. The learned scholar, jurist, and Masonic author, Bro. Albert Pike, the Chief of the High Grade System, Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America, has made the first move in the right direction, by eliminating many of the grandiloquent titles from the rite, as quite unnecessary and tending only to call forth the sneers of the outside world.

In countries like Great Britain and Ireland, where hereditary titles or those conferred by the Crown are looked upon with such respect, and the honor eagerly sought after, all assumption of civil distinctions by Masons, which they are not entitled to by law, and the attempt to pass for *actual* Knights by constantly using in public the distinctive address of Sir Knight this, and Sir Knight that, &c., with corresponding fancy jewellery and orders, is only calculated to invite ridicule, however proper they may be in the tyled precincts of the Preceptory.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, let me remind you in the words of a well-known