

was the first Parasite. I think they also invented the second (2nd) degree, taking it from the first. The third (3rd) and chair degrees, were certainly *added* since 1717. But who did so? I cannot tell. Of course, during the dark ages everything was Christianized, and hence the Virgin Mary, &c., &c., was introduced into the old charges.

The next parasite, was the A. & A. S. Rite, founded at Berlin, with twenty-five (25) degrees, enlarged in Paris to thirty-three (33). Since then, no end of parasites to make money, for the masses and please fools. Of course, I do not say their rituals may not be good and sound.

My idea is, that a Jew can join us to the Royal Arch, and there ends Freemasonry. Of course, I include in this the Mark Degree.

It is sad to see the quarreling and trouble these so-called High Degrees give us, and I know too much of them. * * *

APPENDIX B.

COPY OF LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE EMINENT COMMANDERS OF THE SCOTCH ENCAMPMENTS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, }
Office of the Grand Chancellor, Barrie, 2nd Dec., 1885. }
To George F. Pinder, Esq., E. C. St. Stephen's Encampment, N. B.,
Knights Templar.

Dear Sir and Eminent Frater:—

I am directed to inform you that at the Annual Assembly of the Great Priory of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Toronto, on the 8th July, 1884, it was unanimously *Resolved*,—That the National Great Priory declare itself to be the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, having and holding absolute and supreme jurisdiction over the whole Dominion, in all matters relating to the United Orders of the Temple and Malta and appendant Orders in the Dominion of Canada (see printed proceedings 1884, page 35), and H. R. H. the Prince of Wales having surrendered all control over the Templar Order in Canada, and the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States having accorded full recognition and exchanged Representatives, the standing and position of the Sovereign Great Priory, is now beyond a doubt, and the whole of Canada is occupied territory. All Knights Templar and Knights of Malta are now subject to obedience to the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, the only legal supreme governing Templar Body in Canada, and from whom all