

local brethren, but he is the best judge of the injury done him by the publication of his name in the objectionable form.

The *London Freemason* advocates the presentation by Grand Lodge of charity jewels to those brethren who are active in promoting the welfare of Masonic charities. These jewels are now purchased by those entitled to wear them, the price being \$10. Referring to this subject the *Freemason* says:—"It should also be borne in mind that there are many brethren who give freely and even generously to our institutions, who, however, are not so well circumstanced that they can afford to regard the expenditure of an additional two or three pounds as of no moment; and it appears to us that Grand Lodge, instead of imposing a tax on these worthy members, should do everything in its power to encourage them to win distinction in this particular field of Masonic labour."

One of the representatives to Great Priory is responsible for the statement that the gathering was a fizzle. He said the Montreal fratres gave them a regal reception, one being present when Great Priory opened, the other arriving after the proceedings had commenced. One of the illustrious visitors from over the border left the hall while business was in progress without any sign or salutation to the presiding officer, rather a strange proceeding, but perhaps justifiable under the circumstances. Our informant further said that the exhibition made by the fratres while reading their respective portions of the ritual from slips could

only be compared to a kindergarten class. If the above has the least semblance of truth in it there is room for a revival in the ranks of Canadian Templarism.

The *South African Freemason* of East London, Cape Colony, referring to Templarism says:—"Knight Templary is not a branch of the Masonic tree at all. It is rather a tree which has grown up under the shelter of Masonry, and has intertwined its branches with those of the protecting stem. Strictly speaking, there is nothing whatever Masonic about the Order save only that its membership is only open to R. A. Companions. The Arch and the Mark are merely developments of the esoteric and exoteric teachings of the three Craft degrees, but the neophyte in Templary, so soon as he has proved himself a R. A. Companion, leaves every vestige of Masonry behind. * * * Personally, we confess to regarding this degree as the most sublime and beautiful of all to which the three Craft degrees open the way of the Masonic student."

The *Argonaut* of San Francisco did not take kindly to one of the features in the Washington parade, as the following extract shows:—"The bear is, of all animals, the most uninteresting, and hence, when we see it in procession, as is often the case when Californians parade, it makes us feel uncomfortable. Just now the knightly order of Masons is indulging in one of its national parades in our capital city of Washington—a band of splendid men, mounted upon coal-black changers, gorgeously caparisoned, knights in