

the United States recognizes any superior earthly power to whose behests it owes allegiance. The government of this country is on amicable terms with the nations of the earth. Our people recognize the "Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man," but both government and people claim to be "independent of all save the mercies of God." It is easy for anybody to claim to be supreme; it is another thing to substantiate that claim *de facto*, when the government, or people of the United States constitute the party of the other part. Our Fratres of Canada may as well recognize the fact that the United States, in the aggregate, is not a province, or, in detail, are not provinces of England, and are therefore not in *eadem statu* with Canada in any particular. This is said in all kindness and fraternity.

All that we said in praise of the nobility, justice, truth, benevolence, beneficence, intelligence and culture of our Canadian Fratres of all grades, we here repeat, and assure them that our compliments are no idle scaling of verbal artillery.

Of course we don't all see all things alike, and the attrition of friendly criticism keeps up a healthy glow of the mental and moral system.

When Sir Dartnell comes to his "conclusions," every true reporter, who is endowed with capacity enough to be allowed away from home without a guardian, should be prepared with space to give them *in extenso*. No abbreviation can do them justice, so here is to you all with his splendid, sensible and kind last words of the very able report which has so interested us.

In relation to the information contained in the concluding paragraph, we can only say that we think it would have been wiser, in these times of infidelity and atheism, to have required an unqualified declaration of belief in any God, than to assent to any dogmatic analysis of Him. However, that does not trouble us, we are orthodox enough to be trinitarian for those who need that doctrine to establish and maintain a true Christian character, and unitarian for those who need Deity concentrated to keep them in the way of the truth and the life of Christ.

And, now, to all with whom this correspondence matter has any relation: The experiences and associations of our three years of service in this role, have benefitted us, if no one else. We have come to a broader, deeper, higher, juster conception of the mission of the Order and of its possibilities, than ever before. We have come to

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