

nection with that of Canada, for there is no intention of changing or any compromise made, by an amalgamation of the two systems—the authorized ritual being a historical one, based on secular and ecclesiastical history, carefully examined and approved by competent authority, as a true representation of the name it bears.

† FR. W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE,

Grand Master,

Templary of Canada ..

Prescott, Ont., Sept., 1887.

Discreet and judicious comments—upon CRAFTSMAN editorials even,—not being inadmissible, we cheerfully insert the foregoing interesting letter from our esteemed Knight Templar Grand Master.

We perceive, however, that the G. M. has not grasped the good intent and real drift of our former remarks.

If his contention is wholly correct that the Templar “Degrees are not, and never were intended to represent” (even in part) “a military body,”—the British and Canadian name thereof—the “United Religious and Military Order,”—is certainly a misnomer, and should forthwith be changed; and the English seal,—two Knights on horseback, &c.,—is certainly misleading.

We, of course, must decline theological discussion. Each brother has an indubitable right to cherish and interpret his own dogma, and happily amongst wise men, such discussions usually result in agreeing to differ, as is now and ever has been the case amongst good and learned Knights Templar of every nation.

We know not how many Canadian Knights Templar may desire to assimilate our system to that of the American, but of one thing we feel quite sure, and that is, if there are such, they are not at present likely to follow the suggestion of the Grand Master and “sever all connection with that of Canada,” because they know full well that the final decision of important questions rests with the Great Priory of Canada. — [ED. CRAFTSMAN.]

CANADIAN HISTORIES OF FREE-MASONRY.

Has not the time come when the history of Freemasonry in the several Provinces of the Dominion should be written? There are brethren in each of the Provinces well fitted for the work. Many of “the founders” of our several Grand Lodges and other Grand Bodies are still alive, and could supplement what has been printed and written by oral testimony of great value. Complete and well written histories of the Craft in Ontario and Quebec, would be of surpassing interest. Bro. Brennan’s history of the Order in the Maritime Provinces, published as a supplement to his translation of Bro. Rebold’s general history, is a work of great merit and would be of much service to our future historian. The history of the Craft in the newer Provinces and Territories, would be more easily compiled.

Who will undertake the great work of writing the history of Freemasonry in the Dominion?

THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN is receiving much attention and consideration, not only throughout the Dominion, but by many leading Freemasons in foreign countries.