

Grand Officers, etc., etc., would no doubt give general satisfaction and make it deservedly popular.

We must remember the Order is now a part of the Masonic body, and we cannot in the present day pretend to adhere to all the restrictions of our great chivalric original, however much we may endeavor to conform to its doctrine and usages, nor can we pretend to divide the Order into Knights, Chaplains, Squires, Pages, and Serving Brethren, with the understanding that many of the three latter classes will never be able to attain the "accolade" or the highest office; and each nationality in its details is entitled to adopt their own views without interfering with the general Rules and Regulations of the Association.

"Convent General," being no longer a united body, is virtually broken up, and the homogeneity provided for in the third article of union, is, de facto, abolished, leaving us further from the object sought to be obtained than ever.

The United States Templars had proposed a treaty with Convent General which had been referred to the Arch Chancellor, but there is no hope of its being carried out now, or indeed at any time, excepting as a mere form, from the dissimilarity of the two systems.

This want of unanimity is greatly to be regretted, as it cannot be denied the union had much to recommend it, and was calculated to elevate, ennoble, and dignify the Order, with something of the *reality* of a chivalric body, making its titles valuable and acceptable by reviving the spirit and distinctive principles of the ancient Order; but as at present constituted and engrafted on Freemasonry, it does not appear possible to induce the members to agree on this point, which seems to me could only be brought about in the British Dominions if Templary could be suddenly reduced in numbers and then made *by law*, like the higher degrees of Masonry in Sweden, a genuine order of the State. This is quite feasible, having so many of the Royal family members interested in the Order, and may indeed have been the original intention and meaning of the union. It would then have the *reality* which it never can otherwise, as it is, not being recognized by the government or civil authorities as anything more than an association of Freemasons under the name of Knights Templar; however real it may be in this sense it can have no reality as true Templary, or as a military and chivalric Order; yet as an appendage to Freemasonry, it is, and must be respected, from the principles advocated, and having Her Majesty the Queen its patron, and H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the chief head.