

very name "religious" and the duties its striking ritual imposes by OB. are too solemn and binding to be trifled with, and make it an order not to be conferred on such as look upon it as a mere source of amusement and social enjoyment—forgetting that all vows and protestations are both solemn and binding, and when reference is made to the Holy Name and prayer offered up to the Throne of Grace, unless all due reverence and deep humility is observed, is but taking the "Holy Name in vain,"—let us then, my Fratres, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked."

The voluntary offer of the Provincial Prior for Western Ontario and members of the order in Toronto and Barrie to exemplify the ceremonies during the present session of Great Priory is very gratifying to me, and must have a most beneficial effect in the proper understanding of the rituals, which I rejoice to say are highly appreciated by all of the most influential Templar authorities who have examined them in other jurisdictions.

Be assured my whole desire has ever been to promote the true object and teachings of the order without any wish to interfere with the adverse opinions of others, or to draw invidious comparisons with the practises of foreign jurisdictions and our own, but simply to explain from my own standpoint what I consider Templary is intended to represent in the British Empire.

In these remarks I have followed the maxim of speaking positively of what I know and am convinced is true, being well aware the public mind is never held by doubtful suppositions or speculations, the multitude seldom taking the trouble to investigate them.

Assuring you of my warmest fraternal regards for your welfare, and the continued prosperity of the order in Canada—as well as to all Knights Templar wheresoever dispersed over the face of land and water,

I am always your "Frater in Christo,—Vale,"

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