

his God in vain, and seeming to glory in the act. Shame upon such unworthy members of our Order! Surely it is one of the most inexcusable of sins, and utterly unbecoming the character of a Christian Knight. Intemperance is akin to it, and follows in the same channel to lower the dignity and contaminate the purity of the individual Knight, and thus bring obloquy and reproach upon our institution."

If possible the report on Foreign Correspondence is an improvement on those of former years. These remarks are most sensible, and exactly define the correct nomenclature of the Order. Listen:—

"We remember once seeing it proposed in an English publication, a country where titles are titles, that baronets (civil knights), should bear the prefix 'Sir,' and masonic knights that of 'Sir Knights.' Thus, when the Queen confers knighthood on Mr. John Smith, he becomes Sir John Smith, Knight; but when Brother Smith is dubbed in a body of Masonic Templars, he becomes Sir Knight John Smith. We are inclined to think that our English cousins understand about what is right. At least they use the plan, and avoid the confusion that would attend the other course, and we, by following them, would escape the appearance of aspiring to civil distinctions we are not entitled to bear, and that worse barbarism of attaching the prefix to the surname, as 'Sir Jones,' and also that foreign affectation 'Frater,' which means Brother and nothing more, and which latter word, to our taste, is better, because simpler."

Canada for 1877, receives due notice, as this will show:—

"We always open the proceedings of this body with interest, sure of finding in the address of its Great Prior matter worthy of careful study. This we find this time, and because of its great value we subjoin several pages, hoping that no one will allow its length to deter him from reading it, as we do not know where he would find so much condensed into so small space."

And eight pages contain extracts from the Great Prior's address, and the Reviewer thus bids us farewell:—

"There is a great deal that is of interest, including a very excellent report on correspondence by Sir Knight George H. Dartnell, of Whitby, Ontario, but the lengthy extracts we have made must be our excuse for a longer stay with our Northern Sir Knights."

#### KANSAS, 1876.

The eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Kansas convened in the city of Atobison, Wednesday, May 24th, 1876, R. E. Sir Kt. John Philbrick, Grand Commander.

"There is nothing beyond local matters to note in these proceedings.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is a maiden effort on the part of the compiler, and does him credit.

Canada for 1875 was briefly but kindly noticed, the reviewer saying:—

"The address of the Grand Prior is a very interesting paper, and we devote much more than the allotted space to giving a portion of his remarks and which we deem of sufficient interest to warrant it."

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