

the work of revision, and ninety per centum of that representation must agree upon Ceremonials that will be acceptable to the Grand Encampment.

"Your Correspondent is Secretary of that Committee. If life and health are spared him, he promises to spare no labor or pains to bring about such agreement, so far as he is able. And he feels quite sure that the committee will be neither dilatory nor captious. * * * * *

"THE IOWA CASE.

"The unwise and unlawful order of non-intercourse promulgated against the entire Templar host of Iowa by the Grand Master, was briefly and somewhat gingerly discussed, very few approving and defending its legality, yet all advising 'submission,' an act most repugnant to American institutions. Americans obey, but submit to the *right* alone. But so meagre is the law machinery of the Grand Encampment, and so full of admiration are so many of the Grand Encampment's soldierly authority, that the discussions of the principles involved were limited to a few, the majority salaaming and crying, 'O Great and Gracious Sovereign Master, live forever!' Even the illegitimate begetting of that 'Sovereign Master' did not abate one tittle the monkishness of that cry of 'submission.'

"Of the spirit and antipathies of the Iowa case, we have nothing more to say. 'It is all done eat up and gone, and besides that haint no pint in openin' up old sores.' So we embrace, kiss, and become happy, and then turn to a very brief examination of the masterly report thereon by Past Grand Master Hopkins. It will be brief, because we realize our lack of ability to cope with such a jurist.

"The report throughout is imbued with the spirit of compromise, and ardently as we desire that such a spirit be approved, its exercise is usually defended by doubtful arguments and conclusions. The report now being considered furnishes no exception to this rule.

"POWER OF THE GRAND MASTER.

"Paragraph 3 informs us that the phrase, 'Usages of Templar Masonry' are to be understood as limited to the existence of the Order in the United States. It further alleges that 'while it is true that in this country the Order retains much of its military character, it is also greatly imbued with the spirit of our freer in-

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