

from what we do, and founded a system exclusively their own, based altogether upon Masonry. It would appear from their own writers on the subject, that although Templar Encampments were in existence with them at the termination of the last and commencement of the present century, they had all become dormant prior to 1811, when Masonic Templary was revived, remodelled, and systematized by bodies of the A. & A. S. Rite, and the degrees conferred at that time, according to the Rituals of the Rite, converting the Rose Croix 18°, and Kadosh 30°, into the Templar degree, adopting lectures suitable to their own views, and by the year 1816, the system was fully adopted and placed where it now stands, when a General Encampment was formed, and the Templar degrees became virtually part of the American Masonic system. From this it will be seen that Templary in the United States does not resemble that in the British Dominions in any particular, and cannot be considered as the same body. Allusion to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity is altogether omitted, to admit of its being open to all denominations of Christian Masons, if not a greater latitude, and one of their leading members declares "the test of the Trinity could not be adopted by them, as it would drop 20,000 Templars from the ranks and reduce the influx one half." For a more complete sketch of the United States system I must refer you to an article in the June number of the CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN, [vide appendices.]

The idea of our forming a Union with the Templar branch of the United States, at one time mooted and brought forward at the last Triennial Meeting of their Grand Encampment, never obtained any favor amongst the Nationalities of the British Empire, and since it has been clearly understood that they reject the Trinitarian doctrine and test, the objections have become doubly stronger, besides the different views entertained by them of Templary, would not render a Union advisable, however much we may be gratified to receive and welcome them as visitors in our Preceptories.

CONCLUDING GENERAL REMARKS.

Since our last meeting of Great Priory, I

am happy to say renewed interest in the Order appears to have arisen. I have granted preliminary Warrants for four new Preceptories, and authorized the removal of Sussex Preceptory, of Montreal, back to Stanstead, in the eastern Townships of Quebec, revived under most favorable auspices, as also the "Mount Calvary," of Orillia, to Barrie, Ont., where it has been re-opened by our excellent Grand Chancellor, who has taken charge of it. To him we are greatly indebted for the prosperous turn the affairs of the Order have taken, very few being aware of the difficulties he had to contend with, or the complicated state the Chancery had got into from the neglect of Preceptories in not remitting their dues, and sending their returns at the proper time, but which his zeal and perseverance is fast relieving us from, and I would earnestly call upon all Preceptories to aid him strenuously in placing the Chancery in its proper position. Personally, I beg to tender him my warmest thanks for the support he has at all times cheerfully afforded me. Our relations with other Templar jurisdictions continues to be most amicable. From our learned and esteemed representative at the Great Priory of Ireland, the Hon. Judge Townshend, I hear of the most kindly expressions of good will from our sister Great Priory towards this Nationality, who appear to be following our example, and arranging for a virtual independence of the Irish Nationality, irrespective of "Convent General," when all the mistakes and misapprehensions which so lately disturbed the harmony of the Order, will, I have every hope, right themselves, and peace and prosperity be restored.

The Great Priory of England is quietly and steadily progressing, and has added many brethren of eminence to its roll. It is with pleasure and pride we hear of the interest taken in the Order by H. R. H. Prince Leopold, lately appointed Constable of the Great Priory of England. The announcement of H. R. H.'s wish not to accept of any public demonstrations, alone prevented our requesting him to honor our Nationality with his presence, and afford us an opportunity of welcoming him to