

Here are thoughtful words:—

This is one of the great crises of the world. Every institution under heaven is "under fire," being the transition period from the iron clad regime of dogma, to the benign empire of reason, in spiritual affairs. Many fall by the way and lapse into imbecile unbelief touching the great questions of time and eternity, while others jump clear overboard into the unseaworthy craft of disbelief, and drift about like a vessel without rudder, chart or compass, in thick weather, and on an unknown sea. It is an unfortunate infirmity of mankind to go by extremes, without much regard to rhyme or reason—that is, the shallow pated or hollow hearted. The sons of ministers of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, lapse into blatant atheists. Infidelity is like *rabies*—when it is epidemic, too much care cannot be exercised to guard the young, the weak-minded, those who are in any way easily led astray, from the contagion.

Of the loving and noble daughter of the late Sir Knight Thomas J. Corson, he feelingly observes:—

God bless thee, noble daughter of one of the noblest men the Order of Knights Templar ever reckoned among its hosts; and may you never have occasion to regret his devotion to Knightly work and associations.

Sir Knights of New Jersey! You have a sacred charge, to make light and easy the pathway of life for her whose filial love and devotion so ministered to the comfort and happiness, and smoothed the dying pillow of him who so loved you all, and who labored so long and well in your behalf, and made the title of Knight Templar in your midst, the synonym for honor, beneficence, purity and love.

This is what is said of Canada:—

Our neighbor of the Dominion failed to put in an appearance in season for the last report, so as there are two years proceedings to review, your Committee gives this Grand Body the "post of honor" in the Knightly procession.

The Address of the Great Prior, and the proceedings of 1877 are summarized in characteristic style, and he opens his batteries towards the north in this fashion:—

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