

As for the reports themselves, they are, on the whole, most valuable Records of Templar literature. Your Committee is, however, constrained once more to remark that many of them are marred by "quibs and jests"; and some of the reporters seem to think that the paper and print which are paid for by the Grand Commanderies are to be used as articles for the display of small wit, and for the "chaffing" of brother reporters. It is humbly submitted that these reports should be framed so as to convey to the Templar world as much information as possible of the doings, progress, and position of the Order in the various jurisdictions. In this spirit your Committee has endeavoured to collate the proceedings under review, and hopes its criticism will not be considered to be limited merely to the courteous Sir Knights, members of the "Corps Reportorial."

It is gratifying to find that Canada is always cordially and kindly spoken of, and, still more, that our Great Prior is regarded by one and all as one of the highest authorities in all matters pertaining to the Chivalric Orders. As to this he stands *facile princeps*.

Finally, let all true Sir Knights be ever mindful of the precepts of our holy Order, which are: To love, honour, and fear God: to maintain and defend the Christian Faith, and the honour, dignity and interests of the Order: to be loyal to the Sovereign, dutiful to the Grand Master, and obedient to our rulers: to prefer honour to wealth: to be just and true in word and deed: to give no willing cause of offence to any: but while opposing wrong and injustice, to deport ourselves courteously, quietly and affably: to assist the distressed, the widow, and the fatherless: to eschew all debasing employment, recreation and company: to abhor pride and haughtiness; and, waging war with selfishness, raise the standard of chivalrous honour and strive for the welfare of our Brethren.

Let us all strive to attain this standard through Christ's help. Amen.

Courteously submitted.

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