

So we, Sir Knights, year after year, at the return of the season when the flowers and verdure, which have been locked in the frozen earth, are springing forth anew, gather to visit the scene of our former labors.

He is opposed to the present Non-affiliation Law. In his decisions we note that he was asked if a Preceptory from Canada could witness the Red Cross degree in a Maine Commandery and exemplify their Malta degree, and replied he could see no objection to their visit nor to their working the Malta if the Commander was satisfied the visitors had legally received the Red Cross.

The following are pithy and to the point :

On public occasions it is not always the most Knightly who are most in evidence.

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A man is truly made a Templar not by the taking of Vows but by the keeping of them.

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In any commandery whose dues are promptly paid, there is usually found a Recorder who is possessed of both zeal and tact; such an officer is invaluable, and should be kept in office as long as he is willing to do the work. One such Recorder recently showed me, in his last annual report, only seven members in arrears, each for only one year, and a large amount already collected on the year that had just opened.

This leads me to observe that in too many of our commanderies the question of a man's fitness for office is lost sight of; a member is put into office either because of his agreeable personal characteristics, or his aggressive ambition and "push," or because he happens to be "in line." This should not be. The most popular man in the world may make a very poor officer, and be a positive injury to his commandery while in office.

When a commandery, whether Grand or subordinate resolves to be governed solely by a man's ability to fill an office and his willingness to perform its duties, that commandery is bound to thrive.

We always turn with an expectant feeling to Maine's Correspondent Report, for Frater Stephen Berry's paper has a charming readable style to it that makes it always very interesting. In his introductory he has a good word to say for the closing century as well as one in anticipation of the coming years, and the position Templary will hold in them.

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