

On recommendation of the Grand Master a new ritual was adopted, embodying many features of the American system while retaining more of the old English and Canadian systems than was desired by many of the brethren. It permits the uniforming of Knights and provides for certain military movements hitherto unknown in the expression of Templary in Canada. Our thought is that the organization will become more popular and useful in the neighboring Dominion by the course pursued; but care should be taken against going too far in recognizing the military and spectacular features of the Order—in attending to drill practice in halls, and providing for occasions of out-door processions and parade. The Order of Knights Templars is something more than a military body or fraternal association. It is charged with a mission of moral and religious quickening which under no circumstances must be set aside or obscured. * * *

Bro Robertson does not like the word 'pilgrimage' as applied to the excursions of Commanderies. We share the feeling of our distinguished frater. The misapplication of the word in its modern use is evident; but it seems coming into general favor, and perhaps its ancient meaning, signifying a pious journey to some sacred shrine, will ere long be quite forgotten and there will be associated with its use only a journey to the mountains or seashore—or an excursion for festival purposes."

He thinks with us that there is too much expenditure in connection with the Triennial gatherings but disputes our position "that the whole business is a pure waste of money," and says that the \$500 of New Hampshire was, in comparison, reasonable. We have no doubt it was—that is reasonable when compared with some other jurisdictions—and we have not the slightest objection to hospitality and good cheer. It is the waste of money that we condemn, and our friend must have closed his eyes at Denver if he did not see all around him ample evidences of the too great profusion of entertainment.

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Arlington B. Marston, G. C.

Their venerable and much loved Grand Recorder, Ira Berry, died in September, 1891. His funeral took place on his ninetieth birthday. He was initiated in 1853, and was Grand Recorder since 1856.