

tinued prosperity of our beloved Order in Canada. Slowly perhaps, but steadily the Order of the Temple is increasing and gaining ground. It may not be making as great strides in numbers as some ardent members would wish, but the increase is a solid gain and not of a mushroom growth. Many of our leading citizens and active leaders in other branches of Masonry have of late joined our Order, and are taking a leading interest in Templar affairs. This augurs well for its continued prosperity. It is much better thus to receive into our ranks those who will be a credit to us, even if fewer in numbers than to indiscriminately accept material merely for the purpose of increasing the roll and bank account of the Perceptory.

The Fratres of the Temple cannot be too particular whom they accept as members of the Order. Men—good and true—who will exemplify to the world the teachings of Templarism are those required for its ranks. The libertine, the scoffer at religion, and he who taketh the name of the Almighty and the "Great Captain of our Salvation" in vain, should have no place or part in our Order, should not be found enrolled even in name, under the banner of the Cross.

Knight Templarism is an Order of lofty ideals. The ancient Knight swore to speak the truth, succor the helpless and oppressed, never to turn back from an enemy and to uphold the Christian religion. The lofty teachings of the Order embodied truths that produced boundless enthusiasm. The defence of right against wrong should likewise stimulate the Knight of to-day as it did the early founders, to heroic deeds. We do not now draw the sword in actual warfare but our conflict is none the less real, for vice, ignorance, fanaticism, superstition, bigotry and many other foes of that ilk abound all around us, and require our utmost watchfulness and alertness; therefore none should be found in our ranks whom we are unable to feel will prove true and valiant members of the Order on every occasion. A personal responsibility rests upon each and every Knight in this connection.

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