

no resemblance, although originally derived from the same source, for of late years they have chosen to *transform* it into a Masonic imitation Military Degree, resembling that of Militia Volunteer Battalions, and have in their anxiety to make it *wholly* a Masonic degree, almost eliminated in their official Ritual, its Christian bearings, retaining the name of Knights Templar to account for its *Military* character, but in usages and doctrine *totally* dissimilar, its organization being exclusively based upon Speculative Masonry, rejecting and repudiating the true source of its origin for that of a Mythical one, that never existed until modern times, and have by the mere abrogation of the first grand principles of the Ancient Order, whose name it assumes, in allowing any but firm believers in the "Holy and Undivided Trinity" to become members of it by admitting "*Jews*" and "*Unitarians*." (6) as effectually laid aside the principles of Templary, as "Orangemen" would do if they opened their doors to Roman Catholics; in fact, the instant the Templar degrees cease to be Trinitarian Christian, they also cease to be a true representation of the Order.

The exemplification of Free Masonry in an imitation military character teaches *nothing* of Templary, the whole object and intention being carried away and lost sight of in outward show quite at variance with chivalric and religious ceremonies. True Templary is only to be found and known by its ancient symbols and doctrines, — "The Sacred Mysteries" — the mere name of

(6.) Representing as we do, the doctrines of the Ancient Templars, how can "UNITARIANS" possibly become members. There is no question as to their moral, charitable and sincere devotional religious professions, but they distinctly disavow a belief in the doctrine of the "Holy Trinity in Unity," upon which our *very existence* as a Templar Body is founded — asserting it was introduced into the Christian religion from the Greek Philosophy, hundreds of years *after* the time of Christ, before it became the creed of Christianity, and about which the Saviour had never said a word. Believers in the "Holy Christian Trinity" refuse to *all* who do *not* believe in Christ as "*Very God*," the name of Christians.

Knowing that belief in the Trinity is the main object of the true Templar Order, it is surprising that *Masonic Brethren*, who do *not* admit that doctrine and believe only in the "*Universal Creed of Free Masonry*" *seek* to join our Order, and then endeavor to pervert its whole meaning and intention; surely they must have completely forgotten the solemn professions they made at their reception, or merely look upon them as idle forms, to be laid aside when their object was attained.