

up our minds that men should not go around the entire circuit of the Delta to find a Commandery, but we did it at last after much coaxing, and now all you have to do is to pick out a Commandery which will have you and patronize the Masonic millinery men with liberality, and you will quickly become entitled to dangle a toy sword at your side and to trip yourself up with it in the most approved fashion."

Under the circumstance of continued ill-health, for which he has our sincere sympathy, Frater E. George DeLap gives us another of his "aromatic" reports, full of ability and ginger and withal showing pure kindness of heart. We make a few extracts:

"We note among 'special dispensations', several to Commanderies desiring to attend and participate in 'Ascension Day' services under the auspices of *Jackson Lodge, A. F. & A. M.*! It appears from this that 'uninformed piety' is becoming quite popular, and that there is considerable sectarianism in one, at least, of the Blue Lodges of the Sucker State." ***

We are, if we are true Templars, judged by a creed, and that creed is, the Divine nature of God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. If we are true Templars we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Saviour of the world, and that there is no other name given in heaven or among men whereby man can be saved. If this is not a creed, what is it? If any of our Iowa Commanderies have members who do not subscribe to this creed it will be in order to give them the grand bounce! Had the R. E. been talking of the Blue Lodge his remarks would have been all right, but as the case stands they were all wrong. The Commandery is not a corral for free thinkers, nor lunatics of any sort." ***

Now, is there a man in Massachusetts who for a moment believes that the desire to honor God, or to reverently engage in His worship and service, had the smallest place in the motives that concerned this exhibition of Dress Parade and Uniformed Religion? We think not. Such playing at religion and piety, controlled by 'Grant's Tactics,' is an abomination in the sight of that God who has said emphatically that they that worship Him must do so in *spirit and in truth*." ***

"Who has questioned the 'allegiance and loyalty' of the Templars of Vermont that they must needs demonstrate their purity by making fools of themselves and prostituting the Order to a level with a ward caucus.

Give us a rest on this 'veneration for the memory' business, and if you really desire to show your appreciation of the services of the soldier-dead do it by ministering to the comfort of those they left behind! This dress parade appreciation ain't worth

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