

THE TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE.

A letter received from a friend in Washington says :— " The Knights Templars of the United States and Canada are soon to assemble in Washington city upon their 24th Triennial Conclave. The four corners of North America will furnish representatives, and make an assemblage that will test that elastic capital for entertainment. A very large majority of this high order of Masons are men of means, accustomed to the refinement and luxury that wealth with cultivation bestows ; so the city chosen for their meetings would,—aside from other considerations, gladly welcome such visitors and accord them hospitable entertainment. They invariably render, in some way, a *quid pro quo* for all they receive. As recently San Francisco, on the Pacific, was honored, and now Washington, an eastern centre, a movement is being inaugurated to have the next Triennial held in Toronto. On the score of situation ; the large proportion of Knights in Canada ; the city's adaptibility, and other essentials are conceded.

What is called the American Congress of Nations is to assemble in Washington the succeeding week, but to this assembly no representative from Canada is to appear. Central and South American States have appointed their respective representatives, but this body will be wholly without authority to bind any of these Powers. The U.S. Congress appropriated \$75,000 for the necessary and incidental expenses of this *semi-quasi* international gathering. Stronger in every respect, with but one-third of that appropriation, will be the Templar Conclave, for their decisions and laws control and govern this order of Masons throughout North America, and are cited in every land, for they are printed in nearly every

language on the globe. They are to have a procession—without prize drilling—marching around the capitol that, from responses received, will number 50,000 uniformed Knights, which with the very best bands, the swords and chapeaux of Sir Knights, will present a display never before witnessed on this continent. The wives and daughters and other ladies accompanying Knights, averaging one lady to each Knight, will add additional charm to all the attractions.

The Grand Commander of Ohio has sent out the following admirable circular touching Sabbath observance :—

" Greeting — Being apprised that several of the subordinate commanderies Knights Templars of this grand jurisdiction that contemplate a pilgrimage to Washington, D. C., upon the occasion of the approaching Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templars of the United States, find it necessary, and have so arranged, to commence their pilgrimage on Sunday, October 6th, next, the Grand Commander courteously requests hereby that the said Commanderies, and detachments of Commanderies, as such, refrain from marching through the streets or in public upon said day, and that orders be given such bands as may accompany them, prohibiting the discoursing of music, in order that due deference may be paid to the religious sentiment of each community, in this regard, which should characterize the Christian Templar, may be more firmly established and maintained."

IS IT A FABLE ?

We remember reading somewhere, perhaps in a Sanskrit lexicon, that King Solomon and the two Hiram visit Grand Lodges periodically, with the hope of finding some of their old collaborators in Masonry in the misty past, and hold communion together and dwell upon the glories of