

The fables so prevalent in Freemasonry are not altogether missing in the Order of the Temple, and it a part of our assumed duty to puncture all the idle fancies uniformed Ritual builders and commentators have infused into the popular Masonic belief. In the revising of the Red Cross we discovered from so many sources the absolute lack of familiarity of most of people with the events upon which the Order was founded. Scores of letters did we write to Fratres eminent in the eyes of the Fraternity that need not to have been written if the Correspondents had given their attention to informing the Fratres instead of expending money and paper in personal disputes, personal vanities, and personal quibblings about opinions. I thank God that a different motive from that apparent five years ago appears to influence the work of our co-laborers. The volume of dusty platitudes reprinted is wonderfully reduced, and the painful contentions, often vindictive, have almost disappeared; such is confined to a single reviewer now.

Another object of the work of the writer is to define the distinction between Freemasonry, Cryptic Masonry and the Orders that repose in the bosom of the Commandery. Many devoted Brethren carry into Capitular Masonry and into the Order of the Temple the special form of secrecy demanded by the E. A. Degree. These are shocked by printed or written Rituals, and by displays forbidden by the simplicity of the Craft requirements. Such are sincere, tender of conscience and desirous of doing right at all hazards. They have our respect and sympathy. They are entitled to the light which is necessary to make duty plain."

He has a very good notice of our Proceedings for 1892. In the course of time, Frater Connor, there will be "Landmarks" in Templarism, and it will be well for us to begin to preserve them now. (We hope that he will not say that there is anything *Irish* about that sentence.)

After quoting the report of our Ritual Committee, he says:

"We make no claim to the prophetic afflatus while predicting that another revision is inevitable. There is a natural restlessness arising out of Canada's proximity to the most populous Templar authority on earth, and which uses Ceremonials utterly unlike those we have adopted. That restless craving for approximate uniformity will increase."

In reply to his query we have to say that in our Templary suspension for non-payment of dues by a members' lodge does not affect his standing as a Templar. If the suspension is for unmasonic conduct, we require