

they could, to render their visit agreeable and pleasant, and he desired that the Grand Priory of Canada should be informed of their appreciation of the high honor done them by sending the deputation, and that they heartily returned the knightly courtesies and greetings contained in their letter of credentials.

His address was responded to by Eminent Frater Henry Robertson, Grand Sub-Prior, who reciprocated the kindly expressions with which they were welcomed, and assured the Sir Knights of the deep interest taken by the fratres of Canada, in all proceedings of their American brethren. He said that it afforded the delegates the greatest pleasure to be present at the meeting of so many distinguished and influential representatives of the craft, and to become personally acquainted with those eminent masons, whose names have long been as "household words," among Canadian Templars. The fraternal kindness and knightly courtesy which they had already received, were exceedingly gratifying, and but afforded another proof of the beneficial teachings of the Templar Order and of their true devotion to their knightly vows. The deputation was then invited to seats on the dais. On their retirement, they were again saluted with Grand Honors, and escorted by a guard of honor.

They then visited the different headquarters, viz:—of Maryland Commandery, No. 1, at Raines Hall; Baltimore No. 2, at the New Assembly Rooms; Monumental, No. 3, at the Concordia Opera House, and others, and also the rooms of the A. and A. Scottish Rite, which were all beautifully and elegantly decorated and fitted up. At each place they were cordially welcomed and most hospitably entertained, and were escorted from one place to another by each commandery to the next. The Canadian regalia, differing so much from the American, created a marked sensation, wherever it appeared, and excited universal admiration for its beauty and richness, and it was also acknowledged by those who had given attention to the subject, to be the correct costume. During the day, excursions took place down the bay, to Fort Henry and other places of interest, and a parade of the fire department was also held. The beautiful parks of Druid Hill, Schuetzen, and Patterson were also great sources of attraction, and were visited by many. In the evening concerts and balls were "in order," at a number of halls which were prolonged to a late hour.

On Thursday, the grand parade took place, and words fail to give any idea of the brilliant and imposing pageant. Between five and six thousand Knights in full regalia, formed in line on Broadway, and were reviewed by the Grand Master, after which they marched through the principal streets, accompanied by forty bands of music. Their drill was continued while marching, as at the word of command, triangles, crosses, double and triple crosses, and other figures were formed and changed again with great rapidity and precision. The showy uniform of the Knights, their brilliant banners and badges, the crowds of spectators, and the decorations of the houses and streets, altogether produced a *tout ensemble*, magnificent in the extreme, and the gorgeous spectacle can never be forgotten by those who witnessed it. The procession was over an hour in passing a given point, and it was estimated that at least 200,000 people were in the streets through which it passed. A marching prize, consisting of a superb Libation Service, was offered by Baltimore Commandery, No. 2, for the best marching and drill, and was won by Detroit Commandery, No. 1., of Detroit.