

The Assemblies of Great Priory are in future to be held half yearly instead of yearly.

Preceptories, 4 ; members, 76 ; increase, 12.

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Virginia.

Seventy-second Conclave, Richmond, October 15th, 1894.

E. E. Downham, G. C.

In his address, he says :

Little has occurred throughout the Templar year, save routine work, consequently the administration of the duties of Grand Commander have not been heavy. The condition of the Order is a subject on which I desire to congratulate you, for prosperity and harmony prevail in all our Commanderies except two, Nos. 3 and 12, who have failed to submit reports for the past four years. The membership of most of the Commanderies has increased, and since the new Ritual has come into use, there seems to be a desire on the part of the Sir Knights to acquire the work and be ready to fill any position they may be called upon to fill by their Frates.

The report on Education at the Masonic Home shows that a good work is being well done :

EAST RICHMOND, VA., NOVEMBER 15, 1894.

MR. J. V. BIDGOOD,

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—In obedience to your request I herewith enclose you my hurriedly prepared report :

We have twelve boys in the school. The public school system is in vogue. The boys are very well advanced, and hence it became necessary, with six of the older boys, to go beyond the public school system. So early in the year (September) I formed two new classes, one of Latin, and one of algebra. Besides these two classes, I have, by the authority of the educational committee, introduced two other new studies for the class of six, type-writing and telegraphy. I am pleased to say that they are making rapid progress in each. There will be an advance made all along the line by the end of this month. All will be moved up one grade higher, and new studies taken up.

The boys have made as much progress as could be desired, and they are making wonderful progress now, and I challenge any public school in the state to show a better monthly report than I herewith enclose.

Things are very well with us in this little room, but when we get into the new building and the better prepared class rooms,