

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight, J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight James Greenfield, and

RESOLVED,—That the Annual Cash Statement of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Grand Council for audit and report.

REPORT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

The following reports of the Grand Council were presented :

ON CONDITION OF TEMPLARISM.

Reports have been received from the Provincial Priors of London, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Quebec and Nova Scotia, and a careful review of them enables your Committee to congratulate Great Priory upon a substantial increase, both numerically and financially. Not only is this true with respect to the funds of Great Priory, but also in the improved condition of the Subordinate bodies as a whole, although most of those held in outlying places have barely held their own. We gather from the Provincial Priors, representing the voice of their districts, that immediate improvement is expected to result from decisive action at your hands respecting the much vexed question of ritual, and it is to be hoped that the labors of the Committee on the Revision of our Ritual may meet with approval and adoption. Notwithstanding the urgency of the Preceptories, however, for a settlement of the uniform and Ritual questions, we should beware of hasty or ill-considered action, as it does not appear that either the uniform recommended or the ritual which has been printed fully meets the views of the Preceptories or the requirements of the Order.

The attendance at the meetings of the several Preceptories visited by the Provincial Priors has not been so large as it should have been, but the officers appear to be painstaking and efficient, and the work done shows a marked improvement. It is strongly recommended that Chapters of Instruction be held at central points, and we would urge the attendance at such invaluable exemplifications of the ritual of the officers of Great Priory, and hope that the most efficient workers in all the Preceptories will lend their assistance. This will increase the interest in Templarism throughout this Jurisdiction, as well as increase the excellence of the work.

The St. John's difficulty continues to be a thorn in the side of Knight Templarism, but it is hoped that a fraternal