

membership in my own selected list of the Grand Council, I refused to entertain the suggestion on the ground of consistency, and am therefore pained to think that the Grand Chancellor should show feelings of pique at my refusal of his request, the more so, as his former expressed opinions of Templary coincided with my own.

I am quite aware that my ideas of Templary have been commented upon, as expressing extreme opinions considered by many as "Utopian," and by the "Would be Wise" of this advanced age, as the dreams of senility, quite contrary to preconceived ideas of Masonry, but I have the conviction of the absolute truths of our Templar system and do not flinch from any criticism or give up the precious doctrines I have always advocated.

Altho' old age has come upon me, and for months past confined to my room and bed by serious illness, principally the result of a severe accident, yet I do not feel that anyone can "play upon an old man's weakness," so "considerately" stated in the article inserted in THE CRAFTSMAN, and be assured Mr. Editor, that I have not forgotten the vows I took at my installation as Supreme Grand Master in 1884:—"Not to infringe, or cause, or suffer to be infringed, the statutes and regulations of the Order," nor the vows of fealty that my officers made to me at the time.

Fraternally Yours,

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[The article referred to by the Grand Master was not inspired nor contributed by any other brother than the editor of this Journal.—Ed. C. C.]

PROV. PRIOR WESLEY'S VISITATION TO CYRENE.

An emergent chapter of Cyrene Preceptory and Priory No. 29 was held in Templar's hall, on the 18th ult., when a reception was tendered to R. E. Fr. Samuel Wesley, provincial prior of the Toronto district, and R. E. Fr. John McL. Stevenson, past provincial prior,

both of Barrie. There was a large attendance of sir knights, and among those present were: V. E. Fr. Charles F. Mansell, R. E. Fr. Geo. J. Bennett, R. E. Fr. G. G. Rowe, M. D., E. Fr. E. C. Postlethwaite. Knights—Fred Manley, J. M. Morson, W. R. Cavell, G. S. Ryerson, M. D., Ald. Geo. S. Booth, D. A. Thurston, M. R. Clissold, H. A. Reesor, E. Davies, W. G. Eakins, John A. Martin, Jos. E. Rogers, Aubrey White, Charles Johnson, H. B. Howson, J. A. Wismer, J. A. Cowan, E. G. Mingay, F. R. Robins, John W. Malloy and J. G. Dixon.

The consecration degree was exemplified by the presiding preceptor and the officers, at the close of which R. E. Fr. Wesley delivered an address. After congratulating Cyrene upon its past successes he briefly referred to the honor that had been conferred upon them by the Supreme Grand Master. Referring to the exemplification of the work in the consecration degree he characterized it as a masterpiece of Templarism, and expressed the hope that the high standard of excellence would not only be maintained by Cyrene, but might prove an attractive example to other preceptories.

At the conclusion of the Provincial Prior's address an adjournment was made to the banquetting hall, where an elaborate supper was served and the usual patriotic speeches delivered. A feature of the after dinner entertainment was a musical programme, in which Frs. Fred Manley, E. C. Davies, J. W. Malloy, Judge Morson and George J. Bennett took part.

TEMPLARISM IN QUEBEC.

At the anniversary meeting of William de la More, the Martyr Preceptory of the United Religious and Military Order of the Temple, held at the Masonic Hall, Quebec, there was a very good attendance of members.

After the regular business of the meeting had been proceeded with, a most pleasant feature was introduced. Mr. Carl Kuhring, the efficient Regis-