

joy to him would be that during the balance of his probation—which might perhaps be but short—it must be. Yet he hoped to see the Knights Templar of Canada stand fast and firm in the bonds of christian Knighthood, which has led us up to that high and honorable position in having been convened together to-night to be recipients of a letter from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

The M. E. Great Prior, having assumed the sceptre, proceeded in a few remarks to propose the toast of our guest, "V. E. Sir Kt. Alex. Staveley Hill, G. C. of England," which was responded to with enthusiastic cheers. Song—"Jolly Good Fellow."

The distinguished Sir Kt. in replying to the toast, remarked that he was pleased at the brotherly remarks from the M. H. & E. Great Prior, and congratulated himself that, wherever he had been (though kindly received by all,) yet he had not received such a reception as the one given him this evening. He had been upon a trip of observation, and was delighted with what he had seen and learned. He saw opening out to Canada a grand and brilliant future, in it a source of development to which the many classes in good Old England could come with strong arms, determined will, and steady purpose of action, to carve out for themselves a comfortable home and honorable livelihood. He also hoped that, if in the distant future the Colonies would be represented in one Grand State Parliament, Canada would be able to do credit to herself, and this he felt satisfied of from the push, tact and loyal sentiment which he found abounds over this vast territory. He trusted that, at some future day, the Royal Craft would be honored with a visit from H. R. H. After an eloquent and entertaining speech, he resumed his seat amidst rounds of applause.

The next toast which the chairman said gave him peculiar pleasure to

propose was that of our "Visiting Sir Knights." They had amongst them visitors from several jurisdictions, and he knew that the Sir Kts. of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory felt how great an honor had been conferred upon them by the presence of so many this evening, to which replies were elicited from the following Brethren:—

Sir Kt. W. H. Hatton, 38°, on behalf of the Sup. Council 38° of Canada, who desire to convey to the Sir Kts. the thanks of that Grand Body for the honor conferred upon it by proposing the toast, and in being pleased to do honor to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales through the R. E. the Grand Chancellor.

Sir Kt. J. H. Graham, LL. D., G. M. Grand Lodge of Quebec, in replying, referred to the untold pleasure it afforded him at being present to do honor to the Ambassador from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, to associate with old friends and enjoy that fraternal intercourse, and with those whom he had met in former days, and trusted that the same kindly feeling of reciprocal attachment would be enhanced by the meeting that evening; that wherever little differences of opinion had existed in the past, he felt satisfied that nothing would occur to mar that pleasure and goodfellowship which are the teachings of Masonry. The Grand Master of the G. L. of Quebec begged also for himself, and in behalf of all the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, heartily to endorse the sentiments of the Great Prior in his reply to the communication from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales—and he begged V. E. Sir Kt. Hill to be pleased to assure H. R. H. that no members of the Craft throughout the Dominion entertained more profound esteem for him personally, or was more loyal to the person and throne of Her Most Gracious Majesty, our beloved Queen, than the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.