

We further unite most heartily in congratulating him upon the exalted position to which he has been elevated by the favour of His Royal Highness the Grand Master of our Order as the first V. H. & E. Great Prior of Canada; and we further join in one common hope that he may long be spared to grace the high office which he now holds, and that the blessing of the Most High may ever attend him.

The Great Priory cannot allow this opportunity to pass of acknowledging the able and instructive address this day presented by the Great Prior, which, like his many former communications, is replete with useful and instructive information respecting the history and aim of The Templar Order, giving evidence of that research into, and mastery of, all questions relating to the institution and early records of Templarism, as well as the principles governing it in all ages, which have made for our Great Prior a world-wide reputation as an authority in these matters.

The members of Great Priory are pleased to know that in entering upon the consideration of the proposed Statutes for the government of this Grand Body, they may do so with the assurance that what has been prepared with so much care by the Committee has earned the approval of the Great Prior.

Finally,—The Sir Knights now assembled most heartily and reverently join in one earnest prayer, "God bless our good Great Prior."

It was then moved by V. E. Sir Knight † Kerr, seconded by V. E. Sir Knight † Simpson, Provincial Prior for Quebec, and

Resolved—That the Report of the Council just read be received and adopted.

The V. H. and E. The Great Prior expressed his high appreciation of the terms of the reply to his address.

V. E. Sir Knight † Henderson, Provincial Prior for Eastern Ontario, as Chairman of the Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Sir Knight † James Smith, of London, Ontario, see Proceedings of 1875, Page 331, brought up the following Report on the same:—

REPORT.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred at the last meeting of Grand Priory the Petition of Sir Knight † James Smith, of London, Ontario, beg leave to report: