

On the observance of church days the Grand Recorder in his review of Nebraska well says:

"He evidently favors the religious observance of such days by commanderies, which may be all right, but the matter ought to be left to each commandery and not forced upon them by order, as doubtless hundreds and even thousands of our number feel they can be just as devout Christians without the public observance of moveable feasts or other so-called holy days."

Canada for 1891 has a good notice.

T. W. Hugo, (Duluth,) G. C.

(Where is Duluth anyway?)

Thomas Montgomery, (St. Paul,) G. R.

MISSISSIPPI.

Thirty-second Conclave, Vicksburg, Feb. 9, 1892.

A black line at the head of the column denotes the death of the Grand Commander Joseph E. Leigh, an eminent Mason, renowned for his fervency and zeal.

The Deputy Grand Commander made the following decisions:

"I have decided that an honorary member of a Commandery, unless an active member thereof, is ineligible to vote or hold office therein, honorary membership being a compliment only.

I have decided that a Commandery cannot confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any Companion without the fees therefor are paid in advance; that should a Commandery, for want of information or too great ardor for increase of membership, violate this provision, the recipient is not excused or exempted from the penalty of unmasonic and unknighly conduct, should he fail, neglect, or refuse to pay such fees, because of the want for authority in the Commandery. Such occupy the position of the one who under the statue of the state, obtains goods under false pretenses."

There is a substantial increase in the number of degrees conferred, and a net gain of thirty-one in membership.

One of the replies of the Committee on Templar law of which our friend Frederick Speed is Chairman, is rather unique:

"Ques. 5. Can I join any Commandery I please or must I go to the nearest?"

Ans. Just jump right in where you can find any one which will have you. The jurisdictional fences have long ago been torn down and burnt up in this State. It took us a long time to make