

mander W. Livingstone, Jr., of the Detroit journal. The Captain General had found pleasure in his visit to the fraters of the London Preceptory and spoke at length of the past work of the Detroit drill corps. He agreed with previous speakers regarding the relations which should exist between the Templars of the continent, and closed with a patriotic sentiment in which all concurred.

The Hon. W. C. Maybury paid a few grateful words of tribute to the Sovereign of the greatest empire in existence. There was a thought, he said, which always led the world in all ages. To day the thought was Anglo-Saxon, and the best exemplar of that thought was found in Britain's most gracious Queen. (Loud applause). The love and affection borne for her was not confined to the hearts of Britons, but wherever there beat a true Anglo-Saxon heart that loved liberty, there was found a true lover of Queen Victoria. "May I express this hope," said the honorable gentleman, "that she may live long years with the strength to rule over a happy, united and prosperous people, and late come the day when her life must be changed for a sad but ever reverent memory."

Past Commander Livingstone considered the present Sovereign of Britain to be the best the world had ever seen. He expressed his gratification at being able to attend the meeting of the Great Priory.

In reply to the toast "Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 4, London," Sir Knight Geo. C. Davis made the speech of the evening. Among other noble sentiments by the speaker were these: "No false notion of state-manship, no fiery speeches of demagogues will ever cause us to forget that we are of one flesh, of one kindred and of one blood, and that although we as Canadians love our flag we honor and respect you because you love your flag; and we are not jealous because each year you are adding a star to it, denoting wealth and prosperity on the part of your nation. We

will save our country from the hands of those who for self glory would seek to have us shed each other's blood. Long may your visit be a green oasis in the desert of our lives. We may forget the way in which you performed your drill; we may less unlikely forget the manner in which you exemplified the work in the temple, but the golden chain of love has been so woven between these two countries that the heritage will be transmitted from father to son, and from frater to frater."—*The American Tyler*.

LONDON MASONIC TEMPLE SOLD.

The Masonic Temple, according to the *Daily News* of Oct. 7th, has passed into the hands of Colonel Leys, and will no longer be controlled by the Masonic fraternity. Negotiations for the purchase have been in progress for some time, and culminated in the transfer which was made yesterday. Directors of the Temple Company, Messrs. T. Beattie, M.P., W. J. Reid, Ed. Paul, James Priddis and P. W. D. Broderick, took up the stock some years ago on behalf of the Masonic fraternity, and bound themselves to give the lodges and chapters a sixty-days' option of purchase before disposing of their holdings elsewhere. The Masonic bodies had previous to this acquired all the stock they could conveniently finance, and allowed the option to go by the board. They stipulated, however, and the arrangement was concurred in, that the building shall be known for all time to come as the Masonic Temple; that the stock held by the lodges and chapters shall be accepted at par by the Dominion Society, if so desired, who will give in exchange their 3 per cent. debentures; that the 6 per cent. interest on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of \$4,000 shall be paid in perpetuity annually, and that the Masonic fraternity may extend their lease of the Blue Room for an indefinite period.

These concessions were acquiesced in, after which the transfer was made, and