

had in it, besides its wealth of science, all the elements of pure and simple religion. It taught them grand and telling truths for their guidance in the present, and held out to them the certainty of a glorious future. That was why he admired Freemasonry, nay, loved it."

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## THE ENGLISH UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

KNOWING the interest felt in all matters connected with the Orders of the Temple and Hospital of the Langue of England, of which H. R. H. the Prince of Wales is Grand Master; Canada being now by the unanimous resolution of the Convent General held in London, on the 29th of October last, admitted to the position of a "Great" or "National Priory" in the Langue, co-equal with those of England and Ireland, which only waits for the return of the Grand Master from India to be confirmed, we publish for the information of the Order in the Dominion, the substance of a document issued by the Chancellerie, designed to correct the erroneous impressions created by statements made in memorials from Provincial Priorities addressed to the Great Prior of England and circulated in Canada, containing various errors both as to facts, and the effects of the new statutes. It will be seen that the remarks and views of the Grand Prior of Canada in his published address to the Grand Priory on the same subject are fully borne out by the present commentary on these memorials.

### UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

By the treaties with Scotland and Ireland of the 8th October, 1867, and 27th November, 1868, it was provided that a joint committee of the three kingdoms should be appointed to draw up Articles of Union. The Irish and English members met, and ultimately, in 1872, completed Statutes framed to meet the emergency of the case.

This committee drew up a unanimous report, which, having been submitted to Grand Conclave in December, 1872, was, after discussion accepted.

A similar course was pursued in Ireland.

Thus these Statutes were under consideration between four and five years, and Grand Conclave, if it had confidence in the men it appointed, could not but accept the result so carefully prepared; how can it then with truth be said, "that by reason of" "the hurried manner in which the new Statutes were brought forward, no consideration could be given to their probable effect, and the expediency of their enactment?"

Material alterations were requisite, not so much in the existing National Governing Bodies, the names alone of which were altered, as in the creation and constitution of a new Supreme Body. The Grand Conclave of England became the Great Priory of England, and a similar change was made in Ireland, both bodies being subordinated to the "Convent General," of which H. R. H. the Prince of Wales was to assume the Headship. The internal government of the two component bodies was not interfered with, except in the election of the Great Priors, who are now appointed by the Grand Master.