

"Nearly half a century has elapsed since the fraternity has been honored by the assembling of the Grand Encampment in Baltimore, and there is no question but the strangers will never regret their visit to the City of Monuments. Every convenience is being perfected for the accommodation and pleasure of the visitors, and it will be a proud day for Baltimore, when her streets are taken possession of for a short season by more than five thousand Sir Knights, whose soldier-like bearing and brilliant regalia will form a pageant so rare that its like may never be seen again.

THE VISITORS

Up to the present time the Committee of Arrangements in this city has been apprised that the following cities will be represented at the September Triennial. Commanderies; from Philadelphia and other cities in Pennsylvania; Camden, New Jersey; New York City and State; Boston, St. Louis, Mobile, Washington; Wilmington, Delaware; Providence, Rhode Island; Chicago, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Omaha, Dayton, and Springfield, Illinois. The latter Commandery will appear in the grand procession mounted, an arrangement having been perfected with the railroad companies for the transportation of seventy-five horses.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.

The following hotel accommodations have already been engaged by the visiting Commanderies: Barnum's City Hotel, will be the headquarters of the Grand Master Sir W. Sewell Gardner, and General G. High Priest Austin; also of Grand Commander Charles H. Mann, and Grand High Priest Ohr, of Maryland; Kadosh Commandery, No. 29, of Philadelphia, and the large delegation from St. Louis, Missouri, have also secured quarters at Barnum's; St. John's, No. 4, of Philadelphia and Hentzelman Commandery, of Cincinnati, have secured the Eutaw House; Mary Commandery, No. 26, of Philadelphia, has secured the St. Clair; at Ren-

ner's new Hotel on Fayette Street, (now rapidly approaching completion), Philadelphia Commandery No. 2; and Morton Commandery of New York, will be quartered at the Howard House; the St. Omer of Elmira, New York, and Baldwin, No. 2, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Cyrene, No. 7, of Camden, New Jersey, and Ivanhoe, No. 7, of Bordentown, New Jersey, have secured the Fountain Hotel on Pratt Street; Pittsburgh, No. 1, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, go to Guy's and the De Molay, No. 9, of Reading, Pennsylvania, to the Western Hotel; the Richmond and Petersburg Commanderies will put up at the Maltby House, and the Norfolk Commandery will probably stop at Pepper's Hotel; the Sherwood House has been secured by Mount Olivet Commandery, of Erie, Pennsylvania. Other Commanderies are also expected, for whom quarters will be provided, and many Knights and those accompanying them will be accommodated at boarding houses and in private families.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The escort to the Grand Master, Sir W. Sewell Gardner, will consist of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, of Chicago, Illinois. The Grand Commandery of Maryland has appointed as a Committee of Arrangements, Charles H. Mann, Francis Lincoln, E. Corbett, E. T. Shultz and M. Millar. The Committee on Music on the part of Baltimore Commandery, No. 2, is W. T. Adreon, John A. Hillberg and John D. Quincy, who have engaged the Fifth Regiment Band and Drum Corps. Wacker's Band has been secured by Monumental Commandery, No. 3. The headquarters of Maryland Commandery, No. 1, will be at Raine's Hall, corner of Baltimore Street and Postoffice Avenue; that of Baltimore, No. 2, at the New Assembly Rooms; and that of Monumental, No. 3, at Concordia Hall. The various committees are making extensive preparations for a grand reception to the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.