

The report on Foreign Correspondence is as usual full and able. Canada and England for 1877 receives brief but kindly and approving notice.

In reference to the next meeting of Grand Encampment in Chicago, the writer prophesies:—

"All of which means that there will be more 'fuss and feathers,' more blowing of trumpets and beating of drums, more parades, drills, marching and counter-marching, more excursions, banquets, receptions, raree shows, &c., and a greater neglect of business, than was ever known before. Well, this bubble must burst some time, and it might as well go out in 'a blaze of glory' at Chicago as anywhere else. The day will come—and we hope that it is not far distant—when the representatives to our National Masonic Grand Bodies will learn that they are sent by their constituents to attend to business, instead of for the purpose of having a 'big spree.'

"Courtesy and hospitality can be shown without this lavish expenditure of money; and the diversion of funds from their proper use, often impoverishing Grand and subordinate bodies, in ostentatious show, to attract the attention of a heedless public, and secure the admiration of the 'groundlings,' is a great wrong. Many a Commandery will spend hundreds of dollars for a parade or a banquet, from which ten dollars for charity could not be drawn without the use of a pair of pinchers."

He asks for our Great Prior's name in full. We give it for our worthy frater's benefit; "William John Bury Macleod-Moore."

It is to be noted that our gallant Colonel's surname is a compound one, showing both his Scotch and Irish ancestry.

The reviewer returns to kicking against the Grand Encampment:—

"The canker which is eating into the vitals of the Grand Encampment, and which, if unchecked, will destroy its very existence, is the iniquitous custom of paying mileage and per diem to all of the Grand Officers. There are plenty of good men—aye, as good and true, as capable and well qualified, as ever have held office therein—who would willingly fill the offices of the Grand Encampment, and faithfully perform the duties thereof with credit to themselves and honour to their constituents, who would consider the honour of the position more than sufficient compensation for the slight expense which each had to bear. How it may be now, we do not know; but it was formerly the custom in English Templar Bodies, for those who were elected to prominent offices to pay 'a fee of honour' to the Grand Body, the amount varying with the importance of the office. If a man cannot afford to accept an official position, others as well qualified can; and he must be content without it, just as every man has to do in regard to certain luxuries of life which are beyond his reach."

The cheeriness of the whole review is in sad contrast with the concluding remarks. The writer says:—

"The slow but sure progress of an incurable disease admonishes him that in all human probability, these are the last proceedings of our National Templar head which he will be able to review. But while his brain has power to reason and while his hand can guide a pen, he wishes to be an active worker in the ranks of those noble spirits who have upheld and strengthened our Order, and who, with their successors, will carry forward

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