

and neither discord nor strife remain among us. Chivalric courtesy has prompted mutual forbearance, and knightly magnanimity has engendered mutual forgiveness."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence simply acknowledges (without comment) the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Commanderies, and of the Great Priory of Canada.

*Statistics.*—Commanderies, 14; members, 14; knighted, 69.

#### WISCONSIN, 1876.

The Eighteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin convened at Masonic Hall, in the city of Milwaukee, on Tuesday, October 3rd, 1876, at 2 o'clock P. M.

All the Commanderies (twelve in number) were represented.

The following resolution, as an amendment to the constitution, was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, The Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States approving, that the Council Degrees, as conferred by authority of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of this jurisdiction, be, and the same are hereby made requisite to the reception of candidates into the Orders of Knighthood in this State; and, that candidates for the Orders be required to state, in their petitions, the name, number, and location of the Council to which they belong.

"And, further, that when this measure is approved by the Grand Master, the Grand Recorder shall certify the same to the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction; and, from the date of the reception of such certificate, this regulation shall be in force."

Your Committee have little doubt that this unwise resolution will be disallowed by the Grand Master as *ultra vires*. Such legislation, we humbly suggest, could only emanate from Grand Encampments, and would tend to still greater confusion. The "Red Cross" is not a pre-requisite in the English Order, but by treaty is conferred on Sir Knights of this jurisdiction to enable them to obtain admission to Commanderies in the United States. It would indeed be an anomaly if we could enter a Templar Asylum in every State of the Union except Wisconsin.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is full and discursive. Canada, for 1875, receives kindly mention. Of the Great Prior's address, the reviewer remarks:—

"It would be superfluous for us to say that it is able and worthy of perusal, for its authorship is convincing evidence of the fact. E. Frater W. J. B. McLeod Moore is so well versed in matters pertaining to the craft, and possesses such a happy faculty of placing these matters in a concise and at the same time pleasing form, that no one can fail to be interested in what he says."