

vated to Preceptories. Provincial Priors will be good enough to co-operate with the Presiding Preceptors in their Districts to give effect to the same, and to impress upon all members of the Order the necessity of using the most strenuous efforts to raise funds to clear off the debt unavoidably incurred.

6th.—The Revised Ritual throughout, using the term "Brother," as applied to Knights, in accordance with the ancient customs of the Order, the Great Prior recommends its being generally adopted, substituting "Brother Knight," for Sir Knight.

7th.—To distinguish the class of officers in "Great Priory," the Great Prior recommends that the "Sub-Prior" and the elected Great Officers use the prefix "Great," the remaining appointed officers "Grand"—the latter term, from long use, having become familiar to the members of the Order to designate the officers of the *Supreme Governing* body.

8th.—It having been brought to the notice of the Great Prior that it was the general wish of the Order in Canada occasionally to wear the Templar insignia in public, principally for the purpose of receiving the visits of the United States Templars, when they arrived as a body in uniform, but that the regulation Templar costume was too conspicuous in which to appear out of doors, the Great Prior has no objection to Provincial Priors using their discretion in granting permission to Preceptories in their districts dispensing with the *White Mantle and Tunic* on such occasions, and wearing with the ordinary civilian dress (of a uniform pattern), the Templar badges as authorized by the statutes of "Convent General," viz: the sword and belt, the sash or baldric, the star and cross, with gauntlets and such appropriate head-dress as may be determined upon,—but entirely disapproves adopting the *Semi-Military* uniform of the United States Templars. The modern military organization and practices of their Templar system being quite distinct and different from that of the Canadian branch of the Order, does not admit of any imitation, and it is to be distinctly understood that this permission must not be considered as a precedent for discontinuing the Mantle and Tunic at meetings of Preceptories, or of any other innovation whatever, on the prescribed regulations. It is almost unnecessary to remind members of the Order that they are all bound to maintain and uphold the statutes and regulations of "Convent General" and "Great Priory" of Canada, and that the Great Prior has no authority to release them from this O. B. (Signed),

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E. Sir Kt. E. B. Burch, Provincial Prior, assisted by E. Sir Kt. A. G. Smyth, installed the officers of Benleigh Preceptory, St. Thomas, recently. The following compose the list of officers:—E. Sir Kt. E. W. Porter, Prior; E. Sir Kt. Robert MacKay, Constable; E. Sir Kt. H. A. Gramis, Marshall; E. Sir Kt. M. H. Taylor, Prelate; E. Sir Kt. J. H. Thompson, Treasurer; E. Sir Kt. C. V. Monthropé, Recorder; E. Sir Kt. Edward McNeal, Sub-Marshal; E. Sir Kt. Wm. Marriott, Capt. of Line; E. Sir Kt. G. Kenwarden, Capt. of Guard; E. Sir Kt. E. Claino, Guard. After the installation ceremonies were concluded, the St. Thomas fratres entertained their visitors to a very fine banquet at the C. S. Refreshment Rooms. From the number of applications received, and the determination evinced on this occasion not to be behind any other Preceptory "in drill and equipment," their future success is assured. The following were among the visiting Sir Knights from London, Clinton and district: Sir Kts. J. B. Smyth, H. A. Baxter, Wm. Hawthorn, W. H. Rooks, R. Kingsmill, Chas. Knapp, T. C. Welsh, F. J. Hood, W. H. Marlo, and R. Armstrong.

WATERDOWN.—A concert was given in this place under the auspices of Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, on the 26th ult. The Town Hall, in which the entertainment was held, was "crammed." The chair was filled by W. Bro. Hunter, W. M. of Waterdown Lodge, who made a few appropriate remarks in reference to the objects of Freemasonry in relieving the wants of humanity, and the social bonds of the brethren of the Mystic Tie. He also referred to the great progress of Waterdown Lodge since its organization a few months ago. The programme of vocal and instrumental music was varied by an oyster supper. The concert was the best that has ever been given in the village. The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to over \$50, and that amount in wood, flour and other provisions, was dealt out to the poor of the village by the fraternity on New Year's Day.

A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.—A number of Civil Service gentlemen, and admirers of T. D. Harrington, Esq., late Deputy Receiver-General, recently conceived the idea of presenting that gentleman with some mark of the esteem in which they held him. The original intention was to confine the testimonial to a few friends, but on the action of the gentlemen referred to becoming known among the Service, a very large number in the several Departments expressed a desire to join in honoring one so worthy. It was therefore considered advisable to abandon the original