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ever, it being too much the wish and practice to copy and adopt from other systems, what are supposed to be improvements, but which in reality detract from the usefulness and uniformity of both—all forms and returns are to be strictly in conformity with the Rules laid down in the Statutes, and the attention of

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is to be particularly drawn to the clauses under the head "Instructions" pages seventy-five to seventy-eight of the Statutes, and Frates whose names are dropped from the roll of Preceptories for "non-payment" of dues must be properly notified and suspended, in accordance with the Statutes 77-78 and 79.

Presiding-Preceptors appear to think that there is nothing to engage their attention of sufficient interest, unless the ceremony of a "reception" is to take place at the regular meetings of the Chapters, and that their work only consists in the installation of aspirants. A Preceptor who acts up to the professions he has taken upon himself, has much, very much, more to do, when no particular business is before his Preceptory. The explanation of the symbolic teachings of the Order in its beautiful Liturgy, and exemplification of the different parts of the ceremonial, will sufficiently occupy his time to his own edification and that of the members of his Preceptory.

In October last, I had the pleasure of paying an official visit to Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, of Montreal, accompanied by the Provincial Prior, Frater I. H. Stearns, K. C. T., and was much gratified at the reception I received from the Presiding-Preceptor, Frater † W. Le Messurier and the assembled brethren of this the oldest Preceptory in the Province of Quebec—who did everything in their power to make it a most enjoyable re-union long to be remembered. I have on several occasions of late visited the Gondemar Preceptory, of Brockville, Ont., and at my last visit installed the Presiding-Preceptor, Frater † Wm. Fitzsimmons. This Preceptory has had many difficulties to contend with since its removal from Maitland, Ont., but there is now every prospect of its regaining its former activity and prosperity.

I have been anxious to visit frequently the Preceptories of the Dominion, but my failing health of late has prevented my