

ceed the courtesy and kind consideration, with which they were received, by all with whom they came in contact. The name of Canada appeared to be a sure passport to a cordial welcome everywhere, and it seemed as if too much could not be done, to show the feelings of respect and esteem, entertained for us by our American brethren. The delegates could only regret that more of our Canadian Templars were not present, to share the honors and compliments bestowed on them.

In the evening, a convention of Masonic reporters on Foreign Correspondence, was held in the Masonic Temple, which was made the occasion of a most pleasing and fraternal interchange of sentiment and brotherly greetings, among these "brothers of the quill." About 80 were present, the chair was occupied by Drummond of Maine, and Corson of New Jersey acted as secretary. Speeches were made by the chairman and secretary, by Gouley of Missouri, Parvin of Iowa, Robertson of Canada, Simons of New York, Doyle of Rhode Island, Mackey of South Carolina, and others, and a delightful evening was spent. At the close an informal meeting was organized, with Bro. Simons in the chair, and an incident took place productive of a good deal of merriment. Resolutions were duly passed, and Dr. Corson of New Jersey was formally and emphatically crowned as "Poet Laureate" of the reporters. The address of the chairman was most excellent, and humorous in the extreme, the resolutions were capitally got up, and the coronation speech by Hopkins of Pennsylvania, and the reply of the recipient, who was, of course, quite taken by surprise, were admirable.

Next morning, the Grand Encampment met in the Masonic Temple, being escorted thither by a grand parade of all the Commanderies that had arrived. All the knights were in full dress, and accompanied by numerous bands. On reaching the Temple, they were received by an address of welcome by the Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, Bro. J. H. B. Latrobe, which was responded to by the Grand Master of the Templars, William Sewall Gardner, of Massachusetts. The Grand Encampment then went into secret session.

The General Grand Chapter also met on Tuesday, and an address was delivered by M. E. Comp. James M. Austin, of New York, General Grand High Priest. In the evening, a grand banquet was given in the Maryland Institute, to the Grand Encampment, by Mary Commandery, No. 36, of Philadelphia, which was of the most *recherche* description.

On Wednesday the Canadian delegates formally visited the Grand Encampment, according to a previous appointment by the Grand Master. They wore the full costume of the English Knights Templar, and presented their credentials from the Grand Priory of Canada, which was a most magnificent specimen of the caligraphic art, and excited universal admiration. On being announced, a committee of reception together with a Guard of Honor was sent out to receive them and escorted them into the Encampment, where they were presented by Eminent Sir Knight James H. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, and were received with the grand honors. The Most Eminent Grand Master, William Sewall Gardner, then welcomed them in an appropriate address, in which he expressed the great gratification experienced by himself and the members of the Encampment, at receiving a visit from such distinguished brethren from Canada. It was the first official visit of the kind, and he hoped it was but the precursor of many more such meetings, which would help to cement more strongly the ties existing between them. He was sure that the Six Knights present would do all