

pre-eminence in all those essentials which go to make up a good and successful organization.

Commanderies, 58; members, 11,037; increase, 327.

John A. Mapes, (New York,) G. C.

John F. Shafer, (Albany,) G. R.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

Seventeenth Conclave, Wilmington, May 11, 1897.

William A. Withers, G. C.

The system of Grand Visitations was continued by the Grand Commander and his Council with good results. The committee on the address quietly suggest that the Commanderies from which no answers are received to communications sent them regarding official visits, are the ones that need to be visited.

Frater John C. Chase again has an excellent review of the various Proceedings. In his notice of Canada for 1896, he has the following comment on one paragraph of the address:—

"They are also beginning to have an attack of 'fuss and feathers,' desiring to imitate their frates across the border, whose uniform and drill are prominent features. He is rather disposed to favor more attention being paid to uniform and drill, but hopes that when the present uniform is remodelled, it will be made 'distinctively Canadian.' Well, we are not going to quarrel with him, but we are disposed to believe in working for uniformity rather than individuality.

Commanderies, 11; members, 349; increase, 2.

Joseph H. Hackburn, (Newbern,) G. C.

Horace H. Munson, (Wilmington,) G. R.

#### OHIO.

Fifty-fourth Conclave, Dayton, October 14, 1896.

John P. McCune, G. C.

Peace and harmony prevail. The year has been a prosperous one and the officers deserve credit for the prevailing peace and the absence of internal dissensions.

The Grand Recorder was authorized to print a new edition of the Ascension Day Service, and also to prepare and print a special Service for Easter Day and Good Friday.