

1893.

Thirteenth Conclave, Tarboro, May 11, 1893.

James Southgate, G. C.

On the condition of the Order he says:

"From the large number of Sir Knights petitioning for dispensations to form new Commanderies and confer the order out of the usual time, I infer that new interest is being taken in the various parts of our jurisdiction. From the best information obtainable in the absence of returns, I am satisfied that considerable advancement has been made all along the lines, and that a new impetus has been given to our Order. For this we are greatly indebted to our R. E. Grand Generalissimo Sir Knight F. M. Moye, by whose indefatigable labors two new commanderies have been put to work, and are now doing well."

The business transacted was local in interest.

They have 11 Commanderies and 285 members.

Frater George W. Blount has a good report on Correspondence. In his review of Ohio he has the following:

"He still disagrees with this Scribe as to celebration of holy days and says he will have nothing to add to what he said last year; yet does add two full pages of argument showing that *all* christians believe in Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection, yet adds nothing to show that the celebration of the *days* fixed by the Romish calendars ought to be fixed on the organization of Knights Templar as part of its ceremonies. We must cherish those memories as christians and as churches according to the ceremonial of the churches to which we belong, and not require a Commandery to do so while perhaps a part do not feel in harmony with such ritualistic performance. I still insist that the ceremonies on conferring the orders of Knights Templar sufficiently illustrate the grand doctrines inculcated in the teachings and life of our Saviour, and need not set days of *display* and ceremonial to impress them on the heart of the true, devout christian."

Canada for 1892 receives due notice.

Francis M. Moye, (Moyton,) G. C.

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

NORTH DAKOTA.

Third Conclave, Grand Forks, June 30, 1892.

David M. Holmes, G. C.

The past year has been one of unusual prosperity to the State and especially to the Order. The membership of all the Commanderies has been greatly increased.

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