

always agreeing with him. To our Ohio fratres we tender Canada's sincere sympathy in the loss they have sustained in the death of their talented confrère. At this session Sir Kt. Carson wrote, asking permission to finish his Report and include it in the proceedings, as by his illness it was not quite ready, permission was accorded and we have his twenty-third and last report. He courteously reviews Canada, at Montreal, 1897, and says that it would appear from the proceedings that Canada was undergoing quite a revolution in the way of activity, in fact becoming Americanized in that respect. Sir Knight Carson, as usual, vigorously objected to the "Eastern Star" as a "barnacle" or "attachment to Freemasonry," and replies to many of those who resented his fierce attacks on this Order. He also was very much adverse to the custom of "Was-sail" meetings, as he termed the Christmas observance meetings.

Membership, 8443; increase, 180.

Stephen P. Sands, Cincinnati, Grand Commander.
J. Nelson Bell, Dayton, Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1899.

Forty-sixth Annual. Altoona. May 23rd-24th.

The Grand Commandery assembled under the Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Knight Henry H. Kuhn, when the Mayor of the city was introduced, who gave them a pleasant welcome to the city.

The Grand Commandery was then opened, and R. E. Sir Knight Lee S. Smith, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encampment, was received with honors. The Grand Commander reported his official acts. He regretted that failing health forced him to cancel all engagements made for a series of visitations. He recommended the adoption of a regulation making Ascension Day in each year the appropriate day to attend Divine Service in Templar uniform.