

## ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

## GRAND PRIORY OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

The Annual Assembly of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital under the banner of the Supreme Grand Conclave of England and Wales, was held at headquarters, Masonic Temple, in the City of Hamilton, on Thursday, the 10th day of August, 1871.

V. E. Sir Knight Colonel W. J. B. McLeod Moore, the Grand Prior for the Dominion, occupied the throne. Nearly all the Encampments and Priories in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec were represented.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last annual assembly, the V. E., the Grand Prior, delivered the following address:

## ADDRESS

OF THE GRAND PRIOR OF CANADA AT THE ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE HELD ON THE 10TH, OF AUGUST 1871, AT HAMILTON PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

FRATRES OF THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE DOMINION;—It is a privilege we owe to a merciful Providence that we are again permitted to meet together at our annual Grand Conclave and I greet you all with every kind feeling and fraternal regard.

One old familiar face we miss never again to appear amongst us, and have to mourn the loss of a truly Christian Knight, a worthy upright and zealous Brother of our Order, who has been lately summoned to appear before the Great Tribunal where we trust he is now reaping the reward promised to those who while on earth faithfully performed their duties as soldiers of the Cross. Eminent Sir Knight Samuel Deadman Fowler, has passed to his rest. The valuable services he rendered to the Order and the Craft generally in Canada, I have a melancholy pleasure in bearing testimony to. Our late Eminent Frater was one of the first candidates that I installed in Canada on the establishment of the Order and formation of the *Hugh de Pagen's* Encampment at Kingston in 1854, and on the organization of this Provincial Grand Conclave, I selected him as the first Provincial Grand Chancellor and Registrar, these offices he filled for several years, materially aiding and assisting me, and to his zeal and efficiency I attribute much of the success which has been attained in placing the Order on its present firm and constitutional basis in the Dominion. He also held the rank of a Deputy Grand Commander and that of a past Grand Officer of the Grand Conclave in England and Wales, with sincere regret I have to record the loss sustained by this Grand Priory and the Order generally in Canada, of so illustrious a frater.

The Dominion Grand Chancellor will be pleased to direct that the officers of Grand Priory wear the usual mourning for three months, for their late lamented Past Deputy Grand Commander, and a memorial record be added to their proceedings, with such other tribute to his memory as Grand Priory may deem proper to adopt.

At our last annual assembly I directed a committee to be formed for the purpose of ascertaining what were the actual requirements of the Order in Canada, that proper measures might be adopted to meet either the grievances complained of by some members, or point out such changes as would add to the prosperity of the Canadian Branch of the Temple.

I have not as yet been furnished with this report and cannot therefore enter into any further explanation of my views expressed last year, or determine what course I shall pursue, until I know what the Frates of this jurisdiction have to bring forward.

My own feelings continue loyal to the *Supreme Governing Authority* in England; and be assured the Order of the Temple under English rule, both in its government and *ritualism* is far superior to any fancied advantages the *love* of change might lead those who have not thoroughly investigated the matter to expect. The inconsistencies that appear in other systems should be a warning to avoid invading the purity of our own.

The unfortunate differences which have sprung up in Canada by a separation of the Craft Lodges of the Province of Quebec from the Grand Lodges of Canada is much to be deplored and I regret to say has given rise to feelings quite foreign to the principles of Freemasonry.