

very highly appreciate the honor conferred on us by the letter from the Supreme Grand Master of the English Order, we fraternally request you, on your return to England, to be pleased most respectfully to convey to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, our due appreciation of his gracious favor and fraternal kindness, and of our profound esteem for him, and our unswerving loyalty to the person and throne of our Most Gracious Sovereign Lady the Queen, the Patron of our Knightly Order. For myself, I look upon it as one of my greatest honors and privileges—that I received my Patent as Great Prior of Canada from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and heir apparent to the throne of England—and that from the powers and prerogatives conferred by the said Patent, the Templar nationality of our Dominion first derived its existence.

We further beg you most respectfully to assure H. R. H., as Grand Master of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, and of the M. Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masous of England, and Grand Patron of the Ancient and Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, that, while on account of our peculiar circumstances, the several Rites and Orders of the Craft in our Dominion are establishing local Masonic Government, and while we are seeking to have such carried out and perfected in harmony and amity, we are more than ever desirous of having and perpetuating the most intimate fraternal relations to the co-ordinate Sovereign Grand Bodies of every regular and duly recognized Rite of Freemasonry and allied Orders in England, and to establish and maintain a perpetual alliance of loyal and fraternal amity and correspondence therewith.

Again proffering you a hearty and Knightly welcome, and wishing you a pleasant voyage across the Atlantic, and a safe and happy return to England,

I have the honor to be,

Dear and V. Eminent Frater,

Fraternally Yours,

† W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE, G.C.T.,
Great Prior Dominion of Canada.

Montreal, Province of Quebec, 19th Oct., 1881.

Before closing, an opportunity was given by the Great Prior to every Sir Kt. of making the acquaintance of our V. E. Sir Kt. and brother-in-arms in that peculiar manner known only to the initiated. After closing, at the request of the E. P. of R. Cœur de Lion Preceptory, Sir Kt. Adams, the company repaired to the banqueting hall of the Preceptory where a very

recherche and enjoyable repast was prepared.

The chair was occupied by the E. P. of the Preceptory, I. R. E. A. G. Adams, having on his left the guest of the evening, V. E. Sir Kt. Alex. Staveley Hill, Sir Kts. D. B. Tracey, of Detroit; H. A. Mackay, of Hamilton; A. A. Stevenson, of Montreal. Kt. Hutton. On his right the M. H. & E. Great Prior of Canada; R. E. Sir Kt. W. B. Simpson, P. G. Sub-Prior; Geo. O. Taylor, G. C., Vermont; I. H. Stearns, Prov. Prior, Quebec. After having partaken of the good things prepared, the Sir Knights proceeded to honor the toasts as proposed by the chairman.

After a few remarks by the chair, the first toast in Masonry was proposed—"The Queen," which was received with all the enthusiasm that loyal and true Knights Templar at all times delight to hear.

The second toast followed, "H. R. H. the Prince of Wales," G. M. of the Order in England. Song—"God Bless the Prince of Wales."

The next toast, and one which is at all times received with more than usual pleasure, was that of the "M. H. & E. the Great Prior of the National Great Priory of Canada, Col. W. J. B. Macleod Moore," to which the V. E. Sir Kt. replied in feeling terms, referring to the kind and hospitable manner in which he was everywhere received by the Templar Body in Canada. The great pleasure in the honor done him in being the recipient of the letter from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, through the V. E. Grand Chancellor, assuring the Brethren that it would at all times be his aim to preserve intact the principles and privileges of the Order, and that though holding his patent from the Supreme Grand Master of the Order, H. R. H., our being a representative member of the Grand Conclave, we possess that entire freedom which in years before had not been enjoyed by us. That after long years in the service the greater