

their paraphernalia in a fire some months ago, and thus had their work seriously disturbed. However, as they were insured for \$1,000 and are made of the stuff that knows no such word as "fail," they will soon be on their feet again with new apartments, splendid equipments and and their old reputation as one of the banner Preceptories of Canada.

Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 7. Montreal, is now established in the new Masonic Temple, and I feel sure an era of prosperity is opening before them. In point of comfort, convenience and elegance the whole Temple is a model building which might well be imitated in other cities. As much of the work of construction was done under the eye of that good Mason and loyal Sir Knight R. E. Deputy Grand Master Will H. Whyte, it goes without saying that the Templar Asylum is all that it should be and is unsurpassed in this Grand Jurisdiction.

In this connection I desire to thank R. E. Sir Knight Whyte for every service it was in his power to do me, and for the great assistance he afforded me in counsel and visitations. No one could serve in the position of Grand Master of this Order and not be under continual obligations to our beloved and Most Excellent Grand Chancellor Sir Knight Spry, and I thank him most sincerely for his always prompt and able co-operation in everything. To the Provincial Priors more than ever before have I reason to be grateful for wise and industrious application to their tasks. Indeed, I have been able to rely so much upon their good judgment and prudent methods that my own tasks have been materially lightened. At the request of several of them I left much of the personal visitation of Preceptories with them, which had been attended to by myself and my predecessor. Inasmuch as there was doubtless a tendency to rather minimize the influence and sphere of the Provincial Priors, I am, in the light of results, convinced of the propriety of their suggestion.

I have been called upon for but one ruling during the year. The Preceptor of Odo de St. Amand, No. 17, Brantford, had conferred the Red Cross upon two candidates who had been regularly balloted and accepted. When these candidates presented themselves for initia-