

APPENDIX A.

Extract from Proceedings of Convent General, held 29th October, 1875. The Right Hon. The Earl of Limerick, Great Prior of England, in the absence of H. R. H. the Grand Master, presiding.

The Arch-Registrar, Sir P. Colquhoun, then read the Memorial from Canada, as follows :—

“To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, and the Convent General of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta.

“The Memorial of the Templars of the several Preceptories of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, in the Dominion of Canada, under the jurisdiction of the former Grand Conclave of England and Wales,—

“Sheweth :

“That on or about the year 1855 the Masonic Order in Canada, theretofore holding under the three parent jurisdictions of England, Scotland, and Ireland, in view of the dignity and position which Canada had then assumed and bid fair to attain, sought by consolidation into a separate and self-governing organization to secure a Masonic status commensurate therewith; and it may be at once conceded that by thus bringing the Craft into permanent local union, the advancement of the best interests of Masonry were subserved; and with the rapid material and political progress of Canada her Grand Lodge has kept pace, the impetus given, by opening up an extended field for Masonic operation, having enlisted the energies of many of the most gifted and talented brethren to give to Canadian Masonry a foremost and recognized position.

“Nor could Royal Arch Masonry, the immediate prerequisite of the Templar Order, be less honourably regarded, and the organization of the Grand Chapter of Canada, which followed closely that of the Grand Lodge, has been attended with no less happy and conspicuous results of