

it undoubtedly holds; and by a strict adherence to its precepts, you cannot fail to place it amongst the most valued institutions in connection with the time-honoured Masonic fraternity. Let it not be said there is any doubt as to what useful purpose the Temple Order has in view, or what it is incumbent, in conformity with our professions, that we should do. We, who call ourselves "Soldiers of the Cross," surely have a higher aim and far different mission than that of vain shows and public display. Our professions call upon us unmissably to do something that will redound to the glory of God and to the assistance and happiness of our fellow men. In short, every Preceptory should be a place where the poor, the needy, the sick and the oppressed can look for relief, sympathy and assistance. Let our Preceptories spread but little in decorations and entertainments, in order that there may be funds to spare for those purposes then the object of the founders of these great Christian orders will be accomplished, and our Order be doing something worthy of remembrance. Without such aims we are nothing; our Christianity is but dust and ashes; our boasted chivalry as rust.

Frates! Knights of the Temple! With all loyalty to our Gracious Queen and Grand Master, whom God preserve, I am ever in the bonds of the Order.

Faithfully yours,

‡ W. J. B. MacLEOD MOORE, G. C. T.,
Grand Prior of Canada.

REPORT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ON THE GREAT PRIOR'S ADDRESS:

V. E. Sir Kt. J. K. KERR, Provincial Prior for Centre Ontario, on behalf of the Grand Council, brought up the following Report on the Address of The V. H. & E. The Great Prior:—

The Grand Council to whom was referred the address of the V. H. & E. The Great Prior, beg leave to report as follows:—

It is with feelings of unmixed pleasure that this Great Priory, now first assembled as a national and independent organization, is enabled most heartily to reciprocate the kind congratulations of The V. H. & E. The Great Prior, conveyed in his scholarly and masterly address to the Sir Knights here assembled on this eventful occasion.

The members of this Great Priory embrace this opportunity of recording and expressing their high appreciation of the eminent services to the Templar Order of the Great Prior, whose devotion to Templarism has introduced, encouraged, and finally established throughout our Dominion this chivalric Order to which we all esteem it a privilege and an honor to belong. Under his fostering care the beautiful and impressive system of the Templar Order has been developed; the officers and members have been instructed; our foreign and domestic relations have been happily formed and improved, until the importance of his work has been now recognized in the establishment of this National Great Priory for the Dominion, with the cordial co-operation of the parent Great Priory of England, and strengthened by the hearty good will of the Sir Knights of the Great Priory of Ireland. We unite then with our beloved Great Prior, to rejoice over this happy consummation of his life-long efforts to establish Templarism upon an honorable and permanent footing throughout our whole Dominion.

We further unite most heartily in congratulating him upon the exalted position to which he has been elevated by the favor of His Royal Highness The Grand Master of our Order as the first V. H. & E. Great Prior of Canada, and we further join in one common hope that he may long be spared to grace the high office which he now holds, and that the blessing of the Most High may ever attend Him.

The Great Priory cannot allow this opportunity to pass of acknowledging the able and instructive address this day presented by the Great Prior, which, like his many former communications, is replete with useful and instructive information respecting the history and aim of The Templar Order, giving evidence of that research into, and mastery of, all questions relating to the institution and early records of Templarism, as well as the principles governing it in all ages, which have made for our Great Prior a world-wide reputation as an authority in these matters.

The members of Great Priory are pleased to know that in entering upon the consideration of the proposed Statutes for the government of this Grand Body, they may do so with the assurance that what has been prepared with so much care by the Committee has earned the approval of the Great Prior.

Finally,—The Sir Knights now assembled most heartily and reverently join in one earnest prayer, "God bless our good Great Prior."

The above Report was unanimously adopted, and the Inauguration of the Order as