

It gives me great pleasure to report an exchange of proceedings between this Grand Commandery and the Great Priory of England and Wales.

1879.

The sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar was held in the city of Parkersburg, on Wednesday, September 17th, A. D. 1879.

R. E. Sir Frank Rex, as Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander for this year being also absent he delivered his address by proxy. As to public parades this is his opinion:—

There is a difference of opinion among our Sir Knights concerning the propriety of our public parades; there should be no variance on this subject. There is a propriety of action in all that we do in life, and whilst it would be wrong and injurious to appear in public on every trivial occasion, it is equally wrong, injurious and destructive to the best interest of Templarism to live like superannuated monks.

The proceedings of twenty Grand Bodies, including Canada for 1878, are duly noticed in the report on Foreign Correspondence, which is an excellent one, notwithstanding that the writer modestly states that he is:—

Fully conscious of its defects and "with all its imperfections on its head," it has been prepared in such odds and ends of leisure as the writer could command during the past few weeks, and is the result of hasty work, and although it is not complete there is probably "plenty of it—such as it is."

Canada receives scant though courteous notice in these words:—

The annual address of the Great Prior, Sir Kt. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, is full of interesting matter, Sir Kt. Macleod Moore is one of the recognized "authorities" upon questions of Templar history and observance, and several interesting and instructive articles contributed by him to the *Canadian Craftsman* anent the history of the modern order of Knights Templar, the Order of Malta, and the degree of Knights

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