

year and find that the books have been in good hands and that a correct record has been kept of the work done and of the general business of the Preceptory, that everything has been done constitutionally, with the exception of the case already reported to the Grand Chancellor, which I trust will be satisfactorily arranged, by taking the ballot again and conferring the degrees as called for by the Statutes of the Great Priory.

During the past year we have added five Fratres to our number, and we have every reason to believe that they will make valiant soldiers of the Cross, who will not be weary in well-doing.

I regret to report that the Angel of Death has entered our Preceptory during the past year and summoned two of our companions in arms to appear before the Supreme Grand Master to have their work approved or rejected, and if it were possible would they not say to us, "Be ye also ready, for ye know not the day or the hour when the Son of Man shall come." Sorry that I cannot be with you at this Annual Assembly.

I remain, fraternally yours,

† JAMES DEMPSTER,

Provincial Prior,

Nova Scotia.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, July, 1885.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † John Ross Robertson,
seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † Wm. Gibson, and

RESOLVED,—That the Reports of the Provincial Priors be taken as read, and referred to the Grand Council for consideration, and report.

The Grand Chancellor submitted the following Annual Statement of moneys received during the past year, together with the books for examination and audit:—

ANNUAL CASH STATEMENT, 1885.

R. E. Sir Knight † Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, in account with the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, for the term ended 30th June, 1885.

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To cash received from Preceptories:—

1 Hugh de Payens, Kingston, Ont.	\$ 21 50
2 Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto, Ont.	79 00
3 Godfrey de Bouillon, Hamilton, Ont.	106 00
4 Richard Cœur de Lion, London, Ont.	60 00
5 Nova Scotia, Halifax, N. S.	56 60