

Masonic tasks than we ought to assume with our other duties, and resolve that should we meet the Guild again, it shall be in the Temple Asylum Report alone, for much as we love and honor the teachings of the Square and Compass, we love and honor more those proclaimed by the Cross Bearers. And so we say to the one Knighthood, entering on another year of life's pilgrimage, *Vade in pace!*"

VIRGINIA, 1882.

The Sixtieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, for the State of Virginia, was held in the Masons' Hall, in the City of Lynchburg, on Thursday, 10th August, 1882. Present, R. E. Sir Knight Peyton S. Coles, Grand Commander, and the Representatives of 14 Subordinate Commanderies.

The Grand Commander states:—

"Going back almost to the beginning of the twelfth century, we find two French knights—one of them, Saint Omer, more noted in history than the other—organizing the Order for a specific purpose—that of protecting pious pilgrims in the Holy Land, from the rapacious and cruel Saracens that infested Palestine.

"It was a religious, as well as a military Order—for the good Saint Bernard was the patron and friend of these 'soldiers of the Temple,' which was only another name by which the Sir Knights were known."

He omits to give the name of the most eminent of these Knights, Hugh de Payens, the first Grand Master of the Order. Saint Omer is a contraction or corruption of St. Geoffrey d'Aldemar, one (with Sir Hugh de Payens) of the nine original founders of the Order. St. Bernard alluded to is St. Bernard of Clairveaux, and is not to be confounded with the equally celebrated St. Bernard of Cluny.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is embraced in about half a page! It contains the following frank confession:—

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