

Knight Geo. O. Tyler, G. C., State of Vermont; D. B. Tracey, Detroit Commandery; M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, LL.D., 32°, G. M. G. L. of Quebec; M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson and W. L. Simpson, P. G. M.'s G. L. of Canada; Sir Knights W. H. Hutton, 1st Lieut. Supreme Consistory, 33°, H. A. Mackay, 33°, I. H. Stearns, 33°, G. Treas., G. L. of Quebec; T. Sargant, 32°, Grand J., Grand Chapter of Canada; J. Kyle, Gondernar; B. Maitland, W. G. Reid, H. Stone, Godfrey de Bouillon, Hamilton. There was also present a large representation of the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory. The Preceptory having been opened in due form, M. H. & E. Prior was announced and received with all the honors of a Knight Templar holding the very responsible and honorable position of the Great Prior of Canada. After a few remarks from the Great Prior, the V. E. Sir Knight Alex. Staveley Hill, the Grand Chancellor of the Great Prior of England, was announced, and being introduced by R. E. Sir Knights W. B. Simpson and I. H. Stearns, was received under the arch of steel, and by the request of the Great Prior, he was, under the direction of the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Mr. John H. Graham, LL.D., invested with the grand honors of Masonry, which was enthusiastically responded to by every Sir Knight present.

The V. E. Sir Knight then proceeded to read the special letter from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales to the Great Prior of Canada:—

ALBERT EDWARD.

*To the Very High and Eminent Sir Knight Colonel W. J. Bury Macleod Moore, Grand Cross of the Temple, Great Prior of the Dominion of Canada:*

His Royal Highness, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, K.G., G.C., S.L., G.C.B., K.T., K.P., etc., etc., Grand Master of the United, Religious and Military Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, sends his Royal and Fraternal Greeting. Being well assured of the loyalty and true affection of the Knights of the Order to-

wards us, and of their sincere resolve that in the Dominion of Canada the brotherly bond of union shall ever exist among all joined together under our Grand Mastership; and further desiring to show to you our continuing affection towards you, and to assure you that the prosperity of the Order and the Union and Brotherly Love of the Great Officers and Members of the same under Her Majesty the Queen, our Patron, has been and are an object of our most constant care.

We have, therefore, charged our trusty and well beloved Chancellor of the Great Priory of England, Alexander Staveley Hill, D.C.L., one of Her Majesty's Counsel and Member of Parliament, to be the Bearer to you of this our letter; and our said Chancellor hath it further in charge to express towards your Very High and Eminent Great Prior, Our Royal favor and good-will, and our affection towards the Brethren Sir Knights of the Order and to the Dominion of Canada.

Given on board the *Osborne*, R.Y., on the 18th day of August, A. L. 5885, A. D. 1881, A. O. 763.

The M. H. and E. Great Prior then made the following reply:—

*To the Very Eminent Frater, Sir Knight Alex. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P., D.C.L., and Grand Chancellor of the Great Priory of England and Wales, United Orders of the Temple and Hospitallers of Malta:*

VERY EMINENT AND DEAR BROTHER,—It is with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction that I, as Great Prior of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in Canada, welcome you to our New Dominion, and, with all knightly courtesy, receive and greet you as one of the Chief Officers of our Sister Great Priory of England, duly accredited to us by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales—the Illus. and Supreme Grand Master of the English Order. I only regret that the annual meeting of Great Priory of Canada for this year has already taken place; but permit me, in the name of the National Great Priory, and in behalf of the officers and members of the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory of this city, under whose auspices we are now assembled, heartily to tender their fraternal greeting; and I feel confident, Very Eminent Frater, that I am also expressing the sentiments of the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite 33°, for the Dominion, and of the other Officers of the Supreme Council here present, and of the Grand Master and other Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of this Province, and of the M. Exot. Principals and other Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the same, who are now with us as Templars on this occasion, in saying that we