

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, MONTREAL, continues to prosper, and although its increase of membership has not been large, yet it is in a healthy state, and its work is conducted in a correct and proper manner. It is presided over by efficient and painstaking officers, who administer its affairs with marked ability, and who endeavor to exemplify the principles of our beloved Order.

SUSSEX, OF STANSTEAD.—Although this Preceptory has done no work this year, its membership remains the same, and their finances are in a very satisfactory condition. It has on its roll some of the most zealous and influential Masons in the Province of Quebec, and I have every confidence it will continue to retain the high place it has hitherto held in Templar Masonry. On the 25th of last month, the members of this Preceptory held a re-union, or gathering, at Lake Park, and in the evening entertained their visiting Frates at a banquet. A number of Montreal Frates attended, who were loud in their praise of the generous hospitality and knightly courtesy extended to them by the Frates of Sussex, and pronouncing the entertainment a great success, largely due to the indefatigable exertions of the Grand Marshal and other Preceptors. I deeply regret that illness prevented my attending this interesting and enjoyable meeting.

WILLIAM DE LA MORE THE MARTYR, OF QUEBEC CITY.—This Preceptory remains in about the same state as last year. No work has been done, and the field is so small that large additions or material increase in membership cannot be looked for, and at present the outlook is not very bright or encouraging.

In conclusion I beg to thank the Frates of the District of Quebec for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me on all occasions during the past eleven years, and on behalf of the Frates of Montreal, we extend to the members of Great Priory a cordial and fraternal welcome to this city, and hope that their stay amongst us may be pleasant, and that the meeting of Great Priory may be productive of much good to the Order of the Temple.

ISAAC H. STEARNS, K. C. T.,

Provincial Prior.

Quebec District.

Montreal, Oct. 21st, 1889.