

grandeur and solemnity of which our ritual is so fully capable. Neither success in adding to our numbers nor swelling the balance in our treasury can be accepted as anything but an ephemeral evidence of what it is possible for us to accomplish, and yet permit us to go back into an apathetic condition. Unless we do our whole duty to the candidates who present themselves in our Preceptories, unless we make the exemplification of our ritual beautiful and soul-inspiring, our new members will naturally become indifferent and careless and our Chapter rooms deserted. Indeed you all know that every Novice, Esquire and Knight must be relied upon to go forth as enthusiastically as a Crusader of old, to struggle for the success of the cross and bring in other chivalric comrades to swell the ranks of the soldiers of the Temple. I am not yet satisfied that we are doing as much as we should, and in at least one or two of the older Preceptories the high standard of a few years ago is not even maintained. In one of the Preceptories to which I refer, there are other evidences of carelessness and unmistakable signs of a lack of conscientious regard for the strict honor of an old and influential organization. Not only were the current dues unpaid by this Preceptory, but a portion of the previous year's account is also in arrears. Surely we have a right to expect that this sort of thing shall not be repeated. The office of Grand Chancellor I know to be sufficiently laborious without having added to it the work of dunning delinquent Preceptories for dues which should be paid promptly.

During the past year the Preceptory in Calgary, working under dispensation, has completed its organization and is now styled Cyprus Preceptory, No. 33. I had much pleasure in issuing a dispensation for a Preceptory in Vancouver, B. C., to be known as Columbia Preceptory, No. 34. Knowing nearly all of the Charter members and loving them well as true and valiant Sir Knights, I feel assured of the good work and success of this our baby Preceptory on the shores of the Western sea. I would recommend that warrants be granted both these Preceptories by this Great Priory.

Unfortunately our Fratres of Albert Edward Preceptory, No. 24, Winnipeg, lost their asylum and all