

sheet of your proceedings (in part). The resolutions adopted I got through the "Masonic Mirror," and re-published in the February number of FREEMASON. I fully approve of their spirit and intent. I look upon the "Red Cross" or "Babylonish Pass" as out of place in a Commandery, as it comes from a different source, and teaches no lesson necessary as a pre-requisite to the Knight Templar, but as it is too beautiful to be lost, some organization had to take charge of it or let it be swallowed up among the lost degrees of the past. In 1869 I recommended to the Grand Council of this State in my report on Correspondence, a revision of our American system, and suggested putting the Red Cross in the Council, where it best fitted, and I am very glad that your Grand Council has taken the initiative in this country in fully meeting the question, and placing the Red Cross where it properly belongs. There can be no legal objection to it, as it violates no covenants or agreements, and invades no jurisdiction, so far as the Dominion of Canada is concerned, under the present Masonic government there. Your Cryptic system will now be more perfect than our own, and if any of our R. and S. Masters visit you, they need only step out while working on the Red Cross degree unless they are Templars, in which case they will be eligible to be present.

Wishing you great success and perfect peace in your secret vault,

I am, truly and fraternally,

GEO. FRANK GOULEY,

Gd. Recorder and Rep. of Gd. Council of N. B.

D. R. MUNRO, Esq.,

Gd. Recorder Gd. Council N. B.

PORTLAND, MAINE, March 3rd 1871.

R. E. SIR KNIGHT:--Before receiving yours, containing a copy of the letter of M. E. Sir William S. Gardner, Grand Master of Templars, I had conferred with several of our Sir Knights, and found that they agree with me in the opinion that the course adopted by you in New Brunswick, in placing the Order of Red Cross under the authority of the Grand Council is a happy solution of the difficulty. By making the Council Degrees pre-requisite to the Order of Knights Templar, you will, it seems to me, ensure the recognition in the United States of every Knight Templar created in your jurisdiction.

Congratulating you upon obtaining so promptly the approval and recognition of the Head of the Order in this country.

I remain, courteously yours,

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, K. T.

ROBERT MARSHALL, K. T., &c.

Saint John, N. B.

The table given below exhibits the relative positions of the respective officers in the several degrees.

| SELECT MASTER.            | ROYAL MASTER.             | SUPER- LX. MASTER.     | RED CROSS.                |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Thrice Ill. Master.....   | Thrice Ill. Master.....   | M. E. K. Zedekiah....  | Sov. Master .....         |
| Right Ill. Master.....    | Right Ill. Master.....    | Gedaliah .....         | Chancellor.....           |
| Ill. Master.....          | Ill. Master.....          | 1st. Keeper of Temple. | Master of Palace.....     |
| Chaplain.....             | Chaplain .....            | Chaplain.....          | Prelate.....              |
| Recorder.....             | Recorder .....            | Recorder .....         | Master of Dispatches..... |
| Treasurer.....            | Treasurer .....           | Treasurer .....        | Master of Finance.....    |
| Master of Ceremonies..... | Master of Ceremonies..... | 2nd. Keeper of Temple  | Warder .....              |
| Conductor of Council..... | Conductor of Council..... | 3rd. Keeper of Temple  | Master of Cavalry.....    |
| Steward.....              | Steward.....              | 1st. Herald.....       | Master of Infantry.....   |
| Capt. of Guards.....      | Capt. of Guards.....      | Marshal .....          | Three Guards.....         |
| Organist.....             | Organist.....             | Organist.....          | Organist.....             |
| Sentinel .....            | Sentinel.....             | Sentinel.....          | Sentinel.....             |

NOTE.—In "S. E. M." add Second and Third Herald and Three Royal Guards; and in "Red Cross" there may be appointed a Sword Bearer, Standard Bearer, and Armorer.

It is believed that the Order will in all probability be introduced in England during the present year.