

the ranks, where I hope to prove, with the experience I have gained, to be a more useful member of our beloved Order than ever, but still determining to advance its interests by every legitimate means in my power.

DONALD ROSS, G. Z.

GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

The annual meeting of the Great Priory of the Dominion of Canada was held in the city of Ottawa, on the 10th inst. Col. W. J. B. Macleod Moore, the M. E. the Great Prior, presided, and delivered an interesting address on Templarism and its connection with Masonry, which we give elsewhere *in extenso*. A large number of visiting knights were present, including M. E. Sir Knight Tyler, Grand Commander of the State of Vermont. The statutes were amended on motion of Sir Knight Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor. One amendment provides for the election of all the Great Officers of Great Priory, and present Great Prior for life.

R. E. Sir Knight Dr. J. A. Henderson was invested with the Grand Cross of the Order of the Temple by command of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. Subsequently the Great Prior gave the decoration of K. C. T., by order of the Prince of Wales, to R. E. Sir Knight R. Ramsay, Orillia; V. E. Sir Knights Adams, Montreal, and E. H. D. Hall, of Moosejaw, N. W. T. The following are officers of Great Priory for the ensuing year: Col. W. J. B. Macleod Moore, Great Prior, *ad vitam*; Dr. J. A. Henderson, Kingston, Great Sub-Prior; E. H. Raymond, St. Thomas, Great Constable; S. F. Matthews, St. John, N. B., Great Marshal; D. Spry, Great Chancellor; D. McLellan, Great Treasurer.

The following were elected members of the Grand Council:—Sir Knights H. A. Mackay, Hamilton; J. Ross Robertson, Toronto; Donald Ross, Picton; A. G. Adams, Montreal; W. D. Gordon, Kingston.

The special committee appointed

at the last meeting of Great Priory for the purpose of taking into consideration the question of independence of the Great Priory reported that with the consent of the Most Eminent Great Prior they would recommend the Great Priory to prepare and present to the Supreme Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, an humble address praying that he will be pleased to absolve this Great Priory from their obligation of fealty to him as Supreme Grand Master of Knights Templar, so that this Priory will be enabled to assume the duties and responsibilities of a Sovereign Great Priory of the Order of the Knights Templar and dependent degrees. The report concludes by returning thanks for all courtesies and favors received by the officers of the Priory in Canada from those in the United Kingdom, and by expressing an earnest desire that the relations of Great Priory in Canada, and sister Great Priories in Great Britain and Ireland, and sister Great Encampment of the United States would be more intimate and binding than heretofore, and that the Great Priory of Canada should unite with the fratres all over the world. The report was unanimously adopted and a resolution was passed authorizing the Great Priory to appoint a committee to carry out the recommendations in the report. This action makes the Knights Templar body in Canada an independent and sovereign body, and settles for ever a question which has for years past agitated the Great Priory.

BARRIE.—Officers of Kerr Lodge, No. 220, Barrie, installed by M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, Grand Master, assisted by V. W. Bro. C. L. Sanders, and W. Bro. J. Gordon, on 25th June:—W. Bro. Fred Wilcox, W. M.; V. W. Bro. C. W. Brown, I. P. M.; Bro. Wm. Downie, S. W.; Bro. J. F. Palling, J. W.; M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, Treas.; Bro. J. Henderson, Sec.; B. Nicholson, D. of C.; R. A. Douglas, S. D.; — Jack, J. D.; T. Downie, S. S.; T. Moore, Tyler; Wm. Downie and R. A. Douglas, B. Committee; W. Bros. John Gordon and Jas. Ward, Auditors.