

and thought. We know the Templar Ritual is not now the same as it was when we made our declaration and assumed our vows, but some of those who have not seen the sun rise and set on as many Masonic years, say that the old is nothing, the new is the thing.

Printed rituals, essentials or ceremonials are wrong, are in violation of the teachings of Freemasonry. We are taught that Freemasonry is only learned in closely-tyled Lodges, at the outer door of which stands a brother, Masonically armed, to keep off cowans and eavesdroppers, yet if this printing is for one moment recognized or authorized, then there is no more need of Lodges, Chapters, etc. Some contend that Templary is not Masonry; grant this, then cut loose entirely from Freemasonry, take your candidates from the profane world, take their money, give them the books and let them learn the lessons, but don't mix the two. We trust the Grand Encampment, at its Twenty-fifth Triennial, will exhibit in the strongest terms the dissemination of the new Ritual by any other means than by word of mouth. So Masonry was taught at first, and so it should be to the last. Let the Ritual Committee, composed of one from each jurisdiction, learn the work themselves and carry it to their several Jurisdictions. Let the four elective Grand Officers who are required to be present at the Triennial learn the work so they can teach it and let the Past Grand Commanders of the several Jurisdictions, who represent nobody but themselves, assist in teaching by word of mouth to the ear in tyled Asylums such work as may be agreed upon. But do not print and publish your work."

Canada for 1891 is also reviewed.

James H. Coddington, (Towanda), G. C.

Charles E. Meyer, (Philadelphia), G. R.

#### **SOUTH DAKOTA.**

Ninth Conclave, Yankton, June 16, 1892.

Samuel H. Jumper, G. C.

He reports a steady growth in the order during the year. The increase in membership was forty-eight. They have eleven Commanderies and 587 members. The business transacted was entirely local.

George W. Burnside, (Sioux Falls), G. C.

Bruce M. Rowley, (Huron), G. R.

#### **TENNESSEE.**

Thirty-first Conclave, Memphis, May 9, 1893.

Thomas O. Morris, G. C.

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