

hundreds of Chinese lanterns, which showed off the Templar's costume with fine effect; the whole presented a brilliant spectacle.

The Grand Commandery of Minnesota having no prescribed ritual for installation, Sir Knight Woodhull availed himself of the opportunity to use his own discretion, which was a decided improvement on the dry routine of the books.

Two brass bands alternated in furnishing the martial music, whilst the vocal was rendered most admirably by a quartette from Faribault.

To Sir L. Z. Rogers, of Waterville, the credit of inaugurating the new departure, is due, and to his perseverance, energy and untiring efforts in superintending the whole arrangements, are all those present indebted for a season of unalloyed enjoyment, and we venture the remark, that there were none but that, on their departure from Camp Sakatah, felt that it was good to have been there.

Twenty-eight Grand Bodies pass under review, including Canada, for 1878.

As to the Order of Malta, the Recorder remarks:

We are in possession of four rituals of the Order of Knights of Malta, neither of which are practical as working rituals.

The best thing to do, would be to omit all reference to the Order among Templars. Had the parties that arranged the American chivalric system been familiar with the historical status of the two orders relative to each other, they would hardly have ventured to incorporate references to both of them in the same system.

This is both true and sensible.

In abstracting Canada for 1878, the Committee say:—

Sir Knight Moore has expended much time in investigating the various Templar systems. His annual addresses contain many historical facts of particular interest to the Masonic student.

And some pages are devoted to extracts from his address.