

Nova Scotia and British Columbia report in its favor. The consensus of opinion appears to be that our own Ritual, with some modifications and changes, will be preferred to any other. It is, in my opinion, imperatively necessary that some definite conclusion should be arrived at as speedily as possible, as the unsettled state of this matter is materially hindering the work of the Order.

#### UNIFORM.

The question of an out door parade uniform should also be finally settled at this Session. At present, each Preceptory may adopt such parade uniform as it chooses, but the costume to be worn in the Preceptory is strictly defined. An authorized uniform should be adopted for all Canada, and it should be made permissible to wear such uniform at all meetings.

#### NECROLOGY.

We are again called upon to mourn the loss of one of our Grand Officers. On the 16th of March last R. E. Frater David McLellan, the Grand Treasurer of the Great Priory, ended his earthly career. Frater McLellan had been intimately connected with the affairs of Great Priory for a long time. After holding several other offices he was elected Grand Treasurer in 1877, and he was continuously re-elected to that position each year since. He was universally respected and beloved. His many good qualities of heart and head had endeared him to his associates, and he enjoyed their esteem and affection in a marked degree. His death, although not altogether unexpected, was the cause of profound sorrow among the members of Great Priory and his memory will be cherished by us as that of a true and faithful Templar.

One of our oldest members has also passed away. R. E. Frater Samuel B. Harman was well-known to the older members of Great Priory as a very active worker in the cause of Templarism in days gone by. He was a Past Great Sub-Prior, and was intimately associated with our Grand Masters Moore and Henderson in settling the young Great Priory of Canada upon a secure foundation.

Among the other prominent Sir Knights who have died during the year, I have to mention our well-beloved Edward Mitchell, the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge; George T. Smithers, of Halifax, N. S., and John Wright, of Port Hope.

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