

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

face with those who would strike down the flag we all hold so dear.

The report of the Provincial Prior of London District informs us that peace, harmony and prosperity prevail in the Garden of the West, while that from Hamilton District assures us that the sun of prosperity shines there with increasing brightness. In Kingston Division the Order is gradually gaining strength and regret the very able report of the Provincial Prior is marred by the unpleasant action he has been compelled to take in the case of R. E. Sir Knight John Moore, whose conduct is of such a character that cannot tend to advance the condition of the Order in that district, and calls for the unqualified disapproval of this Great Priory. The action of our beloved Grand Master shews that he is resolved that those who do not live up to the principles we profess, cannot hold communion with us in our Templar fold. Grand Council regret that our R. E. Sir Knight, I. H. Stearns, the Provincial Prior of Quebec District, has so suffered from severe illness, as to be unable to give that attention to the duties of his office, which he is so pre-eminently fitted for. He, however, reports that Sussex Preceptory, of Stanstead, and William de la More the Martyr, of Quebec, are both in excellent working order and doing well. We regret the Provincial Prior's absence from our councils and trust that health—that greatest of blessings—may be speedily restored to him, so that he may be long spared to sit with us in our Annual Assemblies. The Provincial Prior of New Brunswick, an earnest worker, R. E. Sir Knight D. R. Munro, in a very concise report tells us that Union de Molay Preceptory still upholds the standard of this Great Priory and that on its roll we have many tried and trusty Sir Knights. Grand Council regrets that the cause of Templarism suffers in this Dominion from the fact that a foreign organization still holds sway on our soil and your Council trust that such steps will be taken as will at once and forever shew, that the Great Priory of Canada is the only duly constituted, legitimate and sovereign body in the Dominion of Canada. The interests which we hold so dear must not be imperiled and the knowledge that the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada is the peer of the General Grand Encampment of the United States, the Convent General of England and the Chapter General of Scotland, should convince those who occupy our territory that we hold sovereign power and rights which must be respected. We ask for ourselves what we are willing to grant to others and no encroachment upon our territory can be permitted. The Provincial Prior in concluding his report alludes to the visit of an American Encampment, St. Omer, of Massachussets, to St. John; in August next. Grand Council trusts that our American Frates will not lend themselves to any act that will tend to disturb the cor-