

marked much by outward show, as that work was chiefly in the direction of opening up communication with other grand bodies. Such work, however, may be considered beneficial to our Holy Order.

But during the year good progress has been made by the constituent Preceptories. The Metropolitan No. 1 has shown great energy. The Australasian No. 3 continues its progress, and under the able guidance of its present officers bids fair to attain pre-eminence. The Victorian No. 4, which was resuscitated last year, is now making fair headway. Our progress has been somewhat hampered by the general depression that is passing over the whole colony, in consequence of which accessions to our members are necessarily few.

It will be within the memory of some Sir Knights who are old members of this Great Body, that we have good friends who have fought hand to hand on our behalf in the past, and to whom our acknowledgments are justly due. I more especially refer to M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Q. C., of Canada, and I would recommend that Great Priory confer on him the rank of Past Supreme Grand Master, in appreciation of his merit, and as a slight reward for the great services he rendered at the inception of Great Priory.

Owing, as I have already stated, to the existing depression, the Grand Treasurer has not been overburdened with income, and I would suggest that the fees for the Appointed Officers of Great Priory be abolished, but that any Grand Officer desiring a parchment certificate of office should pay the usual fee of half-a-guinea.

As you are aware, Great Priory at its inception adopted the Statutes of Great Priory of Canada, with such amendments as were deemed necessary, and as alterations have been made from time to time I would suggest that the Statutes be revised and written up to date for the consideration of this Assembly.

Further, it might also be considered whether the assemblies of Great Priory should not be held more often than once a year, (say half yearly) though personally I would be in favor of quarterly assemblies.

In conclusion, I thank Great Priory for the loyal support afforded me as their Supreme Grand Master, and I sincerely trust the Sir Knights will overlook any shortcomings.

R. E. Fratre J. C. Kennedy, on behalf of the Correspondence Committee, reported that during the year communications had been opened up with the Grand Encampment of the United States, the Chapter-General of Scotland and the Great Priory of Ireland, asking for recognition and an exchange of Representatives.

The following report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address was adopted:

Your Council thoroughly endorse the remarks of the Supreme