

of English Freemasonry, and that we have every hope that her Majesty will also be the patron of Scottish and Irish Freemasonry. I think you may look forward, if I may say so, almost to a new era of happiness and of brightness in the future of the Craft, if our Sovereign were to be at the head of the Freemasons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and her great dependencies, because it will then have a deep effect and carry great weight with all who belong to the Craft. I am certain that one placed as I am, the son of our Sovereign, I am sure I may say with safety and with confidence, that knowing as I do the very strong feelings that my brother, the Prince of Wales holds—the great respect that he has for Freemasonry—I am certain that with the Queen-Empress as our Patron, and the Prince of Wales as the Grand Master of the English Constitution, we will carry all the other constitutions together with us. I am most deeply indebted to you, brethren, for the very warm reception I have met with at your hands, and I am sure that I will never forget the great cordiality with which I have been received this evening, and especially not the roses.”

The Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, in his recent annual address thus referred to the growth of that body:

“Forty years ago this Grand Chapter held its first meeting in Detroit. While but few of the companions of that convocation survive, that we are here to-day directing the destinies of 117 Chapters, bears witness to the wisdom of the companions who participated in these meetings of a generation or more ago. Ten years ago there were 98 chapters with a membership of 6,873, while we now have a membership of nearly 10,000. The relative numerical strength of the Royal Craft is to that of the Blue lodges as nearly one to three. Having, in a measure,

had charge of the Craft during the past year I am happy to report that peace and harmony prevail in the chapters, and that the lessons taught by the symbols of Masonry are bearing fruit.

The effort to secure a Grand Lodge in Queensland has evidently failed, as the following from the *Brisbane News* of December 5th, is emphatic:

“Those of our readers who have taken interest in matters Masonic will remember that some months ago there was an important agitation in favor of the establishment of a Grand Lodge of Queensland. A meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Alice street, at which the question was debated at length, and nearly all of the speakers favoured the proposition. So far as the English Constitution is concerned, that view does not seem to be very popular with the various lodges working under it. Circulars were addressed to each of the 33 English lodges at present in existence in the colony, and replies have been received from 28 of these. It appears that 24 lodges have determined to remain loyal to the Grand Lodge of England; four have elected in favour of the Queensland Grand Lodge, and it is believed that the five remaining to be heard from will adhere to the old Constitution.”

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY.

We have received from R. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, a printed copy of the proceedings of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templars, which held its sixth annual assembly in Montreal on October 22nd, 1889. The apparent delay in acknowledging Fratre Spry's compliment was the non-reception of the first copy sent us.

From the report of the Committee on credentials we learn that 27 preceptories were entitled to representation,