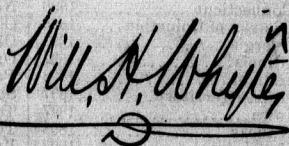


The first, no doubt, has been delayed through the sickness and death of their Grand Recorder, R. E. Sir Kt. Judge McLean, whose death we recently had notice of. We tender sincere sympathy to our Florida fratres.

We trust this review of forty-one Grand Jurisdictions may prove of interest to our fratres. We have written for both our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, but this is our first entry into the Templar arena as a correspondent.

Since commencing our report, our neighbor, the Great Republic to the south of us, has become embroiled in warfare, and their arms have come out victorious. As a member of the great Anglo-Saxon race, we have earnestly and anxiously watched them in their struggle, and with the families, more especially of the Knights of our Order, who responded to the call of duty, we desire to express our sincere sympathy for any who may be bereft of loved ones, through either Spanish bullets or disease.

We have with all lovers of peace, concord and good will, hailed with pleasure the better "rapprochement" of the two great families of the Anglo-Saxon race. May not the fraternal visits of Templar bodies to and from the United States and Canada, help to cement and bind more closely in the ties of brotherly love and goodfellowship, those who dwell beneath "Old Glory" and the "Union Jack."

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Will. S. Whyte". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end. Below the signature is a horizontal line with a small circle at its center.

Montreal, September, 1898.