

having been received. This, I have reason to believe, arose from inadvertency, but as it does not speak well for the accuracy of *Canadian* Registrars, and leads to correspondence and much inconvenience, it should for the future be avoided.

I would beg to draw the attention of the Order generally, to what I fear is a great obstacle to its future prosperity and utility, namely: the want of sufficient care and circumspection in the selection of candidates; Commanders are in general, too anxious to increase their numbers, and too hasty in admitting applicants, before fully examining into their character and qualifications. As far as I can learn, I am happy to say that throughout our jurisdiction harmony prevails; difference of opinion will of course arise, but it does not follow that any serious misunderstanding should exist where we practice the principles we profess, in a spirit of *union, charity and peace*. Our order must stand or fall by the character of its members, founded as it is on the *Christian* religion, it ought to exert a corresponding influence. Bear in mind that a candidate, once admitted, is entitled to all our privileges, and should he prove an unworthy member, unfitted for communion with us, we have ourselves only to blame. I do not intend, or do I mean, to advocate the restrictions considered so necessary in England, as regards *social* position, but I *do say*, that great care is necessary, that all should prove themselves by *education, moral worth*, belief in the Christian Faith, and *acknowledged respectability* in their several *avocations* of civil life, fit and proper candidates to be admitted to the Sacred Order of the Temple. It gives me pleasure to state that we continue on the most cordial terms of intimacy with our Brother Templars of the United States; Eminent Sir Knight Alfred Creigh, LL.D., Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, has lately received his credentials from the Sup. Grand Conclave of England, as our representative. I have also been honored in like manner, by the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, and presented with an honorary diploma of membership and medal, issued by St. John's Commandery No. 4, of Philadelphia.

Since our last annual assembly I have been likewise favored with a letter from E. Sir Knight Thomas W. Chandler, Grand Commander for the State of Georgia, expressing a desire for an interchange of Representatives, and with that view he had nominated E. Sir Knight William Tracy Gould, Past Grand Commander, as our Representative in the Grand Commandery of the State of Georgia, an appointment I most cordially approved, and at once directed the Grand Chancellor to prepare and forward the requisite Commission to him. I also nominated V. E. Fra. † Thos. B. Harris, as their Representative in this Grand Priory.

During the last month, the "Springfield" Commandery, of Massachusetts, including members of the Brattleboro and Worcester Commandery, accompanied by their band, paid a visit to Montreal, in full regalia, and