

the address of Sir Kt. W. J. B. McLeod-Moore, Great Prior of Canada. He more firmly convinces us of the errors in our American ritual, and that it should by some means be corrected."

MISSOURI, 1878.

The Eighteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, K. T., and appendant Orders of the State of Missouri, was held in Freemason's Hall, St. Louis, commencing Tuesday, October 8th, A. D. 1878, A. O. 760, at 10 o'clock, A. M., R. E. Sir Kt. John R. Parson, Grand Commander.

The proceedings, as in many other jurisdictions, are of local interest only. Canada, for 1877, receives brief, but courteous notice, as this extract will show :—

"M. E. Sir W. B. Simpson on the throne, in the absence of the V. H. and E., the Great Prior, Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore (owing to his sudden and severe illness) who sent in his Annual Address, which was read by the Grand Chancellor. It is very lengthy, and indeed very interesting and instructive, as are all documents emanating from his fertile and well informed brain. We are very sorry indeed that we cannot publish the whole Address, as it is a perfect bonanza of information. We heartily commend its careful perusal to all who are desirous of knowing the origin, early history, object and explanation of titles and customs of Templars."

As to the value of these reports on Foreign Correspondence, it is truly said :—

"An interchange of ideas, an expression of views from the various Jurisdictions draws us nearer together, as it were, and makes us more cosmopolitan in framing our organic laws. Thirty or forty years ago, before this system of Correspondence, comments and criticism was adopted, we were, indeed, foreign, each State having widely differing laws, usages and even Ritualistic work. But to-day, the whole United States is more like one grand Masonic body, owing more to the efforts of the "Reportorial Corps" than any other one cause."

NEBRASKA, 1877.

The fifth annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska, was held at Lincoln, Nebraska, Tuesday, April 3rd, A.D. 1877, R. E. Sir Kt. Charles Franklin Catlin, Grand Commander.

The Grand Master reports :—

"The past year has been one of unprecedented prosperity and success to the Order throughout the jurisdiction, and our Commanderies have never been in as flourishing a condition as at the present time. Peace and harmony have reigned supreme along the line."

The following remarks are applicable here as well as in Nebraska :—

"I know of nothing better calculated to inspire a candidate with supreme disgust, to mar the entire beauty and impressiveness of our ceremonies, and greatly impair, if not wholly destroy, the sublime effect that should be produced every time these orders are conferred, than the loose, slovenly, undignified, and discourteous custom of the appearance within the