

bodied in this work is brief; too brief, perhaps, to suit the views of many; but the space to which it was limited would not admit of a more extended one. But, brief as it is, the compiler hopes it may be found useful to all, and that it will not be without effect in securing harmony in the internal work of the Temple.

The frequent demand for information concerning the Act of Incorporation of the Order has induced the compiler to print that Act in full in the body of this work, with such forms as are necessary, that all may know exactly what advantages are to be derived from becoming incorporated, and how to secure them.

At the urgent request of many members a brief history of the Order in Canada has been introduced. The limits to which it has of necessity been confined has prevented anything like elaboration or profuseness. The only regret felt by the writer in connection with this subject is that more space could not be devoted to it, as he feels well satisfied that many instructive as well as highly interesting lessons might be envolved from the early history of Good Templarism in Canada, if it was collected and published in a concise and consecutive form, which will until this is done remain a sealed mystery to nine-tenths of the present membership.

Several blank forms are in this edition added to those given in the first; and a carefully prepared index to the Digest appears at the end, which will facilitate search for any particular clause that the inquirer may desire to find.

The decisions in this work are from four sources:—the R. W. Grand Lodge, the several R. W. Grand Templars, the Grand Temple of Canada and its G. W. Chief Templars. The first is indicated by the affix R. W. G. L. followed by the number of the session, the second by the name of the R. W. G. T., the third by G. T. C. and the fourth by the name of the G. W. C. T.

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