

officers and members, respond to the call, and sustain the honor and credit of the Order in Canada. I beg they will accept my warmest acknowledgments for the loyal courtesy they evinced in aiding me to welcome the bearer of a message, which all Canadian Templars cannot but feel proud of, expressive of the cordial feelings of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales towards them and the Dominion of Canada.

The reception was hearty and joyous in the extreme, and largely attended, our only regret being in the absence of so many officers and members from the Province of Ontario; but doubtless the distance and business transactions prevented many from attending who would otherwise gladly have been there.

I cannot help mentioning one or two instances of the marked good feeling and respect shown by *Fratres* who claim to be citizens of the United States, residing amongst us, and to whom our thanks are due, for coming long distances to do honor to the message from our Royal Grand Master. I allude more particularly to Sir Knight † John Henry Stone, the present Preceptor of the "Godfrey de Bouillon" Preceptory, of Hamilton, Ont., who purposely attended to represent his Preceptory; as also to the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of Vermont, our valued friend and Provincial Prior, Sir Knight † George Otis Tyler, who expressed himself in the course of the meeting in terms of the highest praise and respect, not alone on his own part, but that of his Grand Commandery, for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and to the Throne of the British Empire in the person of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Patron of our Order. That such feeling should exist between the national jurisdictions we all most sincerely desire. The compliment paid to the memory of our dear Fra. † Harington by the Eminent Commander Sir Knight † Holbrook and his Commandery of Ogdensburgh, State of New York, voluntarily attending as a guard of honor at the funeral, is but another instance of the kindly feeling existing, and most gratifying to record.

Sir Knight † Stavely Hill's report to his Great Priory, as their Chancellor, which appeared in the English printed Templar Calendar for May, shows how much he was impressed with his reception, and I am certain will have a happy and lasting effect in cementing the bond of union between us and our English *confreres*.

In the same Calendar is announced the appointment, by the Great Prior of England, the Right Honorable the Earl of Lathom, of the Very Eminent Sir Knight Fra. † William Benjamin Simpson, Past Great Sub-Prior of Canada, to represent the Great Priory of England, near that of Canada, in succession to the late Very Eminent Sir Knight Fra. † T. Douglas Harington.

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