

could see no objection to the Provincial Prior appointing a Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the office, as such appointment appeared to be sanctioned by custom and usage. As the duties of such appointee would be purely secretarial, I considered that his title should be "District Secretary" to correspond with similar positions in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. The title of "Provincial Registrar" in this connection is objectionable, as that title is already borne by a member of each of the Provincial Governments of Ontario and Quebec.

LODGE SUSPENSION.

There being no provision to the contrary in the statutes of Great Priory, I ruled that the standing of a member in his Preceptory was not affected by his suspension from his Lodge.

PRINTING TENDERS.

Pursuant to the report of the Grand Council, adopted by Great Priory at the last Session, tenders were asked for in May last for printing the proceedings of Great Priory for a term of three years. Five tenders were received, and I awarded the contract to the lowest tenderer, A. McPherson, of Hamilton, at 90 cents per page.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, U. S.

In November last I received from M. E. Frater John P. S. Gobin, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the appointment to the position of Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment near the Great Priory of Canada, which had become vacant through the lamented death of M. E. Frater James A. Henderson. As it is our strong desire to continue the most cordial and knightly relations with the Grand Encampment, I had much satisfaction in accepting the appointment.

RITUAL.

On the 15th of August last I appointed the following Sir Knights as a Special Committee on Ritual, viz., R. E. Fraters E. T. Malone, W. G. Reid, Geo. D. Adams, C. A. Humber, John A. Angell, D. F. MacWatt, Jas. Greenfield, W. H. White, Samuel Dubber, V. E. Frater Albert E. Cooper and E. Frater J. H. Gale. This Committee will report at the present Session, and I trust that you will give this important subject your earnest and careful consideration. The new Ritual proposed last year is almost universally disapproved, only the Preceptories in