

KANSAS, 1877.

The ninth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the appendant Orders of the State of Kansas, convened in Representative Hall, at Topeka, May 1st, 1871, R. E. Sir Kt. Silas E. Sheldon, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander evinces a true conception of the principles of the Order of the Temple: *Audite!*

"As the honour conferred upon the Templar is a high and holy one, so will much be required at his hands, not only by his fellow Knights, but by the world; for he has espoused by his vows, and becomes the exponent of a chivalry to which all now look confidently for worth and knightly deeds.

"A knightly Order that claims its inspiration from a divine source; that has its root in the lives of the first great soldiers of the cross; whose tenets and teachings include the whole scheme of Christian morality, has a grave and important stewardship to administer, and its duties to itself and the world, which it may, if it will, adorn and illuminate, are too obvious to be shirked. Individual rectitude and individual submission to the vows of the Order, are the only sure foundation for the institution. The weakness and fallibility of human nature makes this a dangerous security for the perpetuity of the strength and purity of the Templar Institution, if each individual Knight fails to frequently ponder his duties and renew his vows; to stimulate himself by great examples to further advancement in the paths of virtue, and to constantly resort to the divine source of all our wisdom and consolation, the teachings of the All Wise and All Merciful Saviour of mankind."

A committee on Foreign Correspondence was duly appointed, but there is no report with these proceedings.

KANSAS, 1878.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of the State of Kansas, assembled in Annual Conclave, in the city of Lawrence, on Tuesday, the 14th day of May, A.D. 1878, R. E. Sir Kt. Owen A. Bassett, Grand Commander.

A grand standard was consecrated with imposing and impressive ceremonies.

The depleted state of the Treasury was the excuse given for the absence of a report on Foreign Correspondence for 1877, and we presume the same reason prevails this year.

We regret that such a cause has deprived us of pleasant intercourse with our Brethern in the "Far West."

KENTUCKY, 1878.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Kentucky held its Thirty-first Annual Conclave in Danville, commencing Wednesday, May 1878.

There is nothing special to notice in the transactions of this Conclave.