

that if unsuccessful, I should remove it to Montreal, where the present and past Preceptors as well as the Registrar reside, and where there are some six Royal Arch Chapters, and more than twenty Craft Lodges.

In conclusion, I again say how entirely I agree with this Grand Priory in the feeling of disappointment and regret at the delay, however unavoidable, which has taken place in obtaining the decision of the Convent General to our memorial; and the more so, as I am anxious to propose certain changes, which, I trust, will be acceptable, as soon as we are in a position to regulate our own affairs and make our own statutes. I have long had it in contemplation to surrender into your own hands my prerogative of the election of officers, which I feel this Grand Priory is entitled to, and by doing so, I am satisfied the object of my ambition to see a greater interest taken in the Order, will be accomplished; but we cannot do so under the present statutes; and I only ask you therefore for the present to take the will for the deed. In full anticipation of our immediate change of organization, I do not purpose at this meeting, unless in compliance with an expressed wish of Grand Priory, altering the roll of the present Grand officers, with the exception of filling up the vacant office of Provincial District Prior for Western Ontario, and that of Grand Chancellor. In the latter office, we have trespassed too long and too heavily on the kindness and time of our esteemed Grand Sub-Prior, who so promptly volunteered his valuable services on the death of our late Grand Chancellor, to act until a successor was appointed; and this at a time when he was suffering under great family affliction, and was fully occupied by his important and responsible public duties as Treasurer of the City of Toronto. Nothing but his untiring zeal for the good and prosperity of the Order, and his well known thorough business habits, could possibly have enabled him to carry on the duties, and give his attention to the constant calls on his time, in the office of Grand Chancellor, which he has so ably performed; and I beg he will accept my warmest thanks for the kind and able manner in which he has assisted me and conducted the affairs of the Grand Priory. I know you will all cordially join in my expression of thanks and wishes for his future happiness and prosperity.

Finally, Fellow Soldiers of the Temple, may I hope the remarks in my last address, as to the purpose and practical use of these Orders, so warmly concurred in by the Committee on that address, will not be lost sight of. Bearing ever in mind the ancient Templar motto, taken from the 1st verse of the 115th Psalm: "Not unto us, not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy name give the glory in all things."

With every kind wish, I am, Frateres of the Temple,

Faithfully and fraternally Yours,

† W. J. B. MacLEOD MOORE,

Grand Cross of the Temple,

Grand Prior of the Dominion of Canada.

The foregoing address was referred to the Executive Committee, who reported thereon as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ON THE GRAND PRIOR'S ADDRESS.

V. E. Sir Knt. The Rev. Vincent Clementi, M. A., Grand Prelate, on behalf of the Grand Council, brought up the following report on the address of the V. H. and E. the Grand Prior.

The Grand Council to whom has been referred the address of the V. H. and Eminent Sir Knight Col. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, Grand Prior of the Dominion of Canada, beg to give expression to the feeling of regret they experience, a feeling in which the Grand Priory will participate, at the unavoidable absence of the Grand Prior at this their annual assembly, more especially as that absence has been caused by indisposition.

Your Committee most entirely reciprocate the opinion entertained by the Grand Prior with respect to the neglect of the Chancellerie in England to take definite and conclusive action regarding the memorial forwarded by the Grand Priory of Canada to the Convent General of the Order, and the subsequent resolution adopted unanimously at the last assembly of this Grand Priory, conveying our express wishes to H. R. H. the Grand Master. While feeling surprise that the meeting of Convent General has been so long delayed, they are glad to notice that its assembling has been definitely fixed for the 29th day of October, and that the Grand Prior has received assurances from the Earl of Limerick, Great Prior of England, that the matter will then be considered, and have his support, and they venture to express a hope that on an early day, subsequent to such meeting—should no reply be, in the meantime, received from England—the Grand Prior will summon an emergent assembly for the purpose of taking such action in the premises as may be deemed most conducive to the honor and the welfare of the Grand Priory of Canada, suggesting that the annual meeting of the