

ment my explanations given last year of the object and intention of the late alterations, in reply to the objections of many old members, who will not admit that any change from the established usages they have been accustomed to can be of advantage.

In concluding these remarks a question naturally arises. To what purpose and practical use can these Orders be now applied. The answer to which is that while the actual cause which called forth all the religious and military enthusiasm of their founders has long ceased to exist, there are still in the present day solemn duties to perform, by practising that charity and love to our fellow-creatures, which consists principally in alleviating the sufferings of the destitute and oppressed.

Fratres!—We are shortly to be formed into an independent and influential national body. Let us then at the commencement of our career, follow the example of the Protestant Branch of the Order of St. John in England, and devote a portion of our time and means to the hospitaller duties enjoined by the rules of the Order, "*Pro utilitate hominum*," and as far as lies in our power advance and promote the usefulness of the various Masonic institutions organized for the relief of the aged, the sick, and the destitute.

Brother Soldiers of the Cross, I am ever faithfully yours, in the Bonds of the Order,

V. D. + S. A.

† W. J. B. McLEOD MOORE,

Grand Cross of the Temple,

Grand Prior of the Dominion of Canada.

The foregoing able address was referred to a special Committee consisting of Fraters Dartnell, Longley, and Spry.

The Executive Committee consists of the following Eminent Fraters: T. D. Harington, L. H. Henderson, James Seymour, J. W. Murton, James Moffatt, G. C. Longley, Edson Kemp, E. M. Copeland, and F. J. Menet.

Eminent Frater H. A. MacKay was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The Very Eminent the Grand Prior has been pleased to announce the following as the Roll of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz:

V. E. † Sir Kt. Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, 33°, Grand Cross, Grand Prior for the Dominion of Canada; V. E. † Sir Kt. Samuel B. Harman, 18°, Grand Sub-Prior for the Dominion of Canada; V. E. † Sir Kt. T. Douglas Harington, 33°, Past Grand Sub-Prior for the Dominion of Canada; V. E. † Sir Kt. Samuel B. Harman, 18°, (acting) Grand Chancellor for the Dominion of Canada; V. E. † Sir Kt. James A. Henderson, Provincial Prior, Eastern Division, Ontario; V. E. † Sir Kt. James K. Kerr, 33°, Provincial Prior, Centre Division, Ontario; V. E. † Sir Kt. W. Mercer Wilson, Provincial Prior, Western Division, Ontario; V. E. † Sir Kt. W. B. Simpson, Provincial Prior, Quebec; V. E. † Sir Kt. Robert Marshall, Provincial Prior, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; V. E. † Sir Kt. G. H. F. Dartnell, Grand Constable; E. † Sir Kt. Eugene M. Copeland, Grand Marshal; E. † Sir Kt. Rev. V. Clementi, M. A., Grand Prelate; E. † Sir Kt. Hugh A. Mackay, 33°, Grand Treasurer; E. † Sir Kt. D. R. Munro, Grand Registrar; E. † Sir Kt. John J. Mason, 32°, Grand Vice-Chancellor; E. † Sir Kt. Hugh W. Chisholm, Grand Sub-Marshal; E. † Sir Kt. G. T. Smithers, Grand Asst. Sub-Marshal; E. † Sir Kt. George C. Longley, Grand Almoner; E. † Sir Kt. Wm. N. Braund, Grand Asst. Almoner; E. † Sir Kt. Edwin Goodman, Grand 1st Herald; E. † Sir Kt. M. Crombie, Grand 2nd Herald; E. † Sir Kt. John Easton, Grand War. of Reg.; E. † Sir Kt. W. C. Morrison, Grand 1st Standard Bearer; † Sir Kt. Edson Kemp, Grand 2nd Standard Bearer; † Sir Kt. J. H. Tilden, Grand Prior's Standard Bearer; † Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, Grand 1st Aid-de-Comp; † Sir Kt. S. S. Lazier, Grand 2nd Aid-de-Comp; † Sir Kt. J. B. Trayes, Grand Chamberlain; † Sir Kt. G. D. Dickson, Grand Asst. Chamberlain; † Sir Kt. J. Stanton, Grand 1st Capt. of Guard; † Sir Kt. R. J. Hovenden, Grand 2nd Capt. of Guard; † Sir Kt. G. S. Birrell, Grand Sword Bearer; † Sir Kt. J. H. Cornish, Grand Organist; † Sir Kt. John O'Donnell, Grand Pursuivant; † Sir Kt. Richard Ratcliffe, Grand Guard.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in the town of St. Catharines.

THE LODGE AND ITS LESSONS.

The great increase of Masonic Lodges proves two things, we think, incontestably. The one is, that Freemasonry is, in itself, a want for the age in which we live. It is very remarkable fact, that, in this prying and bustling age, in which everything seems to be sacrificed to the dust, and dirt, and turmoil of public life, an institution so peculiar and unobstructive, so much averse to open recognition, and so difficult of access, should be popular with all classes of society. And yet the secret of such a want such popular appreciation is, we think, not hard to find. Freemasonry may have its frailties and defects, like every thing else that is earthly or human, but Freemasonry has