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Richard Coer de Lion, of Montreal, is in good working order, and is steadily increasing its membership.

I am exceedingly sorry that it is impossible for me to be present at this Annual Assembly.

Trusting that your deliberations may be productive of the best interests and future welfare of our Order,

I remain, Most Eminent Sir,

Fraternally yours,

† I. H. STEARNS,

Provincial Prior,

Quebec District.

Montreal, July 1, 1885.

DISTRICT OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

REPORT.

*To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master and the Frates of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada,—*

FRATRES,—I am in hopes of being able to be present at the Annual Assembly of the Great Priory, to be held at the City of Hamilton, on the 7th proximo. The feeling to be there is increased from the desire felt by the Frates here at this time by my personal presence to evince our continued interest in the proceedings of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

Adverting to the condition of Templar Masonry in this jurisdiction, the Union de Molay Preceptory and Priory is the only one in New Brunswick to uphold the standard of the Great Priory of Canada. It has on its roll some of the most zealous and influential in Masonic circles in the community and although as a Preceptory under Canadian rule it is heavily handicapped compared with the nominal requirements enacted of the other Encampments here under the Chapter General of Scotland, it is hoped that by patient progress and the abnegation of self and all personal motives to maintain its position and influence for good.

The number of Frates on the roll of the Union de Molay Preceptory is found to be about the same as returned last year. A better showing is expected to be made in future.

It was hoped that ere this there would have been some Knightly mode of adjustment of the question of divided Templar jurisdiction here without recourse to a forward movement, but correspondence and all yielding measures have failed to induce a withdrawal or surrender of the Scottish Encampment warrants and, from the prelimi-