

convened at Hartford, Conn., on Tuesday, March 18th, A.D., 1879, R. E. Sir Frederick H. Parmelee, of New London, Grand Commander.

Ten Commanderies were represented by their officers or proxies.

It appears \$409 had been contributed by subordinate Commanderies to the relief of the yellow fever sufferers; and it is stated this amount would have been considerably increased had not contributions have been already made through other channels.

There is a full and able report on Foreign Correspondence, the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand bodies, including Canada for 1879, passing under review.

Of Canada it is said:—

The proceedings of the Great Priory of Canada are an object of interest to the Templars of the United States, although recent events have placed a gulf between us and them. This matter is narrated by that very learned and candid Masonic scholar, Great Prior Moore, in his annual address.

A long extract from the Great Prior's address is given, and it is added:—

At the next meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States, this subject should be committed to able hands and our relations with our Canadian neighbors clearly and finally fixed. The suggestion that we should, in any event, all acknowledge "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as the *only* Grand Master" is made in great innocence, doubtless, but the trouble with it is, it is made a little more than a hundred years too late.

What have political or national events to do with the desire for having one Head of the Order? The allegiance would be due, not to the Prince of Wales, but to the Supreme Grand Master of the Order.

Appended is a most interesting letter from the Hon. H. Rugg, the U. S. Consul at Malta, accompanying a gift of