

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR RE-UNION.

The annual banquet of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, Knights Templar, of London, was held at Sir Knight J. W. Martin's Hotel, on the evening of the 18th ult., and proved an exceedingly pleasant entertainment. There were in attendance many old members of the Order, and not a few visiting Fraters. The Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight John Ferguson, presided; V. E. Sir Kt. J. B. Smyth occupying the vice chair. On the right of the Chairman were seated R. E. Sir Kt. Dr. Jas. Sutton, Provincial Prior; Past Commander Sir Kt. McCarthy, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; R. E. Sir Kt. A. G. Smyth; Sir Kt. Robert Stark, Woodstock, and others. On the Chairman's left were seated R. E. Sir Kt. Col. Moffat, K. C. T.; V. E. Sir Kt. W. Hawthorne; Sir Kt. Leahy, of Monroe Commandery, Rochester; Sir Kts. J. S. Dewar, W. R. Vining, C. F. Knapp, J. Garrett, and around the tables were observable Sir Knights Alex. McDonald, A. E. Cooper, W. T. Stenberg, W. F. Sanagan, L. Kelly, J. Oliver, J. A. Ross, Joseph Hook, F. J. Hood, H. C. Simpson, A. Irvine, R. F. Kingsmill, Wm. Thornton and others.

The tables were set in the form of a Templar's Cross, and were neatly and artistically arranged. The walls were festooned with flags and emblems of the Order, the decorations being unique and original. The spread was in keeping with the reputation of the host, who on this occasion may be said to have excelled all his previous efforts.

After the removal of the cloth, Sir Kt. J. S. Dewar read apologies from R. E. Sir Kt. D. Spry, Grand Chancellor; Barrie; E. Sir Kt. J. Beck, Goderich; E. Sir Kt. H. Lockwood, Guelph; E. Sir Kt. A. N. Pettit, St. Thomas; E. Sir Kt. J. W. Barringer, Windsor; V. E. Sir Kt. J. B. Bishop, Hamilton, and others, all of whom expressed deep regret at being depriv-

ed, owing to previous engagements, from participating in the festivities.

The following programme was then proceeded with, and carried out in true Knightly style:—

"The Queen and the Craft"—God Save the Queen.

"The Great Priory of Knights Templar of Canada." Responses by R. E. Sir Knights Dr. Sutton, Provincial Prior of London District; R. E. Sir Kt. A. G. Smyth, Past Grand Registrar; V. E. Sir Kt. J. B. Smyth, Grand Standard Bearer.

Song by Frater Simpson—"Then, You'll Remember Me."

"The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada." Response by Sir Knight Robert Stark, of Woodstock.

"The Grand Lodge of Canada." Responses by M. W. Bro. Col. Moffat, P. G. M., and R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, Grand Junior Warden.

Song by Sir Kt. Stenberg—"The Warrior Bold."

"The Visiting Fraters." Responses by R. E. Sir Knight McCarthy, of Fond du Lac; Sir Kt. Thos. Leahy, of Monroe Commandery, Rochester; C. L. Sanagan, of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, No. 3, Hamilton.

Song by Sir Kt. Joseph Hook—"The Brave Knight."

"The Past Preceptors of Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 4." Responses by R. E. Sir Kts. Moffat, Smyth and Sutton.

"The Eminent Preceptor and Officers of Richard Cœur de Lion." Responses by E. Sir Kts. Ferguson and Dewar, Vining and Ross.

Songs by Sir Kt. A. Irvine—"Tim Flaherty;" E. Sir Kt. McCarthy—"Old Grimes' Cellar Door;" Sir Kt. Thornton—"Gaily goes the Ship when the Wind goes Free."

"The Press," responded to by Sir Knight Dewar, of the *Free Press*.

"The Host and Hostess" elicited a neat response from Sir Kt. Martin.

The Junior Warden's toast closed an exceedingly pleasant re-union, which was characterized by the best of good feeling from opening till close.