

CONCLUSION.

And now, Frates of the Great Priory of Canada, allow me again to congratulate you on the declaration of your independence, and the position you hold as a Sovereign Body. The Order is in your own hands to make it worthy of the high position it undoubtedly holds; and by a strict adherence to its precepts, you cannot fail to place it amongst the most valued institutions in connection with the time-honoured Masonic fraternity. Let it not be said there is any doubt as to what useful purpose the Temple Order has in view, or what it is incumbent, in conformity with our professions, that we should do. We, who call ourselves "Soldiers of the Cross," surely have a higher aim and far different mission than that of vain shows and public display. Our professions call upon us unmistakably to do something that will redound to the glory of God and to the assistance and happiness of our fellow men. In short, every Preceptory should be a place where the poor, the needy, the sick and the oppressed can look for relief, sympathy, and assistance. Let our Preceptories spend but little in decorations and entertainments, in order that there may be funds to spare for those purposes, then the object of the founders of these great Christian orders will be accomplished, and our Order be doing something worthy of remembrance. Without such aims we are nothing; our Christianity is but dust and ashes; our boasted chivalry as rust.

Frates! Knights of the Temple! With all loyalty to our Gracious Queen and Grand Master, whom God preserve, I am ever in the bonds of the Order.

Faithfully yours,

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Great Prior of Canada.

It was thereupon moved by Very Eminent Sir Knight ‡ Harman, Grand Sub-Prior, seconded by Very Eminent Sir Knight ‡ Simpson, Provincial Prior for Quebec, and

Resolved—That the able and instructive Address of the The Grand Prior be referred to the Grand Council to report thereon.

The Grand Sub-Prior, alluding to the announcement already made of the absence of the Grand Treasurer, whose accounts and vouchers were not present, in consequence of his inability to attend at the last moment from illness, read a rough financial statement he had prepared from the information in his possession. It was then