

Tuesday, the 14th day of May, A.D., 1878, A.O., 760, R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. A. Fairchild, Grand Commander.

The address of the Grand Commander deals entirely with local matters.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is brief but vigorous. The following trenchant remarks are in accordance with the views of the fratres of the Temple in this Jurisdiction:—

"The majority of these parades, and other public demonstrations by the Order, are gotten up with the hope and intention that some one may be caught by the tinsel and display. In fact, some Grand Commanders have assigned as a reason for granting these dispensations, the benefits likely to result from an exhibition of the Order in public, in securing members. Now, we would ask, in all seriousness, of what real substantial benefit is the acquisition of one or more members to an Order founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues, when the only motive that induced them, in a vast majority of cases, to come forward and solicit the orders, was a desire to qualify themselves to appear in public with a feather stuck in their hats and a sword dangling, sometimes by their side, at other times between their legs? The material we need to build up our Order, is men who care more for and think more of a due preparation for a future state of existence beyond the river of death, and the building up and the enlargement of the Kingdom of Christ; the practice of morality, charity and temperance on earth, than they do for fine banquets, parades, and fuss and feathers generally. The traditions and ceremonies of the Order are calculated and intended to elevate and purify the minds and characters of its members; but a careful observation has failed to show us a single instance where this result has been reached through the medium of parades or banquets, but the exact reverse of this usually follows."

Canada receives no mention.

MISSOURI, 1877.

The seventeenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and appendant Orders of the State of Missouri, was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Louis, on Tuesday, October 2nd, A.D. 1877, Sir Kt. Fred. B. Young, Grand Commander.

The volume is largely occupied with obituary notices of the late lamented Grand Recorder, Geo. Frank Gouley.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is a model of terseness and vigour. Canada is complimented by extensive extracts from our proceedings for 1876: as to these the committee express this opinion:—

"We are frank to confess that we fully agree with our distinguished frater in his history of the Order, for it cannot be disputed, and we hope the time may come when the ritual in the United States may be put upon an intelligent and legitimate basis."

And also:—

"We have received two documents relative to the Ritual Commission and their report thereon, which are of great interest to us. These, with

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