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The former edition of the Canada Digest having been exhausted, the compiler thereof was requested to prepare this edition. The task which the undertaking involved has not been a light one, in consequence of the many changes in and additions to the laws of the Order made by the Grand Temple of Canada, or by other authorities having jurisdiction over it. Every care has been taken in the preparation of this work to make it accurate and reliable, to embrace in it the whole of the laws not directly contained in the constitutions of the Grand or Subordinate Temples, and to see that these laws were conformable to the requirements of the supreme law of the Order as well as the law of this jurisdiction. No effort has been spared to make this Digest one to which members may at all times turn with confidence—confidence that what they seek after they will find, and having found it may be certain it is right.

The compiler has introduced into this edition several features not contained in the previous one. Prominent among these will be found the constitutions of the Grand and Subordinate Temples. This has been done for convenience of comparison and reference. Another is a brief manual of practice, embracing explanations as to the proper working of the Temple in the various orders of business; which the observations of the writer have convinced him are necessary, and which he trusts will prove useful to all members of our Temple, best especially to new ones. It is a matter of some importance that there should be uniformity in the manner of working the Subordinate Temples; and to secure this a manual, setting forth general rules which may be adopted by all, seems necessary. That em-