

Grand Chapter of Canada.

At the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, the Constitution was amended providing that its annual meeting should be held on the Friday of the same week in which the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada is held, and at the same place. In pursuance of this change the twenty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, will be held at the city of Guelph, on Friday, the sixteenth of July, at ten o'clock in the forenoon; and as the last Annual Convocation was held in that city, Guelph may consider itself uncommonly fortunate; and the fact of the Grand Lodge being held there during the same week will, no doubt, increase the number of delegates to Grand Chapter.

We observe that there are only two notices of any importance on the motion paper, that of M. E. Comp. F. J. Menet: "That the present Constitution be repealed and that the revised Constitution prepared by the Committee, or agreed to by the Grand Chapter, shall become law from the date of its adoption." This motion should be carried, as a matter of course, upon the adoption of the Revised Constitution.

The other motion to which we call attention is that of E. Comp. C. W. Brown, which provides for filling the office of the First Principal of a Chapter, when rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his office, either by removal from the District or otherwise, by authorizing the Immediate Past First Principal to act until the next election, and should he be unable to act, then the last but

one, and so on. But should no former First Principal be found to act, the Chapter shall proceed to elect a new First Principal in his place, seven clear days notice of a meeting for that purpose having been given. Under the constitution as at present, in the contingency provided for, the Chapter shall proceed at once to elect a new Principal, giving seven clear days' notice of such election to all the members of their Chapter. Opinion will probably be pretty well divided as to the advisability of making the change; we cannot see that the proposed system of filling the vacancy is any infringement on the present plan.

The National Great Priory.

The Annual Assembly of the National Great Priory of Canada will take place this year at Guelph, during the same week that the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and other Grand Bodies convene in that city. This we view as a move in the right direction, since it is not only a great saving of expense for those who desire to attend the annual Grand Masonic gatherings, but it also will naturally cause a greater interest to be taken by the Craft generally in the welfare and prosperity of this Chivalric Order.

On taking a rapid survey of the report of the Proceedings of 1879, we have many reasons to feel proud of the position of the Templar Organization in the Dominion; on the other hand, we cannot help noticing with some regret that the reports of the Provincial Priors are not as satisfactory as might be desired. V. Em.