

In the proceedings, which were local, we note a notice of amendment to their Constitution as follows :

"Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross shall be subjected to an examination in open Commandery, or before a Special Committee of three Sir Knights, in the manual of the sword, facings, marchings, and the cuts, signs, grips, and words of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and having received the Order of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, he shall also be required within a reasonable time to pass an examination for the cuts, signs, grips and words of these Orders, and it shall be the duty of the R. E. Grand Commander, or his representative, upon his annual inspection of Subordinate Commanderies to see whether this regulation has been duly observed, and make report in his annual address to the Grand Commandery."

If this carries, we shall expect South Dakota to possess the best posted body of Templars in the world.

Sir Knight S. H. Jumper indites his Fourth Annual Report. He is opposed to the Grand Dress Parades at their Triennial Conclaves, and considers they are of no benefit to the Order, and that the Grand Encampment is the most expensive body of law makers in the world. Canada, 1898, is passed in pleasant and courteous review. He is very complimentary to the writer of the Correspondence Report and quotes freely from it.

Under North Carolina, we note the following :

Bless you, Brother Munson, we don't mind the snow nor the cold. For twenty-one days the past winter the mercury never got above zero, and the record on ten of those days was more than thirty degrees below and the balance about twenty. But we didn't mind it. We rather liked it. Get away from the tar and pitch of the old North State some January and come up into Dakota and breathe the pure ozone that blows across our prairies, and you will feel like a new man.

Well, Brother Jumper, some years ago we spent part of three winters in Manitoba, north of your state, and neither did we mind the snow or cold. The air is dry and clear, no humidity, and you breathe pure ozone as you remark, and then despite the cold, where