

agent or a perpetuation of the ancient chivalric orders, but merely as an adaptation to Freemasonry.

"There is much more in the remarkable Address we should like to quote, but must forbear. Many of the paragraphs deal with American Knight Templary, which is no favorite of the Great Priors, and other portions of the Allocation have reference more especially to Canada, as might be expected; but, however intended as to application, the whole is 'good and true,' from the beginning to the end, and invaluable as the matured convictions of one of the most learned and zealous Freemasons the modern Templars have ever had enrolled under their banners."

#### NEW YORK'S GRAND MASTER.

Some time ago, Grand Master Lawrence, of New York, suspended Prudence Lodge for initiating several men of questionable character, and his action led to an animated debate in Grand Lodge at its recent session, which resulted in his action being sustained.

The re-election of Grand Master Lawrence, causes some comment. The representatives from the country were generally opposed to re-nominating him, not because they lacked appreciation of the work he had done while in office, but for the reason that they considered the electing of a Grand Master for three years a bad precedent. In an interview with a reporter one of the representatives said:—

"Why, what's the use of us countrymen coming down here anyway? We have a majority of the delegates in the Grand Lodge; we outnumber these city men of New York and Brooklyn, yet when we arrive here every year we find a programme laid out for us, whether we like it or not, and it

generally goes through. Now we didn't want Lawrence for Grand Master again, and John W. Vrooman, of Herkimer, the present Deputy Grand Master, was our man; yet before we knew what we were doing we were all holding up our hands for Lawrence. He doesn't get any salary and has only the honor of the place, and as he is rich can afford to work for nothing. In fact, a poor man cannot get to be Grand Master of this lodge, and so well is this recognized that when a man of only moderate means reaches up near the Grand Master's gravel he is invariably switched off on some side track, where he must rest content with honors that cost less money to maintain."

It is quite evident "the machine" is a prominent feature in Masonry, in the Empire State as well as in the Premier Province. But happily there is every appearance of a desire to break away from old lines, and when the break comes the only sufferer will be—the machine!

#### ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

The Annual report of R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, D. D. G. M. for the Eleventh Masonic District, is one of the most remarkable ever made to our Grand Lodge or to any other Masonic Grand Body.

It consists of upwards of fourteen (14) closely printed pages. In addition to important official documents, it contains most complete records of the status of the thirty-five lodges in his metropolitan district, to which he made seventy-eight visits, to accomplish which he travelled two thousand one hundred and sixty miles. He also held during the year, seven District Lodges of Instruction, which were intended chiefly for the