

called upon to render proper tribute to the memory of a very large number of our fraters. A list which embraces three Past Grand Commanders, including him who first did honor to the position, and also that one who was my immediate predecessor—in rank the oldest and the youngest. Two Past Grand Captains General; one each of Past Grand Senior and Junior Wardens; one Past Grand Sword Bearer; and a long, long list of Sir Knights, subordinate in position, but none the less in life the recipients of our love and esteem.

It is significant that the deaths for the year amounted to 27, out of a membership of 446, the average for seven previous years being 7.

Nearly \$80,000 appears to have been received and distributed by the Masonic Relief Committee at Vicksburg.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, To all the Knights Templar in Christendom, our hearts go out with one accord, laden with sentiments of the warmest love and most profound gratitude for the unparalleled sympathy and generosity with which they responded to our call for aid in the days of our late affliction. When pestilence, with its invisible cohorts, assailed our encampment on every side; when want and misery and suffering disarmed death of its terrors, and the calmness of despair made passive and steady the targets of its javelins, the gallant Sir Knights of every land and every clime, true to the instincts and traditions of our beloved Order, moved by a common impulse, came to our rescue, and with their unbounded generosity and sympathy, soothed the sufferings of our stricken; appeased the pangs of hunger; gave new strength to our nerveless army, and inspired new hope when hope had fled. In these deeds they have performed exploits well worthy to be compared to the deeds of those brave Sir Knights who, in ancient times, clothed our Order with a fame that prose and poetry have never ceased to tell. The story of these achievements is written upon our hearts; their lesson has taught the world the usefulness of our Order; their reward is this: that in peace have been achieved victories no less glorious than those achieved by the noble founders of our Order when inspired by their holy surroundings, they waged battle for Christendom on the sacred fields of the Holy Land.

In the Review, Canada for 1878 receives but brief mention. This is the substance:—