

efforts for the cause of humanity and progress. May our labors always receive the Divine approbation.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

I am happy to be able to inform you that during the past year Templarism in Canada has been more than usually prosperous. One new Preceptory has been formed and there are good prospects for three others in the near future. The increase in membership has been greater than for a number of years past, and the returns and receipts this year exceed those of any previous year since our organization. The receipts for the year have been \$1,297.50, and we have a comfortable balance of cash on hand of \$1,017.04.

From nearly all of the districts, I have the most encouraging reports. In some localities the state of the Order has greatly improved and in others the prospects are bright for the future. In a few localities, no progress has been made and this is accounted for in various ways. Financial depression, the unsettled state of the ritual and the uniform question, the low ebb of Capitular Masonry, opposition from other rites, and the limited field in the Province of Quebec, have all been assigned as reasons why the work has not been advanced to its proper position everywhere. Some of these causes are beyond our control, others we may deal with and I trust that our united efforts may mitigate or entirely remove their adverse operation.

RED CROSS AND MALTA.

In furtherance of the legislation of last session as to the Red Cross Degree and Templar and Malta Certificates, I authorized the issuance of the following circular to all the Preceptories:

THE CHANCERY OF THE ORDER,
BARRIE, ONT., Oct. 13th, 1891. }

DEAR SIR AND EMINENT SIR KNIGHT,—

I am directed by M. Em. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Supreme Grand Master to call your attention to the following decisions and enactments of Great Priory, and to request your compliance therewith:

1st. The Red Cross Degree has been made a recognized Degree of this Jurisdiction, and must be conferred upon Candidates before the Templar Degree. (Proceedings 1891, page 213.)

2nd. All Knights Templars who received the Templar Degree before the 31st December, 1890, and who have not been provided with Malta