

impressed with the view that in future the Reports must contain the knowledge germs, so that we can see at a glance the exact position of each Preceptory in the jurisdiction. Those Sir Knights who at our yearly gatherings are placed in office as Provincial Priors, should know that the Fratres look to them for an active discharge of the responsibilities of office, and, in thus honoring them, expect that they will faithfully perform the task allotted. If Fratres, who are asked to accept office, cannot consciously fulfil its requirements, they should leave the position for those who can, so that, at the end of the year, we will receive Reports that will be worth reading. The Reports of the Provincial Priors should contain, (1) The names of each Preceptory in the District, and the number of official visits; (2) The number of meetings held in the year, and if at the stated periods; (3) The average attendance, and how it compares with the membership; (4) The number of times each degree has been exemplified; the state of the books, with an idea of the gross amount owing in dues, and the arrears over two and three years; (5) A general idea of the condition of the Order in the District; the interest taken, and the probabilities of future development; (6) Whether the work is performed by past or present officers.

The Council venture the opinion that if information of the above character were given in the Annual Reports, a more intelligent conclusion could be arrived at by your Grand Council than at present they are able to give. The continued neglect of a great many Provincial Priors to send their Annual Reports into the office of the Grand Chancellor at the proper time, seriously delays the work of the Executive of Great Priory, and your Council trust that Provincial Priors will not fail after this to have their Reports in by the day fixed—the 30th June, in each year.

In London District, the Provincial

Prior, R. E. Sir Knight Adams, reports that there is not "the same zeal and activity" in Templarism as is manifested in other branches of Masonry. Out of the five Preceptories, those at St. Thomas, Chatham and London, were visited officially, and at London Preceptory a pleasant and useful feature was an exemplification of the entire work, at which leading Fratres from all the Preceptories in the District were present.

In Kingston District, the Report of R. E. Sir Knight E. H. D. Hall, Provincial Prior, shows that, with the exception of "Moore" Preceptory, at Peterboro', all are in a satisfactory condition, and alludes to a very satisfactory exemplification of the work by Sir Knight J. Parker Thomas and the officers of King Baldwin Preceptory. The Provincial Prior notes the inattention paid to official notifications by Registrars of Preceptories, and your Council recommend that it be an instruction to the Grand Chancellor to see that such neglect no longer continues.

From Toronto District, the Reports are satisfactory. The four Preceptories of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, No. 2, Toronto; Odo de St. Amand, No. 17, Toronto; and Mount Calvary, No. 12, Barrie; and St. John the Almoner, No. 15, have live, vigorous workers on their rolls, and Palestine, No. 18, Port Hope, which was for a long time not in a state of prosperity, is thriving, and the work is being carried on in a manner characteristic of the interest taken in the olden time by our Fratres in these localities.

In the Eastern section of the Dominion, the Provincial Prior of Nova Scotia, Sir Knight Dempster, reports that "Nova Scotia," No. 5, Halifax, is maintaining its position, is well worked and "will have a prosperous future." He also conveys to us the gratifying information that he has organized and constituted "Malta" Preceptory, at Truro, and that the Fratres are so well up in their work that Malta is destined to be one of the best