

when we first established the Order in Canada. May I hope that my frequent admonitions to be careful whom you admit into your ranks has not been in vain.

The regulations for the admission of Candidates are clearly and distinctly laid down in the new statutes, and sufficiently stringent to keep out the unworthy Preceptories have the remedy in their own hands and on them must rest the onus should an ineligible member be admitted amongst us. In the discharge of our Knightly profession let us be governed by the old principles of honor and chivalry, justice and truth, and may we the Temples of the present day, the *Fratres* representing the old religious and military order, stand forth as champions to espouse and maintain the Holy Christian Faith, and be the ready and faithful protectors of the "innocent" the "destitute" and "helpless" ever remembering in our respective avocations through life the solemn vows that bind us to the Order of the Temple.

Fratres, I am always, V. D. † S. A.

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THE POWER OF MEMORY.—Dr. Johnson, it is said, never forgot anything he had seen, heard, or read. Burke, Clarendon, Gibbon, Locke, Tilotson, were all distinguished for strength of memory. When alluding to this subject, Sir William Hamilton observes: For intellectual power of the highest order, none were distinguished above Grotius and Pascal; and Grotius and Pascal forgot nothing they had ever read or thought. Leibnitz and Euler were not less celebrated for their intelligence than for their memory; and both could repeat the whole of the "Æneid." Donnollus knew the "Corpus Juris" by heart; and yet he was one of the profoundest and most original speculators in jurisprudence. Ben Johnson tells us that he could repeat all that he had ever written, and whole books that he had ever read. Themistocles could call by name the twenty thousand citizens of Athens. Cyrus is reported to have known the name of every soldier in his army. Hortensius (after Cicero, the greatest orator at Rome), after sitting a whole day at a public sale, correctly enunciated from memory, all the things sold, their prices, and the names of their purchasers. Niebuhr, the historian, was no less distinguished for his memory than for his acuteness. In his youth he was employed in Denmark. Part of a book of accounts having, been destroyed, he restored it by an effort of memory.

DOUBLE SURPRISE.—A wife of nearly ten years, having given her servant a holiday, was attending to culinary matters herself, and hearing her husband coming in the kitchen, thought she would surprise him as soon as he entered the kitchen, by throwing her hands over his eye, and imprinting a kiss on his brow, as in the days of the honeymoon. The husband returned the salute with interest, and asked, as he disengaged her hands: "Mary, darling, where is your mistress?" The wife discharged "Mary, darling," the next day, and has adopted a new plan of "surprising her husband."

The man who produces the largest yield to the area cultivated, with the least expense, and increases the fertility of the soil, is the most scientific farmer, however ignorant he may be of the fact.