

P. Q.; R. E. Sir Kt. L. B. Archibald, Truro, N. S., and E. Sir Kt. H. B. Howson, Toronto, expressing regret at their inability to be present.

The M. E. the Supreme Grand Master authorized the admission of all Knights Templar in good standing during the Assembly of Great Priory.

The acting Grand Chancellor commenced reading the recorded minutes of the proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Assembly, when it was moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. J. Ross Robertson, and

RESOLVED,—That as the minutes of the proceedings of the Sovereign Great Priory at its Thirteenth Annual Assembly, held in the city of London, Ont., on the 16th day of September, 1896, have been printed and copies thereof forwarded to each Preceptory and Knight entitled to receive them, the same be taken as read, and be now confirmed.

M. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Supreme Grand Master, then read his

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*Fratres of the Great Priory of Canada :*

Again we meet in Annual Assembly to deliberate on the progress the Order of the Temple has made in this jurisdiction during the past twelve months.

Ere we commence our duties let us bow our hearts in reverence and in trust, gratefully acknowledging the many and manifold mercies which we have received from our Heavenly Father, the Sovereign Ruler of the universe. In extending to you all a Knightly greeting, I also with the greatest pleasure give you a cordial welcome to the fair City of Montreal, not only as a citizen of the Commercial Metropolis but on behalf of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory located therein and of which I have the honor to be a member. May your visit be a pleasant and profitable one.

#### THE PAST YEAR.

The past year has been an eventful one, especially so to the vast British Empire of which Canada proudly forms a very important portion.

Last June Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen completed the longest reign in the history of Great