

The Quebec district, from its mixed population, does not give a very large field for any rapid extension of Masonry in any of its higher branches, and if the Order of Knights Templar holds its own for some time to come it is all that its admirers can hopefully expect.

Fraternally submitted,

WILL. H. WHYTE,

Provincial Prior Quebec District.

Montreal, 17th July, 1892.

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

FRATRES,—I thank you very much for the honor you conferred on me at the last annual meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory by electing me to the high and honorable position of Provincial Prior for the District of Nova Scotia, and I trust that during my term of office I have merited the confidence reposed in me.

I herewith submit my report of the work performed in this District during the past year, 1891-92. I paid an official visit, in December, 1891, to Malta Preceptory, No. 27, held at Truro, and installed its officers. Although this Preceptory has done no work for some years, it holds its meetings regularly, and is in a good position financially. I examined its books, which are a model of neatness. The total number of members on the roll are nineteen, of whom six are non-residents. During the year twelve regular meetings were held, and two members were suspended for non-payment of dues. I trust the members of Malta will awake, gird on sword, wage war on the enemy and make a better showing numerically next year.

On the 16th March, 1892, I went to Yarmouth, formed the Yarmouth Preceptory, No. 30, and installed its officers. There is the making here of one of the best Preceptories in the Jurisdiction. The members are full of enthusiasm, and have taken hold of the work with a will, which you will appreciate, when I tell you that twenty-three candidates have been fully Knighted in this young Preceptory. It is astonishing to what proficiency the officers have attained in the ritual. I witnessed them conferring the degrees, and must say the work was well and efficiently performed. I have great pleasure in recommending that a warrant be granted the young Preceptory at this meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory.

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