

received the Orders of Knighthood in DeMolay Commandery, 12, Louisville, Ky.

The Prelate of that Commandery at that time was Sir William J. Duncan, the Masonic editor of the *Dispatch*. The impressive manner in which he rendered the Ritual of the Order of the Temple created in the mind of Sir Knight Thomas a hearty desire to know more of Templarism. He said that if every novitiate was so favorably impressed with the Order as he was that the benefit to the newly created Knights and to the craft would be of inestimable value to both. There is much in this for the officers in our commanderies to carefully consider. It is exceedingly gratifying to Sir Duncan to-day to have his candidate advanced to the highest position that Templars can confer upon him.

In February, 1873, he assisted in the forming of Ryan Commandery, 17, and was its first Captain General, afterward holding the office of Eminent Commander, for two years. In 1874 he was elected to the office of Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, and in 1878 was elected Grand Commander. When the Grand Encampment met in New Orleans, in 1874, Sir Thomas was present as proxy for the Grand Commander of Kentucky. He has been at every triennial since that time and at Chicago in 1880, the Royal Purple was given to him in the office of Grand Junior Warden. The advance all along the line has been regular, and at Denver he was elected very Eminent Deputy Grand Master. The eternal fitness of things demands that Sir Thomas shall take another step with his right foot, bringing the heel of the left to the hollow of the right, his body erect, and then he will be hailed and saluted as Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar in the United States of America.

When the Very Eminent Sir Thomas stands erect he occupies six feet of space perpendicularly, and he touches the beam at two hundred pounds

avoids dupe. He is a typical Kentuckian, and is a man of brain and brawn. In New Hampshire they have as a steady diet browse and brook water, but in "Old Kentuck" the dew off the bluegrass is considered preferable. Sir Thomas is regarded as one of the best Masonic jurists in the country and has always, in all the grand bodies, been on the Jurisprudence Committee. He is a ready and forcible speaker, and when he thunders the Olympian gods all take seats on the front row of clouds, so that they can hear him. He is the proud champion of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, the pride of all Kentucky Masons. That Home, the sheltered widows, the protected orphans, is templarism, not on parade with band and beausant, not in ritual for asylum use, but it is templarism in practice: doing Christ's work in God's most beautiful world.—*Dispatch*.

THE FREEMASON BOGY

It is curious to observe the haste with which certain French papers ascribe to Freemasons, Satanists, Luciferians, Gogos and other diabolic agents any interference with the status quo. Last week *The Verite*, the clerical organ of Quebec, declared that the motions for uniformity of text-books and certificates from teachers which ex-Lieut. Governor Masson laid before the Catholic committee of the Council of Public Instruction were so many means adopted by Freemasonry to obtain its ends, and it rejoiced that he had seen the danger and withdrew them. It exonerated Mr. Masson from any knowledge of the use which was being made of him, but expressed its pain at seeing Catholics extol measures which could only advance the intrigues of the society. This week *The Trifluvien* of Three Rivers, which reflects the views of Bishop Lafleche, declares that the same agencies are at work in the Manitoba school question. It asks, what is the mysterious and unknown element at work in this matter? Is it conceivable that men have consented without