

A form for reception of Grand Officers was adopted.

Sir Kt. W. C. Swain for the fifteenth time indites the Correspondence report. He reviews the 1896 meeting of the Great Priory of Canada, and quotes from the address, as well as from the Correspondence report.

Under Georgia we find the following :

While there is a good point in his suggestion that a clergyman should, when possible, fill the position of Prelate, in our experience we have found the work generally better done by laymen. Emmons Taylor, of this jurisdiction, who died some twenty-three years ago, while filling the office of Grand Commander, never failed, as Prelate, to bring tears to the eyes of his candidate, and he was a lawyer. A clergyman is too apt to give a routine effect to his work.

Sir Knight Swain is interesting and facetious, and is an old hand at the quill. He inserts short, pointed anecdotes which makes his report pleasant reading.

In reply to a Correspondent who was rather sensitive and unable to see through one of Swain's jocular remarks, he retorts :

In our youthful days we had a weakness from which, we are obliged to confess, we have not yet recovered, for pretty girls. We met, at a party, a golden-haired lassie, who sank deep into our susceptibilities. We obtained permission to call, which we did at the first opportunity, and found a copy of "Arabian Nights Entertainment" on the table. Asked if she was reading it. Yes. "How do you like it?" "I don't like it at all. It is full of the biggest lies I ever heard of."

Membership, 2695 ; subordinates, 27 ; net increase, 63.  
Charles D. Rogers, Milwaukee, Grand Commander.  
John W. Laffin, Milwaukee, Grand Recorder.

#### WYOMING—1898.

Eleventh Annual. Evanston. April 13th.

R. E. Sir Kt. David H. Craig, Grand Commander.

Six subordinates represented.

The Grand Commander stated that death had dealt very gently during the past year, with their Grand Commandery, not a single member had been taken from their ranks, and only two Knights Templar in the State had died during the year.