

all the subordinate bodies have been officially visited by either myself or the Deputy Grand Master, a fact that has no parallel in the history of Canadian Templarism, a stupendous work when you consider that the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans are the eastern and western boundaries of our jurisdiction.

I make bold to state that it is the duty of the Grand Master to devote some of his time in making official visits and inspections. Such visits impart new life to the subordinate bodies, create enthusiasm in the members and are capable of producing beneficial results. I am a firm believer in the Chief Executive Officer setting the example for his subordinates. He is not chosen to act as an ornament or figurehead solely. True, he holds a dignified and honorable position, but vigilance, activity and personal attention to the affairs of the Order and the wants of the Fratres will detract nothing from his position. I will therefore impress on succeeding Grand Masters the necessity of personal supervision over all officers and the affairs of the various Preceptories, otherwise any good that may have been accomplished during the past year in inciting the members to greater activity and in laying foundations for future prosperity, will receive an injurious setback. I believe that my visits and those of the Deputy Grand Master, have been productive of good. I have received letters from a number of the Presiding Preceptors, in which I gladly note that a great revival of Templar affairs has taken place, and that prosperity will be assured if Great Priory will make a few changes in its system of government.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

From correspondence with the various presiding officers and from the returns received by the Grand Chancellor, I have great pleasure reporting marked prosperity. During the year 150 aspirants and affiliates have been received into the Order. With a couple of exceptions all the Ontario Preceptories have aided in the increase to our numbers, the most noticeable of which are—Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Richard Coeur de Lion, London, Godfrey de Bouillon, King Baldwin, Ottawa, Windsor and Odo de St. Amand. No complaint has been received by me during the year and with the exception of the misunderstanding (if you can call it such) with our Scottish Fratres in New Brunswick, peace and harmony reign within our borders.

Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and Manitoba have made marked progress. Inactivity and lack of enthusiasm exist in