

the last century, without some feasible foundation of long standing to warrant their introduction, though he is "free to confess it is not easy to account satisfactorily for the absence of all records to show any connection with Freemasonry from the time of the Reformation, when the combined Orders of the Temple and Hospital disappeared, and were not again heard of until the Masonic revival in the last century."

"I quite agree with him in the assertion as to titles, that 'the addition Sir, as a title to the name, we, as Masons, have no claim or right to whatever, and although the pretentious compound word of two syllables—*Sir Knight*—is now commonly adopted, it seems to have been only applied occasionally in former times when speaking of, *not to*, a person.' Why wish, I ask, for more than the title *brother*? What can be more expressive or Masonic? Surely the time has gone when Freemasons desire to pass for actual *knights*, and, therefore, the prefix *Sir* is out of place, and altogether as unnecessary as objectionable. A few years will witness the dropping of many absurd titles in connection with our society, and then I shall hope to see more attention paid to the duties of the brotherhood. The admirable address concludes with the appropriate words, 'May the Lord bless us, and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful to us.'"

"A circular was issued by the Great Prior of Canada on 9th January, 1878, expressive of the great sorrow felt in that Dominion on the decease of Bro. Richard Wolfe (Woof), F. S. A., the representative near the Great Priory of England. The page devoted to his memory in the "Proceedings" is thus arranged:—

In Memoriam.

The Frere Chevalier

RICHARD WOLFE, F. S. A., &c.,

Registrar of the Order of St. John of

Jerusalem in England,

Representative of the Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and

Malta for Canada, near the Great Priory of England.

A faithful brother, who, taking the warmest interest in the prosperity of the Order in Canada, helped still more to strengthen the ties that bind them to the parent body.

Born

15th December,
1821.

Died

at Worcester, England,
16th December, 1877.

"This appropriate and kindly reference to our dear and lamented friend, Bro. Wolfe, will be esteemed by his many fratres in England. Bro. Emra Holmes, K. C. T., an enthusiastic Templar, was elected in his place to the honourable position of representative, which was so ably filled by the English historian of the Templars. The representative for Ireland is our esteemed brother, the Hon. Judge Townshend, L. L. D., K. C. T., &c."

"These two distinguished brethren are honorary members of the Great Priory, as are also Dr. Rob. Morris, Dr. Alfred Creigh, General Albert Pike, Bros. T. B. Whytehead (of York), and G. O. Tyler, of Vermont, U. S. A."

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Canada.

A question of very great importance to the members of this Rite in Canada has suggested itself to my mind from a careful study of the Constitutions of 1786. The question is this. Are these Constitutions regarded by members of the A. and A. S. Rite, as the fundamental law of the Rite? Dr. Mackey in his admirable Encyclopædia of Freemasonry, says most distinctly and emphatically that they *are* so regarded. Bro. Albert Pike, the Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the U. S.,—the mother Supreme Council of the world, published these Constitutions in 1872, in Latin, French, and English, and in his exhaustive annotations respecting them, says: "The Supreme Council of Charleston