

Companions were entertained by the Kensington Companions at the Commercial Hotel, where a very enjoyable repast had been prepared. When the inner man had been thoroughly satisfied, glasses were filled with sparkling water and the toast of Grand Master Dr. Macneil was drunk, and replied to by that gentleman in a very pleasing and eloquent style. The Patriarch Cryptic Mason of this Province was then disposed of, Companion MacKelvie responding to the same. Before he resumed his seat he proposed the health of Past Master Darrach. Companion Darrach's reply was very pleasing and characteristic. Sister Lodges brought Bro. A. Macneil of Mount Zion and Comp. W. A. Brennan of King Hiram to their feet. After the toasts to the hostess and the press were disposed of, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

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RED CROSS OF ROME AND  
CONSTANTINE.

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The McLeod-Moore Conclave of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine and Appendant Order, was organized in St. John, N.B., in 1869, since which time Ill. Brother Robert Marshall has held the position of Intendant General for the province of New Brunswick. McLeod-Moore Conclave being the premier conclave of America. His Lordship the Earl of Euston, Sovereign of the Imperial Grand Council of England, on the 5th of May inst., appointed Very Eminent Knight John Alexander Watson, Intendant General as successor to Ill. Brother Marshall.

His Lordship the Earl of Euston conveys his most hearty appreciation of the long services of the late Intendant General, and has been pleased to confer upon Illustrious Brother Robt. Marshall the rank and dignity of a knight grand cross of the Imperial Grand Conclave of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine of England.

Grand Secretary's Office,  
Mark Masons' Hall,  
Great Queen Street,  
London, W. C., May 5th, 1896

The Hon. Robert Marshall, V. Em. Intendant General :

Dear and V. Eminent Knight--In accordance with your letter of 15th April, I am directed by the M. Ills. Grand Sovereign the Earl of Euston, and have the honor to say that his lordship reluctantly accepts your resignation as Intendant General for New Brunswick, and has directed me to prepare the patent of appointment in favor of the V. Em. Knight John Alexander Watson as your successor.

His lordship also directs me to say that in the most hearty appreciation of your long services to our order he has been pleased to confer on you the rank and dignity of knight grand cross.

May I offer you my personal congratulations on this honor.

Believe me to be,  
Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
C. F. MATIER, P. G. V. E.,  
Int. Gen. Lancashire,  
Grand Recorder and Registrar Gen.

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THE SIGN OF DISTRESS.

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On Sunday evening, June 9th, last, soon after the train on the Southern Pacific railroad pulled out from Race-land, La., some forty miles west of New Orleans, La., the conductor came to a passenger and asked for his ticket, thereupon the passenger produced it and gently laid himself back upon his seat, being sick and faint at the time. Upon examination of the ticket, the conductor remarked that it had expired and was no good, and he would be required to pay his fare. The passenger replied that he had no money whatever, and was making his way back to New Orleans upon the ticket he had purchased from a regular ticket agent of the road.

The conductor, however, was obdurate and stated that unless the fare to New Orleans (about \$1.20) was paid he would be put off the train, and instantly pulling the bell cord the train came to a stop, and with the assistance of two brakeman gently lifted the passenger and took him out of the car and sat him upon the grass beside the road-bed in some dense woods.