

FOURTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, BROCKVILLE, 1887. 305

RESOLVED,—That the minutes of the Proceedings of the Special Assembly of Great Priory, held in the City of Kingston, on Friday, the 25th February, 1887, having been printed and distributed, they be considered as read, and be now confirmed.

The Grand Chancellor read letters from the following members of Great Priory, expressing regret for their unavoidable absence, namely:—R. E. Sir Knights J. A. Henderson, Deputy Grand Master; George O. Tyler, Honorary Provincial Grand Prior; J. K. Kerr, Past Provincial Prior; S. B. Harman, Past Great Sub-Prior; I. H. Stearns, Provincial Prior, Quebec; from R. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, thanking Great Priory for the resolution of condolence passed at the Special Meeting.

Petitions were read from several Knights Templar residing in the Town of Parkdale, Ontario, praying for a Warrant for a Preceptory, to be named "Cyrene;" and from Knights Templar residing at Melbourne, Colony of Victoria, Australia, praying for Warrants to open Preceptories at these places, to be named the "Daniel Spry" Preceptory, and "Australian" Preceptory, respectively.

The Supreme Grand Master then read his

ALLOCUTION.

FRATRES,—Once more I am privileged to be with you at our Annual Conclave, a pleasure of which I have been deprived for three years, in consequence of severe and protracted illness, and it is with profound gratitude to the Almighty disposer of events, that I am permitted to meet you all again, a privilege even more highly valued as occurring in this the Jubilee Year of the Reign of our Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria, the Patron of our Templar Order,—an occasion great in itself, evoking a feeling of loyalty and pride to our mother-country, and to ourselves, when we regard the wonderful progress of this Great Colony during the Reign and under the far-reaching influence of our beloved Queen, and when we as subjects and citizens are vying together to make this year a memorial to be looked back to in time to come as the 50th Anniversary of the Most Constitutional Reign the world ever saw, without even once the national freedom being infringed. It