

by their terms of office to attend to this point. Sufficient care has not at all times been observed, and there has been great laxity as regards the social position and requirements of persons admitted. There exists no desire or intention to make the order an exclusive or conservative club, but neither is it right to admit as members those whose social position unfit them as associates in private life. The Order of the Temple is not strictly a Masonic society, and it never was intended that for the sake of attaining coveted high sounding Masonic rank, many, otherwise worthy Masons, should be taken out of their own sphere, and often to the prejudice of their private avocations brought forward to fill offices in the Order of the Temple. The Grand Conclave in England has already animadverted on the admission of members, who by the returns received from Encampments, were shown not to be persons eligible for admission.

Page 37 of the statutes clearly define that no one shall be installed a Knight Templar unless previously balloted for in open Encampment, and that his name, place of abode, and his description, profession, avocation, etc., etc., shall have been inserted in the summons for the meeting at which it is proposed to take the ballot. It is, therefore, the bounden duty of all members to attend such summons and should an objectionable candidate be proposed, the remedy is in their own hands, and I am sure I have only to request that every possible care and precaution be taken in ascertaining the standing, position and eligibility of all candidates for installation.

The Supreme Grand Master at my recommendation has been pleased to grant patents to Eminent Sir Knights, Robert Ramsay, the Rev. Vincent Clementi, and James Kirkpatrick Kerr, of this Grand Priory, to hold rank in the Grand Conclave of England as Past Grand Captains.

It is truly gratifying to record a continuance of the most fraternal intercourse with our American confreres. An exchange of representatives between the Grand Encampment of the State of Ohio and this Grand Priory has been effected this year. Right Eminent Sir Knight R. Babcock to be our representative at the Grand Encampment of Ohio, and I have nominated Eminent Sir Knight Robert Ramsay to be their representative at this Grand Priory.

The General Grand Encampment of the United States having announced their intention of holding their triennial assembly in September next, at Baltimore, I purpose nominating a committee to represent this Grand Priory, and offer to the Right Eminent the General Grand Master and assembled Knights Templar, of the United States our fraternal and knightly regards and good wishes for their continued prosperity, trusting that *Unity, Peace and Brotherly Love* may ever exist between us as members of the same great Christian Order.

A new Encampment and Priory has been added to our roll since last year. The Supreme Grand Master having on the granted a warrant to open the "Harrington" Encampment, in the Town of Trenton, Ontario, under Eminent Commander Dr. Day. I regretted very much being unable to attend at the opening installation of the Eminent Commander and Officers, in consequence of having met with an accident a short time previous to the occasion. The ceremonial was ably and satisfactorily performed by the Provincial Grand Commander of Ontario and Quebec. Very Eminent Sir Knight Charles Davis Macdonnell, of Peterborough.

In Montreal, a revival of "The Richard Cœur de Lion" Encampment has taken place, having granted a dispensation for the installation of the Eminent Commander elect, Sir Knight E. M. Copelan, who had not previously served his year of office in the required grades.

I am happy to announce that the printed Proceedings of this Provincial Grand Conclave and Priory from its organization in 1855, are nearly completed and will shortly be ready for issue.

And now, Frateres of the Temple, accept my warmest thanks for the unceasing kindness you have at all times showed towards me, and be assured, that having the well being of the Order in Canada at heart, I will use my constant and best endeavors to promote its honor and prosperity.

With every kind wish for your welfare and happiness, I am, in the bonds of the Order,

Your faithful Frater,

W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE,
Grand Prior of the Dominion of Canada.

The address was referred to a special committee to report thereon.