

The issue of the new edition of the Statutes of the Order has been accepted with pleasure, and have proved of very great advantage to the Templars. The praise accorded to the Grand Chancellor is fully deserved. The Council are much gratified that the Grand Master H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, has conferred on Frater Spry the distinguished order of "The Grand Cross of the Temple." He is well worthy of that honor, and the Canadian Templars fully appreciate the compliment paid to the Dominion. Long may Frater Spry live to wear the order.

The Supreme Grand Master has well called the attention of the Sovereign Great Priory to the duties of the Provincial Priors. The Grand Council, however, believe that with the increase in the number of the Preceptories, these officers will become more interested in their work. Certainly more zeal, and consequently efficiency, is now shown than existed a few years ago. Still, a stricter attention must necessarily produce a greater degree of success in the working of the Preceptories.

The recommendation that Memorial Tablets to the memories of R. E. Frater Robert Ramsay, and V. E. Frater Daniel Collins, should be placed on record in our Proceedings, will be carried out in the accustomed form. Sad indeed are our reflections when we find that these Frates were so suddenly cut off from their spheres of usefulness, each having before them the prospect of a happy and useful life.

The wish expressed by the Supreme Grand Master, that the Hugh de Payens Preceptory be allowed to wear one white stripe on their sashes and ribbons, is acceded to. The oldest Preceptory in this Dominion is fairly entitled to a distinguishing mark.

This Grand Council regret that our M. E. the Supreme Grand Master, through ill-health, is unable to be with us and preside over the deliberations of the Sovereign Great Priory.

It is fervently hoped that he may again be blessed with good health. His presence and advice are not only sources of strength, but they inculcate that spirit of loyalty to our Sovereign and fidelity to the principles of the Order, which have ever been conspicuous in Sovereign Great Priory.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Chairman of Committee.

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The reports of the Provincial Priors show the Order to be progressing in a very satisfactory manner, and the finances seem to be also gradually gaining, there being cash on hand on 1st July, \$374.73.

The following report of the Committee of the Order of the Temple in Canada will be of interest to our readers:—

In reviewing the Reports of the Provincial Priors for the London, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick Districts, the Grand Council have to express their gratification that the reports from all parts of the jurisdiction are satisfactory, and warrant the belief that the Order of the Temple in Canada is gradually gaining that permanent strength, which will enable it in the early future to stand side by side in prosperity with the Frates in older lands, where for years the Templar hosts have marshalled, ever on the alert in spreading the principles and inculcating the precepts of our venerated Order.

The Grand Council, while expressing this pleasure at the results of the year's work, nevertheless think that the duty performed by some of the officers who control Districts might be improved upon. The Reports of Provincial Priors are marked by an absence of the categorical information that is absolutely necessary for an unbiased opinion on the condition of the Order, and the Grand Council are