

used to meet in St. John's a number of years ago, and had ceased to work long before either of the Lodges at present working were started.

A NEW Preceptory of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta was opened in Quebec by Very Eminent Sir Knight I. H. Stearns, of Montreal, Provincial Prior, by authority of a dispensation from the Great Prior of the Dominion, the Very High and Eminent Sir Knight Colonel MacLeod Moore, of Laprairie. The Provincial Prior was accompanied from Montreal by Eminent Sir Knight MacLean, the Eminent Preceptor of the Preceptory of Richard Cœur de Lion, Montreal. The new Preceptory, which has for its title "William de la Moore the Martyr Preceptory," was duly formed and opened under the most favorable auspices, nine candidates having at once come forward for installation. Eminent Sir Knight Samuel Kennedy has been installed the first Preceptor, and the other officers so far appointed are Sir Knight H. Griffith, Constable; Sir Knight E. T. D. Chambers, Marshal; Sir Knight F. T. Thomas, Treasurer; Sir Knight T. Inglis Poston, Registrar. At the close of the Chapter, the visiting Sir Knights from Montreal, and Sir Knight Geo. Stewart, junior, of St. John Encampment, N.B., and now of Quebec, were entertained at a banquet in the St. Louis Hotel by the members of the William de la Moore Preceptory of that city. The Preceptory now boasts a membership of fifteen, and more Companions are eager for the spurs.

WE regret to learn that friendly relationship between the Grand Lodges of New York and Connecticut have been broken off; and that by an edict of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, approved by that Grand Lodge, brethren of that jurisdiction are forbidden to hold Masonic intercourse with those of Connecticut. The difficulty which has at length terminated so disas-

trously to Masonic fellowship, arose some years ago, and is another example of the deplorable results which often follow from small causes. It appears that some years ago two members of a Lodge in Duchess Co., in the State of New York, changed their residence into the State of Connecticut, and some time afterwards, without obtaining dimitts, they joined with others in a petition to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for a Charter for a new Lodge, and were accepted as Charter members. The two brethren referred to, on receiving reminders from the New York Lodge that they were in arrears for fees, replied that they were members of another Lodge, and owed no allegiance to New York. The matter being brought before the Grand Lodge of New York, a complaint was made to the Grand Body of Connecticut, which claims that the mere fact that a Mason resides within its jurisdiction gives it a right to act as it did, and terminates his connection with his Mother Lodge and Grand Lodge. The New York *Dispatch* states the case in this way:

"The result in a nut-shell is just this: Connecticut insists that by the operation of its laws membership in a New York Lodge can be terminated; on the other hand, New York claims that its members can only end their relation to its jurisdiction by complying with its laws. It is of record that the brethren involved in this case took no steps whatever to end their New York membership, but, relying upon the decision of the Grand Master of Connecticut, assumed their membership to have been transferred to the latter jurisdiction, in which assumption they are sustained by the deliberate action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut on the report of its committee, to which the matter was referred.

"This statement has been iterated and reiterated for nearly eight years with the result just named, and now the Grand Master of New York, in whose hands the subject was placed by a vote of the Grand Lodge at its last communication, has arrived at the conclusion that further argument is simply useless, and has directed that the powers of the representatives between the respective bodies cease, and that until the pleasure of our Grand Lodge is known, all further official intercourse shall cease between the two jurisdictions."