

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

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Although not a law of Great Priory, yet it has been customary the past few years for the Deputy Grand Master to present a short report. Besides the ordinary duties of the office, I have paid a number of visits to the Preceptories in the eastern portion of Ontario and the Province of Quebec. In April I visited Hugh de Payens of Kingston, and spent a very pleasant evening with the Fratres of that city. There was a fair attendance despite a wet night, and the members of the Premier Preceptory appeared to be ready and anxious to keep up the standing and honor of old Number One. Several days later I had an extremely pleasant visit with Gondemar Preceptory of Brockville, and met with a number of enthusiastic Fratres who are working hard to place their Preceptory at its old time record. In the absence of any candidate, as it was an emergent, specially called, they opened and closed on the degrees in order that I might view their work. I found their work very creditable. I endeavored to visit several others, both in Ontario and Quebec, but could not arrange for meetings on the dates that I did or could visit their towns.

In Montreal, Richard Cœur de Lion has done good work. One of their newer members, an officer in the St. John's Infantry School, has studied up the Templar and Red Cross work, and at each meeting put the members through several hours drill, which has caused much interest to be taken by both the present and the older members. A number of candidates have been knighted and a resolution to partly uniform each candidate has been adopted. This latter idea, if the members of the various Preceptories are to be uniformed, is deserving of serious consideration by each body in Great Priory.

From the visits paid and information received from many parts of the Dominion, I think our Templar Order, despite the dullness of trade and the general stringency of monetary matters, the past year has well held its own and that the prospects for the future are hopeful and