

have joined heartily in doing honor to the jurisdiction of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The first step having been so auspiciously taken to purify our order it is hoped will lead to carrying out a scheme which, by amalgamating other jurisdictions, would form a most powerful and useful body, bringing under one head different nationalities, as in the ancient times, without interfering with their individual political allegiance.

I am happy to announce that the order in the Dominion continues prosperous and satisfactory. I visited in Toronto lately the "Geoffrey de St. Aldemar," and "Odo de St. Amand" Preceptories and was gratified to find so many members in attendance who received me with characteristic kindness and hospitality. I also, in company with the Deputy Grand Prior and Sub-Prior, E. Sir Knight S. B. Harman, visited the new Preceptory of "St. John the Almoner," Whitby, Ontario, and in justice to the Preceptor Sir Knight Geo. Dartnell, wish to express my great satisfaction at the manner in which the Preceptory is fitted up, and the correct way all the duties of the officers were performed.

From the village of Petrolia I received an application from several R. Arch Masons residing there, requesting a dispensation to be allowed to join the order in one of the United States Commanderies. I did not feel justified in granting this permission in consequence of one of our Preceptories being at an easy distance from Petrolia—the "Richard Cœur de Lion" of London. I therefore informed them that as all members of the order installed in Canada were eligible to join Commanderies in the United States and vice versa, it would be better for them to apply to the Preceptory at London where no difficulty would be thrown in the way of their admission.

I subjoin an extract [D] from proceedings of the last Grand Encampment U. S. acknowledging our authority to communicate their Red Cross Degree.

The question as to whether "Knights Templar" or "Knight Templars" is the most correct, has been asked me, I can only refer all interested, to the long and able discussions in the Proceedings of U. States Commanderies. Our usage is "Knights Templar." But I have been surprised to see in numerous instances the plural of the latin word "Frater" spelt *fraters* instead of *Fratres*.

Since our last annual assembly the "William de la More the Martyr" Encampment has been struck off the roll. This body having ceased to meet for sometime, V. Et. Sir Knight T. D. Harington returned to my custody the warrant, which I subsequently surrendered to the Mother Grand Conclave of England.

It is much to be deprecated that the practice has of late years become so common of rushing into *print* on almost every occasion. The proceedings of our private meetings, and correspondence now frequently find their way into newspapers, and are thus exposed to the impertinent criticism and satirical remarks of those who neither know nor care about our customs, motives or antecedents. The recent meeting and satirical articles which appeared in some of the English papers on the installation of H. R. Higness ought to be a warning to avoid such publicity. The correspondence also in the Masonic press indulges *too much* in the controversial and *too little* in the true Masonic element.

Sir Knights your patience must be nearly exhausted, I will conclude then by assuring you how much the re-union here to-day in Kingsto^o has gratified me and brought back pleasing recollections of the timⁿ