

Before retiring from the Provincial Prior's office I must ask the Fratres to forgive me for my apparent neglect during the year, and to thank them for the many acts of kindness extended to me. I have no doubt of the prosperity which is in store for the District during the coming year, and I feel confident that Great Priory will grow in strength and prosperity.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES GREENFIELD,

Provincial Prior Kingston and Ottawa Districts.

Kingston, July 11th, 1892.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

FRATRES,—Although the progress of Knight Templarism in the Quebec District has, during the past twelve months, been a quiet one, the Order of the Temple, as regards membership has not retrograded, the returns showing a slight increase of two.

Two Preceptories have held their regular assemblies and received new material, the third meeting several times but doing no work.

RICHARD CŒUR DE LION No. 7, Montreal, had a fair attendance at all their meetings, added four new members; but deaths, suspensions and withdrawals more than counterbalanced this addition, and their roll stands one less than last year.

SUSSEX No. 9, Stanstead, has had a fair year, had a good attendance at their meetings and added five new members. Their roll shows an increase of three, as they lost two members by death.

WILLIAM DE LA MORE, No. 25, Quebec, held two meetings, but no work. Although this Preceptory has been very quiet the past few years, they are clear of debt and hopeful for the future. They claim other institutions and orders have for the time being engrossed the attention of the brethren in Quebec city, hence the somewhat lack of interest and aspirants.

The ritual proposed at last session of Great Priory has not met with any particular favor in this district, the consensus of opinion being that the present ritual, with a change in opening, had better be adhered to, or else a complete change to the American work. The latter move, it is feared by many, would have a tendency to wipe our identity of Canadian Templarism.