

He quotes with approbation "the reasons for the omission of the word *Masonic* in the title of the Order as now applied to the Templar Bodies of England; and the reasons for the abolition of Past Rank and change in official titles."

The reporter adds:—

"We presume that some of our Grand Recorders have been puzzled, as we were, for the proper P. O. address of the Grand Chancellor. A little more care, in this respect, would certainly be a convenience to those outside of the jurisdiction of Canada."

The report, which is otherwise a most able and interesting one, is marred by many of those trivialities and wordy "horse-play" which disfigures several of the reports under review. In all kindness and courtesy, we submit that these useful communications are intended for instruction, and not for amusement, and that the individuality of the reporter should not be too apparent. On this head we quote Sir Knight Woodhull's own remarks:—

"Sir Knights, who are satisfied to know nothing of the state of the Order, or the doings of Sir Knights outside of their own Commanderies; and whose interests and desires are all centered in 'self,' will not read a report on Correspondence, no matter how brief it may be; while upon the other hand, those who desire to inform themselves and become familiar with the doings of the great body of noble men, enlisted in the cause we profess to love, will devour greedily every matter of interest placed before them, and never complain of a report because of its length."

Statistics.—Commanderies, 12; members, 911; created in 1876, 83.

CONCLUSION.

In closing its labours, your Committee must express its gratification at being enabled to review so many of the proceedings of Sister Grand Bodies in the United States, and further in finding so much evidence, from their pages, of continuous prosperity and progress.

Much of the time of our Republican Fratres appears to be taken up, in parade, processions, reviews, marching and counter-marching, feasting and "orating." If all these be necessary in order to "advertize" the Order and attract aspirants to its ranks, well and good; but if the great teachings of the Christian Order of the Temple are over-shadowed by or forgotten amid the "riotings and junketings" often accompanying these gatherings, then, indeed, evil is their lot. It is to be hoped, however, that those young and ardent Masons who may be attracted by such outward glitter and show may subsequently come both to know and feel that there is something higher and holier in the teachings of the Order and the duties of the Christian Knight.

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