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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
AT THE
Twelfth Annual Assembly

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Canada, formed 10th
August, 1876.*



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Canada, formed 8th
July, 1884.*

HELD IN THE MASONIC TEMPLE, GERMAIN STREET,
ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK,

On Friday, August 23rd, 1895, A. O. 777.

M. E. Sir Knt. WILL. H. WHYTE, Supreme Grand Master, Montreal, Quebec.

M. E. Sir Knt. DANIEL SPRY, G. C. T., Grand Chancellor, London, Ontario.

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DANIEL SPRY,
Grand Chancellor,
London, Ontario, Canada.

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SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

Proceedings Twelfth Annual Assembly.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, held in the Masonic Temple, Germain Street, in the City of St. John, Province of New Brunswick, on Friday, the 23rd day of August, A. D., 1895, A. M., 5899, A. O. 777.

PRESENT.

- M. E. Sir Kt. E. E. Sheppard, Toronto, Supreme Grand Master.
On the Throne.
R. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Montreal, Deputy Grand Master.

PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT PRIORS.

- R. E. Sir Kt. Robt. A. Mackay, St. Thomas, London District.
R. E. " Chas. F. Mansell, Toronto, Toronto District.
R. E. " Hon. Robert Marshall, K. C. T., St. John, New Brunswick District.
R. E. " Edward F. Clement, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia District.

GREAT OFFICERS.

- M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London, Grand Chancellor.
R. E. " Allan McLean, Kingston, as Grand Chaplain.
R. E. " Robert J. Craig, Cobourg, as Grand Constable.
R. E. " N. T. Lyon, Toronto, as Grand Marshal.
R. E. " William H. Thorne, St. John, as Grand Registrar.

GRAND OFFICERS.

- E. Sir Kt. Jas. Pullen, St. John, N.B., as Gr. Vice-Chancellor
V. E. " William Roaf, Toronto, Ont., Grand Sub-Marshal.
V. E. " A. R. Hargraft, Cobourg, Ont., as Grand Almoner.
V. E. " C. H. Fitzsimmons, Brockville, Grand 1st Standard Bearer.
R. E. " L. B. Archibald, Truro, N. S., as G. 2nd Standard Bearer.
E. " T. V. B. Bingay, Yarmouth, N. S., as Grand Master's Banner Bearer.
R. E. " S. J. Waddell, Truro, N. S., as G. Capt. of Guard.
E. " Joseph King, Toronto, Ont., as G. Sword Bearer.
R. E. " W. E. Logan, Truro, N. S., as Grand Organist.
" A. M. Perrin, Yarmouth, N. S., as G. Pursuivant.
" G. Gordon Boyne, St. John, N. B., as Grand Guard.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Allan McLean, Kingston, Ont.
R. E. "	D. F. Macwatt, Barrie, Ont.
R. E. "	N. T. Lyon, Toronto, Ont.
R. E. "	David Taylor, Ottawa, Ont.
R. E. "	Robert J. Craig, Cobourg, Ont.

PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTERS.

M. E. Sir Kt.	Daniel Spry, London, Ont.
M. E. "	E. T. Malone, Toronto.

The Sir Knights having formed the Arch of Steel, the Supreme Grand Master, attended by his Banner Bearer and preceded by the Grand Chancellor and Grand Sub-Marshal, was conducted to the Dais and received by the Deputy Grand Master. Having taken his seat he directed the Muster Roll to be called, and having ascertained that a constitutional number of Preceptories were represented, the Twelfth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was opened in ample form at 10.30 a. m., the acting Grand Chaplain having implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

The Grand Council, as required by the Statutes, having appointed R. E. Sir Knights Daniel F. Macwatt, Arthur Carrothers, and Em. Sir Knight Alexander R. Hargraft a Committee on the Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from the Preceptories, before the election of officers was held, presented the following

REPORT:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that 33 Preceptories are entitled to be represented at the present Annual Assembly, and 250 qualified Preceptors are on the Muster Roll of the Sovereign Great Priory, not entitled to vote in any other capacity, making a total of 349 Knights entitled to be present. Of this number 4 Preceptories are represented by the duly qualified officers and 22 by proxy, and 7 are not represented. There are 25 Preceptors, not presiding officers, present, making the total number of votes entitled to be cast 99. We are pleased to report that all the Preceptories have made their annual returns, but the Godfrey de Bouillon No. 3, Hamilton, and King Baldwin No. 6, Belleville, have not paid their annual dues and are not entitled to

be represented. The following Preceptories have sent in returns of officers elected and installed without the seal of the Preceptory being attached: Moore, Peterborough; Harington, North Bay; St. John the Almoner, Whitby; Gondemar, Brockville; Odo de St. Amand, Brantford; St. Bernard de Clairveaux, Dunnville; Kent, Chatham; St. Elmo, Goderich, and Rhodes, Port Arthur. Great Priory at its last Annual Assembly adopted the recommendation of this Committee that "In future no credential be received unless it conforms to the requirements of the statutes of the Order in every respect." According to this decision the Preceptories just named are not entitled to be represented, owing to informal credentials, but as it might seem harsh to enforce the action at present we recommend that the representatives from the said Preceptories be permitted to take their seats, on the distinct understanding that after the present session no further indulgence shall be extended to Preceptories that do not comply with the laws and regulations of Great Priory, requiring each Preceptory to have a seal and to attach an impression thereof to all returns made to Great Priory.

The following Sir Knights are present and entitled to seats in Great Priory:

- No. 1. HUGH DE PAYENS, PREMIER, KINGSTON, ONTARIO.
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| R. E. | Sir Kt. Allan McLean, Kingston..... | Preceptor |
| R. E. | " W. D. Gordon, Fredericton, N. B..... | " |
- No. 2. GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, TORONTO.
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| M. E. | Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London..... | Preceptor |
| M. E. | " E. T. Malone, Toronto..... | " |
| M. E. | " E. E. Sheppard "..... | " |
| R. E. | " N. T. Lyon, "..... | Proxy. |
| R. E. | " William Roaf, Toronto..... | Preceptor |
| E. | " Joseph King, "..... | " |
- No. 3. GODFREY DE BOUILLON, HAMILTON, ONTARIO.
- Not entitled to representation.
- No. 4. RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, LONDON, ONTARIO.
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| M. E. | Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London..... | Preceptor |
| R. E. | " Arthur Carrothers, "..... | Proxy. |

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- No. 5. NOVA SCOTIA, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.
 R. E. Sir Kt. J. W. Ruhland, Halifax..... Preeceptor
 E. " James Halliday, Halifax..... Presiding Preeceptor
- No. 6. KING BALDWIN, BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO.
 Not entitled to representation.
- No. 7. RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, MONTREAL.
 R. E. Sir Kt. W. H. Whyte, Montreal..... Preeceptor.
- No. 8. PLANTAGENET, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO.
 M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, Toronto..... Proxy.
- No. 9. SUSSEX, STANSTEAD, QUEBEC.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Montreal..... Proxy.
- No. 10. VICTORIA, GUELPH, ONTARIO.
 M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London..... Preeceptor
- No. 11. UNION DE MOLAY, ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.
 R. E. Sir Kt. William H. Thorne, St. John... Presiding Preeceptor
 R. E. " Hon. Robert Marshall, K. C. T., St. John " "
 R. E. " R. W. Crookshank, " "
 E. " James Pullen, " "
- No. 12. MOUNT CALVARY, BARRIE, ONTARIO.
 M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London..... Preeceptor
 R. E. " Daniel F. Macwatt, Barrie..... "
- No. 13. MOORE, PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, Barrie..... Proxy.
- No. 14. HARINGTON, NORTH BAY, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Charles F. Mansell, Toronto..... Proxy.
- No. 15. ST. JOHN THE ALMONER, WHITBY.
 R. E. Sir Kt. N. T. Lyon, Toronto..... Proxy.
- No. 16. GONDEMAR, BROCKVILLE, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. J. A. Poulton, Brockville.... Presiding Preeceptor
 R. E. " David Taylor, " "
 R. E. " C. H. Fitzsimmons " "
- No. 17. ODO DE ST. AMAND, BRANTFORD, ONTARIO.
 Not represented.

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- No. 18. PALESTINE, PORT HOPE, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Robert J. Craig, Cobourg..... Preceptor.
 R. E. " A. R. Hargraft, "
- No. 19. ST. BERNARD DE CLAIRVEAUX, DUNNVILLE, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. N. T. Lyon, Toronto..... Proxy.
- No. 20. KENT, CHATHAM, ONTARIO.
 Not represented.
- No. 21. BURLEIGH, ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Robert A. Mackay, St. Thomas..... Preceptor
- No. 22. ST. ELMO, GODERICH, ONTARIO.
 Not represented.
- No. 23. RHODES, PORT ARTHUR, ONTARIO.
 M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T..... Preceptor
- No. 24. ALBERT EDWARD, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Montreal..... Proxy.
- No. 25. WILLIAM DE LA MOORE THE MARTYR, QUEBEC.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, Barrie..... Proxy.
- No. 26. WINDSOR, WINDSOR, ONTARIO.
 M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, Toronto..... Proxy.
- No. 27. MALTA, TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA.
 E. Sir Kt. George McLeod, Truro..... Presiding Preceptor
 R. E. " L. B. Archibald, " Preceptor
 R. E. " W. E. Logan, "
 R. E. " S. J. Waddell, "
- No. 29. CYRENE, TORONTO, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Charles F. Mansell, Toronto..... Preceptor
- No. 30. WESTERN GATE, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.
 M. E. Sir Kt. E. E. Sheppard, Toronto..... Proxy.
- No. 31. YARMOUTH, YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA.
 E. " T. VanBus Bingay, Yarmouth.. Presiding Preceptor
 " A. M. Perrin, " Constable
 " N. J. Tooke, " Marshall
 R. E. Sir Kt. E. F. Clements..... Preceptor

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- No. 32. OTTAWA, OTTAWA, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. David Taylor, Ottawa.....Preceptor
 M. E. " E. T. Malone, Toronto.....Preceptor
 No. 33. CYPRUS, CALGARY, ALBERTA, N. W. TERRITORY.
 Not represented.
 No. 34. COLUMBIA, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.
 M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T.....Preceptor

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL F. MACWATT, }
 A. CARROTHERS, } *Committee.*
 A. R. HARGRAFT, }

St. John, N. B., 23rd August, 1895.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight Daniel F. Macwatt,
 seconded by R. E. Sir Knight A. Carrothers, and

RESOLVED.—That the report of the Committee on Credentials
 be received and adopted:

Letters were received from R. E. Sir Knights Isaac
 H. Stearns, Past Grand Provincial Prior, Montreal, J. K.
 Kerr, Past Grand Provincial Prior, Benjamin Allen, Grand
 Constable, William Simpson, Preceptor, Toronto; V. E.
 Sir Knights David L. Carley, Past Grand Almoner, Wind-
 sor, John J. Jackson, Past Grand Master's Banner Bearer,
 Port Arthur; E. Sir Knights Robert A. Klock, Presiding
 Preceptor, Harington Preceptory, North Bay, Daniel W.
 B. Spry, Presiding Preceptor, Mount Calvary Preceptory,
 Barrie; R. E. Sir Knights W. L. Hamilton, Provincial
 Grand Prior, Belleville, Henry Robertson, Collingwood,
 regretting their inability to be present; and R. E. Sir
 Knight William E. Jewett, Grand Commander Grand
 Commandery of Michigan, granting a waiver of
 jurisdiction over a Companion residing in the city of
 Detroit, Mich., to permit his installation into the Order
 of the Temple by Windsor Preceptory No. 26, Windsor,
 Ont.; E. Sir Knight A. C. Garden, Barrie, Ont., declining
 to accept the office of Grand Organist to which he had
 been appointed; E. Sir Knight Thos. Walker, President
 New Brunswick Masonic Hall Co., placing the Masonic
 Temple and apartments at the disposal of the Great
 Priory during the Annual Assembly; Sir Knights H. D.
 McLeod and G. Gordon Boyne, joint secretaries, of the
 Union de Molay No. 11, G. R. C., and St. John Encamp-

ment, Registry of Scotland, on behalf of the Knights Templar of St. John, inviting the members of Great Priory to an entertainment, which was accepted; M. E. Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master Grand Encampment of the United States, and from various Grand Commanderies inviting Great Priory to accept their hospitality during the Triennial Encampment to be held at Boston, Mass.; V. E. Sir Knight J. C. Hay, Vice-Chancellor of the Great Priory of England and Wales, acknowledging the receipt of the resolution adopted at the last Annual Assembly restoring friendly relations, and respecting an exchange of representatives; and from R. E. Sir Knight J. C. Kennedy, Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia, regarding the steady and increased growth of the Order of the Temple in that Colony, and conveying fraternal regards.

A memorial was presented from a number of Sir Knights asking that a Warrant of Confirmation be granted to Cyprus Preceptory, Calgary, Alberta, now working under a dispensation from the Supreme Grand Master, bearing date 2nd July, 1894, with the following officers:

- E. Sir. Kt. Reginald Noble Kirkpatrick, as 1st Presiding Preceptor
- " " Neville James Lindsay, as 1st Constable.
- " " George Kidd Leeson, as 1st Marshal.
- " " George Murdock, as 1st Registrar.

and Sir Knights Joseph Bannerman, Arthur W. R. Markley, John James Binns, Andrew Carson, Henry William C. Meyer, Peter McCarthy, William Leigh Bernard, James Walker, Eugene Nelson Brown, James Norris Rankin, all of Calgary, and others, as members.

Also a memorial from Columbia Preceptory, Vancouver, British Columbia, for a Warrant in confirmation of dispensation issued by the Supreme Grand Master, bearing date 4th May, 1895, with

- V. E. Sir Knight William Downie, of Mount Calvary No. 12, Barrie, Ont., as 1st Presiding Preceptor.
- Sir Knight Thomas Edward Atkins, of Malta No. 27, Truro, N. S., as 1st Constable.

R. E. Sir Knight Thomas Herbert Tracey, of Richard Cœur de Lion No. 4, London, Ont., as 1st Marshal.

E Sir Knight John Earnest Finlayson, of Morton Commandery No. 4, Mich., as 1st Registrar.

and Sir Knights Frederic John Hood, Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 4, London; James Augustus Wood, Chippewa Commandery, Wisconsin; and William Sutherland, King Baldwin Preceptory No. 6, Belleville, as members, all resident of the City of Vancouver, B. C.

A memorial was presented from Plantagenet Preceptory No. 8, St. Catharines, Ont., for a duplicate Warrant to replace original Warrant destroyed by fire at the time of the burning of the Masonic Temple in that city, and also from Albert Edward Preceptory No. 24, Winnipeg, Manitoba, to replace original Warrant destroyed by fire when Masonic Temple in that city was burned.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight W. H. Whyte, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight Daniel F. Macwatt, and

RESOLVED,—That said memorials be referred to the Grand Council for a report thereon.

The M. E. the Supreme Grand Master authorized the admission of all Knights Templar in good standing during the Assembly of Great Priory.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS.

E. Sir Knights D. E. Seymour, of Calais, Maine, Robert B. Sears, E. Com. of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 1, Jersey City, U. S., John V. Ellis, John B. Treuman, S. W. Woodman, E. Commanders, and Sir Knights G. Gordon Boyne, John D. Short, L. L. Stewart, Charles McLaughlin, John Miller, Edwin J. Everett, Peter Carripher, Fred. L. Hea, W. C. Rudman Allan, of St. John Encampment No. 47, E. Sir Knight J. T. Whitlock, E. Commander of St. Stephens Encampment, Registry of Scotland, were received and most heartily welcomed.

The Grand Chancellor commenced reading the recorded minutes of the proceedings of the last Annual Assembly, when it was moved by R. E. Sir Knight Daniel F. Macwatt, seconded by E. Sir Knight T. VanB. Bingay, and

RESOLVED,—That as the minutes of the Proceedings of the Sovereign Great Priory, at its Eleventh Annual Assembly held in the City of Toronto, on the 4th day of September, 1894, have been printed and copies forwarded to each Preceptory and Knight entitled to receive them, the same be taken as read, and be now confirmed.

M. E. Sir Knight Edmund E. Sheppard, Supreme Grand Master, then read his

ADDRESS.

SIR KNIGHTS:—It is with heartfelt pleasure that I meet you again in this Twelfth Conclave of our beloved Order.

It should be our first impulse to thank the Divine Giver of all that is good for the continuation of His great blessings to us individually and to Knight Templarism in general. Yet amidst these many blessings it is impossible for us to forget the sorrow that has shadowed our hearts owing to the death of those dearly beloved R. E. Sir Knights G. S. Wright, P. J. Slatter, F. J. Menet and L. H. Henderson. All had been most active and zealous in their work, all were struck down in their prime and left hundreds of grief stricken friends, who while life lasts will never forget them nor cease to cherish their memory. As a ritualist as well as a frater, Dr. Wright's loss is an irreparable one, as he was doubtless the best Canadian exponent of the Maltese rite.

I regret to see that our Assembly is much smaller than usual, but this was to be expected, inasmuch as our place of meeting is remote from the Province where we are numerically strongest. It was thought a good year to meet in St. John, as many of our members were anxious to attend the Triennial Conclave of our American Frates, and it seemed reasonable that with the double attraction in the East they would come here on their way to Boston. Circumstances, however, have been against us both as to railway rates and owing to the fact that the Scotch Encampments in St. John and St. Stephens have refused to unite with us. In the latter regard, I think that the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada did everything possible to effect a union on mutually self-respecting and honorable terms, and the refusal of all reasonable propositions by the Scotch Encampments has, I am afraid, led many of our Sir Knights to doubt whether they would be welcome here even if they came. Those of us who know the whole-souled hospitality of the Scotch Sir Knights as well as that of Union de Mola Preceptory, and the people of the Maritime Provinces,

could make no mistake in this regard, but unfortunately it is not always what is true that has most influence; more frequently it is what is thought to be true that guides the majority. Personally, I think the refusal of the two Scotch Encampments of New Brunswick to unite with us is indefensible from a Templar standpoint, inasmuch as it is universally recognized that in unity there is strength, and in division, heartburnings, rivalry and weakness.

When Deputy Grand Master, I was informed that the Knights Templar of the Maritime Provinces owing allegiance to the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, felt that they had been overlooked both in the selection of the highest officers and in the places of meeting. I am glad to be able to point out the fact that no such complaint can now be made, and I have reason to hope that renewed activity and increased zeal will be the result of having held a Conclave in St. John, and the formation of closer personal acquaintance and nearer friendships between the Fratres of the east and west of Canada.

It gives me unalloyed pleasure to congratulate you on the increased numerical strength and financial soundness of the Order. At the end of last year we had 1273 members and a surplus of \$1262.41 in the treasury. At the end of the present year we have 1368 members, an increase of 95, with \$1455.71 in the bank.

The expenses of conducting the business of the Order have really been smaller than usual, and the amount of \$91.00 expended was for printing and binding 400 copies of the Statutes as revised and authorized at the last meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory. As the new Rituals and Statutes have both been paid for out of the surpluses of the last three years, we have good reason to feel satisfied with our present cash balance, which I hope will not be needed for any such unusual purposes.

In the work done by the Preceptories I have not only noticed a great improvement, but the Provincial Priors have had encouraging evidences of greater care, study and practice. It must be remembered that no Preceptory can be attractive or successful without doing the work well and conferring the degrees with the

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grandeur and solemnity of which our ritual is so fully capable. Neither success in adding to our numbers nor swelling the balance in our treasury can be accepted as anything but an ephemeral evidence of what it is possible for us to accomplish, and yet permit us to go back into an apathetic condition. Unless we do our whole duty to the candidates who present themselves in our Preceptories, unless we make the exemplification of our ritual beautiful and soul-inspiring, our new members will naturally become indifferent and careless and our Chapter rooms deserted. Indeed you all know that every Novice, Esquire and Knight must be relied upon to go forth as enthusiastically as a Crusader of old, to struggle for the success of the cross and bring in other chivalric comrades to swell the ranks of the soldiers of the Temple. I am not yet satisfied that we are doing as much as we should, and in at least one or two of the older Preceptories the high standard of a few years ago is not even maintained. In one of the Preceptories to which I refer, there are other evidences of carelessness and unmistakable signs of a lack of conscientious regard for the strict honor of an old and influential organization. Not only were the current dues unpaid by this Preceptory, but a portion of the previous year's account is also in arrears. Surely we have a right to expect that this sort of thing shall not be repeated. The office of Grand Chancellor I know to be sufficiently laborious without having added to it the work of dunning delinquent Preceptories for dues which should be paid promptly.

During the past year the Preceptory in Calgary, working under dispensation, has completed its organization and is now styled Cyprus Preceptory, No. 33. I had much pleasure in issuing a dispensation for a Preceptory in Vancouver, B. C., to be known as Columbia Preceptory, No. 34. Knowing nearly all of the Charter members and loving them well as true and valiant Sir Knights, I feel assured of the good work and success of this our baby Preceptory on the shores of the Western sea. I would recommend that warrants be granted both these Preceptories by this Great Priory.

Unfortunately our Fratres of Albert Edward Preceptory, No. 24, Winnipeg, lost their asylum and all

their paraphernalia in a fire some months ago, and thus had their work seriously disturbed. However, as they were insured for \$1,000 and are made of the stuff that knows no such word as "fail," they will soon be on their feet again with new apartments, splendid equipments and and their old reputation as one of the banner Preceptories of Canada.

Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 7. Montreal, is now established in the new Masonic Temple, and I feel sure an era of prosperity is opening before them. In point of comfort, convenience and elegance the whole Temple is a model building which might well be imitated in other cities. As much of the work of construction was done under the eye of that good Mason and loyal Sir Knight R. E. Deputy Grand Master Will H. Whyte, it goes without saying that the Templar Asylum is all that it should be and is unsurpassed in this Grand Jurisdiction.

In this connection I desire to thank R. E. Sir Knight Whyte for every service it was in his power to do me, and for the great assistance he afforded me in counsel and visitations. No one could serve in the position of Grand Master of this Order and not be under continual obligations to our beloved and Most Excellent Grand Chancellor Sir Knight Spry, and I thank him most sincerely for his always prompt and able co-operation in everything. To the Provincial Priors more than ever before have I reason to be grateful for wise and industrious application to their tasks. Indeed, I have been able to rely so much upon their good judgment and prudent methods that my own tasks have been materially lightened. At the request of several of them I left much of the personal visitation of Preceptories with them, which had been attended to by myself and my predecessor. Inasmuch as there was doubtless a tendency to rather minimize the influence and sphere of the Provincial Priors, I am, in the light of results, convinced of the propriety of their suggestion.

I have been called upon for but one ruling during the year. The Preceptor of Odo de St. Amand, No. 17, Brantford, had conferred the Red Cross upon two candidates who had been regularly balloted and accepted. When these candidates presented themselves for initia-

tion in the Temple the question was asked as to whether there was any objection. An objection was made and the initiation deferred. The question being referred to me, I ruled that after the candidates had been properly accepted, paid their fee and partly initiated, and no charge had been brought against them, though an opportunity had been offered, they were entitled to their degrees. After considerable delay, during which I regret to say some bitterness was manifested, this ruling was enforced by that genial and kindly R. E. Sir Knight, Provincial Prior Parry, and harmony restored.

From the depths of my heart I thank every Sir Knight in my jurisdiction for the whole-souled sympathy and assistance I have received during my two terms as your Grand Master. I have not succeeded in accomplishing as much as I had wished, but I have done my best and my efforts have always everywhere met with more than their meed of appreciation. I cannot close without expressing the pleasure it gave me to see the kind and fraternal feeling manifested towards us in the correspondence of the various Templar bodies of the United States, and in the too high eulogies passed upon my last address. May Knights Templar, wheresoe'er dispersed on land or sea, be always united in heart and with one accord zealously devoted to the service of Christ and the fulfilment of the of the sacred obligations which bind us to our beloved Order and to one another. To show our affection for our fratres of the Grand Commandery of the United States, who are to meet in Triennial Encampment in Boston next week, I suggest that a fraternal message be sent to M. E. Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master.

Sir Knights, permit me to close with the hope that God will preside over and prosper our deliberations and make us worthy of the responsibilities we have assumed.



E. E. SHEPPARD,
Supreme Grand Master.

Moved by M. E. Sir Knt. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Knt. Will. H. Whyte, and

RESOLVED—That the address of the Supreme Grand Master be referred to the Grand Council to report thereon.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

EM. SIR KNIGHTS :

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

bright. I have no doubt that with returning prosperity the Templar Order in Canada will show good and solid progress. However it is quality, not quantity that we require to keep our beloved order on such a pedestal that all will respect and admire it. By being true to our obligations and principles, by living up to its beautiful teachings, we shall not only do honor to the order and ourselves, but attract the best and the noblest of our fellow men. By allowing no petty jealousies to appear in our midst, by everyone striving for the best interests of Templarism we will not only

“Command success,
But we'll do more, we will deserve it.”

Very fraternally,

‡ WILL H. WHYTE,
Deputy Grand Master.

Moved by M. E. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight C. F. Mansell, and

RESOLVED.—That the report of the Deputy Grand Master be referred to the Grand Council for action thereon.

PROVINCIAL PRIORS' REPORTS.

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS,—At the Annual Assembly of Great Priory held in Toronto in September, 1894, I had the honor of being elected to the important position of Provincial Prior of this district. I now beg to submit a brief report on the condition of Templary in this district. I have had the pleasure of visiting all the Preceptories under my charge, in some instances several times. My first official visit was made to Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 4, London, on the 12th of December, accompanied by R. E. Sir Knight Dubber, and met with a most cordial welcome. This Preceptory is flourishing and its progress is rapid ; work every meeting. V. E. Sir Knight Norris, the Presiding Preceptor, is well skilled and perfect in his knowledge of the ritual, and is ably supported by his staff of officers, not excluding past officers. Their style of conferring the degrees

is very impressive. On this occasion two candidates were consecrated and installed as Knight Templars. This being the night for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the attendance of members was large and enthusiastic. I was pleased to observe the uniform advancement of each officer, showing that their past services had been approved and their promotion fairly earned. This is a matter not at all times considered, but where practiced it leads to good and is a permanent benefit to any institution whose success is dependent on the interest taken by its members, and that can be secured by the equal distribution of honors.

On January 11th, accompanied by Sir Knight McIntyre, I again visited this Preceptory and had the pleasure of installing the officers, kindly assisted by the Grand Chancellor, M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, and R. E. Sir Knights A. Carrothers and J. S. Dewar. After the ceremony of installation the newly installed officers entered upon the active discharge of their respective duties. The work done by them was highly satisfactory, showing that their efforts in acquiring a thorough knowledge of their duties had been successful. I predict a prosperous and successful year and one that will mark a new era in the history of this Preceptory.

On the 11th of March I again visited Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, London, accompanied by R. E. Sir Knight Dubber, and saw the degrees from Red Cross to Malta conferred on five candidates by E. Sir Knight J. Dambra, supported by his efficient staff of officers in a manner which showed close application to business and worthy of imitation. At the close of the assembly the annual banquet was held, and it was a grand success. The intellectual portion of the programme was admirably carried out by Sir Knights Dewar, Carrothers, Cooper, Karns and others. Their frequent flashes of wit were both humorous and entertaining. M. E. Sir Knight Spry in his usual felicitous manner made the speech of the evening. His recital of the heroic deeds of the original founders of the Order and its subsequent history down to the present time, was entertaining and instructive and merited the applause given him by the Knights present, who all declared that it was an evening well

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spent and heartily enjoyed and that its frequent repetition would tend to advance the Order and make it an honor and a privilege to be a member thereof.

The following statement furnished to me by the Registrar will in some measure show the amount of work done: Initiated thirteen new members and affiliated one. The value of their assets are over \$500, \$150 of which is in cash in the Treasurer's hands. The paraphernalia is insured, and they occupy commodious rooms in the Temple with armory attached. They have about twenty fully uniformed Sir Knights, and the new members are equipping themselves for outside parade. The personnel of this Preceptory would satisfy the most fastidious.

KENT, NO. 20, CHATHAM.—On the 2nd of May, 1895, I had the pleasure of visiting this Preceptory and receiving a hearty welcome from R. E. Sir Knight T. C. Macnabb and others. I was pleased to see and meet the officers and members of Windsor Preceptory, who were paying the Chatham Knights a fraternal visit—one in the true sense of the word, to render assistance and help in the time of need. It was a graceful act and one worthy of praise. The occasion was a large accession to the ranks of Kent Preceptory; no less than eight aspirants for the honor of Knighthood. The ceremonies opened at 3 p. m., and lasted until 12, midnight. The work was left entirely to the Windsor Knights, who performed their task in a perfect manner, having all the necessary paraphernalia for the proper presentation of the Red Cross degree, which was rendered in a highly dramatic style. The degrees of the Temple and Malta were exemplified in a manner that must have made a lasting impression on the minds of the candidates, and reflected great credit on the Windsor Preceptory, and gave a splendid lesson to the Chatham Templars, one I trust they will benefit by and stimulate them to like achievement. This Preceptory possesses everything that is necessary for the proper working of the Templar degrees. They have an active and energetic Registrar in the person of R. E. Sir Knight T. C. Macnabb, who is devoted to his work. His books are models of neatness and accuracy. A bright future is now before this Preceptory, in which I trust they will improve.

BURLEIGH, NO. 21, ST. THOMAS.—Being a member of this Preceptory, I have attended most of its assemblies which are regularly held but poorly attended. In January I installed the officers who were present on that occasion, and regret to state that all the offices are not properly filled, and that no interest is taken in the progress or advancement of the work. There are a few who are loyal and ever ready to forward the interests of this Preceptory, but they are at times discouraged in their efforts by the apathy of others, who, from their prominence in the order should take more interest in the welfare of their Preceptory. I trust that the time is not far distant when a change will come over the scene and Burleigh will be itself again. There is not anything to prevent it from being a prosperous and influential body. They have everything in the way of paraphernalia; splendidly fitted up rooms; free from all encumbrance; finances in good shape and the dues are fairly paid. The question is—What can be done to stimulate and put new life in it? I have tried hard, but have been unsuccessful. I sincerely hope my successor will be more fortunate and place this Preceptory in the position it should occupy.

ST. ELMO, NO. 22, GODERICH.—On the 7th of May I had the pleasure of visiting this Preceptory and receiving a hearty welcome from the Knights assembled, who vied with each other to make my visit one long to be remembered. This Preceptory has pleasant quarters; a neatly furnished hall decorated with appropriate banners and all necessary paraphernalia for the working in full all the degrees comprising the Templar system. Not having any work on hand, I am not in a position to speak as to their proficiency, but judging from the manner in which the Preceptory was opened and closed and the business-like way the routine work was put through, they are capable of doing good work. Their books are well kept and their standing good. Their number is small but loyal and enthusiastic, and devoted to the best interests of the order. The apparent reason for not increasing in number appears to be from extreme caution. Jealous of the prestige and dignity that should of right belong to the order, they are in no hurry to in-

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crease their members by solicitation, but wait for the proper material to offer, which will assuredly come in time.

Since my visit to them the Registrar, R. E. Sir Knight C. A. Humber, reports that they have had to mourn the loss by death of one who had endeared himself to them by his courteous and Knightly actions, in the person of Judge Toms. This is the second death since the last returns were made, Sir Knight Craig having received the call, laid down his arms at the foot of the cross, having faith in that symbol on which his redemption was wrought, and received the crown, his reward for faithful service.

WINDSOR, NO. 26, WINDSOR.—On the 6th of January I paid this Preceptory a visit and installed the officers for the ensuing year. The attendance was small. Some of the retiring officers were not at their posts and the work done was not up to their usual standard. V. E. Sir Knight D. L. Carley, the Presiding-Preceptor, apologized for the hurried manner in which the business was transacted by pleading of serious illness in the family at home. They had a large amount of work on hand for which a special meeting was called for the following week. I was courteously invited to attend, but owing to the inclemency of the weather and the long distance I would have to travel prevented me from accepting. I do not doubt but what I lost a treat, for the intention was to turn out in full force and work the degrees in their usual elaborate style. Invitations were sent to the Templars on the other side of the river to be present and witness the Canadian work. This Preceptory is favorably situated, being in close proximity to two of the most famous Commanderies across the river (Detroit and Damascus). Their frequent interchange of courtesies is of great value to them. The excellency of their work is a proof that they avail themselves of the advantages that such well-trained bodies furnish them.

This district, on the whole, is fairly progressive, though not increasing in some parts so rapidly as in others. The lowering of the Chapter fees must in time have a beneficial effect and tend to increase our number.

The value of the Order is not, as yet, known, but time will develop its beauties and worth.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Templars of London District for their kind consideration and courteous treatment of me at all times during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

‡ ROBT. A. MACKAY,
Provincial Prior London District.

St. Thomas, July 30th, 1895.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS: In accordance with the Statutes of the Order, I beg to submit my report as Provincial Prior of the Hamilton District.

It is gratifying to be able to announce that everything in the district is encouraging and there is peace in all our borders. One unfortunate circumstance occurred during the year, the burning of the property of the Plantagenet Preceptory, No. 8, St. Catharines. They have again taken up the work, and the re-building of the Temple will soon be completed, when I trust they will be in as flourishing a condition as ever. On account of a little misunderstanding among the members of Odo de St. Amand Preceptory, Brantford, I was instructed by the Supreme Grand Master to visit them and to arrange the matter. I did so, accompanied by E. Sir Knights Taylor and Tipton, and all the difficulties were settled. The election of Officers also took place. It was a very pleasant event, and all has gone well since.

My next official visit was to Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, Hamilton. On this occasion I met the Supreme Grand Master, E. E. Sheppard, and many other distinguished Knights. I was accompanied by Sir Knights Condon, Swayze, Taylor and Eccles. The Red Cross degree was conferred upon many candidates and the election of officers was held. I felt that it was a very profitable evening for all. This Preceptory has all that can be required to make it a success and do grand work.

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In visiting the Victoria Preceptory, Guelph, I found it in good working order. They have a large field to draw from, and consequently have a large and fine Preceptory, and are doing well. M. E. Sir Kt. E. E. Sheppard, Supreme Grand Master was there on his official visit. I was accompanied by Sir Knights Conoley and Swayze.

ST. BERNARD DE CLAIRIVEAUX, DUNNVILLE,—Is in a very prosperous condition and all is well with them. Their numbers are continually increasing and they have excellent officers who work the degrees very impressively.

In closing my report, I wish to thank the Sir Knights, one and all for the kind and hospitable way they have received me. I would also express my thanks to Sir Kt. W. A. Swayze for the able assistance he, as District Registrar, has given me.

Yours courteously and fraternally,

† JOHN PARRY,
Provincial Prior Hamilton District.

Dunnville, August 31st, 1895.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS: I beg to submit my report as Provincial Prior of the Toronto District for the year 1894-95.

Immediately after my election to this important office, I issued a circular to the Preceptories in this district, notifying them of my election, and requesting that a copy of all notices of meetings be regularly forwarded to me. I also called their attention to the pernicious habit of allowing dues to accumulate, and impressed upon Registrars the importance of looking closely after the collection of same.

There are now 7 Preceptories in the Toronto District, Rhodes, No. 23, Port Arthur, having been taken from the Hamilton District and added to Toronto at the last meeting of Great Priory. I have visited 5 out of the 7, and extremely regret that I was unable to visit Harington, No. 14, North Bay, and Rhodes, No. 23,

Port Arthur, but owing to the great distance my business prevented me.

The Preceptories show a steady increase of membership, whilst this is not so large as I anticipated, owing no doubt, to the depression that has existed all through Canada during the past year. Still the prospects of Knight Templarism are bright, and I have no doubt the increase will be much more marked. The work exemplified by the Preceptors and officers is mostly of a high order, and it is most encouraging to note that Preceptories that were reported in the past as not in an efficient state regarding the ceremonies, exemplified work for me in a manner that was most creditable and left nothing to be desired. The attendance at the meetings has only been fair, but I feel convinced that if our beautiful ritual is rendered by the officers in a proper and impressive manner, that an interest will be re-kindled, other Sir Knights will then find it a pleasure to attend the meetings. There is another matter that I would like to impress upon the Presiding Officers of Preceptories, the necessity of having more frequent rehearsals. It is impossible to give a correct interpretation of the work unless the officers meet frequently and each be properly drilled in his duties. A slipshod manner of working the degrees is more than half the cause of poorly attended meetings; then follows arrearages of dues and suspension. All the Preceptories in this district are in a sound financial condition. The books are well kept and returns all made to the Grand Chancellor.

Grim reaper Death has been busy in our midst during the past year, and I have to record the following Sir Knights who have been called away from us: Sir Knight W. A. Shepard, Sir Knight James MacKay, R. E. Sir Knight P. J. Slatter, Past Provincial Prior, R. E. Sir Knight F. J. Menet, Past Provincial Prior, Sir Knight Geo. H. Thorpe—all of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory; Sir Knight Murdock Macleod of Cyrene Preceptory.

CYRENE, NO. 29, TORONTO.—I paid my first official visit to this Preceptory November 14th 1894. V. E. Sir Knight Postlethwaite conferred the Red Cross on a

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number of candidates in a very effective manner. The Knight Templar degrees were then worked by E. Sir Kt. J. A. Cowan, the Presiding-Preceptor. The attendance was not large. On January 18th, 1895, I installed the officers of this Preceptory, assisted by V. E. Sir Kt. C. W. Postlethwaite. The weather was very bad on this occasion, there being a terrific snow storm in progress. Consequently the attendance was again slim. I have attended the meetings of this Preceptory and found them doing good work. Sir Knight William Walker, the Presiding Preceptor, is a painstaking and zealous officer and is surrounded by a staff who take great interest in the work. This Preceptory is moving into new quarters in the northern part of the city, and I expect the change will prove very beneficial. The books are well kept and accounts well looked after.

GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, NO. 2, TORONTO —

On December 14th, 1894, I paid my first official visit to this Preceptory, and received a very hearty welcome from V. E. Sir Knight William Roaf, the Presiding-Preceptor. The Grand Master, M. E. Sir Knight E. E. Sheppard was present on this occasion, also the Sir Knights from Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, Hamilton and Cyrene Preceptory, Toronto. A very pleasant evening was spent. The work presented was the Knight Templar degrees, which were fairly worked by the E. Preceptor.

On Good Friday, April 12th, 1895, I paid this Preceptory another visit for the purpose of seeing the Red Cross degree exemplified. I was certainly disappointed at the result. The Sov. Master, R. E. Sir Kt. H. A. Collins, did his portion of the work in a very masterly manner, also V. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Roaf, High Priest, but the remainder of the officers showed the want of rehearsal, and the work was poorly exemplified. A little more time devoted to detail and memorizing the work would have produced very different results. V. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Roaf was on this occasion presented with a Preceptor's jewel, as a slight token of the esteem in which he is held by the Sir Knights. This Preceptory is in a good condition, the books are well kept, and they possess all the paraphernalia for working all the degrees. The

Presiding-Preceptor, E. Sir Kt. Wm. Simpson, is an indefatigable worker, and is surrounded by a good staff of officers.

MOUNT CALVARY, NO. 12, BARRIE.—I visited this Preceptory on Jan. 22nd, 1895, and assisted the Grand Chancellor, M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, to install the officers, his son being the E. Preceptor elect. I was most cordially received, and the Sir Knights of Barrie did all in their power to make my sojourn in their town as pleasant as possible. The work presented was the Red Cross, Templar and Malta degrees. I was delighted at the way these degrees were exemplified, each officer seemed to vie with the other in giving a correct interpretation of the work. R. E. Sir Knights Macwatt and Morgan are known for their correct working, but on this occasion they outdid all previous efforts. Sir Knights were present from Orillia, Collingwood, and Penetanguishene, and a most pleasant and instructive evening was passed. I examined the books of the Registrar and Treasurer, and found them well kept and the affairs of the Preceptory in a first class condition.

ST. JOHN THE ALMONER, NO. 13, WHITBY.—I visited this Preceptory on February 1st, 1895, accompanied by V. E. Sir Kt. C. W. Postlethwaite, of Cyrene Preceptory, who conferred the Red Cross degree on Comp. John A. McGillivray. The E. Preceptor, Sir Kt. A. M. Ross, then worked the Novice and installation degrees, and R. E. Sir Kt. Howse, the consecration ceremony. The work was all very well done, in fact I never heard the historical lectures, given by Sir Knight Constable, rendered better. All the officers in this Preceptory were re-elected last December, and they certainly are a credit. The books are well kept and the Preceptory is in a good condition although not making many new members.

PALESTINE, NO. 18, PORT HOPE.—Accompanied by V. E. Sir Kt. Postlethwaite, E. Sir Kt. Wm. Walker and Sir Kt. Cassidy of Cyrene Preceptory, I paid my official visit to Palestine Preceptory May 29th, 1895. We were received at the station by the Past Provincial Prior of this district, R. E. Sir Kt. W. J. Robertson. I was certainly very much pleased at the way the work was

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rendered in this Preceptory ; it was almost faultless, and well worth the journey to witness. The consecration ceremony was exemplified by R. E. Sir Kt. Hargraft, assisted by R. E. Sir Kts. Craig and Robertson. The Malta degree was worked by the Presiding-Preceptor. E. Sir Kt. R. C. Smith. The work all through showed great study. This Preceptory is in first class condition, although their membership is scattered, a number of them having to travel between 30 to 40 miles to attend the meetings. The rooms where the meetings are held are models of neatness and good taste. So far they have taken in 13 candidates this year, and have 5 more ready to come up. I examined the books and found them well kept. It is a great pleasure to visit a Preceptory and have the work exemplified that shows the traces of thorough study and rehearsal ; no fear of half empty rooms when such is the case.

HARINGTON, NO. 14, NORTH BAY.—This Preceptory was most unfortunate last year in the fact that 3 of the principal officers were removed from the town by business arrangements, practically leaving the Preceptory without any head, and it was only on the 12th March last that a dispensation, granted by the Grand Master, enabled them to elect and install a fresh set of officers. E. Sir Kt. Robt. A. Klock is now the Presiding Preceptor, and under his guidance, I feel sure that chaos will no longer reign in Harington Preceptory. So far, they have taken in 8 new members since the new officers were installed, and have 8 or 10 more balloted for and ready to come up. The Sir Knights of Harington are certainly laboring under great disadvantages, but I firmly believe that their E. Preceptor will pull them through all right, and that their prospects are brighter than they have been for some time. This Preceptory, although added to the Toronto District, has by some chance been omitted from the new Statutes, which E. Sir Kt. Klock has by notice of motion endeavored to rectify.

RHODES, NO. 23, PORT ARTHUR.—I regret that I have been unable to visit this Preceptory, the distance is so great, and owing to the depression in business, I found it impossible to take the time it would require to visit Port Arthur. I have received several written

notices of meetings from V. E. Sir Kt. W. G. Clarke, but as he has omitted to write me lately and answer the questions I requested him, I am unable to give any particulars of the state of this Preceptory. I had arranged with R. E. Sir Kt. James Glanville, (who was to have visited Winnipeg on business) that he should visit Rhodes Preceptory, but unfortunately, at the last moment the illness of one of the partners of his firm prevented him leaving Toronto, and so this Preceptory has not had a visit from any representative of Great Priory at all. I exceedingly regret this, but circumstances over which I had no control prevented my going up.

Following table will show the work done by each Preceptory in the Toronto District during the past year. The net gain is only 32; this, while not being as large as we could wish, is certainly not going backward, and I have great hopes that next year will show a much larger gain in membership.

Before retiring from the office of Provincial Prior, I desire to express my thanks to the Sir Knights for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to this important office. Also to V. E. Sir Kt. Postlethwaite, E. Sir Kt. Wm. Walker and Sir Kt. Cassidy for their kindness in accompanying me on several of my visits, and to the Sir Knights of the Toronto District for their kind and courteous treatment and reception.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. F. MANSELL,
Provincial Prior Toronto District.

TABLE SHOWING WORK DONE IN THE TORONTO DISTRICT UP TO JULY 31ST, 1895.

Number.	MEMBER-SHIP.		DEGREES WORKED.			No. of Members Aug. 31st, 1894.	Increase to July 31st, 1895.	Decrease.	MEETINGS HELD.			Average Attendance.	No. Mem's 12 Mos. in arrears.	Date of Last Returns to Great Priory.	Insurance.	Prospects.
	No. of Members	Aug. 31st, 1894.	R. C.	K. T.	K. of M.				Regular.	Emergent.	Total					
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldemar	127	13	10	13	10	3	2	5	10	318	28	44	Mar. 31, '95	\$2000	Good.
12	Mount Calvary	46	5	1	5	5	1	1	9	1	10	12	..	Mar. 31, '95	\$100	The very best.
14	Harington	22	8	2	8	8	..	2	3	1	4	7	4	Mar. 31, '95	None.	Very good.
15	St. John the Almoner	22	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	3	10	2	Mar. 31, '95	\$200	Bright.
18	Palestine	22	14	3	14	13	..	3	8	2	10	9	6	Mar. 31, '95	\$300	Good.
20	Cyrene	51	8	1	7	7	1	..	1	9	10	16	12	Mar. 31, '95	\$400	Very bright.
23	Rhodes	16	1	..	1	3	8	..	4	3	7	7	..	Mar. 31, '95	None.	Fair.

PRECEPTORY.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

SIR KNIGHTS:—In accordance with the Statutes of Great Priory, I submit my report as Provincial Prior of Quebec District.

In April last I had the pleasure of visiting Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 7, located at Montreal, and am pleased to report I witnessed the Red Cross degree conferred by E. Preceptor W. M. Lemessurier in a most creditable manner. On enquiries, and by looking over the books of the Preceptory, I found the affairs in a good and prosperous state. The Preceptory has done good work during the year and brighter prospects are ahead, they have added several new members to their roll, and many more are waiting for the cooler season to enrol themselves under the banner of Richard Cœur de Lion.

SUSSEX, NO. 9, STANSTEAD.—This Preceptory has held its meetings regularly but added no new material to their numbers, but hope in the near future to have a better report. This Preceptory I have been unable to visit during the year, but have heard frequently how the Preceptory was doing.

WM. DE LA MOORE, NO. 25, QUEBEC.—I visited regularly, but am unable to report any progress during the year. We are still waiting for a brighter season to dawn on this little band of loyal Knights. They have been called on during the year to mourn the loss by death of two of their members, one an E. Preceptor, Alfred Francis Lay, who died at Danville, P. Q., on the 17th November, 1894. The other Frater, Wm. Henry Little, who died at Quebec, 5th February, 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

† H. GRIFFITH,
Provincial Prior Quebec District.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

SIR KNIGHTS:—First of all, let me extend the most cordial greetings of the Knights down by the sea to the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, on this its first official visit in annual assembly; a visit which, I am sure, will be potential in its influence for the future unity, and

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supreme and exclusive jurisdiction of our chivalric Order, throughout the whole Dominion of Canada.

Our position in New Brunswick to-day is of hopeful assurance. I shall, in as few words as possible, endeavor to explain that position.

In the year 1856 the Encampment of St. John obtained a Charter from the supreme authority of Knights Templar in Scotland; this Encampment, I may say, was my mother Encampment.

About the year 1867, a motion was made in the before mentioned Scottish Encampment with a view to the surrender of the said warrant, so that another might be had from the United States of America. This movement, I am pleased to say, was defeated.

In the year 1868 application was made through the late revered and Most Eminent Sir Kt. Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, for a warrant, which was in course granted by the Great Conclave of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, of England and Wales, dated London, 1st day of May, A. D., 1869, under the style of "The Union de Molay, No. 104," of which the writer was the first Presiding-Preceptor.

This Encampment had an era of prosperity from the year 1868 until about the year 1876. At this latter date it had a membership which placed it in the forefront of the bodies of our Order in Canada. Since that time, however, largely in consequence of the great fire of 20th June, 1877, the Union de Molay has not maintained its strong position as to numbers, nor as to equipment; and from the year 1888 until the month of December, 1894, this Preceptory, as you are doubtless aware, has not been in what one might fairly term active working order.

With a view to resumption of work in an active and energetic manner, a dispensation was obtained last December (1894) from our Supreme Grand Master, authorizing the election of Sir Kt. William Henry Thorne, 33, as Preceptor, he not having served either in the position of Constable or Marshal.

Notice was afterward issued to all the members as follows:

THE UNION DE MOLAY PRECEPTORY, No. 11,
REGISTRY SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

St. John, N. B., 1st Dec., 1894.

FRATER :—The Union de Molay Preceptory No. 11, will hold a regular Assembly in the Masonic Temple, on the 27th instant at 4 o'clock, p. m. for the annual election of officers, under the Statute, and for general business, and for the appointment of a committee with plenary power to make arrangements for the union of both bodies of Knights Templar in this city under a united warrant.

As this meeting will be one of deep importance to the Sir Knights, I beg earnestly to urge that all the members be present on the occasion.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

(Signed) R. W. CROOKSHANK,
Preceptor.

The Annual Assembly was had agreeable to the above notice in the Masonic Temple of this city, the day and year above written.

The meeting proved to be a thoroughly representative one, and perfect harmony prevailed; all seemed to be of one mind, and desirous of doing that which might best promote the true interests of our Order in the city of Saint John.

The following officers being unanimously elected and appointed, were subsequently installed by the Provincial Prior, assisted by R. E. Sir Kt. Past Deputy Grand Master, Robert William Crookshank, 32°, viz :

William Henry Thorne, Preceptor.
William Ezra Vroome, Constable.
James Adolphus McLean, Marshal.
Robert William Crookshank, Chaplain.
Howard Douglas McLeod, Registrar.
James Henry Pullen, Treasurer.
George Frederick Ring, Sub-Marshal.
William C. Goodsoe, Chaplain of Guards.
John Leonard Harris, Almoner.
Charles Upham Hanford, Standard Bearer.
Charles Dixon Trueiman, Sword Bearer.
John A. Jones, Sword bearer.
Dr. Joseph Canby Hatheway, Organist.

The following letter was thereafter forwarded; but, I regret to be obliged to say that the Preceptory is without any reply to the same; indeed, I believe it has not been submitted to the Encampment :

St. John, N. B., 29th December, 1894.

To Sir Kt. John Alex. Watson, M. E. Commander, Encampment of St. John, Registry of Scotland, St. John, N. B.

M. E. Sir KNIGHT:—At the Annual Assembly of the De Molay Preceptory, No. 11, Registry of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That Sir Knights Robert Marshall, William Henry Thorne and Robert William Crookshank, be and are hereby appointed a committee with plenary powers, to confer with and make arrangements with authorized Fratres of the Encampment of St. John as to a union of both bodies of Knights Templar in this city under a united warrant, to be obtained from the Sovereign great Priory of Canada.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Yours courteously and fraternally,

H. D. MCLEOD,
Registrar.

I submit a copy of a circular issued by the Encampment of St. John, which, if deemed expedient, may as a matter of history, be published in the Appendix, marked "A."

For the past decade, I may say, the Encampment of St. John, with its large, influential and representative membership has practically dominated the Chivalric Order in this city of St. John.

The Chapter General of Scotland, as I understand the position, has permitted the said Encampment to be a law unto itself, so that qualified Companions Royal Arch Masons of this city, and of the adjoining Province of Nova Scotia and elsewhere, have been duly created Knights of the Order of the Temple and Malta and Knights of the Red Cross and Babylon Pass; and to-day the Encampment of St. John under the beforementioned authority, is claimed and recognized to be, relatively, the peer of any other body of the Order in Canada, either financially or otherwise.

As you are aware, every legitimate effort has recently been made to induce, not only the Encampment of St. John, but that of St. Stephen as well, to come under the banner of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and I have pleasure now in confirming the propositions made by my predecessor, R. E. Sir Kt. R. W. Crookshank, as published in his report for the District of New Brunswick in 1893; and repeated by myself, in my report published in the Proceedings of 1894.

I am strongly under the impression, that, during the past years the action of the supreme authority of Knights Templar in Canada has not been clearly understood and appreciated by all of the good Fratres, on the roll of these two Scottish Encampments of our Knightly Order.

For example many of the leading Fratres of the obedience of the Chapter General of Scotland in this Province claim, that when in the year 1884, the National Great Priory of Canada, with the cordial authority and permission of the Supreme Grand Master of the Order of the Temple and Malta in England and Wales, separated from England, and because the supreme and recognized authority for the whole of the American continent, which is embraced in our new nationality, the Dominion of Canada, under the style of "The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada;" that this important movement was had without giving the Encampment of St. John, holding, as it did, a warrant dating as far back as the year 1856, an opportunity of uniting with the said "National Great Priory of Canada," in the establishment of the present "The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada."

The following will, I am persuaded, be a complete answer to this erroneous position, as it clearly demonstrates the fact that invitation had been courteously extended long before action was had in this important matter:

BARRIE. ONT., 25th October, 1880.

T. Nisbet Robertson, Esq., Em. Commander St. John's Encampment, Saint John, N. B.

DEAR SIR AND EM. FRATER :

I take the liberty of addressing you in reference to Templar matters in Canada, and the position which your Encampment occupies as a Subordinate of the Chapter General of Scotland. It is our earnest wish that all Templars would unite in Canada under the banner of our Great Priory, as we feel assured it will be to the best interests of all parties concerned to aid in maintaining one sovereign and independent governing body for the whole jurisdiction. Actuated by the most friendly feelings towards your Encampment, and prompted by a desire to promote unity, I respectfully request you to invite the consideration of your members to this subject.

Yours fraternally,

‡ DANIEL SPRY,
Grand Chancellor.

I am informed that the Encampment, when this letter was read before it, ordered that it be transmitted to the Chapter General of Scotland, but that no reply was directed to be given to our Grand Chancellor. I believe I am correct in saying that the courtesy of a reply was not given to our Grand Chancellor.

Again, on the 10th February, 1883, a communication was sent to the then N. and E. Commander, our late esteemed Frater James McNichol and the other officers and Sir Knights of the Encampment of St. John, couched in the most courteous and friendly terms, (See Appendix B) and for reply, the then Provincial Prior received, *inter-alia*, the following under date 10th April, 1883.

"Whereas, this Encampment was organized in the year 1856 under charter of the Grand Priory of Scotland and our relations with the parent body have ever been most satisfactory and enduring, and we have no desire to relinquish our allegiance.

Therefore, **RESOLVED**, that the members of this Encampment view with disfavor any proposition for the erection of an independant Masonic Templar authority in Canada."

Thus it will be seen that due and courteous invitation had been again and again courteously extended to our sister Encampment of this city of St. John, prior to the creation of "The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada" in the year A. D. 1884.

I have most reluctantly felt constrained to go thus fully and frankly into this long standing matter, to the end that it may be now once and for all clearly established that our esteemed Scottish Fratres of this Province of New Brunswick, in times past, have been earnestly and heartily solicited to unite with the other legitimate Sir Knights of Canada in the erection of a Supreme and Sovereign governing body of Knights Templar for the whole Dominion of Canada.

I may also add that since the re-organization of the Union de Molay Preceptory, No. 11, in December last past, the Eminent Preceptor Sir Kt. William H. Thorne 33°, under an arrangement made by your Provincial Prior, with certain of our good Fratres of the Order of the obedience of the Chapter General of Scotland, has

not pressed forward our work actively, so that no possible hindrance might be given to the establishment of one duly consolidated body of Knights Templar for our city of St. John, to be styled as before indicated, "The United Preceptory of St. John, No. 3A."

Trusting that whether the Union de Molay Preceptory, No. 11, shall continue in this city as a separate Preceptory or not, that in the not distant future, all the Frates of Canada may be harmoniously enrolled under the banner of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

I am, courteously and fraternally,

‡ ROBERT MARSHALL, K. C. T.,
Provincial Prior New Brunswick District.

St. John, N. B., 23rd August, 1895.

APPENDIX TO REPORT OF PROVINCIAL PRIOR OF
NEW BRUNSWICK.

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ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, K. T.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April, 28, 1895.

FRATER:—By direction of the "Encampment of St. John," the following Report is communicated to you. It is to be considered at the Regular Assembly on the second Wednesday in June.

Fraternally,

JOHN A. WATSON,
N. and E. Commander.

REPORT.

To the members of the Encampment of St. John, K. T.:

At the regular assembly of this Encampment in November, 1892, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That the time has arrived when the Encampment of St. John may, with propriety, discuss the position of the Order of the Temple in the Province of New Brunswick.

Which resolution being carried, it was

ORDERED, that the Eminent Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Mareschal and Past Commanders of the Encampment be a Committee to obtain all information possible in reference to the foregoing resolution, with power to confer with the Priory

of Saint Stephen in regard thereto, and report back to this Encampment.

The Committee organized by the election of the Noble and Eminent Commander as Chairman, and their deliberations have resulted in the following report, all of which is respectfully submitted:—

This Encampment was constituted in the year 1856 by a charter from the lawful authority of the Order of the Temple in Scotland. There were at that time very few organizations of the Order in British America, and they were principally under English authority— one or two may have been under the High Knights Templars of Ireland. There had been a Scottish Encampment at Halifax, but it had surrendered its Scottish authority, and was re-constituted under England.

In the years which have since elapsed important changes have taken place in the political organization of the country, and in the Masonic organizations. The Provinces which once had an independent political life under the Mother Country have united in forming the Dominion of Canada, surrendering up certain of their political rights to a central political government. The different branches of the Masonic fraternity, once entirely governed by the Grand bodies in the United Kingdom, having asserted their independence, and established their own governments, each Province having a Grand Lodge, and some of them a Grand Chapter. The Order of the Temple has grown in membership, and the number of its subordinate organizations has largely increased, the gain in the latter being almost entirely in what may be spoken of as the English, now the Canadian, branch. But one Scottish Encampment has been added to the number in this country since the "Encampment of Saint John" was established, viz., that at St. Stephen, which is an off-shoot of the former. The Irish Templar bodies, not having a separate organization apart from a Royal Arch Chapter and a Craft Lodge, necessarily ceased to exist when the Irish Lodges to which they were attached united in forming the different Grand Lodges now existing in this country. At first the English Templar bodies in the now Canadian Provinces were directly under English control. Then a Provincial

Grand Conclave, something like the old Provincial Grand Lodges of Craft Masonry, was constituted, and controlled and managed local concerns without, however, power to constitute new bodies, or to perform any act of sovereign power. Gradually, by consent of the parent body in England, the powers of this Provincial Grand Conclave were enlarged, and in process of time it was permitted to issue warrants; its name was changed to more clearly indicate its character, and at last the time came when the only tie which united it to the English body was the supremacy of the English Grand Master of the Temple, who retained for a time the right of appointing the head of the English bodies of the Order in Canada. Eventually this prerogative of the English Grand Master was abandoned. He absolved the Knights in Canada from all allegiance to him, and they were permitted to go their way as they pleased, without reference to the English authority which first gave them life. Thus the Great Priory in Canada became the head of the bodies subordinate to it, those which had been founded by the English Great Priory, as well as those which it had created itself; and since that time, about ten years ago, it has created other bodies, until the present number of subordinates on its roll is 32, this including all the Encampments or Priories of the Order of the Temple in Canada, save the two under the Scottish constitution. It claims and exercises sovereign authority within this Canadian territory, maintaining, among other things, that no new Priories can be constituted within the Dominion except those constituted by its warrant. As a sovereign power it practically has been recognized by all the Templar governing bodies.

The two Scottish Encampments have viewed with interest the progress of these changes in Masonic and Templar government, but have taken no part in them. They have retained their positions as subordinates of the Chapter General of Scotland unaffected by any of the efforts—some of them wise, most of them unwise—used to induce them to change their affiliation. They have steadily and constantly maintained that the mode of organization of the Great Priory of Canada did not justify that body in making any attempt to exercise

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control over them, inasmuch as it was not an original creation by the Pories or Encampments existing in Canada, but rather that it grew up from a subordinate position by virtue of powers conferred upon it, or allowed it, by the English governing body, and therefore that it possessed none of the powers inherent in the Scotch Encampments, such as the right to participate or assist in the formation of a Grand body to govern the Order in Canada, and that inasmuch as these Encampments had not assisted in its formation, all the rights and privileges which they had were still in force, as though the Great Priory of Canada had never been in existence. This contention of the Scottish Encampments has been successfully maintained, so that when the Grand Encampment of the United States gave recognition to the Great Priory of Canada it did so without prejudice to the rights of the Scottish Encampments.

And this is the position at the present time: The Great Priory of Canada is a recognized governing body of the Order of the Temple in this Dominion, without prejudice, however, to the two Scottish Encampments, which Encampments, in the judgment of your Committee, may continue to exist on their present basis, making the return of their entrants to the Grand body in Edinburgh, and paying allegiance to the Chapter General of Scotland, and obeying the laws of that body. Nevertheless, it may be well to consider whether it is desirable to allow the present conditions to continue. There have been in the past many disputes over the question of jurisdiction, and there has been acrimonious discussion, while much has been said by those who desired to force us under the Canadian body which would have been better unsaid. With an assured position, and in a time of peace throughout the Order generally, it may be well for us to enquire whether the interests of the whole Society in the present, and its peace in the future, could not best be served by having the whole question of jurisdiction and authority finally set at rest. Local and general causes combined to compel the Scottish branch of the Order in New Brunswick to take the stand it has hitherto taken towards the English branch, and a

feeling of self-respect seemed to make that attitude imperative. We can now afford to let the past be forgotten for the benefit of the future.

There would seem to be two systems of government possible to the Order of the Temple in Canada. There might be in each Province an independent Grand body, just as we have for Craft Masonry and for the Royal Arch system, or there might be one governing body for all of Canada. In the United States the latter system prevails, with this modification that in each State there is a Grand body with local control, subject to the Grand Encampment for the whole country.

As regards the first plan—an independent Grand body for each Province—it has special advantages in the way of securing representation of subordinates at little cost at the annual meetings, and of making the centre in continual touch and direct sympathy with the circumference; but these advantages are over-balanced by the disadvantage of a local government, with little or nothing to govern, with no important questions to occupy the attention of men of large minds, with a very small membership—a form of administration which must be relatively expensive, if not burdensome.

As regards the second plan, it may be pointed out that it is now practically in existence, and it may be debatable whether, without the consent of the Great Priory itself, the subordinates could establish independent governing bodies in the different Provinces. One general body has the advantage which numbers give in the selection of capable men to rule, to say nothing of the pleasure derivable from contact with such men, as well as the gratification which flows from a long roll of subordinates and a good body of fratres. The important disadvantage, on the other hand, is the expense of attending meetings over a wide area of country.

Merely indicating these two systems, and pointing out that one of them is practically in existence to-day, what should our course be?

Shall we continue to let matters go on as they are, satisfied that *we* are well enough conditioned, but knowing that we cannot expect to see any new branches of the Scottish Order established? or shall we, by a

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change of relations, take up new duties and new responsibilities?

The Great Priory of Canada is recognized as in possession of this territory, saving our rights as Scottish Encampments. Its attitude towards us is understood to be friendly—at least it has ceased to be unfriendly. Without doubt, if we choose to go under its banners, it would give us every fair consideration on any matter specially dear to us; and no doubt we could make satisfactory terms with it on every point. If from our (the Scottish) point of view there was a defect in the organization of the Great Priory of Canada, our going under its banners would make that defect good, because it must ever be remembered that it is now a lawfully recognized governing body.

In view, then, of all the existing circumstances—particularly in view of the opportuneness of this time to discuss a question of importance calmly, inasmuch as the principle can be discussed without any annoying or extraneous matter intervening—your Committee recommend the Encampment to enter upon the consideration of the question whether it would not be advisable to unite with the Great Priory of Canada, so that there may be one Templar system in Canada, a result which may be desirable even though we must make some sacrifice of old associates to obtain it. Unoubtedly it is in accordance with the spirit of the times and with the genius of our institutions that we should have full control of our own affairs.

Your Committee have only regarded the matter in its broadest light, and have not deemed it advisable to go into any details of the subject, which a general discussion may more easily and safely bring out, or which may be more easily and safely spoken than committed to the written page.

In order to formally bring on such a discussion, the Committee report the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That it is desirable to unite with the Great Priory of Canada, and that a Committee be appointed to formulate the terms upon which this Encampment should be placed upon the roll of that body, and to report the same as soon as possible for action.

JOHN A. WATSON, N. and E. Commander,
Chairman.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., 10th February, 1883.

James McNichol, Esquire, N. & E. Commander, the Officers and Sir Knights of the Encampment of Saint John.

DEAR SIR AND EM. FRATERS—The matter of occupation of this jurisdiction by Templar Masonic authority other than that of the Great Priory of Canada, having become the subject of much thought and consideration to Great Priory, and having submitted a memorandum under date of the the 9th ult. to Emnt. Past Commanders B. Lester Peters, Robert J. Clinch, and John V. Ellis, all of the Encampment of St John, suggesting the desirability of consolidating the Templar bodies in New Brunswick under the obedience of the National Great Priory of Canada, and asking their co-operation to that end, and it having been concluded that any communications on the subject referred to should be made in the first instance to the N. & E. Commander of the Encampment of Saint John, and to the present active officers of that body, I communicated this conclusion to M. E. Fra. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, G. C. T., the Great Prior of Canada, and he fully approving of the course I adopted, and the terms submitted to bring about so desirable a result as the consolidation of the Templar bodies in New Brunswick, requests that I will without delay submit to you the N. & E. Commander of St. John Encampment (as suggested in Ira Peters' reply to my letter), my memorandum of suggestions on Templar Jurisdiction for your consideration, and that of your officers, and to assure you of the willingness of Great Priory to attend to all reasonable requests and suggestions that may be offered.

In obedience to the request made, I respectfully submit :

1st. Whether it is possible for the Encampment of Saint John and the Union de Molay Preceptory to consolidate under one charter, and the former become of allegiance to the Great Priory of Canada. That an arrangement of this kind may be brought about, I will resign my position as Provincial Prior for New Brunswick in favor of the N. and E. Commander or a Past Commander or other leading Sir Knight of your En-

campment; also will interest myself to the end that the present officers of the Encampment of St. John be the officers of the consolidated body until such time as a more formal election shall be held. A warrant to be issued free of charge, to contain a recital of the facts of such consolidation. A list of the Fratres in the two bodies be exchanged, and life membership in each conserved.

2nd. I submit further, to induce the Sir Knights of the two Scottish Encampments in this jurisdiction to become of allegiance to the Great Priory of Canada, I will at once, as well as give up the Provincial Priorship, recommend that others of the Scottish Encampments be appointed to other offices in Great Priory; also have it conceded that in becoming of allegiance to the Great Priory of Canada, that it will not be required to surrender the charters received from the Chapter General of Scotland, but be permitted to retain them, and have merely inserted, say, in the margin thereof, the fact of the transfer of allegiance to the Great Priory of Canada. Also take their number on the roll of Great Priory according to the date of their warrants.

In respect to the ritual, etc., of the Temple and Malta, Great Priory ritual is very similar, in fact based, it is admitted, upon those of the Scottish branch of the Orders, hence there can be no difficulty on this point.

I submit these overtures as the basis of consolidation in anticipation of the Committee appointed at the last annual assembly of Great Priory favoring the early formation of Provincial Pories, and should this be looked favorably upon it might be well to seek to maintain the existence of three Preceptories in the Province, as without that number a Provincial Priory could not, according to Masonic usage as you are aware, be constitutionally formed.

I may add, it has been stated with Provincial Priory assemblies, and with a full share of Great Priory officers an impetus would be given to the Templar Orders in the Province, that not only three Preceptories would speedily become strong and flourishing, but that soon other Preceptories would be established in different parts of the Province and work up an intensity of zeal

and interest. May I request therefore that you and the Sir Knights of your body will be pleased to give the foregoing your most earnest consideration and what is involved therein, viz., the peace and harmony of our Christian Order.

I will close by expressing the hope that you and the Sir Knights of the Encampment of Saint John will co-operate with us so that one constituted authority for Templar Masonry in Canada may be brought about and the best interests of our Order promoted. Awaiting replies.

I remain N. & E. Commander and Em. Sir Knights,

Fraternally yours,

† D. R. MUNRO,

Provincial Prior for New Brunswick, Canada.

ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, RELIGIOUS AND MILITARY ORDERS
OF THE TEMPLE, ON THE REGISTRY OF THE CHAPTER GENERAL OF SCOTLAND.

St. John, N. B., Canada, April 10th, 1883.

V. E. D. R. Munro, Provincial Prior :

DEAR SIR AND FRATER : At the Regular Assembly of this Encampment held on the 14th March last, the communication received from you asking the consideration of this Encampment of the desirability of consolidating Templar Masonic jurisdiction in Canada, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

"Whereas this Encampment was organized in the year 1856, under Charter of the Grand Priory of Scotland, and our relations with the parent body have ever been most satisfactory and enduring, and we have no desire to relinquish our allegiance.

Therefore, RESOLVED, That the members of this Encampment view with disfavor any proposition for the erection of an independent Masonic Templar authority in Canada, and will continue its allegiance to Scotland until the Grand Priory of Scotland declare it to be advisable for the welfare of Templar Masonry in this part of the world that this Encampment should unite in the establishment of a Supreme Priory for Canada and should recommend our acceptance of a relinquishment by the Grand Priory of Scotland of the allegiance we so highly value."

And further resolved, That this communication be

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returned to V. E. Frater Munro, with a copy of the above resolution.

Yours very truly and fraternally,

EDWIN J. WETMERE,
Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

SIR KNIGHTS: Nova Scotia Preceptory, No. 5, of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Malta Preceptory, No. 27, of Truro, Nova Scotia. Yarmouth Preceptory, No. 31, of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

Greet you! We assure you also of our faithful allegiance to our Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

The Provincial Prior of Nova Scotia compliments these Preceptories, in their assembly, upon their flourishing condition, increased membership, and the harmonious relationship which has obtained between the members of all of the Preceptories during his Priorship.

Not one single complaint has been made to your Provincial Prior in the District of Nova Scotia.

At the meeting of Great Priory in St. John, New Brunswick, many new faces from our Maritime Knightly contingent of this great Priory will greet you.

You will see "Welcome to our home by the sea," upon every face. Your Prior knows that they will individually thank you at this your first assembly of Great Priory in our Maritime Provinces, both for your past and your present great care and supervision of our Order in Canada.

As our Knights shall listen to the address of our Supreme Grand Master, your Prior knows that they will be moved, as he and all other Fraters were last year at Toronto, with that spontaneous heart emotion which thrilled his every utterance, as he tells of our Great Order; as he tells us of our duties to each other; as he tells us of the debt we owe to this glorious Dominion of ours; and as he prayerfully impresses upon us the debt we owe to that God who guides both us and our country.

Permit me to say in closing that the Preceptories in Nova Scotia wish to record through their Provincial Prior, in his report, their high appreciation of the ceaseless

and indefatigable efforts of our Grand Chancellor, M. Em. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, for the good of our Order.

To my successor I can only wish the same pleasure that has followed your Prior in all his intercourse with our Sir Knights in Nova Scotia, and my hope is that he may meet with that sweet courtesy that your Prior has ever received in his fraternal intercourse with the Sir Knights of our Order in Canada, and with our loved fratres in that great country to the south of our great Dominion,

Courteously and fraternally,

‡ E. FRANKLIN CLEMENTS.

Provincial Prior, Nova Scotia.

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

SIR KNIGHTS: As Provincial Prior for Manitoba District, I have to report that on account of dispensations of Providence, unforeseen and unavoidable, the progress of Templarism has not been as active or progressive in this part of the jurisdiction, as in previous years. This part of the Dominion has been afflicted by serious financial depression during the last year, and such as to have prevented many aspirants for the degrees of Knighthood from applying for the same for the time.

Albert Edward Preceptory has also been greatly embarrassed on account of the loss of its hall by fire, last November, and by which fire there were burned some forty uniforms, upon which there was no insurance. The paraphernalia and the effects of the Preceptory—as a body—were, however, insured for a fair valuation, viz: \$1,000 00, which has enabled them to procure sufficient appliances with which to continue the work. Meanwhile not having suitable accommodation in the way of rooms fitted for the work, there has been some laxity of the enthusiasm which has heretofore been characteristic of Albert Edward, and consequently there has not been as much improvement in the condition of the Preceptory as in former years. However, I have to report that the Preceptory and its officers have used every effort in their power to sustain the interest of the members in the work, and that they are in a fairly pros-

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perous condition. And I have great hope that after a short time, when they get into the new Masonic Temple and such suitable apartments as will be afforded by it, that the work will be done in so efficient a manner and the interest in Templarism so increased that Albert Edward will soon attain the position which it has always emulated—first in numbers, first in work and first in enthusiasm.

I have only made one official visit, viz: in January, at which time I installed the officers for the present year, but I have attended all the regular assemblies of the Preceptory, and watched its work with interest, and can report that it has been well and faithfully done.

As to Cyprus Preceptory, U. D., of Calgary. Whilst I have taken a great interest in that Preceptory from the fact that I participated in the institution of it, and am one of its charter members, yet I have found it impossible to make an official visit there. I have however had correspondence which leads me to believe that the Preceptory is doing good and faithful work, and is in a condition to warrant the granting of a charter by Great Priory, and I earnestly recommend that the same be granted.

All of which is faithfully submitted,

† A. H. VANETTEN,
Provincial Prior, Manitoba.

Winnipeg, August 15th, 1895.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, seconded by V. E. Sir Kt. William Roaf, and

RESOLVED.—That the reports of the Provincial Priors now presented, be referred to the Grand Council for examination and to report thereon.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The report of M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Past Supreme Grand Master, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, was presented.

Moved by M. E. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight Daniel F. Macwatt, and

RESOLVED.—That the report on Fraternal Correspondence be received and printed as an appendix to the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

To the M. E. Grand Master and Great Priory of Canada:

SIR KNIGHTS: I respectfully submit my annual report as Grand Chancellor, with a detailed account of all monies received during the year and paid over to the Grand Treasurer by depositing it in the bank to the credit of Great Priory, as directed at the last Annual Assembly.

Immediately after the last session the Proceedings were printed and distributed as follows: to each Preceptory, two copies; to each officer and member present at last meeting of Great Priory, one copy; to the several Great Priories of England, Ireland and Scotland, the Grand Encampment and each of the Grand Commanderies of the United States, three copies each; to each Honorary Member and Representative of, or at Great Priory, one each. Many Preceptors, including some who never attend the meetings of Great Priory, seem to be of the opinion that they should be furnished with copies of the Proceedings, but I have followed the rule laid down by Great Priory many years ago and supplied them as above stated. I think this is a liberal distribution of the Proceedings, which annually cost a considerable sum of money. I should be pleased to have instructions regarding those to whom they are to be sent free of cost. In obedience to your instructions, a new edition of the Statutes has been printed. They are well printed and neatly bound and have met with general approval. Nearly half the cost has been repaid by the number already sold.

DISPENSATIONS.

By the instruction of the Supreme Grand Master the following dispensations have been issued:

To Ottawa Preceptory, No. 32, Ottawa, to confer the degrees of the Order upon a Companion not resident within its jurisdiction. To Mount Calvary Preceptory, No. 12, Barrie, to change the night of meeting, and to install as Preceptor a Knight who had not served as either Constable or Marshal. To Burleigh Preceptory, No. 21, St. Thomas, to change the night for holding the meeting for election of officers. To Harington, Preceptory No. 14, North Bay, hold a meeting to elect officers,

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and to install as Preceptor a Knight who had not served as either Constable or Marshal. To Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 7, Montreal, to permit the Eminent Preceptor to hold that office for more than two years, he having been elected for a third term. To Plantagenet Preceptory, No. 8, St. Catharines, to install officers at a special Assembly. To King Baldwin Preceptory, No. 6, Belleville, to ballot for and confer the degrees of the Order at the same Assembly. To Cyrene Preceptory, No. 29, Toronto, to remove from Parkdale, Toronto, to Yonge Street, North Toronto.

NEW PRECEPTORY.

A dispensation was issued to V. E. Sir Knight William Downie and other Knights Templar, authorizing them to open and hold a Preceptory, at Vancouver, British Columbia, to be named "Columbia Preceptory."

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M. E. the Supreme Grand Master was pleased to approve of the following By-Laws of Preceptories: Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, No. 2, Toronto, Ont.; Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 7, Montreal, Que.; Mount Calvary, No. 12, Barrie, Ont.; Harington, No. 14, North Bay, Ont.; Palestine, No. 18, Port Hope, Ont.; Albert Edward, No. 24, Winnipeg, Man.

The warrants of the Plantagenet Preceptory and Albert Edward Preceptory having been destroyed by fire, they have applied for the issue of duplicates, for which the regular fee has been paid in both cases.

RETURNS.

The annual returns have been received from every Preceptory on the roll, but I have had considerable correspondence to secure this result. The fees have been paid by all but Godfrey de Bouillon, Hamilton, which is nearly two years in arrears, and King Baldwin, Belleville, one year. It is with some difficulty that correct returns can be obtained from some Preceptories, the Registrars in these few cases failing to comply with the Statutes and directions of Great Priory. On the whole, however, there has been a

marked improvement during the last few years, many Registrars taking great pride in sending in neat and perfect returns, and I trust in time we shall have absolute perfection.

MEMBERSHIP.

On the 31st March, 1894, our membership was 1273

Admitted to 31st March, 1895.....	159	
Joined from other Preceptories.....	9	
Restored.....	4	172
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Withdrawn.....		1445
Suspended, non-payment dues, etc.....	35	
Deaths.....	24	
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Membership 31st March, 1895.....		1368

An increase of 95.

The following is a detailed statement of the receipts:

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ANNUAL CASH STATEMENT.

*M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, in account with the
Sovereign Great Priory, from 1st August, 1894, to 1st August, 1895.*

To Cash received from Preceptories.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	Annual Fees.	Certificates.	Ceremonies.	Dispensations.	Stat's, Warrants etc.	Total.	Balance in Ledger
1	Hugh de Payens, Premier	Kingston, Ont.	\$15.00	\$ 6.00					Dr.
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldemar	Toronto, Ont.	84.50	34.00	\$14.00			\$ 21.00	
3	Godfrey de Bouillon	Hamilton, Ont.						132.50	
4	Richard Cœur de Lion	London, Ont.						88.50	*\$141
5	Nova Scotia	Halifax, N. S.	55.50	28.00	2.00		\$3.00	101.00	
6	King Baldwin	Belleville, Ont.	64.00	25.00	12.00			2.00	
7	Richard Cœur de Lion	Montreal, Que.			2.00				
8	Plantagenet	St. Catharines, O.	31.00	20.00					
9	Sussex	Stanstead, Que.	20.00	6.00	8.00	2.00	2.40	55.40	34.50
10	Victoria	Guelph, Ont.	17.00				12.40	46.40	
11	Union de Molay	St. John, N. B.	16.00	4.00				17.00	
12	Mount Calvary	Barrie, Ont.	78.50					20.00	
13	Moore	Peterboro', Ont.	32.00	9.00		1.00	.20	81.70	
14	Harington	North Bay, Ont.	8.00		6.00	2.00	1.20	44.20	
15	St. John the Almoner	Whitby Ont.	12.00	19.00		1.00	10.00	14.00	
16	Gondemar	Brockville, Ont.	13.50	6.00		1.00		42.00	
17	Odo de St. Amand	Brantford, Ont.	28.50	8.00	8.00		1.00	20.50	
18	Palestine	Port Hope, Ont.	24.50	8.00	8.00			54.50	
19	St. Bernard de Clairveaux	Dunnville, Ont.	27.00	26.00	8.00		.60	41.10	
20	Kent	Chatham, Ont.	21.50	24.00	8.00		2.40	63.40	
21	Burleigh	St. Thomas, Ont.	9.00	16.00			2.00	55.50	
22	St. Elmo	Goderich, Ont.	25.00		1.00			25.00	
23	Rhodes	Port Arthur, Ont.					1.00	27.00	
24	Albert Edward	Winnipeg, Man.	11.50	6.00					†8.50
25	William de la More the Martyr	Quebec Que.	76.00	35.00	8.00	1.00	10.00	17.50	
26	Windsor	Windsor Ont.	5.00	1.00				130.00	2.40
27	Malta	Turo, N. S.	27.00	6.00				6.00	
28	Metropolitan	Joined Australia	8.50				1.00	34.00	
29	Cyrene	Toronto, Ont.						8.50	
30	Western Gate	Victoria, B. C.	39.50	15.00	4.00				
31	Varmouth	Yarmouth, N. S.	16.00	4.00		1.00		59.50	
32	Ottawa	Ottawa, Ont.	37.00	11.00	8.00			20.00	
33	Cyprus	Calgary, Alberta	24.50	12.00		1.50		57.60	
34	Columbia	Vancouver, B. C.	33.00		10.00	1.00		49.50	2.00
	Individuals				8.00			41.00	
	Interest	Bank of Hamil'n			18.00			65.00	
	do	Mols. B'k, Lond'n			2.00			61.00	
								3.90	
								15.20	
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	*Paid since meeting of	Great Priory.	\$ 860.50	339.00	129.00	17.00	121.44	\$1466.94	

By Cash paid Grand Treasurer **CR.** †Paid

Recapitulation		\$1466.94
Amount received from Preceptories	1893-94	1894-95
Great Priory, Certificates	\$ 776.00	\$860.50
Ceremonies	291.00	339.00
Statutes	156.00	129.00
Dispensation for new Preceptory	23.20	37.20
Dispensations, general	4.00	40.00
Interest on deposits	4.00	17.00
Proceedings sold	9.90	21.84
Duplicate warrants destroyed by fire	7.75	2.40
		20.00
	\$1307.85	\$1466.94

An increase of \$159.09.

Respectfully submitted,

LONDON, ONTARIO, 10th August, 1895.

† DANIEL SPRY,
Grand Chancellor.

OLIVER S. HILLMAN, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

1894		1895	
Dr.		Cr.	
Sept. 1—	To Balance on hand.....	\$1262 41	
Nov. 29—	Interest, Bank of Hamilton.....	12 50	
1895			
Jan. 2—	Cash, Grand Chancellor.....	100 00	4— By Cash, S. Wesley, printing..... \$ 52 75
Apr. 1—	" " " ".....	44 00	4— " Postage, express, etc..... 62 77
" 9—	" " " ".....	62 90	4— " E. E. Sheppard, travelling exp's 200 00
" 25—	" " " ".....	44 00	4— " Mrs. McLellan, Proceedings..... 15 00
May 2—	" " " ".....	113 00	4— " Binding and stationery..... 5 00
" 28—	" " " ".....	288 35	" W. Roof, reception Damascus
" 30—	" " " ".....	118 10	Commandery.....
June 8—	Interest, Bank of Hamilton.....	2 79	J. Pritchard, Grand Guard..... 100 00
" 21—	" " " ".....	106 65	D. Spry, salary Grand Chancellor..... 5 00
July 20—	" " " ".....	81 65	H. Robertson, For. Correspondent..... 75 00
" 26—	" " " ".....	115 50	Union De Molay, dues remitted..... 50 00
" 27—	" " " ".....	115 95	Toronto Litho. Co., certificates..... 48 00
" 29—	Interest, Molson's Bank to July 31.....	6 55	L.B. Archibald, St. John, Ex. Com..... 4 50
" 29—	Cash, Grand Chancellor.....	108 50	Grip Pub. Co, G. M.'s, engravings and circulars..... 21 13
Aug. 3—	" " " ".....	86 50	Brough Prg. Co. portraits G. M..... 218 80
" 10—	" " " ".....	4 06	D. Spry, salary Gr. Chancellor..... 4 00
" 12—	" " " ".....	61 50	" " " "..... 75 00
" 12—	" " " ".....	2 00	S. Wesley, Printing forms, &c., cash book..... 32 44
Audited and found correct.			
St. John, N. B., 22nd August, 1895.			
D. F. MACWATT, } Finance Committee.			
ROBT. J. CRAIG, }			
The cash was deposited in Molson's Bank by Grand Chancellor.			
		\$2733 41	By Balance cash on hand, Molson's Bank, L'n 1455 71

Balance on Cash from
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 Interest

Moved by R. E. Sir. Kt. Will. H. Whyte, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, and
 RESOLVED, That the annual reports of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer be referred to the Grand Council for audit and report.

REPORT ON WARRANTS.

The Grand Council have examined the minute books, papers and memorials relating to the Cyprus Preceptory, at Calgary, Alberta, and Columbia Preceptory, at Vancouver, British Columbia, working under dispensations issued by the Supreme Grand Master, and find that the Preceptories are properly conducted, and that the localities where they are situated appear to afford every reasonable assurance that a Preceptory will secure an abundance of good Royal Arch Masons desirous of becoming members of the Templar Order. The Grand Council, therefore, recommend that warrants be now granted in confirmation of the dispensations issued. All of which is fraternally submitted.

† N. T. LYON,
Chairman.

Moved by R. Em. Sir Knight W. H. Whyte, seconded by R. Em. Sir Knight N. T. Lyon, and
 RESOLVED,—That the report of the Grand Council on Warrants be adopted.

REPORT ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Grand Council, through its Committee on Audit and Finance, has examined and audited the books and accounts of the Grand Chancellor and certifies that they are correct.

The Audit and Finance Committee has also examined the vouchers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and find they are correct and agree with his cash book.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditure for the period ended 30th June, 1895.

RECEIPTS.		
Balance on hand, 31st August, 1894.....		\$1,262 41
Cash from Preceptories annual dues.....		860 50
“ “ “ Certificates.....		389 00
“ “ “ Ceremonies.....		129 00
“ “ “ Dispensations.....		17 00
“ “ “ Statutes, Warrants, &c.....		99 60
“ Interest received.....		21 84
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		\$2,729 85

Balance cash on hand, Molson's Bank, L'n 1455 71
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EXPENDITURE.

Grand Master's travelling expenses.....	\$ 200 00
Grand Chancellor's salary.....	300 00
Printing Proceedings.....	218 80
Statutes.....	91 00
forms, circulars, etc.....	85 19
Plates, photo engravings, Past Grand Masters,	25 13
Chairman Committee Foreign Correspondence,	50 00
Grant to Toronto Templars towards reception	
of Damascus Preceptory.....	100 00
Union de Molay Preceptory, dues remitted....	60 00
Postage, Express, discounts on drafts, etc....	62 77
Certificates.....	48 00
Letter book, cash book, binding, etc.....	23 25
Grand Guard, last session, and Com. Expenses	9 50
Balance cash in Bank, London.....	1455 71
	<hr/> \$2,729 85

The following payments are recommended to be made:

Grand Master's expenses.....	\$100 00
Postage, &c., balance due.....	4 92
	<hr/> \$104 92

The Grand Council further recommends that the following expenditure necessary to meet the expenses of the current year be authorized:

Grand Chancellor's salary.....	\$300 00
Printing proceedings.....	200 00
Certificates.....	60 00
Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence....	50 00
Postage, Telegrams, &c.....	50 00
Printing returns of officers, &c.....	10 00
Printing circulars, official forms, &c.....	30 00
Engraved heading for official paper.....	18 00
Grand Chancellor's and other reports.....	10 00
Miscellaneous expenses of session.....	20 00
Grand Masters' Photo engraving.....	20 00
Expense of Grand Lecturer.....	200 00
Add accounts as above.....	104 92
	<hr/> Total..... \$1090 92

Your Grand Council regret to notice that two Preceptories, Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 3, Hamilton, and King Baldwin, No. 6, Belleville, are in arrear, the former for over two years.

These Preceptories are not entitled to representation at this session on this account, and in justice to the other Preceptories your Council recommends that they be summoned to show cause at the next assembly of

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Great Priory why their warrants should not be withdrawn.

The recommendations made by your Council at last session respecting the bank account, and adopted by Great Priory have been found to work very satisfactory.

The Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer are again worthy of congratulation for the able manner in which they have performed their respective duties.

All of which is courteously and fraternally submitted.

† D. F. MACWATT,
Chairman Committee.

St. John, N. B., 23rd Aug., 1895.

Moved by M. E. Sir Knight Will. H. Whyte, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight Daniel F. Macwatt, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Grand Council on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Grand Council, through its Committee on Grievances and Appeals, begs to report that there have been no grievances or appeals reported during the past year, which is a very satisfactory state of affairs.

All of which is courteously and fraternally submitted.

† CHAS. F. MANSELL,
Chairman.

St. John, N. B., Aug. 23rd, 1895.

Moved by R. Em. Sir Knight Will. H. Whyte and seconded by R. Em. Sir Knight Charles F. Mansell, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Grand Council on Grievances and Appeals be adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

It is with pleasure that the Grand Council are again enabled to congratulate the Supreme Grand Master on the satisfactory strides Knight Templarism has made in the Dominion of Canada during the past year. The work is more carefully exemplified, the membership has increased, and Great Priory is in a better financial condition than in any previous year.

It is worthy of note that peace and harmony prevail in all the subordinate bodies. Only one question

was submitted to the Grand Master, and his ruling thereon is hereby endorsed.

It is to be regretted that our Scottish Fratres in New Brunswick have not yet decided to throw in their lot with us. The efforts put forth by our Grand Master to have an amicable settlement of the difficulty are appreciated by the Grand Council. It is however satisfactory to know that no blame can attach to the Great Priory for the failure in bringing about the desired result. The Scottish Fratres have been met in a fair and conciliatory spirit, and in justice let it be recorded that a great number of them labored zealously in order to bring their Fratres under our banner. The members of Grand Council have, during their present visit had the pleasure of meeting many of the Scottish Fratres, and are inclined to think that the efforts put forth during the past year have not been in vain, but that good results will shortly follow. Under these circumstances the Grand Council recommend the Great Priory to appoint one or two Fratres and entrust them with ample power to bring about a speedy settlement of the question.

The Grand Council extends its sympathy to Albert Edward Preceptory, No 24, and Plantagenet No. 8, on account of their great loss by fire, but are pleased to congratulate the members of these Preceptorics on their enthusiasm and love for the Order and the efforts put forth in rebuilding and repairing their Temples.

It is gratifying to learn of the loyalty shown to the Grand Master by the Fratres. He has proved himself a talented and popular ruler and is worthy of the respect and esteem of all.

The kind interest taken in our affairs and the very flattering notices given us by talented and well-known Fratres in the various States of the union, is highly appreciated. May we long continue to merit their approval. The recommendation of our Grand Master that a message of fraternal greeting be sent to the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the United States, is heartily approved of.

All of which is courteously submitted.

‡ E. T. MALONE,
Chairman.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight Will. H. Whyte, seconded by M. E. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Grand Council on the Supreme Grand Master's address be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF TEMPLARISM.

The Grand Council have had submitted to them the reports from the following Districts, viz:—Toronto, Hamilton, London, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba. No reports have been received from Kingston and British Columbia, which is to be regretted. Great Priory is entitled to have the fullest information regarding the subordinate bodies under its jurisdiction, and unless Provincial Priors are alive to their duty, much damage will result. We have, however, been enabled to form a correct idea of the standing of all Preceptories by a perusal of the carefully prepared report of the Grand Chancellor, which officer has kept in touch with all bodies during the year. We are pleased to report a steady increase in membership and our financial condition is a decided improvement on former years. We find that more attention is paid to correct exemplification of the work and in consequence an increased interest in Preceptory meetings. All the Districts from which reports have been received can be congratulated on the progress made during the year, particularly in those of Toronto, London, Hamilton and Nova Scotia. We regret, however, to note that two Preceptories which have hitherto enjoyed a great measure of success, viz:—Godfrey de Bouillon of Hamilton, and King Baldwin of Belleville, are in arrears for Great Priory dues and are in consequence unrepresented at this assembly. Those Preceptories are composed of some of our best citizens and enthusiastic Knights Templar. The Order has always thriven in their midst. It is therefore hoped that the Provincial Priors for next year will take them under their special care when, no doubt, prosperity will be again reported.

We are pleased with the progress made during the year in the Province of Nova Scotia and our congratulations are tendered to the Provincial Prior for the good work done by him in bringing about the desired result,

and as an example of what enthusiasm and correct and impressive exemplification of Ritual can produce, we refer the Fratres to the great success of St. Bernard de Clarveaux, No. 19, of Dunnville, in the Hamilton District.

We regret exceedingly that little progress has been made in the Province of New Brunswick. The difficulty with the Scottish Fratres still remains unsettled. The Provincial Prior gives a history of the difficulty and the efforts put forth to heal the differences. We are sorry that his labours were not crowned with success. The reception given to the Representatives of the two Scottish Encampments at this meeting should demonstrate the kind and brotherly feeling which we entertain for them. We fully believe that Great Priory should let this matter stand for another year, when it is to be hoped that at our next assembly those two Encampments will be duly represented and take part in our proceedings. Everything points to a speedy settlement and nothing should be done by us which will tend to delay or defeat the long looked for result. The report of the Provincial Prior of Manitoba was received too late for review.

All of which is courteously submitted,

‡ E. T. MALONE,

Chairman.

Moved by R. Em. Sir Knight Will. H. Whyte, seconded by M. Em. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, and

RESOLVED—That the report of the Grand Council on the State of the Order of the Temple in Canada be received and adopted.

STATUTES AMENDED.

In accordance with the notice given by Em. Sir Knight Robert A. Klock, who was not present, it was moved by M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight D. F. Macwatt, and

RESOLVED,—That Statute 28 be amended by erasing the word "and" from last line of section 3, page 14, and to add thereto "and the District of Nipissing"; and to erase from section 4 all after the word "Addington" and to insert the word "and" before the said word "Addington," and the statute amended shall read as follows:

3. Toronto District—To be composed of the Coun-

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ties of Algoma, Grey, Simcoe, Cardwell, York, Ontario, Peel, Muskoka, Parry Sound, Victoria, Durham and District of Nipissing.

4. Kingston District—To be composed of the Counties of Northumberland, Peterborough, Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox, Frontenac and Addington.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

The following proposed amendments of the statutes were permitted to stand as notices for consideration at next Annual Assembly :

By V. Em. Sir Knight Daniel W. B. Spry, of Barrie, Ont.—That Statute 50a be amended by adding thereto "And the Preceptory shall be exempt from further dues to Great Priory, for such Honorary Member, upon payment of two dollars to Great Priory for Registration of such Honorary member.

By R. Em. Sir Knight Daniel F. Macwatt, of Barrie, Ont.—To amend Statute 63 by adding thereto at the end thereof : "Provided, however, that no Presiding Preceptor, Constable or Marshal shall be installed, until each has been examined by a Board of three Preceptors, and until said Board shall certify, in writing, to the installing Preceptor, that the Sir Knights are fully familiar with the duties of their respective offices, and competent to perform the opening and closing of the Council, Preceptory or Priory, and to confer the Degrees according to the prescribed work.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. E. the Grand Master appointed R. E. Sir Knight Charles F. Mansell and Em. Sir Knight J. T. Whitlock, Eminent Commander of St. Stephens Commandery, Register of Scotland, St. Stephens, N. B., Scrutineers of the ballot.

After nominations were made, previous to the vote being taken for each office, the ballots were collected and counted, when the Scrutineers reported that

The following Grand Officers were duly elected :

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| M.E. | Sir Kt. | William H. Whyte, Montreal, Que., Grand Master |
| R.E. | " | Daniel Fraser Macwatt, Barrie, Ont., Deputy Grand Master. |
| M.E. | " | Daniel Spry, G.C.T., London, Ont., Grand Chancellor |
| R.E. | " | Rev. John R. Battisby, D.D., Chatham, Ont., Grand Chaplain. |
| R.E. | " | Wm. H. Thorne, St. John, N. B., Grand Constable |
| R.E. | " | Alex. R. Hargraft, Cobourg, Ont., Grand Marshal. |
| R.E. | " | Oliver S. Hillman, Toronto, Ont., Grand Treasurer. |
| R.E. | " | Geo. W. Johnson, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Grand Registrar. |

The following R. E. Sir Knights, elected by the Representatives of the Preceptories and Preceptors from their respective Districts, were approved and confirmed by the Supreme Grand Master as

PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT PRIORS

- R.E. Sir Kt. David L. Carley, Windsor, Ont., London District.
- R.E. " Chas. H. Connor, St. Catharines. Ont., Hamilton District.
- R.E. " William Roaf, Toronto, Ont., Toronto District.
- R.E. " Chas. H. Fitzsimmons, Brockville, Ont., Kingston District.
- R.E. " Henry Griffith, City of Quebec, Que., Quebec District
- R.E. " Hon. Robert Marshall, K. C. T., St. John, N. B., New Brunswick District.
- R.E. " Wm. E. Logan, Truro, N. S., Nova Scotia District
- R.E. " Wm. Hall, Winnipeg, Man., Manitoba District.
- R.E. " Alexander R. Milne, C.M.G., Victoria, B. C., British Columbia District.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Subsequently the Supreme Grand Master notified the Grand Chancellor of the appointment of the following Grand Officers and members of the Grand Council :

- V. E. Sir Kt. Daniel William B. Spry, Barrie, Ont., Grand Vice-Chancellor.
- V. E. " James Gordon Graham, St. Thomas, Ont., Grand Sub-Marshal.
- V. E. " Thos. Lewis M. Tipton, Dunnville, Ont., Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- V. E. " Andrew Miller Ross, Whitby, Ont., Grand Almoner.
- V. E. " William Walker, Toronto, Ont., Grand 1st Standard Bearer.
- V. E. " Henry John Wilkinson, Kingston, Ont., Grand 2nd Standard Bearer.
- V. E. " David Spence, Peterboro, Ont., Grand Master's Banner Bearer.
- V. E. " Alfred Neville Thompson, Stanstead, Que., Grand Captain Guard.
- V. E. " James Halliday, Halifax, N. S., Grand Sword Bearer.
- V. E. " Thomas Howard Billman, Winnipeg, Man., Grand Organist.
- V. E. " William Aug. Richardson, Victoria, B. C., Grand Pursuivant.
- V. E. " Joseph Dambra, London, Ont., Grand Guard.

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MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

ELECTED

- R. E. Sir Kt. Robert J. Craig, Cobourg, Ont.
R. E. " Charles F. Mansell, Toronto, Ont.
R. E. " Nap. T. Lyon, Toronto, Ont.
R. E. " Arthur Carrothers, London, Ont.
R. E. " David Taylor, Ottawa.

APPOINTED

- R. E. Sir Kt. Robert Allan McKay, St. Thomas, Ont.
R. E. " Luther B. Archibald, Truro, N. S.
R. E. " Edward Franklin Clements, Yarmouth, N. S.
R. E. " Allan McLean, Kingston, Ont.
R. E. " Robert W. Crookshank, St. John, N. B.

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- M. E. Sir Kt. Henry Robertson, Collingwood, Ont.
M. E. " E. T. Malone, Toronto, Ont.
M. E. " Edmund E. Sheppard, Toronto, Ont.
M. E. " Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London, Ont.

And all elected Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Priors.

CALLED OFF.

Great Priory was called off for the purpose of accepting the invitation of the Knights Templar of the Union de Molay Preceptory, No. 11, G. R. Canada, and St. John Encampment, Register of Scotland, to a sail on the St. John River.

RESUMED LABOR.

Saint John, N. B., Friday 23rd August, 1895.
Great Priory resumed labor at 8.30, p. m.

PRESENT.

The Supreme Grand Master, M. E. Sir Kt. Edmund E. Sheppard, on the throne; Grand Officers, members and Representatives.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS.

It was announced that E. Sir Kt. Thomas Walker, Past Eminent Commander of the St. John Encampment, on the Register of the Chapter General of Scotland, was in attendance, and the Suprême Grand Master having directed that he be admitted, he was received and accorded a knightly welcome.

INSTALLATION.

M. E. Sir Knights E. E. Sheppard, Supreme Grand Master, assisted by Past Grand Master Elias Talbot Malone, installed the officers. The Grand Master elect was presented for installation, and having taken the vows of office, was installed and invested and proclamation made that

‡ WILLIAM HENRY WHYTE, OF MONTREAL, in the Province of Quebec, was duly installed Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of the Dominion of Canada, in ancient and prescribed form.

The Provincial Priors and Grand Officers elected and appointed, present, were duly installed, and the Supreme Grand Master directed those absent to be installed in the Preceptories of which they are members.

RESOLUTIONS.

Re the Encampment of St. John and St. Stephens, New Brunswick, Register Chapter General of Scotland.

Moved by M. Em. Sir Knight Will. H. Whyte, seconded by R. Em. Sir Knight William Roaf, and

RESOLVED,—That this Great Priory appoint M. Em. Sir Knights Elias Talbot Malone, Daniel Spry and Edmund E. Sheppard, Past Supreme Grand Masters, a committee with full power to deal with the Scottish Knights in the Province of New Brunswick, in order to bring about a settlement of any differences that may exist, with the view of bringing the Encampment of St. John and St. Stephens under the Banner of Great Priory of Canada.

Thanks to Grand Commander of Michigan.

Moved by M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight William Roaf, and

RESOLVED,—That the warmest thanks of Great Priory be conveyed to R. E. Sir Kt. William E. Jewett, Grand Commander, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Michigan, for his knightly courtesy in granting permission to the Windsor Preceptory of Windsor, Ont., to receive a Petition and admit into the Temple Order, a resident of the City of Detroit, and to the Detroit Commandery No. 1, and Damascus Commandery No. 42, for unanimously waiving jurisdiction over said candidate.

Thanks to P. G. M. Sheppard.

Moved by R. Em. Sir Knight D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. Em. Sir Knight Hon. Robert Marshall, K. C. T., and

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RESOLVED,—That the thanks of Great Priory be tendered to Past Grand Master E. E. Shepperd, for the able manner in which he has performed the duties of his office during the last two years, and that an engrossed address be prepared and presented to him.

Red Cross Degree.

Moved by M. Em. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, seconded by R. Em. Sir Knight William H. Thorne, and

RESOLVED,—That Preceptories may confer the Red Cross Degree according to the Ritual of that Degree adopted by Great Priory, or according to the Ritual of the Grand Encampment of the United States, as adopted by that body at the triennial Conclave held in 1892.

An Instructor.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight Luther B. Archibald, seconded by R. Em. Sir Knight Hon. Robert Marshall, K. C. T., and

RESOLVED,—That the Supreme Grand Master be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars in instituting and instructing Preceptories in the Maritime Provinces during the ensuing year.

Place of Meeting, 1896.

Moved by M. Em. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, of Toronto, seconded by Em. Sir Knight T. VanBuskirk Bingay, of Yarmouth, N. S., and

RESOLVED,—That the 13th Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory be held in the City of London, Province of Ontario, on Wednesday, in September, 1896, during the Western Fair.

Printing Proceedings.

Moved by R. Em. Sir Knight A. Carrothers, seconded by R. Em. Sir Knight Robert J. Craig, and

RESOLVED,—That the Grand Chancellor be authorized to have 400 copies of the Proceedings of the present Annual Assembly printed and distributed, containing photo-engraving of Will. H. Whyte, Supreme Grand Master, and that a warrant be drawn in payment of the account for the same.

Thanks to St. John Templars.

Moved by M. E. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight N. T. Lyon, and

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of Great Priory be tendered to the Knights Templar of the Union de Molay Preceptory and St. John Encampment for the many courtesies extended during the Session and the enjoyable excursion on the St. John River.

Thanks sq Masonic Hall Co.

Moved by M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight Robert A. Mackay, and

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of Great Priory be tendered to the President and Directors of the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Board, for the free use of the Masonic Temple and apartments for the present assembly and for the excellent arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of Great Priory.



The business of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of the Dominion of Canada being concluded, it was closed in **Ample Form** at 10 o'clock p. m.

≠ *Will A. Whyte*

Supreme Grand Master.

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ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE holding of the Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory at the City of St. John, New Brunswick, afforded the Western Knights, especially those from Ontario, whose business or pleasure had not before taken them to the Maritime Provinces, an opportunity for enjoying the scenery on the route and of visiting the many points of interest to be seen in the beautiful city of St. John, an enterprising and progressive city, with a population of about 40,000 inhabitants. St. John stands on an elevated and rocky peninsula projecting into the magnificent harbor for quite a distance. The St. John River is one of the many attractions, and our Sir Knights down by the sea afforded the visitors every opportunity for enjoying the beautiful scenery to be seen by taking them for a pleasant sail for some miles up the river as far as Spoon Island, on the afternoon of Tuesday, August the 23rd, leaving the dock about 3, p. m., on the well equipped steamer, "May Queen" under the command of Sir Kt. Captain Charles Wesley Brannon. There were about 150 ladies and gentlemen on board, among whom were M. E. Sir Knight E. E. Sheppard, Supreme Grand Master, Will. H. Whyte, Deputy Grand Master, Daniel F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, elect, E. T. Malone, Past Grand Master, Daniel Spry, G. C. T., Grand Chancellor; and Sir Knight Hon. Robert Marshall, K. C. T. Prov. Prior for New Brunswick District, W. H. Thorne, Grand Constable, R. W. Crookshank, Past Dep. Grand Master, Col. W. D.

Gordon, Fredericton, Past Grand Prov. Prior, Em. Sir Knight Jas. H. Pullen, Sir Knight F. B. Coleman, and all the delegates to Great Priory. William E. Vroom, Constable; Howard D. McLeod, and other Sir Knights of the Union de Molay Preceptory, St. John, No. 11, on the Registry of the Great Priory of Canada, and Em. Sir Knights John V. Ellis, John A. Watson, and Frank L. Tufts, Past Eminent Commanders, and Sir Knights Arthur I. Trueman, Lieut. Commander, Harris Allan, George Blake, G. Gordon Boyne, W. H. Bell, Henry Buchanan, A. E. Campbell, W. W. Clarke, Robt. Carr, Charles Damery, O. C. Diaper, James R. Ferguson, R. C. Farmer, Edwin J. Everett, A. C. Fairweather, Frederick L. Hea, R. B. Humphrey, Windham Humphrey, Herbert Howe, George B. Higgan, Charles F. Harrison, J. Sidney Kaye, J. A. Leonard, Chas. McLaughlan, A. McNichol, R. H. McWilliam, J. A. Magelton, John Mullin, John Rubins, G. G. Ruel, A. D. S. Stewart, John D. Short, George R. Sangster, W. H. B. Sadlier, R. L. Smith, H. L. Sturdie, George H. Trueman, M. H. Tufts, Le B. R. Thompson, William B. Wallace, W. E. Wilson, W. Wisdon, Richard Whiteside, of the St. John Encampment, St. John, N. B., No. 47, Registry of Scotland, accompanied by their wives and lady friends. E. Sir Knight J. T. Whitelock, Em. Commander of St. Stephens Encampment, St. Stephens, N. B. Em. Sir Knight D. E. Seymour, Hugh de Payen Commandery Calais, Maine. Robt. B. Sears, Hugh de Payens Commandery, Jersey City, and many others whose names we did not learn.

Refreshments were served during the whole of the afternoon, and Harrison's Orchestra provided excellent music and quite a number enjoyed the dance. The committee left nothing undone to provide for the comfort and enjoyment of their visitors. The Sir Knights of St. John evidently understand how to entertain their guests for the expressions of approval were general, and all left the steamer at the end of the trip with expressions of the pleasure they enjoyed in spending an afternoon with their Frates down by the sea.

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY.

- M. E. Sir Knight H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, London, England, Grand Master Grand Lodge of England, and Supreme Grand Master of Convent General, of the United Order of the Temple and Malta; Honorary Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight H. I. H. Prince Demetrious Rhodocanakis, Scio, Athens, Greece; Honorary Grand Master (*ad vitam*) Grand Lodge of Greece; Sovereign Grand Commander of the Hellenic Supreme Council, A. & A. S. Rite, 33° and the Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight Emro Holmes, K. C. T., Provincial Grand Provost, Barnstaple, Devonshire, England, Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, Provincial Grand W. of R. N. & C. G., Past Grand Captain of the Guard, South Parade, York, England, Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight George Otis Tyler, K. C. T., Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Burlington, Vermont; Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight Theodore Sutton Parvin, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Iowa; Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar, Iowa; and Past Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States; and Honorary Deputy Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight Frank W. Baxter, of Highgate, Vermont, Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight Rev. Francis Clark, LL. D., Boyle, Ireland; Deputy Grand Master of Connaught; Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight William James Hughan, of Torquay, England, Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

REPRESENTATIVES.

AT THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

- M. E. Sir Knight James Kirkpatrick Kerr, G. C. T., Toronto, Ont., from the Great Priory of England and Wales.
- M. E. Sir Knight Elias Talbot Malone, Toronto, Ont., from Great Priory of Ireland.
- M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London, Ont., from Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria, Australia.
- M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Q. C., LL. B., Collingwood, Ont., from the Grand Encampment of the United States.

FROM THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA

- R. E. Sir Knight R. Loveland-Loveland, London, at the Great Priory of England and Wales.
 R. E. Sir Knight (Vacant) at the Great Priory of Ireland.
 M. E. Sir Knight Theodore S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at the Grand Encampment of the United States.
 R. E. Sir Knight York Bramwell, Murchison, Melbourne, at the Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria, Australia.

APPOINTMENTS BY H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES

KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

- R. E. Sir Knight James Kirkpatrick Kerr, Q. C., Toronto, Ont., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge; Past Grand H., Grand Chapter of Canada, and Past Provincial Grand Prior Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
 M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge; Past Grand Z., Grand Chapter; President of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood; Past Grand Master Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Canada; P. G. M. Grand Lodge Royal Ark Mariners; Honorary Past Supreme Grand Master Grand Priory of Canada and Great Priory of Victoria, Australia, Grand Chancellor of Great Priory of Canada, and Past Illustrious Deputy for the Province of Ontario; and Grand Chancellor Supreme Council 33° A. & A. S. R. of Canada; P. Grand Sov. Grand Council Rome and Constantine.

KNIGHTS COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE OF CANADA.

- R. E. Sir Knight A. A. Stevenson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Past Provincial Grand Prior of Canada.
 R. E. Sir Knight Isaac Henry Stearns, Montreal, Que., Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Quebec; Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter, and Past Provincial Grand Prior of Quebec.
 R. E. Sir Knight Hon. Robert Marshall, St. John, N. B., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Past M. P. Grand Master Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, and Provincial Grand Prior of New Brunswick, and Illustrious Deputy for New Brunswick A. & A. S. Rite.
 R. E. Sir Knight A. G. Adams, Montreal, Que., Past Grand Senior Warden Grand Lodge of Quebec; Past Grand Superintendent Montreal District, Grand Chapter of Quebec, and Past Grand Marshal Great Priory of Canada.
 R. E. Sir Knight E. H. D. Hall, Peterborough, Ont., Past District Deputy Grand Master, Ontario District, Grand Lodge of Canada; Past Grand Registrar, Grand Chapter; Past Provincial Grand Prior, Kingston District, Great Priory of Canada.
 R. E. Sir Knight George Otis Tyler, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Burlington, Vermont; and Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

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PRECEPTORIES ON THE ROLL

OF THE

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

1.—HUGH DE PAYENS, PREMIER, Kingston, Ont. Warrant dated 12th February, 1824. Meets the second Monday in January April, July, October, December, and second Friday in May.

- V. E. Sir Kt. Henry J. Wilkinson, 180 Wellington St. Presiding Preceptor.
 " John Hewton, Constable.
 " Forshaw Day, Marshal.
 R. E. " Fleming Roland, 160 Earl Street, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	John Kerr, Kingston	1859
R. E. "	Donald Ross, Picton	187
R. E. "	W. D. Gordon, Fredericton, N. B.	1879
R. E. "	Fleming Roland, Kingston	1888
R. E. "	Robt. V. Matthews, "	1884
V. E. "	S. W. Scobel, "	1885
R. E. "	Wm. Waddington, jr. "	1886
R. E. "	Allan McLean, "	1889-90
E. "	Wm. M. Drennan, "	1891
E. "	George Sommerville, "	1892
R. E. "	Wm. L. Hamilton, Belleville	1898
V. E. "	Henry I. Wilkinson, Kingston	1894

2.—GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont. Warrant dated 18th November, 1854. Meets second Thursday in every month.

- E. Sir Kt. William Simpson, 82 Adelaide St. Presiding Preceptor.
 " Christopher James Hohl, Constable.
 " Joseph Tomlinson, Marshal.
 " L. B. Montgomery, 14 Churchill Avenue. Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	James K. Kerr, G. C. T., Toronto	1869
M. E. "	Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London	1875
V. E. "	Thomas Sargant, Toronto	1876
R. E. "	James Bower Nixon, "	1877
R. E. "	Rich'd J. Hovenden, "	1877
V. E. "	Wm. Hamilton, jr., "	1882
R. E. "	Napoleon T. Lyon, "	1888
M. E. "	E. T. Malone, "	1885

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Geo. S. McConkey, Toronto.....	1886
R. E.	"	O. S. Hillman, ".....	Affiliated
R. E.	"	William R. Howse, Whitby.....	Affiliated
V. E.	"	John Hetherington, Toronto.....	1887
R. E.	"	James Glanville, ".....	1889
R. E.	"	H. A. Collins, ".....	1891
R. E.	"	Benjamin Allen, ".....	1892
R. E.	"	W. C. Morrison, ".....	Affiliated..... 1873
R. E.	"	J. Ross Robertson ".....	1881
R. E.	"	James Douglas, ".....	1884
V. E.	"	John Simpson ".....	1886
M. E.	"	Edmund E. Sheppard, ".....	1887
R. E.	"	Robert L. Patterson, ".....	1888
V. E.	"	Arthur A. Ardagh, ".....	1893
R. E.	"	William Roaf, ".....	1894
E.	"	Joseph King, ".....	Honorary

3.—GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont. Warrant dated 8th June, 1855. Meets first Friday in every month.

- E. Sir Kt. Charles Smith, 224 Mary St. North, Presiding Preceptor.
- " Robert Irwin, Constable.
- " Harry Maxey, Marshal.
- " William Martin, Registry Office, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	John W. Murton, Hamilton.....	1867
R. E.	"	John J. Mason, ".....	1877
R. E.	"	William Gibson, M. P. Beamsville.....	1878
R. E.	"	Charles Magill, Hamilton.....	1879
R. E.	"	John H. Stone, Toronto.....	1882
R. E.	"	Edwin A. Dalley, Hamilton.....	1883
V. E.	"	W. J. Field. Binghampton, N. Y.....	1884
R. E.	"	Thomas Hood, Hamilton.....	1885
R. E.	"	William G. Reid, ".....	1886
R. E.	"	John Malloy, ".....	1887
R. E.	"	John Tunstead, ".....	1888
R. E.	"	O. S. Hillman, Toronto.....	1890
R. E.	"	Gavin Stewart, Woodstock.....	1892
E.	"	Daniel J. Peace, Hamilton.....	1893
R. E.	"	James H. Mattice, ".....	1894

4.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, London, Ont. Warrant dated 29th May, 1857. Meets on the second Friday in each month.

- V. E. Sir Kt. Joseph Dambra, Dundas Street, Presiding Preceptor.
- " William John Carson, Constable.
- " A. A. Campbell, Marshal.
- R. E. " John S. Dewar, 97 Charncliffe Road, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Alfred G. Smyth.....	1874
R. E.	"	D. Purleigh Burch, Lambeth.....	1877
V. E.	"	William Hawthorne, Detroit, Mich.....	1884
R. E.	"	James Sutton, M. D. Clandeboye.....	1882
V. E.	"	John Ferguson, London.....	1884
R. E.	"	John S. Dewar, ".....	1885
R. E.	"	H. C. Simpson, ".....	1889
R. E.	"	Albert E. Cooper, ".....	1871
R. E.	"	Arthur Carrothers, ".....	1892
V. E.	"	Henry Stratfold ".....	1893
V. E.	"	J. B. Bishop, Hamilton.....	Affiliated
V. E.	"	John Norris, London, ".....	1894
E.	"	W. W. Gray, ".....	Honorary
M. E.	"	Daniel Spry, ".....	Affiliated 1894

5.—NOVA SCOTIA, Halifax, N. S. Warrant dated 11th October, 1858. Meets first Friday in every month.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	Jas. Halliday, Barrington St., Presiding Preceptor.
"	"	Henry W. Brown, Constable.
"	"	Edward Farmer, Marshal.
R. E.	"	Alex Ross, 11 Barrington St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Knight	James Dempsey, Halifax.....	1880
R. E.	"	John W. Ruhland ".....	1886
R. E.	"	Clarence J. Spike, ".....	1887
R. E.	"	Alexander Ross ".....	1891
E.	"	Daniel H. Campbell, ".....	1892

6.—KING BALDWIN, Belleville, Ont. Warrant dated 7th June, 1861. Meets third Tuesday in January, April, July, October and December.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Samuel S. Lazier, Hotel St., Presiding Preceptor.
"	"	George Teale, Constable.
"	"	Charles Parsons Hunter, Marshal.
"	"	A. McGinnis, 858 George St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	William Doctor, Belleville.....	1876
R. E.	"	Samuel S. Lazier, ".....	1881
R. E.	"	J. Parker Thomas, ".....	1886
E.	"	J. P. Thomson, ".....	1889
E.	"	J. J. Farley, M. D. ".....	1890

7.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, Montreal, Que. Warrant dated 5th December, 1863. Meets fourth Thursday in every month.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	Wm. LeMessurier, 48 Common St., Pres. Preceptor.
"	"	H. S. Cooper, Constable.
"	"	J. Redfern, Marshal.
"	"	C. A. Humphrey, 225 Laval Avenue, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Alexander A. Stevenson, K.C.T., Montreal	1863
R. E.	"	E. M. Copeland, Berthier	1871
R. E.	"	Isaac H. Stearns, K.C.T., Montreal	1873
R. E.	"	G. W. Lovejoy, M. D., "	1876
R. E.	"	John McLean, "	1879
R. E.	"	Alexander G. Adams, K.C.T., "	1881
V. E.	"	William S. Evans, "	1881
V. E.	"	William LeMessurier, "	1885
M. E.	"	William H. Whyte, "	1890
R. E.	"	William Hill, Winnipeg, Man.	1891
V. E.	"	Joseph Mitchell, Montreal	1892
V. E.	"	William LeMessurier	1892

8.—PLANTAGENET, St. Catharines, Ont Warrant dated 14th November, 1836. Meets second Monday January, April, July, October and December.

E.	Sir Kt.	Charles Burch, Thorold Road, Presiding Preceptor.
"	"	John W. Coy, Constable.
"	"	J. A. Marquis, Marshal.
"	"	H. J. Johnston, 49 William St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	Edwin Goodman, M. D., St. Catharines	1869-84
V. E.	"	Isaac P. Wilson, Welland	1872
V. E.	"	Levi Yale, St. Catharines	1885
E.	"	George Burch, "	1891
E.	"	J. H. Ingersol, "	1892
R. E.	"	Charles H. Connor, "	1893

9.—SUSSEX, Stanstead, Quebec. Warrant dated 25th May, 1867. Meets Thursday, preceding full moon in January, March, June, September and December.

E.	Sir Kt.	H. A. Channell, Stanstead, Que., Pres. Preceptor.
"	"	C. M. Thomas, Constable.
"	"	W. F. Forsyth, Marshal.
R. E.	"	H. K. Channell, Stanstead, Que., Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	Edson Kemp	1873
V. E.	"	Charles S. Kathan Stanstead	1882
R. E.	"	Sylvester Lebourveau, Sherbrooke	1884
R. E.	"	H. E. Channell, Stanstead	1885
E.	"	W. B. Schofield, Sherbrooke	1887
R. E.	"	Fred D. Butterfield, Stanstead	1888
V. E.	"	George D. Wyman, Apple Gate, Cal	1889
V. E.	"	A. N. Thompson, Stanstead	1890
E.	"	R. C. Parsons, "	1891
R. E.	"	J. H. Graham (Affiliated), Richmond	—
R. E.	"	J. H. Stearns, Montreal	—
V. E.	"	Wm. M. Pike, Stanstead	1892
V. E.	"	Alexander Ames, Sherbrooke	1893
V. E.	"	George L. Pinkam, Coaticooke	1894

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10.—VICTORIA, Guelph, Ont. Warrant dated 10th April, 1860.
Meets third Monday in every month.

- V. E. Sir Kt. W. D. Tawse, 33 George St., Presiding Preceptor.
 " Hugh Macdonald, Constable.
 " W. Marcroft, Marshal.
 R. E. " F. W. Randall, 3 Neeve St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

- M. E. Sir Kt. Henry Robertson (Honorary) Collingwood 1869
 M. E. " Daniel Spry (Honorary) London 1880
 V. E. " Henry Lockwood, Goderich 1884
 R. E. " Hugh Walker, Guelph 1887
 V. E. " John A. Nelles, " 1888
 V. E. " Wm. Watson, " 1889
 R. E. " F. W. Randall, " 1891
 E. " Robt. Gemmel, " 1892
 E. " H. N. Barry, " 1893
 V. E. " W. D. Tawse, " 1894

11.—UNION DE MOLAY, St. John, N. B. Warrant dated 1st May,
1869. Meets fourth Thursday in every month.

- E. Sir Kt William Henry Thorne, 46 Prince William St.,
 Presiding Preceptor.
 " William Ezra Vroome, Constable.
 " James Adolphus McLean, Marshal.
 " Howard Douglas McLeod, 190 King St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. Hon. Robt. Marshall, K.C.T., St. John, N. B. 1868
 V. E. " James Domville, St. John, N. B. 1871
 R. E. " Samuel F. Matthews, " 1875
 R. E. " Jas. C. Hatheway, M. D. " 1878
 E. " James H. Pullen " 1887
 R. E. " William Crookshank, " 1888

12.—MOUNT CALVARY, Barrie, Ont. Warrant dated 15th April,
1870. Meets fourth Tuesday in each month.

- V. E. Sir Kt. Daniel William B. Spry, Presiding Preceptor.
 " William James Hallett, Constable.
 " John Rogerson, Marshal.
 " John B. McPhee, 88 Worsley St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

- M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London 1880
 R. E. " J. McLean Stevenson, Barrie 1882
 V. E. " Fred Wilmot, Brighton, N. Y. 1883
 M. E. " H. Robertson, (Hon'y), Collingwood, elected 1883
 V. E. " John Nettleton, " 1883
 V. E. " Chas. Cameron, " " " 1883
 V. E. " E. R. Carpenter, " " " 1883
 V. E. " Wm. Downie, Vancouver, B. C. 1885

V. E.	"	Robert A. Douglas, Barrie.....	1885
R. E.	"	Samuel Wesley, ".....	1887
R. E.	"	Daniel Fraser Macwatt, ".....	1889
V. E.	"	Sidney J. Sanford, ".....	1890
V. E.	"	James H. McKeggie, ".....	1891
R. E.	"	John V. Ellis (Honorary), St. John, N. B.....	1892
R. E.	"	Hugh A. Mackay, Berlin, Ont.....	1892
V. E.	"	Robert Esten Fletcher, Barrie.....	1892
V. E.	"	George Monkman, ".....	1893
V. E.	"	James Choppen Morgan, M. A., Barrie.....	1894

13.—MOORE, Peterborough, Ont. Warrant dated 27th May, 1870.
Meets last Tuesday in January, First Tuesday in February,
April, May, November, December, and 11th March.

E. Sir Kt.	Thomas H. Horner, Charlotte St., Pre. Preceptor.
"	Algernon St. A. Smith, Constable.
"	John Bell, Marshal.
E.	Chas. Cameron, 502 George St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Rev. V. Clementi, B. A., Peterborough.....	1871
R. E.	E. H. D. Hall, ".....	1879-84
E.	Duncan Cameron, ".....	1888
R. E.	Benjamin Shortly, ".....	1891
E.	Charles Cameron, ".....	1892
V. E.	David Spence ".....	1893

14.—HARINGTON, North Bay, Ont. Warrant dated 7th February
1871. Meets first Monday in every month.

E. Sir Kt.	Robert A. Klock, Klock's Mills, Pre. Preceptor.
"	William Henry Thomas, Constable.
"	William Boucher, Marshal.
"	Frank B. Chappin, 248 North Lisgar St., Sudbury, Ont., Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Kt.	John Elliott, Almonte.....	1885
E.	David Sheppard, ".....	1887
E.	Robert Pollock, ".....	1888
E.	John M. Munro, ".....	1889
E.	William Smith, ".....	1890
E.	Ralph Hill, ".....	1891
E.	John Ballantyne, ".....	1892
E.	John R. Barrie, ".....	1893
V. E.	Wm. H. Burgess, ".....	1894

15.—ST. JOHN THE ALMONER, Whitby, Ont. Warrant dated 8th
March, 1872. Meets second Tuesday in each month.

V. E. Sir Kt.	Alexander M. Ross, Presiding Preceptor.
"	A. G. Henderson, Constable.
"	Charles King, Marshal.
"	Joseph White, P. O. Box 52, Registrar.

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Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	George H. F. Dartnell, Whitby	1872
V. E.	"	C. A. Jones	1877
E.	"	John Stanton,	1878
R. E.	"	W. R. Howse,	1885
E.	"	Philip Taylor,	1888
V. E.	"	John H. Gale,	1890-91
V. E.	"	Alexander M. Ross,	1892-4

16. GONDEMAR, Brockville, Ont. Warrant dated 3rd May, 1872.
Meets fourth Thursday in every month.

E.	Sir Kt.	James Alex. Poulton, P. O. Box 489, Presiding Preceptor.
"	"	Thomas A. Stayner, Constable.
"	"	G. H. S. Kennedy, Marshal.
V. E.	"	John Easton, M. D., Court House Square, Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	John Dumbrielle	1873-74
V. E.	"	John Easton, M. D.	1875
R. E.	"	David Taylor, Ottawa	1885
E.	"	George Gale	1886
R. E.	"	Thomas Kearns	1889
		C. H. Fitzsimmons.	1890

17. ODE DE ST. AMAND, Brantford, Ont. Warrant dated 7th May, 1872. Meets fourth Friday of every month.

E.	Sir Kt.	James G. Liddell, Presiding Preceptor.
"	"	William F. Patterson, Constable.
"	"	John E. Taylor, Marshal.
"	"	Joe. E. Inglis, 20 Market Square, Registrar.

Preceptor.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Rev. A. W. Richardson, Brantford	1891-93
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18. PALESTINE, Port Hope, Ont. Warrant dated 31st May, 1872. Meets fourth Thursday in every month.

E.	Sir Kt.	Robert C. Smith, Augusta St., Presiding Preceptor.
"	"	J. R. Fitzgerald, Constable.
E.	"	Robert Deyell, Marshal.
R. E.	"	W. J. Robertson, John St., Port Hope, Registrar.

Preceptors.

E.	Sir Kt.	James Moore Irwin, Port Hope, (s)	1872
V. E.	"	Robert Nicholls,	1881
E.	"	P. J. Lightburn, Cobourg	1888
R. E.	"	Robert John Craig,	1889
E.	"	William Rankin,	1889
R. E.	"	W. J. Robertson, Port Hope	1890
E.	"	J. Walker Quinlan,	1891
E.	"	Robert Deyell,	1892
R. E.	"	A. R. Hargraft, Cobourg	1893
			1894

19. ST. BERNARD DE CLAIRVEAUX, Dunnville, Ont. Warrant dated 16th October, 1874. Meets first Thursday in every month.

- E. Sir Kt. W. D. Swayze, Lock St., Presiding Preceptor.
- " J. D. Scheehan, Constable.
- " F. J. Ramsey, Marshal.
- " R. G. W. Connolly, Lock St. Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	William F. Braund, Dunnville.....	1874
R. E.	"	John Parry, "	1875
V. E.	"	M. C. Upper, "	1877
V. E.	"	John Taylor, "	1878
V. E.	"	Samuel Waltho, "	1881
V. E.	"	Archibald Couper, "	1882
V. E.	"	Samuel Cornick "	1883
V. E.	"	Thomas J. Galbraith "	1885
V. E.	"	Samuel Amsden, "	1886
V. E.	"	Robt. Hall, Ridgetown	1888
V. E.	"	T. B. M. Tipton, Dunnville	1893
E.	"	R. F. Littermore, "	1894

20. KENT, Chatham, Ont. Warrant dated 7th August, 1877. Meets on Tuesday, on or before full moon of each month.

- E. Sir Kt. E. Johnston, 87 King Street, Presiding Preceptor.
- " George W. Sulman, Constable.
- " Frederick F. Quinn, Marshal.
- R. E. " Thomas C. MacNabb, 150 King St. W., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Thomas C. MacNabb, Chatham.....	1877-1883
R. E.	"	Frederick Bates, "	1883-1886
V. E.	"	William Ball, "	1887-1888
R. E.	"	John E. Battisby, "	1894

21. BURLEIGH, St. Thomas, Ont. Warrant dated 11th Oct., 1878. Meets fourth Monday of each month.

- E. Sir Kt. J. G. Graham, 70 Elysian St., Presiding Preceptor.
- " H. A. McIntyre, Constable.
- " Marshal.
- E. " W. E. Idsardi, 86 Elgin St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Robert A. MacKay, St. Thomas.....	1880
E.	"	William H. King, "	1881
R. E.	"	E. H. Raynor, Omaha, Nebraska	1882-1883
R. E.	"	A. N. Pettit, Windsor, Ont.	1884-1885
R. E.	"	Samuel Dubber, St. Thomas.	1886-1887
E.	"	W. E. Idsardi, "	1889
V. E.	"	Luke Slater, "	1890-1892
E.	"	N. W. Ford, "	1894

22. ST. ELMO, Goderich, Ont. Warrant dated 18th March, 1880. Meets first Tuesday in January, March, June, September and December.

- E. Sir Kt. J. A. Morton, Wingham, Presiding Preceptor.
- " A. Lawson, Constable.
- R. E. " William Craig, sr., Marshal.
- " Charles A. Humber, 54 Victoria St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. Richard Radcliffe, Goderich..... 1888
- R. E. " Joseph Beck, Salford, Ont. 1881-1885
- R. E. " Charles A. Humber, Goderich..... 1888-1891
- V. E. " M. Nicholson, "..... 1892

23. RHODES, Port Arthur, Ont. Warrant dated 9th March, 1880. Meets first Wednesday in every month.

- V. E. Sir Kt. John J. Jackson, Court Street, Presiding Preceptor.
- " William Henry Demuth, Constable.
- " James A. Fraser, Marshal.
- V. E. " William J. Clarke, Cumberland St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

- M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, London, G. C. T.....(Charter) 1880
- V. E. " Thomas Sargant, Toronto " 1880
- R. E. " John Ross Robertson, " " 1880
- R. E. " James Bower Robertson, " " 1880
- V. E. " James Wilson, C.P.R., Toronto..... " 1880
- V. E. " S. Wellington Ray, Port Arthur..... 1880
- V. E. " William J. Clark, " 1883
- V. E. " Robert E. Mitchell, " 1887-1892
- V. E. " John James Jackson, " 1894

24. ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Warrant dated 27th April, 1880. Meets second Tuesday of each month.

- E. Sir Kt. M. W. Rublee, 175 Owen St., Presiding Preceptor.
- " Thomas Cluston, Constable.
- " C. H. Enderton, Marshal.
- " S. G. G. Thompson, P. O. Box 696, Registrar.

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. E. G. Conklin, Winnipeg 1880
- R. E. " J. Headly Bell, " 1881
- R. E. " Charles F. Forest, Morden..... 1884
- R. E. " James O'Connor, Winnipeg..... 1885
- R. E. " William G. Bell, " 1887-1888
- R. E. " Thomas W. Taylor, " 1889
- R. E. " A. H. Van Etten, " 1890
- R. E. " H. S. Westbrooke, " 1891
- R. E. " James Haddock, " 1892
- R. E. " William Hall, " 1893
- V. E. " Thos. H. Billman, " 1894

25. WILLIAM DE LA MORE THE MARTYR, Quebec, Que. Warrant dated 1st May 1880. Meets fourth Wednesday of every month.

- V. E. Sir Kt. Prof. H. Walters, Morrin Col., Presiding Preceptor
- R. E. " Charles Knowles, Constable.
- E. " David S. Rickaby, Marshal.
- R. E. " Henry Griffith, 6 Stanislaus St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec,	1882
R. E.	Henry Griffith, "	1881
R. E.	Charles Knowles, "	1885
E.	David S. Rickaby, "	1886
V. E.	S. Wilson Drum, "	1887
V. E.	Carl L. H. Kuhring, "	1888
V. E.	Henry Walters, "	1894

26. WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont. Warrant dated 9th September, 1882. Meets first Tuesday of every month.

- R. E. Sir Kt. Thomas Robinson, Sandwich St., Presiding Preceptor.
- " Joseph S. Edgar, Constable.
- " Robert Weir, Marshal.
- " George Irwin, 39 Aylmer St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Joseph Park, Windsor	1882
R. E.	Joseph W. Barringer, Windsor	1881
R. E.	George Duane Adams, Detroit, Mich.	1885
R. E.	Robert Maguire, Windsor,	1887
R. E.	Thomas Robinson, "	1888
V. E.	Peter A. Craig, "	1889
R. E.	David L. Carley, "	1891

27. MALTA, Truro, Nova Scotia. Warrant dated 1st November 1885. Meets 2nd Monday of every month.

- E. Sir Kt. George McLeod, Bible Hill, Presiding Preceptor.
- E. " A. H. Learment, Constable.
- R. E. " W. E. Logan, Marshal.
- R. E. " L. B. Archibald, 71 Queen St. Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	L. B. Archibald, Truro, N. S.	1885
R. E.	T. V. Cook, Moncton, N. B.	1887
R. E.	S. J. Waddell, Truro, N. S.	1888
R. E.	W. E. Logan, "	1889
R. E.	W. B. Alley, "	1890
V. E.	John Hay, "	1891
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28. METROPOLITAN, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Warrant dated 1st May, 1886.

Now under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria, Australia.

29. CYRENE, Toronto, Ont. Warrant dated 12th July, 1887. Meets third Friday of every month.

V. E. Sir Kt. William Walker, 175 Dowling Ave., Presiding Preceptor.
 " H. B. Howson, Constable.
 " Douglas Armour, Marshal.
 " J. J. Cassidy, 68 Harvard Ave., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	John Ross Robertson, Toronto (Charter)	.....1887
R. E. "	George J. Bennett, " "	.....1887
R. E. "	George G. Roe, M. D., " "	.....1887-1888
V. E. "	Charles F. Mansell, " "	.....1889
R. E. "	C. W. Postlewaite, " "	.....1890
V. E. "	F. F. Manley, " "	.....1891
E. "	Fred M. Morson, " "	.....1892
V. E. "	George S. Ryerson, M. D., " "	.....1893
R. E. "	John Hetherington, " "	.....Affiliated
R. E. "	R. J. Hovenden, " "	.....Affiliated
E. "	James Glanville, " "	.....Affiliated
E. "	John A. Cowan, " "	.....1894

30. WESTERN GATE, Victoria, British Columbia. Dispensation dated 28th May, 1891. Warrant dated 21st July, 1891. Meets second Tuesday in each month.

V. E. Sir Kt. W. A. Richardson, M. D., P. O. Box 49, Presiding Preceptor.
 " C. E. Renouf, Constable.
 " A. B. Erskine, Marshal.
 " J. A. Lindsay, Drawer 25, P. O., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Alex. Roland Milne, C. M. G., Victoria, B. C.	.....1891
V. E. "	Angus McKeown, " "	.....1892-93
V. E. "	William J. Quinlan, " "	.....1894

31. YARMOUTH, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Dispensation dated 1st March, 1892. Warrant dated 19th July, 1892. Meets fourth Monday of every Month.

E. Sir Kt. T. V. B. Bingay, St. William St., Presiding Preceptor.
 " N. J. B. Looker, Constable.
 " A. M. Perrin, M. D., Marshal.
 R. E. " Geo. W. Johnson, P. O. Box 246, Registrar.

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. Edward F. Clements.....1892
- R. E. " George W. Johnson.....1894

32. OTTAWA, Ottawa, Ont. Dispensation dated 24th February, 1898. Warrant Dated 18th July, 1898. Meets third Wednesday of each month.

- E. Sir Kt. A. A. Henderson, 414 Albert St., Presiding Preceptor.
- " William Bowden, Constable.
- " W. H. G. Garnoch, Marshal.
- " W. A. Bangs, 419 Somerset St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

- V. E. Sir Kt. E. B. Butterworth, Ottawa (Charter).....1893
- R. E. " David Taylor, "1898

33. CYPRUS, Calgary, Alberta, N. W. T. Dispensation dated 2nd July, 1894. Warrant dated 23rd August, 1895. Meets second Friday of each month.

- E. Sir Kt. Reginald N. Kirkpatrick, Presiding Preceptor.
- " Neville James Lindsay, Constable.
- " James Walker, Marshal.
- " George Murdoch, Calgary P. O., Registrar.

Preceptor.

- R. E. Sir Kt. W. G. Bell, Winnipeg.....Affiliated 1894

34. COLUMBIA, Vancouver. Dispensation dated 4th May, 1894. Warrant dated 23rd August, 1892. Meets 4th Thursday of every month.

- V. E. Sir Kt. William Downie, Presiding Preceptor.
- " Thomas E. Atkins, Constable.
- " Thomas H. Tracy, Marshal.
- R. E. " J. E. Finlayson, Registrar.

Preceptors.

- V. E. Sir Kt. William Downie.....1895
- R. E. " Thomas H. Tracy.....Charter 1895

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LIST OF PRECEPTORIES BY DISTRICTS.

LONDON DISTRICT.

- Prov. Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. David Leonard Carley, Windsor
 No. 4, Richard Cœur de Lion, London County Middlesex.
 " 20, Kent, Chatham " Kent.
 " 21, Burleigh, St. Thomas " Elgin.
 " 22, St. Elmo, Goderich " Huron.
 " 26, Windsor, Windsor " Essex.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Charles Henry Connor, St. Catharines.
 No. 8, Godfrey de Bouillon, Hamilton County Wentworth
 " 8, Plantagenet, St. Catharines " Lincoln.
 " 10, Victoria, Guelph " Wellington.
 " 17, Odo de St. Amand, Brantford " Brant.
 " 19, St. Bernard de Clairveaux, Dunnville " Monck.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Roaf, Toronto, Ont.
 No. 2, Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto County York
 " 12, Mount Calvary, Barrie " Simcoe.
 " 14, Harington, North Bay " Nipissing
 " 15, St. John the Almoner, Whitby " Ontario.
 " 18, Palestine, Port Hope " Durham.
 " 23, Rhodes, Port Arthur " Algoma.
 " 29, Cyrene, Toronto " York.

KINGSTON-OTTAWA DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Chas. Harding Fitzsimmons
 Brockville, Ont.
 No. 1, Hugh de Payens, Premier, Kingston, County Frontenac
 " 6, King Baldwin, Belleville " Hastings.
 " 12, Moore, Peterboro, " Peterboro'
 " 16, Gondemar, Brockville " Grenville.
 " 32, Ottawa, Ottawa " Carleton.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Henry Griffith, Quebec, Que.
 No. 7, Richard Cœur de Lion, Montreal County Montreal.
 " 9, Sussex, Stanstead " Stanstead.
 " 25, William de la More the Martyr, Quebec Quebec.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Hon. Robt. Marshall, K. C. T.,
 St. John, N. B.
 No. 11, Union de Molay, St. John, N. B. County St. John

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NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Knight William Edward Logan,
Truro, N. S.

No. 5, Nova Scotia, Halifax.....County Halifax.
" 27, Malta, Truro....." Colchester
" 31, Yarmouth, Yarmouth....." Yarmouth

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. William Hall,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

No. 24, Albert Edward, Winnipeg.....County Selkirk
" 33, Cyprus, Calgary, Alberta.....Northwest Territory

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Alexander R. Milne, C. M. G.
Victoria, B. C.

No. 30, Western Gate, Victoria.....County Victoria
" 34, Columbia, Vancouver....." Burrard

RECAPITULATION.

1—London District.....	216	Members,	5	Preceptories
2—Hamilton District.....	256	"	5	"
3—Toronto District.....	333	"	7	"
4—Kingston District.....	149	"	5	"
5—Quebec District.....	88	"	3	"
6—New Brunswick District.....	37	"	1	"
7—Nova Scotia District.....	123	"	3	"
8—Manitoba District.....	140	"	2	"
9—British Columbia District.....	52	"	2	"
Total 31st Aug., 1895.....	4394		33	

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SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

- No. 2. GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ontario.
 Thomas McIlroy 14th December, 1894
 Angus Morrison 14th December, 1894
- No. 3. GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ontario.
 Alexander Irving 1st March, 1895
 D. Zimmerman " "
 James Hargrave " "
 Robert Gordon, jun. " "
 Walter Townsend " "
 H. A. McKelcan " "
 E. A. Ochlander " "
- No. 4. RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, London, Ontario.
 William Thornton 18th October, 1894
- No. 16. GONDEMAR, Brockville, Ontario.
 Thomas Brady 28th June, 1894
 W. G. S. Reynolds " "
 V. H. Moore " "
- No. 18. PALESTINE, Port Hope, Ontario.
 Edward Peplow 28th March, 1895
 Daniel V. Waite " "
 W. R. Patrick " "
- No. 21. BURLEIGH, St. Thomas, Ontario.
 W. B. Doherty 25th March, 1895
 W. G. Robb " "
 Albert Ellis " "
- No. 26. WINDSOR, Windsor, Ontario.
 George W. Burch 5th March, 1895
- No. 27. MALTA, Truro, Nova Scotia.
 John Donald Ross 8th October, 1894
 Rev. John A. S. Parkinson " "
- No. 30. WESTERN GATE, Victoria, British Columbia.
 J. L. Stanford 10th February, 1895, U. M. C., 3 months
 P. L. Richardson 10th July, 1894, " " indefinitely

RESTORATIONS.

- No. 3. GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ontario.
 James Rous 1st February, 1895
- No. 13. MOORE, Peterborough, Ontario.
 James Might 5th February, 1895
- No. 17. ODO DE ST. AMAND, Brantford, Ontario.
 James Bower Nixon 25th April, 1895
- No. 29. CYRENE, Toronto, Ontario.
 Edward C. Davies 1st November, 1894

WITHDRAWALS FROM PRECEPTORIES.

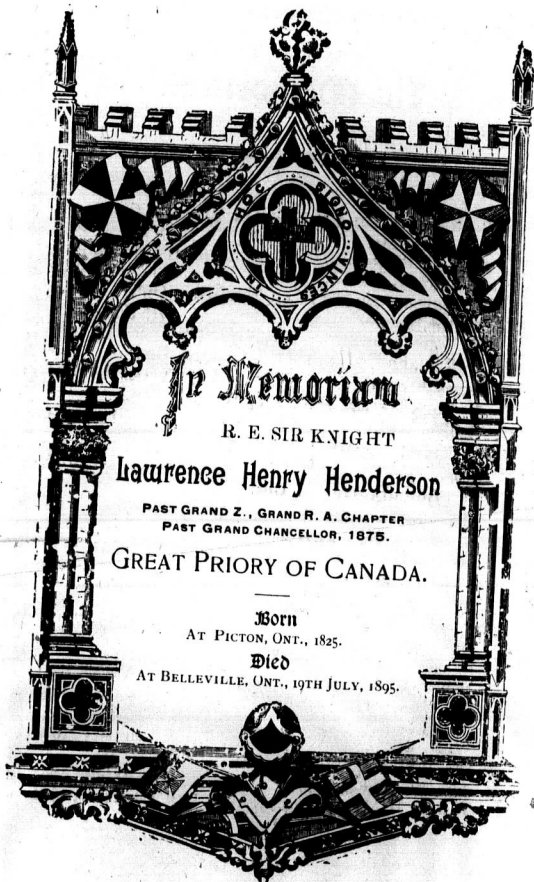
- No. 2. GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ontario.
 J. Lester Nichols 11th January, 1895
 E. S. Coatsworth 8th March, 1895
 James W. O'Hara 11th May, 1894

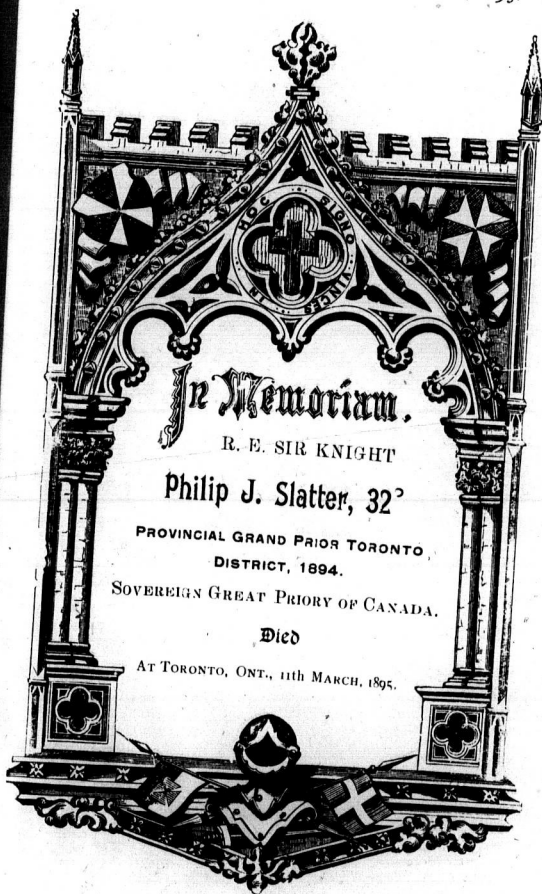
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- No. 3. GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ontario.
 Peter D. Carse 31st December, 1894
- No. 4. RICHARD CEUR DE LION, London, Ontario.
 William Greenwood 12th April, 1895
- No. 5. NOVA SCOTIA, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
 Arthur C. T. Boileau 1st September, 1894
 Rev. F. B. Norman-Lee 2nd November, 1894
- No. 6. KING BALDWIN, Belleville, Ontario.
 J. L. Davis 19th March, 1895
 D. B. Robertson " "
 William Grange " "
 Ogden Hinch " "
 Richard Waters " "
 James R. Piercy " "
- No. 9. SUSSEX, Stanstead, Quebec.
 A. G. Loomis 24th October, 1894
 O. Merchant 3rd January, 1895
- No. 12. MOUNT CALVARY, Barrie, Ontario.
 Arthur C. Garden
- No. 13. MOORE, Peterborough, Ontario.
 James Might 5th February, 1895
- No. 16. GONDEMAR, Brockville, Ontario.
 Enoch B. Butterworth March, 1894
- No. 17. ODO DE ST AMAND, Brantford, Ontario.
 James Bower Nixon 26th April, 1895
- No. 19. ST. BERNARD DE CLAIRVEAUX, Dunnville, Ontario.
 A. J. Adams 1894
- No. 24. ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
 C. A. Turley 12th March, 1895
 W. B. Stephens 11th January, 1895
 A. W. R. Markley " "
 John James Binns " "
 George Murdock " "
 E. N. Brown " "
 James N. Lindsay " "
 James Norris Rankin " "
 George Kidd Leeson " "
 Joseph Bannerman " "
 James Walker " "
 Andrew Carson " "
 H. W. C. Meyer " "
- To form Cyprus Preceptory, Calgary.
- No. 26. WINDSOR, Windsor, Ontario.
 Frank W. Armstrong 26th September, 1894
- No. 29. CYRENE, Toronto, Ontario.
 T. C. L. Armstrong 20th April, 1894

In Memoriam,

- No. 2. GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
 James McKay.....9th March, 1895
 Phillip J. Slatter.....11th March, 1895
 Frederick J. Menet.....4th April, 1895
- No. 3. GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.
 William Heeney.....17th June, 1894
 W. W. Summers.....18th February, 1895
- No. 4. RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, London, Ont.
 James Mofatt.....18th September, 1894
- No. 5. NOVA SCOTIA, Halifax, N. S.
 William Williams.....December, 1894
- No. 6. KING BALDWIN, Belleville, Ont.
 George Sills Wright.....16th September, 1894
- No. 10. VICTORIA, Guelph, Ont.
 Alexander Bruce.....20th April, 1894
- No. 12. MOUNT CALVARY, Barrie, Ont.
 John Ferguson.....23rd February, 1887
 J. A. G. Lindsay.....July, 1894
- No. 22. ST. ELMO, Goderich, Ont.
 James Young.....25th August, 1894
 William Craig, Sen.....11th February, 1895
- No. 24. ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
 William C. Graham.....March, 1894
- No. 25. WILLIAM DE LA MORETHE MARTYR, Quebec, Que.
 A. F. Lay.....17th December, 1894
 W. H. Little.....5th February, 1895
- No. 26. WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont.
 John W. Lewis.....20th March, 1895
 Thomas H. Armstrong.....16th December, 1894





In Memoriam.

R. E. SIR KNIGHT

Philip J. Slatter, 32^d

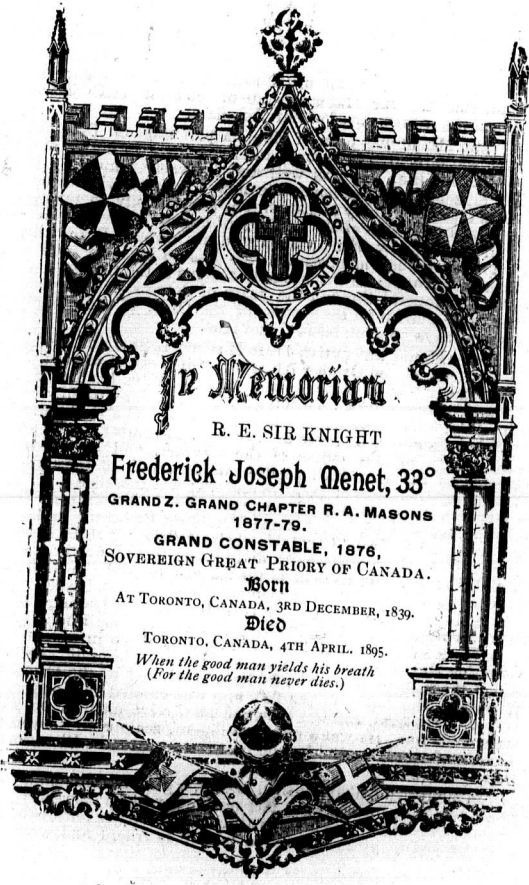
PROVINCIAL GRAND PRIOR TORONTO
DISTRICT, 1894.

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

Died

AT TORONTO, ONT., 11th MARCH, 1895.





In Memoriam

R. E. SIR KNIGHT

Frederick Joseph Menet, 33°

GRAND Z. GRAND CHAPTER R. A. MASONS
1877-79.

GRAND CONSTABLE, 1876,
SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

Born

AT TORONTO, CANADA, 3RD DECEMBER, 1839.

Died

TORONTO, CANADA, 4TH APRIL, 1895.

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(For the good man never dies.)*

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TABULAR STATEMENT OF PRECEPTORIES FROM 31ST MARCH, 1894, TO END OF TERM 31ST MARCH, 1895.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	DEGREES CONFERRED		No. meet-ings held.	Joined.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	M'brs 31st Mar.		Increase.	Decrease.	
			Red Cross	T'lar. M'brs.							1894	1895			
1	Hugh de Paynes, Premier.	Kingston, Ont.	9	3	9						21	24	3		
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldemar.	Toronto, Ont.	12	14	17						127	135	8		
3	Richard de Bouillon.	Hamilton, Ont.	13	15	6						74	83	9		
4	Richard de Lion.	London, Ont.	13	13	10						77	73	4	3	
5	Nova Scotia.	Halifax, N. S.	12	9	0						58	53	5		
6	King Baldwin.	Belleville, Ont.	9	2	2						32	35	3		
7	Richard Cœur de Lion.	St. Catharines, Que. Ont.	13	3	3						36	28	8		
8	Vinseux.	St. Catharines, Que. Ont.	13	3	3						35	44	9		
9	Union de Moisy.	St. John, N. B.	15	1	3						26	24	2		
10	Mount Calvary.	Guelph, Ont.	15	1	3						30	28	2		
11	Moore.	Barrie, Ont.	11	8	8						35	37	2		
12	Harington.	Paris, Ont.	7	8	8						11	12	1		
13	St. John the Almoner.	North York, Ont.	11	1	1						21	23	2		
14	Condemar.	Whitby, Ont.	1	1	1						21	23	2		
15	Pato de St. Amand.	Brockville, Ont.	5	2	2						14	19	5		
16	Port Hope.	Port Hope, Ont.	10	9	9						21	28	7		
17	St. Esmard de Clairveaux.	Dunnville, Ont.	10	4	4						27	24	3		
18	Kent.	Dunnville, Ont.	10	9	10						27	24	3		
19	Burleigh.	Chatham, Ont.	6	0	9						25	31	6		
20	St. Elmo.	St. Thomas, Ont.	13	0	12						18	18	0		
21	Rhodes.	Georgetown, Ont.	5	1	2						53	50	3		
22	Bert Edward.	Port Arthur, Ont.	5	2	2						19	17	2		
23	William de la More the Martyr.	Winnipeg, Man.	12	17	17						16	17	1		
24	Windsor.	Quebec, Que.	23	3	3						11	11	0		
25	Malta.	Windsor, Ont.	23	3	3						13	13	0		
26	Metropolitan.	Truro, N. S.	12	3	3						48	48	0		
27	Cyrene.	(Joined Australia).	12	8	8						19	17	2		
28	Western Gate.	Toronto, Ont.	12	8	7						50	59	9		
29	Yarmouth.	Victoria, B. C.	13	4	2						24	26	2		
30	Ottawa.	Yamouqui, N. S.	16	4	4						27	31	4		
31	Cyprus.	Ottawa, Ont.	12	2	2						27	31	4		
32	Columbia.	Calgary, Alberta	12	2	2						37	41	4		
33		Vancouver, B. C.	12	2	2						22	22	0		
34			12	2	2						22	22	0		
			135	150	134	133	9	4	35	25	18	1273	1368	115	20

INCREASE
 Increase for 12 months, 95.

RECAPITULATION

OF THE RETURNS OF PRECEPTORIES FOR THE TERM ENDED
31ST MARCH, 1895.

Preceptories established.....	36
ceded to Great Priory of Victoria, Australia.....	3
Number on the roll.....	33

DEGREES CONFERRED.

	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893-94	1895-96
Red Cross	64	54	109	90	211	135
Templar.....	82	71	107	106	208	150
Malta	54	62	90	80	194	135

MEMBERSHIP ROLL.

Number of members 31st March, 1894.....	1273
Admitted to 31st March, 1895.....	159
Joined from other Preceptories.....	9
Restored.....	4

Withdrawn	1445
Suspended, non-payment dues.....	35
Deaths.....	24
	18
Membership in good standing 31st March, 1895.....	77
Increase 1894-95.....	1338
	95

PRECEPTORIES AND MEMBERSHIP BY PROVINCES.

PROVINCE	NO. PRECEPTORIES		NO. MEMBERS	
	1894	1895	1894	1895
*Alberta. N. W. T.....	1	1	20	22
British Columbia.....	1	1	24	26
Manitoba	1	1	115	118
New Brunswick.....	1	1	85	87
Nova Scotia.....	3	3	119	123
Ontario.....	22	22	896	954
Quebec.....	3	3	84	88
	32	32	1293	1368

*Not included in annual return.

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STATISTICAL RECORD.
PROVINCIAL GRAND CONCLAVE.

Year	Preceptories.	Receipts.	Expenditure.
1855	3	£29 0s 0d	£29 0s 0d
1856	3		
1857	4		
1858	4		
1859	5	£22 0s 0d	£18 11s 3d
1830 (no meeting)			
1861	6		
1832	6		
1868	6		
1864	6		
1865	6		
1836	6		
1837	7		

GRAND PRIORY FORMED 1ST MAY, 1868.

Year	Precep's	Memb's	Adm'n's	Members Incr'se	Decr'se	Receipts	Expend.
1868	8						
1869	10						
1870	13						
1871	13					\$1 0 42	\$ 254 44
1872	17					357 68	174 59
1873	16					596 09	753 28
1874	19					990 64	944 88
1875	19	58	4	63		762 74	635 25
						911 00	1220 73

NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY FORMED 10TH AUGUST, 1876.

Year	Precep's	Memb's	Adm'n's	Members Incr'se	Decr'se	Receipts	Expend.
1876	19						
1877	20	420	45			\$ 735 53	\$ 428 30
1878	21	587	40			310 05	842 05
1879	21	608	37	21		374 90	346 40
1880	25	686	74	28		596 33	735 62
1881	25	676	83	40		650 51	593 14
1882	26	710	78	34		1089 00	1042 87
1883	26	795	105	51		1146 86	958 18
1884	26	795	107	34		912 70	757 82
						930 00	1105 55

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY FORMED 8TH JULY, 1884.

Year	Precep's	Memb's	Adm'n's	Members Incr'se	Decr'se	Receipts	Expend.
1885	26	855	145	60		\$ 923 00	\$ 737 64
1886	28	880	102	35		818 75	987 92
1887	31	918	103	38		842 69	875 01
1888	31	990	104	72		1191 06	1004 54
1889*	28	344	85		46	981 60	1006 88
1890	28	990	82	46		822 00	766 02
1891	29	1003	86	13		1278 20	1331 72
1892	30	1053	151	50		1297 50	786 62
1893	31	1116	132	61		1071 77	1224 95
1894	32	1273	105	157		1307 85	909 30
1895	33	1868	172	95		1466 94	1223 54

*Three Preceptories withdrew to form Great Priory, Victoria, Australia.

ROLL OF PRECEPTORIES FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST JANUARY, AND INSTALLATIONS JANUARY, 1895.

NO.	NAME.	WHERE HELD.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION	NIGHT OF MEETING.	PRESIDING PRECEPTOR.	REGISTRAR.
1	Hugh de Payens, Prem	Kingston, Ont.	11th Feb., 1834	2nd Monday in Jan., April, July, Oct and 2nd Friday in May, Dec.	H. J. Wilkinson.	F. Rowland.
2	Geoffrey de St. Alden's	Toronto, Ont.	8th March, 1851	2nd Thursday of each month.	Wm. Simpson.	L. B. Montgomery
3	Geoffrey de Bonillon	Hanilton, Ont.	1851 1st Oct.,	1st Friday of each month.	Charles Smith.	W. H. S. Dunlop.
4	Richard Ceur de Lion	Halifax, N. S.	25th Oct., 1858	2nd Friday of each month.	Joseph Dambray.	John S. Dewart.
5	Nova Scotia	Halifax, N. S.	1858 1st Oct.,	1st Friday of each month.	James Halliday.	Alex. Ross.
6	King Baldwin	Bellefleur, Que.	9th June, 1863	1st Thursday in Jan., Ap., July, Oct., Dec.	S. S. Lazier.	A. McGinnis.
7	Richard Ceur de Lion	Montreal, Que.	3rd Dec., 1863	1st Thursday in Jan., Ap., July, Oct., Dec.	Wm. Lemessurier	C. A. Humphrey
8	St. Cathes	St. Cathes, Ont.	14th Nov., 1867	1st Monday in Jan., Mar., June, Sep., Dec.	Charles Burch.	H. L. Johnston
9	St. Andrew	St. Andrew, Ont.	10th April, 1869	3rd Thursday of each month.	W. D. Lawson.	F. W. Chandell.
10	Victoria	St. Cathes, Ont.	10th April, 1869	4th Thursday of each month.	W. H. Thorne.	H. D. Macdonald.
11	Union de Molay	St. Cathes, Ont.	1st May, 1869	4th Tuesday of each month.	D. W. B. Spry.	John B. McPherson.
12	Mount Calvary	Barrick, Ont.	10th April, 1871	1st Monday in each month.	Thos. H. Horner.	F. B. Chapin.
13	Moore	Peterboro, Ont.	27th April, 1871	1st Monday in each month.	Robert A. Klock.	Alex. M. Ross.
14	Harrington	North Bay, Ont.	14th April, 1871	1st Monday in each month.	Alex. M. Ross.	Joseph White.
15	St. John the Almoner	Whitby, Ont.	8th March, 1872	2nd Tuesday of each month.	John Easton.	John Easton.
16	Condemar	Brockville, Ont.	3rd May, 1872	4th Thursday of each month.	R. C. Addall.	os. E. Inglis.
17	Deo de St. Amand	Port Hope, Ont.	7th May, 1872	4th Thursday of each month.	W. D. Swazy.	R. C. Macdonald.
18	St. Anne	St. Anne, Ont.	10th Oct., 1872	1st Tuesday of each month.	John E. Johnston	Thos. C. Macdonald.
19	St. Bernard de Clairvaux	St. Thomas, Ont.	11th Oct., 1872	1st Tuesday of each month.	John E. Johnston	Thos. C. Macdonald.
20	Keat	St. Thomas, Ont.	11th Oct., 1872	1st Tuesday of each month.	John E. Johnston	Thos. C. Macdonald.
21	Burdell	St. Thomas, Ont.	11th Oct., 1872	1st Tuesday of each month.	John E. Johnston	Thos. C. Macdonald.
22	St. Elmo	Port Hope, Ont.	31st May, 1874	1st Monday of each month.	J. G. Graham	W. E. Idinger.
23	Rhodes	Windsor, Ont.	10th Oct., 1874	1st Monday of each month.	Wm. J. Jackson	W. J. Clarke.
24	Windsor	Windsor, Ont.	10th Oct., 1874	1st Monday of each month.	Wm. J. Jackson	W. J. Clarke.
25	Windsor	Windsor, Ont.	10th Oct., 1874	1st Monday of each month.	Wm. J. Jackson	W. J. Clarke.
26	Windsor	Windsor, Ont.	10th Oct., 1874	1st Monday of each month.	Wm. J. Jackson	W. J. Clarke.
27	Malta	Malta, Ont.	9th Sept., 1882	1st Tuesday of every month.	Thos. Robinson	Henry Griffith.
28	Cvrene	Toronto, Ont.	1st Dec., 1885	3rd Tuesday of every month.	George McLeod	Geo. J. Archibald.
29	Western Gate	Toronto, Ont.	24th July, 1887	3rd Friday of every month.	Wm. Walker	J. A. Cady.
30	Vermouth	Vermouth, N. S.	1st May, 1891	2nd Tuesday of every month.	T. V. B. Bingham	Geo. W. Johnston
31	Ottawa	Ottawa, Ont.	1st Feb., 1893	4th Wednesday of every month.	A. Henderson	Wm. A. Bangs
32	Calgary	Calgary, Alta.	24th Feb., 1894	2nd Friday of every month.	A. S. Kirkpatrick	Geo. M. Murdoch
33	Vancouver	Vancouver, B. C.	4th May, 1893	4th Thursday of every month.	Wm. Dewar	J. E. Finlayson

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ROLL OF PAST OFFICERS AND PRESENT MEMBERS
OF SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

FROM ITS FORMATION, 10TH AUGUST, 1876, TO 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1895.

MEMO.—Sir Knights whose names appear in the following list are members of Great Priory so long as they remain members in good standing of a Preceptory. Only the highest office held is named, and names of those who have withdrawn from the Order are omitted.

Preceptor is the rank and title of a Knight who has presided over a Preceptory. Presiding-Preceptor is the title while in office.

A

- Adams, George D., Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1885, 227 Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Mich.
- Adams, A. G., K.C.T., Grand Marshal, 1881, 39 Mackay Street, Montreal, Que.
- Alley, W. B., Prov. Grand Prior New Brunswick District, 1892, Truro, N. S.
- Allen, Benjamin, Grand Constable, 1894, 32 Colborne Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Ames, Alexander, Grand Pursuivant, 1893, Sherbrooke, Que.
- Amsden, Samuel, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1887, Dunnville, Ont.
- Archibald, L. B., Prov. Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1887, 11 Queen Street, Truro, N. S.
- Ardagh, A. A. S., Grand Captian Guard, 1893, 57 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont.

B

- Bail, William, Preceptor, 1887-88, Chatham, Ont.
- Ballantyne, John, Preceptor, 1892, Almonte, Ont.
- Barra, John R., Preceptor, 1893, Almonte, Ont.
- Barringer, J. W., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1892, Windsor, Ont.
- Barry, Harvey N., Presiding Preceptor, 1893, 66 London Road, Guelph, Ont.
- Bates, Frederick, Grand Chaplain, 1886-91, Chatham, Ont.
- Battisby, D. D., Rev. John R., Grand Chaplain, 1894-95, Chatham, Ont.
- Beck, Joseph, Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1887, Salford, Ont.
- Bell, C. F. W., Preceptor, 1893, Truro, N. S.
- Bell, J. Headley, Grand Assistant Sub. Marshal, 1881, Winnipeg, Man.
- Bell, W. George, Provincial Grand Prior, Manitoba, 1887-88, Winnipeg, Man.
- Bennett, George J., Grand Registrar, 1889, 36 Melbourne Ave., Toronto, Ont.
- Bishop, James B., Grand Sub. Marshal, 1881, Hamilton, Ont.
- Billman, Thos. H., Grand Organist, 895 James Street, Winnipeg, Man.
- Bingay, T. V. B., Presiding Preceptor, 1895, 61 William St., Yarmouth, N. S.
- Braund, W. N., Grand Pursuivant, 1881, Dunville, Ont.

Geo. W. Johnson
Wm. A. Bangs
J. E. Finlayson
J. V. B. Bingley
I. V. A. Henderson
K. N. Patrick
Wm. Dowdell
J. E. Finlayson
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Ottawa, Ont. 12th Feb.
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Vancouver, B.C. 4th May

- Brownson, V. L. A., Dunnville, Ont.
 Burch, D. B., Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1878-82, Lambeth, Ont.
 Burch, Charles, Preceptor, 1895, Thorold Street, St. Catharines, Ont.
 Burch, George, Grand Pursuivant, 1891, St. Catharines, Ont.
 Burgess, W. H., Grand Organist, 1893, Ottawa, Ont.
 Butterfield, Lieut.-Col. F. D., Grand Marshal, 1889, Stanstead, Que.
 Butterworth, E. B., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1880, Ottawa, Ont.
- C
- Cameron, Charles, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1880, Collingwood, Ont.
 Cameron, Charles, Preceptor, 1892, 502 George Street, Peterboro' Ont.
 Cameron, Duncan, Preceptor, 1888, Peterboro, Ont.
 Campbell, Daniel H. Preceptor, 1893, 47 Argyle St., Halifax, N.S.
 Carley, David L. Prov. Prior, 1895, London District, Sandwich St., Windsor, Ont.
 Carpenter, E. R., Grand Assistant Sub. Marshal, 1877, Collingwood, Ont.
 Carrothers, Arthur, Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1893, P. O. Dept., London, Ont.
 Channell, H. A., Presiding Preceptor 1895, Stanstead, Que.
 Channell, H. E., Grand Marshal, 1888, Stanstead, Que.
 Chambers, E. T. D., Grand Constable, 1882, Quebec, Que.
 Clarke, W. J., Grand Guard, 1883, cor. Cumberland and Arthur Streets, Port Arthur, Ont.
 Clémenti, Rev. V., Grand Chaplain, 1876-85, Peterboro, Ont.
 Clements, Edward F., Provincial Grand Prior, Nova Scotia, 1894, Collins Street, Yarmouth, N. S.
 Collins, Harry A., Grand Registrar, 1892, 20 Mayor Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Conklin, E. G., Prov. Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1881, Winnipeg, Man.
 Connor, Charles H., Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1895, Queen Street, St. Catharines, Ont.
 Cooke, T. V., Prov. Grand Prior, Nova Scotia District, 1888, Moncton, N. B.
 Cooper, Albert E., Grand Marshal, 1892, Princess Avenue, London, Ont.
 Copeland, E. M., Grand Sub. Prior, 1872, Room 72, 107 St. James Street, Montreal, Que.
 Cornick, Samuel, Preceptor, 1883, Dunnville, Ont.
 Couper, A., Grand Pursuivant, 1882, Dunnville, Ont.
 Cowan, John A., Presiding Preceptor, 1894, Custom House, Toronto, Ont.
 Craig, Peter A., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1894, Windsor, Ont.
 Craig, Robt. J., Grand Constable, 1890, Cobourg, Ont.
 Crookshank, R. W., Deputy Grand Master, 1893, St. John, N.B.

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- Dalley, Edwin A., Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1894, Hughson Street, Hamilton, Ont.
 Dambra, Joseph, Grand Guard, 1895, Dundas Street, London.
 Dartnell, Judge, G. H. F., Prov. Grand Prior, Toronto District, 1877, Whitby, Ont.
 Dempster, James, Provincial Grand Prior, Nova Scotia District, 1888-85, Halifax, N. S.
 Dewar, John S., Grand Registrar, 1885, "Free Press," London, Ont.
 Deyell, Robert, Preceptor, 1893, Walton Street, Port Hope, Ont.
 Doctor, William G., Grand Warden Regalia, 1877, Belleville, Ont.
 Domville, James, Grand Captain Guard, 1894, St. John, N. B.
 Douglas, James, Grand Marshal, 18-5, 86 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Douglas, Robert A., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 86 Dunlop Street, Barrie, Ont.
 Downie, William A., Grand Sub. Marshal, 1885, C. P. R., Vancouver, B. C.
 Drennan, William M., Preceptor, 1891, 28 Princess Street, Kingston, Ont.
 Drum, S. Wilson, Grand Pursuivant, 1887, Quebec, Que.
 Dubber, Samuel, Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1890, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Dumbrille, John, Grand Organist, 1888, Maitland, Ont.

E

- Easton, John, M. D., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1886, Brockville, Ont.
 Ellis, John V., Preceptor, (Honorary) "The Globe," St. John, N. B.
 Elliott, John, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1887, Almonte, Ont.
 Evans, W. S., Grand Pursuivant, 1883, 38 Argyle Avenue, Montreal, Que.

F

- Farley, J. J., M. D., Preceptor, 1890-91, Bridge St. E. Belleville, Ont.
 Ferguson, John, Grand Guard, 1884, London, Ont.
 Field, William J., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1884, Binghampton, N. Y.
 Fitzsimmons, C. H., Prov. Prior Kingston District, 1895, Brockville, Ont.
 Fletcher, Robert Esten, Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1892, 13 High Street, Barrie, Ont.
 Ford, N. W. Presiding Preceptor, 1894, 33 St. George Street, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Forrest, G. F., Prov. Grand Prior 1893-85, Manitoba, Morden.

G

- Galbraith, T. J., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1885, Dunnville, Ont.

- Gale, John H., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1893, Whitby, Ont.
- Gale, George, Preceptor, 1892, Bröckville, Ont.
- Gemmell, R., Preceptor, 1892, 75 Liverpool Street, Guelph, Ont.
- Gibson, William, M. P., Prov. Grand Prior, Hamilton District, 1885, Beamsville, Ont.
- Glanville, James, Prov. Grand Prior, Toronto District, 1892, 18 Cumberland St., Toronto, Ont.
- Goodman, Edwin, M. D., Grand Sub-Marshal, St. Catharines, Ont.
- Gordon, Lt.-Col. W. D., Prov. Prior Ontario East, 1881, The Barracks, Fredericton, N.B.
- Graham, J. H., LL.D., Grand Treasurer, 1889, Richmond, Que.
- Graham, J. G., Grand Sub. Marshal, 1895, 70 Elysian Street, St. Thomas, Ont.
- Gray, W. W., Honorary Preceptor, London, Ont.
- Griffith, Henry, Prov. Grand Prior Quebec District, 1894-95, 6 Stanislaus St., Quebec, Que.
- Haddock, James, Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1893, Winnipeg, Man.
- Hall, E. H. D., Prov. Grand Prior Kingston District, 1885-86, Peterboro', Ont.
- Hall, Robert, Grand Sword Bearer, 1888, Ridgetown, Ont.
- Hall, William, Prov. Prior Manitoba District, 1895, Winnipeg, Man.
- Halliday, James, Grand Sword Bearer, 1895, 229 Barrington Street, Halifax, N. S.
- Hamilton, jr., William, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1882, 89 McDonnell Avenue, Toronto, Ont.
- Hamilton, W. L., Prov. Grand Prior, 1894, P. O. Box, 404, Belleville, Ont.
- Hagraft, A. R., Grand Marshal, 1895, King and Division Streets, Cobourg, Ont.
- Hatheway, J. C. M. D., Prov. Grand Prior New Brunswick 1885, Westfield Co., St. John, N.B.
- Hawthorn, William, Grand Second Aide-de-Camp, 1880, Detroit, Mich.
- Hay, John, Grand Captain Guard, 1891, Truro, N.S.
- Henderson, Dr. A. A., Preceptor, 1895, corner Albert and Bay Streets, Ottawa, Ont.
- Hetherington, John, Grand Captain Guard, 1887, 74 Argyle Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Hill, Ralph, Preceptor, 1891, Almonte, Ont.
- Hill, William, Preceptor, 1891, care Bole & Wynne, Winnipeg, Man.
- Hillman, Oliver S., Grand Treasurer, 1892-95, 56 Wellington St. West, Toronto, Ont.
- Holland, A. H., Presiding Preceptor, 1894, Truro, N.S.
- Hood, Thomas, Prov. Grand Prior, Hamilton District, 1886, Hamilton, Ont.
- Horner, Thomas H., Preceptor, 1895, Charlotte St., Peterboro', Ont.

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Hovenden, R. J., Prov. Grand Prior Ontario Centre, 1881, 91 King Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 Howse, W. R., Grand Constable, 1887, Whitby, Ont.
 Humber, C. A., Prov. Grand Prior, London District, 1891, Goderich, Ont.

Idsardi, W. E., Preceptor, 1889, P.O. Box 447, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Ingersoll, J. H., Preceptor, 1892, St. Catharines, Ont.
 Irwin, James M., Grand First Captain Guard, 1878, Peterboro', Ont.

Jackson, John J., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1894, Port Arthur, Ont.
 Jones, Charles A., Grand First Aide-de-Camp, 1878, Oshawa, Ont.
 Johnston, George W., Grand Registrar, 1895, Main Street, Yarmouth, N.S.
 Johnston, John E., Preceptor, 1895, 87 King Street, Chatham, Ont.

Kathan, C. H., Grand Chamberlain, 1870, Stanstead, Que.
 Kearns, Thomas, Preceptor, 1889, Brockville, Ont.
 Kemp, Edson, Grand Registrar, 1876, Stanstead, Que.
 Kerr, John, Deputy Prov. Grand Commander, 1870, 155 Earl Street, Kingston, Ont.
 Kerr, J. Kirkpatrick, Q. C., G.C.T., Prov. Grand Prior Ontario Centre, 1876, 23 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, Ont.
 King, Joseph, Honorary Preceptor, 84 Gloucester Street, Toronto, Ont.
 King, W. H., Preceptor, 1871-98, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Klock, Robert A., Preceptor, 1895, Klock's Mills, Ont.
 Knowles, Charles, Grand Marshal, 1891, Quebec, Que.
 Kuhring, C. L. A., Grand Almoner, 1889, Quebec, Que.

Lattimore, R. F., Presiding Preceptor, 1894, Dunnville, Ont.
 Lazier, S. S., Prov. Grand Prior, Kingston District, 1883-84, Hotel Street, Belleville, Ont.
 Lebourveau, S., Grand Marshal, 1884, Sherbrooke, Que.
 Lemessurier, William, Grand Almoner, 1888, 43 Common Street, Montreal, Que. Box 306.
 Lightburne, P. J., Preceptor, 1888, Cobourg, Ont.
 Liddull, J. G., Presiding Preceptor, 1894-5, 74 Marlborough Street, Brantford, Ont.
 Lockwood, H., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1884, Goderich, Ont.
 Logan, W. E., Provincial Grand Prior, 1895, Truro, N. S.
 Lovejoy, G. W., M.D., Grand Registrar, 1890, 2428 St. Catharine Street, Montreal, Que.
 Lyon, N. T., Prov. Grand Prior, Toronto District, 1890, 141 Church Street, Toronto, Ont.

MC

- McConkey, George S., Grand Registrar, 1888, 27 King Street West, Toronto, Ont.
- McGuire, Robert, Grand Constable, 1891, Windsor, Ont.
- McKeggie, J. H., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1891, Dunlop Street, Barrie, Ont.
- McKeown, A., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1893, Victoria, B. C., care Ames, Holden Co.
- McLean, Allan, Prov. Grand Prior Kingston District, 1893, The Asylum, Kingston, Ont.
- McLean, John, Grand Marshal, 1879, 42 Crescent Street, Montreal, Que.
- McLeod, George, Truro, N.S.
- MacKay, Hugh A., Provincial Grand Prior Ontario West, 1877, Berlin, Ont.
- Mackay, Robert, A., Prov. Grand Prior, 1894, St. Thomas, Ont.
- MacNabb, Thomas C., Grand Registrar, 1881, Chatham, Ont.
- Maewatt, Daniel F., Deputy Grand Master, 1895, 3 Owen Street Barrie, Ont.
- M**
- Mansell, Chas. F., Prov. Grand Prior, 1894, 359 Berkley Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Magill, Lieut.-Col. Chas., Grand Constable, 1880, Hamilton, Ont.
- Manley, Fred F., Grand Constable, 1893, Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute, Toronto, Ont.
- Malloy, John, Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1890, Hamilton, Ont.
- Malone, Elias T., Grand Master, 1892, 621 Ontario Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Marshall, Hon. Robert, K.C.T., Prov. Grand Prior, New Brunswick, 1893-94-95, St. John, N. B.
- Mason, John J., Grand Registrar, 1877, Hamilton, Ont.
- Matthews, R. V., Prov. Grand Prior Kingston District, 1897, Kingston, Ont.
- Matthews, S. F., Prov. Grand Prior New Brunswick, 1889-91, St. John, N. B.
- Mattice, James H., Grand Registrar, 1894, "The Globe" office, Hamilton, Ont.
- Milne, Alex. R., C. M. G., Prov. Grand Prior British Columbia, 1891-95, Victoria, B. C. H. M. Customs.
- Mitchell, Robert E., Preceptor, 1892-93, Port Arthur, Ont.
- Mitchell, Joseph, Grand Marshal, 1893, 310 St. Urbain Street, Montreal, Que. Box 1, 135.
- Monkman, George, Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1893, 92 Dunlop Street, Barrie, Ont.
- Morgan, James C., M. A., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1894, Barrie, Ont.
- Morrison, W. C., Grand Marshal, 1878, 16 King St. West, Toronto.
- Morson, Judge F. M., Grand Pursuivant, 1892, 5 St. Patrick Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Munro, John McN., Grand Guard, 1893, Almonte, Ont.
- Murton, John W., Prov. Grand Prior, 1871, Hamilton, Ont.

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- Nelles, James A., Grand Captain Guard, 1888, Cork Street, Guelph Ont.
 Nettleton, John, Grand First Aide-de-Camp, 1879, Collingwood, Ont.
 Nicholls, Robert. Grand Organist, 1881, Port Hope, Ont.
 Nicholson, M., Grand Guard, 1892, Goderich, Ont.
 Norris, John, Grand Sword Bearer, 1894, Wingham, Ont.
 Norton, J. A., Preceptor, 1895, Wingham, Ont.
 Nixon, J. B., Provincial Prior, Toronto District, 1882, 16 Lakeside Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

O

- O'Connor, James, Provincial Grand Prior, Manitoba, 1880-83, Winnipeg.

P

- Park, Joseph, Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1889, Windsor.
 Parry, John, Provincial Grand Prior, 1894, Dunville, Ont.
 Parsons, R. C., Preceptor, 1891, Stanstead, Que.
 Patterson, Robert L., Grand Constable, 1889, 7 Jordan Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Peace, D. J., Preceptor, 1893, 107 King St. East, Hamilton, Ont.
 Pettit, A. N., Grand Constable, 1884, Windsor, Ont.
 Pinkham, George L., Grand Almoner, 1894, Coaticooke, Que.
 Pike, William M., Grand Almoner, 1892, Stanstead, Que.
 Pollock, Robert, Preceptor, 1888, Almonte, Ont.
 Postlethwaite, C. W., Grand Sub. Marshal, 1890, 508 B. of T. Building, Deputy Harbor Master, Toronto, Ont.
 Poulton, James A., Preceptor, 1895, P. O. Box 489, Brockville, Ont.
 Pullen, James H., Preceptor, 1887, Horsfield St., St. John, N.B.

Q

- Quinlan, J. Walker, Preceptor, 1892, Port Hope, Ont.
 Quinlan, Walter J., Grand Pursuivant, 1894, P. O. Box 51, Victoria, B. C. 5 Lister's Block.

R

- Radcliffe, Richard, Grand Constable, 1885, Goderich, Ont.
 Randall, F. W., Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1892, 8 Reeve St., Guelph, Ont.
 Rankin, William, Preceptor, 1890, Cobourg, Ont.
 Ray, Lieut.-Col. S. Wellington, Grand First Captain Guard, 1880, Port Arthur, Ont.
 Raymour, E. H., Prov. Gr. Prior London District, 1886, Omaha, Neb.
 Reid, William G., Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1886, Hamilton, Ont.
 Richardson, W. A., Grand Pursuivant, 1895, Victoria, B. C. Box 49.
 Richardson, Rev. A. W., Grand Chaplain, 1892-93, Kingston, Ont.
 Rickaby, D. S., Preceptor, 1886, Quebec.

- Roaf, William, Prov. Prior Toronto District, 1895, 23 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 Robertson, J. Ross, Prov. Grand Prior Ontario Centre, 1882, Telegram, King Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 Robertson, Henry, Q. C., Grand Master, 1891, Collingwood, Ont.
 Robertson, W. J., Prov. Grand Prior Toronto District, 1893, Port Hope, Ont.
 Robinson, Thomas, Grand Marshal, 1894, Windsor, Ont.
 Ross, Alexander, Prov. Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1893, 11 Barrington Street, Halifax, N. S.
 Ross, Andrew Miller, Grand Almoner, 1895, Whitby, Ont.
 Ross, Donald, Prov. Grand Prior Ontario East, 1879-80, Picton, Ont.
 Rowe, George G., M. D., Grand Constable, 1888, 1329 Queen St. West, Parkdale, Ont.
 Rowland, Fleming, Grand Registrar, 1883, 160 Earl Street, Kingston, Ont.
 Rublee, W. M., Preceptor, 1895, 175 Owen St., Winnipeg, Man.
 Ruhland, J. W., Prov. Grand Prior, Nova Scotia District, 1891, Halifax, N. S.
 Ryerson, George G., M.D., M.P.P., Preceptor, 1893, 60 College Street, Toronto, Ont.

S

- Sanford, Sydney James, Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1899, Court House, Barrie, Ont.
 Sargant, Thomas, Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1876, P. O. Box 517, 41 Avenue road, Toronto.
 Schofield, M. B., Preceptor, 1887, Sherbrooke, Que.
 Scobell, S. W., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1883, 288 Barrie Street, Kingston, Ont.
 Sheppard, Edmund E., Grand Master, 1893-94, 9 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 Sheppard, David, Preceptor, 1887, Almonte, Ont.
 Shortly, Benjamin, Prov. Grand Prior, Kingston District, 1892, Peterborough, Ont.
 Simpson, H. C., Prov. Gr. Prior London District, 1888, London.
 Simpson, John, Grand Guard, 1887, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.
 Simpson, William, Preceptor, 1895, 82 Adelaide Street West, Toronto.
 Slater, Luke, Grand Captain of Guard, 1890, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Smith, Charles, Preceptor, 224 Mary Street North, Hamilton.
 Smith, Robert C., Preceptor, 1895, Augusta Street, Port Hope, Ont.
 Smith, William, Preceptor, 1890, Almonte, Ont.
 Smyth, Alfred G., Grand Registrar, 1883, London, Ont.
 Sommerville, George, Preceptor, 1892, 281 Princess Street, Kingston, Ont.
 Spence, David, Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1895, Peterborough, Ont.
 Spike, Clarence J., Prov. Grand Prior Nova Scotia, 1889, Halifax.
 Spry, Daniel, G.C.T., Past Grand Master, 1894, Grand Chancellor, 1876-9, London, Ont.

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- Spry, Daniel W. B., D.D.S., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1895,
Barrie, Ont.
Stanton, John, Preceptor, 1878.
Stearns, I. H., K.C.T., Prov. Grand Prior, Quebec District,
1878-88, 27 Bellefont Street, Montreal, Que.
Stevenson, Lieut.-Col. A. A., Prov. Grand Prior Quebec District,
1873, 122 MacKay Street, Montreal, Que.
Stevenson, J. McL., Prov. Grand Prior Toronto District, 1885,
Barrie, Ont.
Stewart, Gavin, Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1893,
Woodstock, Ont.
Stratford, Henry, Grand 1st Standard Bearer, 1893, London, Ont.
Stone, J. Henry, Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1883,
Hamilton, Ont.
Sutton, James, M.D., Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1883,
Clandeboye, Ont.
Swayze, Wm. D., Preceptor, 1895, Lock Street, Dunnville, Ont.

T

- Tawse, Wm. Donald, Grand Guard, 1894, 33 Yonge Street,
Toronto, Ont.
Taylor, David, Prov. Grand Prior Kingston District, 1889, 204
Bridge St., Ottawa, Ont.
Taylor, John, Grand Chamberlain, 1879, Dunnville, Ont.
Taylor, Philip, Preceptor, 1888, Whitby, Ont.
Taylor, T. W., Prov. Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1890-91,
Winnipeg, Man.
Thorne, W. H., Grand Constable, 1835, Prince William Street,
St. John, N. B.
Thomas, J. Parker, Grand Marshal, 1887, Bridge Street West,
Belleville, Ont.
Thompson, A. N., Grand Captain Guard, 1895, Stanstead, Que.
Thompson, J. P., Preceptor, 1889, Bridge Street, Belleville, Ont.
Tipton, T. L. M., Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1895, Dunn-
ville, Ont.
Tunstead, John, Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1889,
Hamilton, Ont.

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- Upper, Martin C., Grand Asst. Chamberlain, 1878, Dunnville, Ont.

V

- VanEtten, Albert H., Prov. Grand Prior, 1894, Winnipeg, Man.

W

- Waddell, S. J., Prov. Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1890,
Truro, N. S.
Waddington, jr., Wm., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1887,
322 King Street, Kingston, Ont.
Walker, Hugh, Prov. Grand Prior, Hamilton District, 1888,
47 Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Walker, W., Grand 1st Standard Bearer, 1895, 175 Dowling
Avenue, Toronto.
Waltho, Samuel, Preceptor, 1881, Dunnville, Ont.

- Walters, Prof. Henry, Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1894,
Morin College, Quebec, Que.
Watson, William, Grand 2nd Standard Bearer, 1890, 134 Quebec
Street, Guelph, Ont.
Westbrook, H. S., Prov. Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1892,
Winnipeg, Man.
Wesley, Samnel, Prov. Grand Prior Toronto District, 1889,
"The Advance," Barrie, Ont.
Whyte, William H., Grand Master, 1895, 12 Place de Arnes,
Montreal, Que. Box 1.797
Wilkinson, Henry J., Grand 2nd Standard Bearer, 1885, 180 Wel-
lington Street, Kingston.
Wilmot, Fred, Grand 1st Captain of Guard, 1888, P. O. Box 43,
Brighton, N. Y.
Wilson, Isaac P., Grand Captain of Guard, 1870, Welland, Ont.
Wilson, James, Grand 1st Standard Bearer, 1879, C.P. R.,
Toronto, Ont.
Wyman, George D., Grand 2nd Standard Bearer, 1889, Appleg-
gate, California.

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Yale, Levi, Preceptor, 1885, St. Catharines, Ont.

Yuill, Hiram W., Grand 1st Standard Bearer, 1894, Truro, N.S.

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 R. " " Daniel Fraser Macwatt, Barrie, Ont.....Deputy Grand Master

GRAND OFFICERS, ELECTED.

M. Em. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London, Ont.....Grand Chancellor
 R. " " Rev. John R. Battisby, D. D., Chatham, Ont...Grand Chaplain
 R. " " William Henry Thorne, St. John, N. B.....Grand Constable
 R. " " Alexander Ross Hargraft, Cobourg, Ont.....Grand Marshal
 R. " " Oliver S. Hillman, Toronto, Ont.....Grand Treasurer
 R. " " George Washington Johnson, Yarmouth, N. S...Grand Registrar

DISTRICT OR PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

R. Em. Sir Kt. David Leonard Carley, Windsor, Ont.....London District
 R. " " Charles Henry Connor, St. Catharines, Ont...Hamilton District
 R. " " William Roaf, Toronto, Ont.....Toronto District
 R. " " Charles Harding Fitzsimmons, Brockville, Ont. Kingston District
 R. " " Henry Griffith, City of Quebec, Que.....Quebec District
 R. " " Hon. Robt. Marshall, K. C. T., St. John, N. B. New Brunswick Dist't
 R. " " William Edward Logan, Truro, N. S.....Nova Scotia District
 R. " " William Hall, Winnipeg, Man.....Manitoba District
 R. " " Alex. R. Milne, C. G. M. Victoria, B. C., British Columbia District

GRAND OFFICERS—APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME GRAND MASTER.

V. Em. Sir Kt. Daniel Wm. B. Spry, Barrie, Ont.....Grand Vice-Chancellor
 V. " " James Gordon Graham, St. Thomas, Ont....Grand Sub-Marshall
 V. " " Thos. Lewis M. Tipton, Dunnville, Ont....Grand Dir't Ceremonies
 V. " " Andrew Miller Ross, Whitby, Ont.....Grand Almoner
 V. " " William Walker, Toronto, Ont.....Grand 1st Standard Bearer
 V. " " Henry Jno. Wilkinson, Kingston, Ont. Grand 2nd Standard Bearer
 V. " " David Spence, Peterboro, Ont....Grand Master's Banner Bearer
 V. " " Alf. Neville Thompson, Stanstead, Que...Grand Captain Guard
 V. " " James Halliday, Halifax, N. S.....Grand Sword Bearer
 V. " " Thomas Howard Billman, Winnipeg, Man.....Grand Organist
 V. " " William Aug. Richardson, Victoria, B. C.....Grand Pursuivant
 V. " " Joseph Dambra, London, Ont.....Grand Guard

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—ELECTED.

R. Em. Sir Kt. Robert J. Craig.....Cobourg, Ont.
 R. " " Charles F. Mansell.....Toronto, Ont.
 R. " " Napoleon T. Lyon.....Toronto, Ont.
 R. " " Arthur Carrothers.....London, Ont.
 R. " " David Taylor.....Ottawa, Ont.

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R. Em. Sir Kt. Robert Allan MacKay.....St. Thomas, Ont.
 R. " " Luther B. Archibald.....Truro, N. S.
 R. " " Edward Franklin Clement.....Yarmouth, N. S.
 R. " " Allan McLean.....Kingston, Ont.
 R. " " Robert W. Crookshank.....St. John, N. B.

PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTERS.

M. E. Sir Kt. Henry Robertson, Q. C.....Collingwood, Ont.
 M. E. " E. T. Malone.....Toronto, Ont.
 M. E. " Edmund E. Sheppard.....Toronto, Ont.
 M. E. " Daniel Spry, G. C. T.....London, Ont.

And all elected Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Priors.

COMMITTEES :

WARRANTS.—R. E. Sir Knights Henry Griffith, Chairman ; Napoleon T. Lyon, Robert A. MacKay, W. E. Logan.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.—R. E. Sir Knights Daniel F. Macwatt, Chairman ; Robert J. Craig, C. H. Connor, Allan McLean.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.—R. E. Sir Knights L. B. Archibald, Chairman ; O. S. Hillman, David L. Carley, William Hall.

CONDITION OF THE TEMPLAR ORDER.—R. E. Sir Knights Charles F. Mansell, Chairman ; Arthur Carrothers, William H. Thorne, David Taylor.

JURISPRUDENCE.—R. E. Sir Knights William Roaf, Chairman ; Alexander R. Hargraft, E. F. Clement.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.—M. E. Sir Knights Henry Robertson, Chairman ; Daniel Spry, R. E. Sir Knight Alexander R. Milne.

FRATERNAL DEAD.—R. E. Sir Knights Rev. John R. Battisby, D.D., Chairman ; C. H. Fitzsimmons, R. W. Crookshank.

SUPREME GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.—M. E. Sir Knights E. T. Malone, Chairman ; E. E. Sheppard, R. E. Sir Knight Hon. Robert Marshall.

DATE OF ORGANIZATION, WITH NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDERS AND GRAND RECORDERS ALSO CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE, FROM THE LATEST PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED SINCE LAST REPORT.

GRAND COM-MANDERIES	DATE OF OR-GANIZATION	DATE OF LAST MEETING	NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. E. GRAND COMMANDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. GRAND RECORDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.
Alabama	Dec. 1, 1862	May 8, 95	Fletcher I. Cowart, Troy	E. R. Hastings, Montgomery	George F. Moore, Montgomery
Arizona	Nov. 14, 1893	Nov. 14, 94	George J. Ruskridge, Tucson	Douglas Spivey, Montgomery	
Arkansas	March 25, 1872	Ap. 10, 95	Wm. M. Millette, Little Rock	James A. Henry, Little Rock	F. J. H. Rickon, Little Rock
California	Aug. 10, 1858	Ap. 18, 95	E. S. Lippitt, Petaluma	Thos. H. Caswell, San Francisco	Wm. A. DeLap, San Francisco
Colorado	March 14, 1876	June 4, 95	Wm. N. Kowan, Ouray	Ed. E. Parmalee, Denver	Harper N. Orady, Denver
Connecticut	Sept. 13, 1827	Mar. 9, 95	Hugh Sterling, Bridgeport	Eli G. Birdsley, Meridan	Eli G. Birdsley, Meridan
Georgia	April 25, 1827	Oct. 2, 95	Joseph K. Orr, Columbus	Samuel P. Hamilton, Savannah	Robt. B. Hall, Macon
Illinois	Oct. 2, 1827	Oct. 2, 95	Wm. H. Hester, Ouray	Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago	John C. Smith, Chicago
Indiana	May 16, 1854	Ap. 17, 95	Wm. H. Hester, Vincennes	Wm. H. Smythe, Indianapolis	Nicholas K. Ruckle, Indianapolis
Iowa	June 16, 1868	July 10, 95	Thos. B. Lacey, Wood Bluffs	Al. W. Sengate, Des Moines	J. C. W. Coxie, Washington
Kansas	Dec. 29, 1868	May 14, 95	R. E. Torrington, Wood Bluffs	A. M. Callahan, Topeka	A. M. Callahan, Topeka
Kentucky	Oct. 5, 1847	May 16, 95	Samuel H. Stone, Richmond	D. C. Laminger, Covington	Chas. W. Woodruff, Louisville
Louisiana	Feb. 4, 1864	Feb. 15, 95	Charles F. Buck, New Orleans	Rich'd Laminger, Covington	J. O. A. Fellows, New Orleans
Maine	May 5, 1852	May 15, 95	Fred'k S. Walls, Vinahaven	Stephen Berry, Portland	Stephen Berry, Portland
Maryland	Jan. 23, 1827	Nov. 28, 94	Wm. H. Martin, Baltimore	J. H. Miller, Brown's Wharf } Baltimore	F. J. S. Gorgas, M.D., Baltimore
Massachusetts	May 6, 1825	Oct. 31, 95	Eugene H. Richards, Boston	Benjamin W. Rowell, Lynn	Rev. H. W. Rueg, Providence, R.I.
Michigan	Jan. 16, 1857	May 24, 95	Wm. E. Jewett, Adrian	John A. Gerow, Detroit	John A. Gerow, Detroit
Minnesota	Oct. 28, 1857	June 24, 95	H. E. Whitney, Fairbank	Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul	Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul
Mississippi	Jan. 22, 1857	Ap. 21, 95	J. C. French, Mobile	John Power, Jackson	E. George DeLap, Natchez
Missouri	May 14, 1888	Ap. 23, 95	Leslie Ovear, Marshall	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis
Montana	May 22, 1860	Sep. 18, 94	A. C. Riley, Butte	Cornelius Hedges, Helena	Cornelius Hedges, Helena
Nebraska	Dec. 28, 1871	Ap. 23, 95	James A. Tulley, Omaha	Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha	W. T. Whitmarsh
New Ham'shire	Aug. 21, 22 '60	Sep. 25, 94	Daniel Crane, Roberts Concord	Charles B. Bridges, Concord	Albert S. Wait, Newport
New Jersey	Feb. 14, 1860	May 14, 95	Edward Mills, Buffalo	John F. Shafes, Albion	Charles Bechiel, Trenton
New York	June 18, 1813	Sep. 13, 94	Horace Noble, Buffalo	John F. Shafes, Albion	Jesse Anthony, New York
North Carolina	May 10, 1881	May 14, 95	Alphonsus H. Cobb, Asheville	Frank J. Thompson, Fargo	Frank J. Thompson, Wilmington
North Dakota	June 4, 1890	June 21, 95	Clarence J. Hale, Grand Forks	John Nelson Bell, Dayton	E. T. Carson, Cincinnati
Oregon	Oct. 24, 1843	Oct. 2, 95	John P. McCune, Columbus	James F. Robinson, Eugene	E. M. Hodson, Portland
Pennsylvania	April 15, 1827	Oct. 9, 94	John M. Hodson, Portland	Morr. H. N. Smith, Philadelphia	Lee S. Smith, Philadelphia
South Dakota	April 15, 1884	June 14, 95	Frank A. Brown, Aberdeen	Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau	Samuel H. Jumper, Aberdeen

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DATE OF ORGANIZATION, WITH NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDERS AND GRAND RECORDERS—Cont'd.
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GRAND COM- MANDERIES.	DATE OF OR- GANIZATION.	DATE OF LAST MEETING	NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. GRAND COMMANDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. GRAND RECORDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.
Tennessee.....	Oct. 12, 1859	May 9, 95	Orion E. Hurlburt, Chattanooga	Wilbur F. Foster, Nashville	Wilbur F. Foster, Nashville.
Texas.....	Jan. 9, 1855	Ap. 17, 95	John McDonald, Austin	Robert Brewster, Houston	R. M. Elgin, Houston.....
Virginia.....	Aug. 14, '24, '91	June 11, 95	Silas W. Cumming, St. Albans	Wm. B. Reynolds, Burlington	K. Haskins, Brattleboro.....
West Virginia.....	Nov. 27, 1822	Nov. 15, 94	E. E. Downham, Alexandria	Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond	Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond.....
Wisconsin.....	June 2, 1874	June 7, 95	Horace W. Tyler, Spokane	Y. C. Blalock, Walla Walla	Yancy C. Blalock, Walla Walla.
Wyoming.....	Feb. 25, 1874	May 8, 95	W. H. H. Hollswade	R. C. Dunnington, Fairmont	Wm. C. Baird, Cheyenne.....
Grand Enc' p'tnt	March 8, 1886	June 1, 94	Eugene S. Elliott, Milwaukee	John W. Laffin, Milwaukee	Wm. C. Baird, Cheyenne.....
	May 8, 95	May 8, 95	Frank M. Took, Evanston	John C. Baird, Cheyenne	John C. Baird, Cheyenne.....
	June 21, 1866	Aug. 9, 92	W. L. Thomas, Maysville, Ky.	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Mo.	W. B. Isaacs, Richmond.....

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GRAND COM- MANDERS.	DATE OF OR- GANIZATION.	DATE OF LAST MEETING	NAME AND ADDRESS M. E. GRAND COMMANDER	NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. GRAND RECORDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.
Canada.....	Aug. 10, 1876	Aug. 23, 95	Will. H. Whyte, P. O. Box 1794, Montreal	Daniel Spry, London, Ont.....	Henry Robertson, Collingwood, O.
Ireland.....		May to 95	R. Loveland-Loveland, M. M's Hall, London, W. C., Eng.	R. Loveland-Loveland, M. M's Hall, London, W. C., Eng.	Maj. Gen. J. C. Hay, Grand Vice- Chancellor.
England.....			H. R. H. Duke of Connaught.	Lindsay MacKersey, Edinburgh	Scotland
Ireland.....			E. H. Williams, M. D., Melbourne	J. A. Kennedy, 36 Darling St., South Yarra	Melbourne.....
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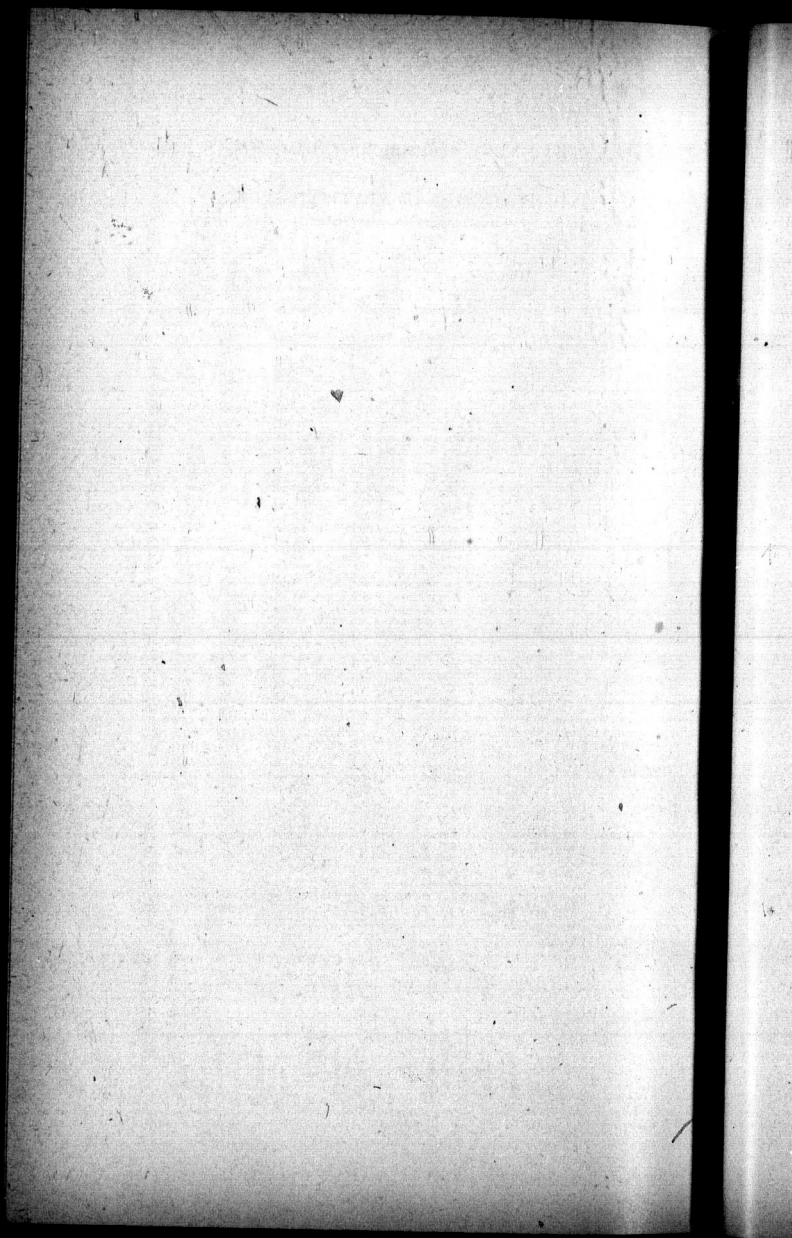
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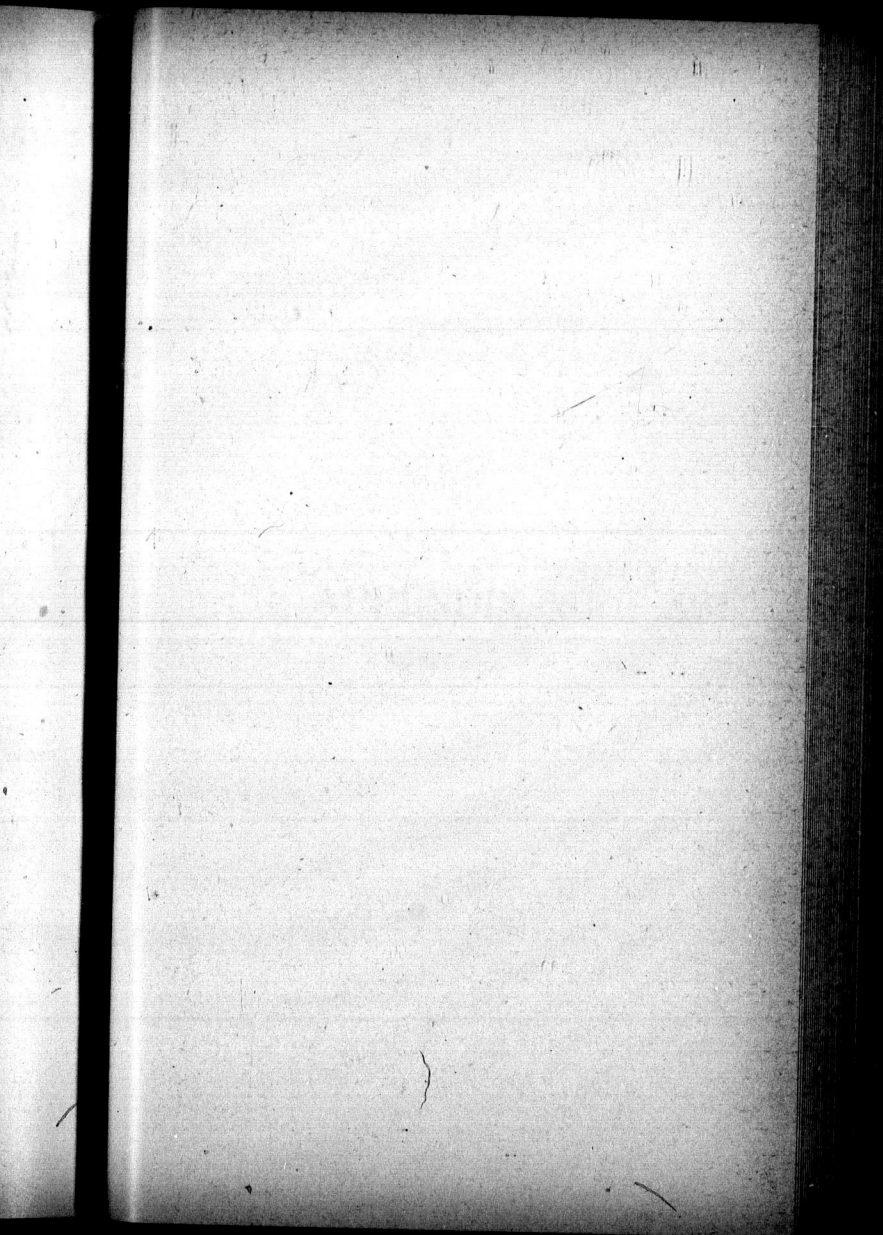
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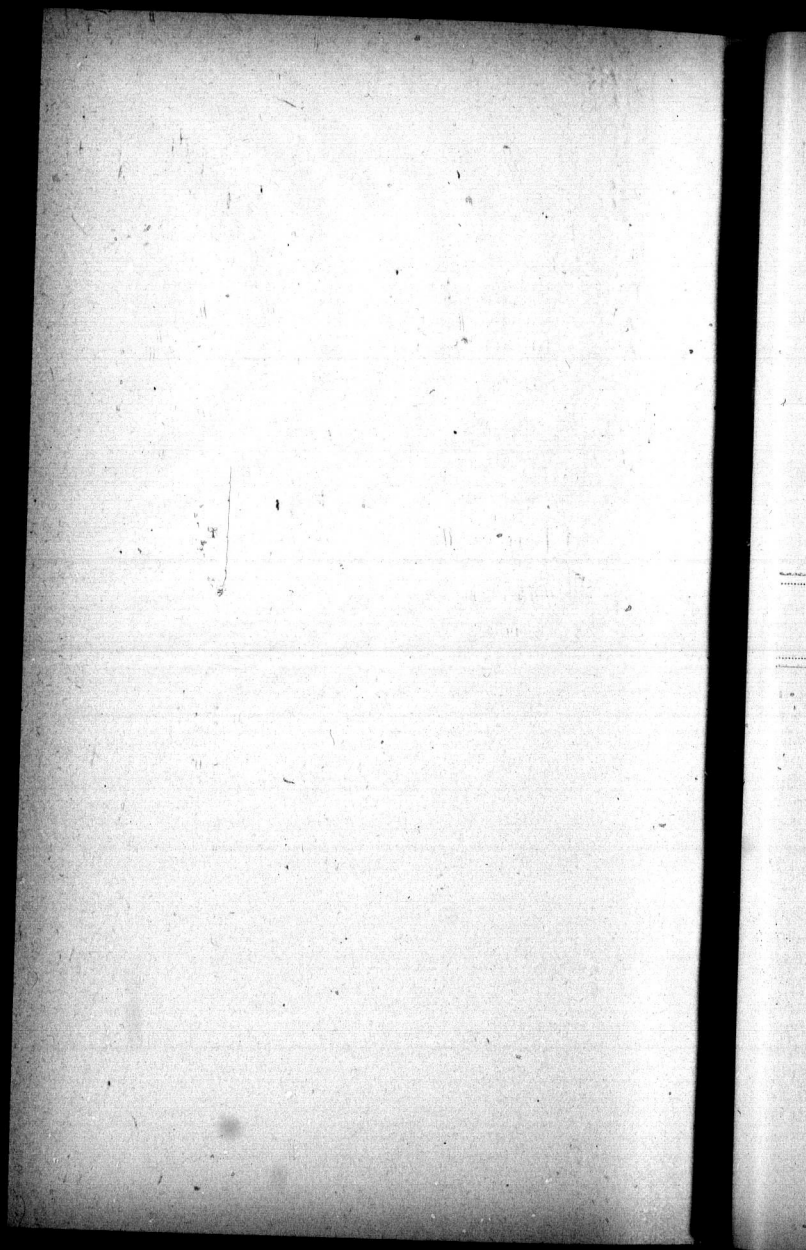
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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR STATISTICS, 1895.

GRAND COMMANDERY.	Commanderies on Roll.	Commanderies Represented.	G. Officers and Members Pr'st.	Receipts of Year.	Expenses of Year.	Cash Balance and Other Assets.	Members in Good Standing.	Created During Year.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	
Alabama	10	10	39	\$651 50	\$550 00	\$1,202 60	368	34	11	.....
Arizona	3	3	12	318 00	119 15	198 85	103	8	7	.....
Arkansas	12	9	18	830 00	584 65	542 07	545	38	4	.....
California	34	31	58	4,155 75	4,744 95	24,035 75	2,887	145	69	.....
Colorado	24	20	28	1,104 00	4,315 92	3,722 86	1,626	66	43	.....
Connecticut	11	11	53	944 70	929 85	272 55	679	158	112	.....
Georgia	10	10	31	1,524 00	1,297 96	704 28	7,662 19	9,109	401	82	.....
Illinois	63	61	50	7,984 25	7,055 66	7,864 41	3,394	194	85	.....
Indiana	37	37	83	4,200 00	3,574 36	7,501 05	1,206 45	4,116	55	.....
Iowa	54	30	37	7,324 00	7,501 05	2,733 90	1,307 90	3,176	240	86	.....
Kansas	41	36	38	5,284 00	1,307 90	294 40	1,184 97	1,8 9	113	48	.....
Kentucky	26	20	35	1,779 00	1,230 90	3,378 64	477 57	311	30	18	.....
Louisiana	3	3	26	666 00	1,215 00	1,035 68	1,274 69	2,756	150	117	.....
Maine	19	18	70	1,230 90	4,692 65	5,481 19	978 97	997	64	41	.....
Maryland	8	7	47	1,215 00	4,478 49	2,923 01	3,037 37	10,384	693	484	.....
Mass. and R. I.	45	45	141	4,692 65	1,505 50	1,491 95	5,740 27	5,373	416	278	.....
Michigan	44	42	82	4,478 49	739 00	539 75	305 04	2,335	145	55	.....
Minnesota	25	19	38	1,505 50	5,568 08	7,850 90	305 04	430	60	56	.....
Mississippi	12	11	21	739 00	797 00	553 20	5,544 33	4,030	195	.....
Missouri	57	55	62	5,568 08	2,578 15	956 06	1,166 82	337	19	3	.....
Montana	8	8	9	797 00	822 30	969 59	855 43	1,656	138	60	.....
Nebraska	22	18	31	2,578 15	992 75	969 59	2,345 21	1,853	64	32	.....
N. Hampshire	10	9	36	822 30	6,830 45	6,330 79	1,161 13	1,681	90	20	.....
New Jersey	16	14	45	992 75	375 00	452 18	10,328 30	10,294	670	270	.....
New York	58	56	110	6,830 45	442 00	680 00	415 89	362	39	12	.....
North Carolina	12	12	19	442 00	5,303 45	4,845 42	442 00	365	31	14	.....
North Dakota	7	7	20	5,303 45	414 00	418 80	4,981 77	7,566	368	190	.....
Ohio	52	52	112	414 00	5,577 15	5,442 61	525 82	383	15	15	.....
Oregon	5	4	24	5,577 15	633 50	537 55	5,350 84	10,594	621	303	.....
Pennsylvania	74	59	163	633 50	1,850 00	2,017 12	1,850 00	755	124	95	.....
South Dakota	31	25	39	1,850 00	2,483 00	741 60	1,741 40	1,206 35	1,396	116	.....
Tennessee	15	15	39	2,483 00	931 12	819 6	1,260 53	1,305	139	73	.....
Texas	10	10	10	931 12	1,119 25	1,385 30	988 56	584	61	64	.....
Vermont	20	18	20	1,119 25	840 95	509 66	1,079 31	720	49	25	.....
Virginia	26	22	31	840 95	241 00	827 61	4,466 91	2,724	147	81	.....
Washington	5	4	13	241 00	493 00	308 87	430 88	256	28	29	.....
West Virginia	5	4	13	493 00	17,661 71	10,169 95	25,325 97	2,204	990	272	.....
Wisconsin	36	17	16	17,661 71	10,169 95	\$143,083 56	104,962	7,393	3,365	161	.....
W. Enc. U. S.	972	853	.....	\$107,542 63	\$98,601 59	1,455 71	1,308	172	95	.....
Canada	33	27	33	1,466 94	1,277 70	3,245 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eng. and Wales	110	25	22	5,465 00	3,000 00	
Ireland	
Scotland	
Victoria, Aus.	4	4	136 60	43 85	92 75	70	12	12	









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Great Priory of Canada.

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REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master and the Great Priory of Canada.

Your Committee on Correspondence present the following report.

It has been more than a glance at the doings of our brethren; it has been a pleasant journeying through other lands. We have been where the Mayflower cast the virile Puritan seed, and rested beneath the Templar trees which grew therefrom. We have tested Southern hospitality, Kentucky and otherwise. The breath of the magnolia blossom has permeated our senses, and we have felt the hot air of deserts beneath the sea level. From over the Rockies have come stirring notes of progress, and from the far North West there has echoed the bugle call to battle for the right. Hands have stretched out in friendly greeting from States which are girt about the loins of a great continent. In the large cities armies of brave Knights have passed before us in review. A voice has spoken from the nations' capitals. It has echoed from the Hub to the Golden Gate. It has breathed over the land courtesy and charity and truth: Where there are true Knights, there is true manhood. The same fountain never jets forth sweet and bitter waters. The sweetest stream that flows from the uncorrupted source is charity. It is man's humanity to man. It flows side by side with justice, and hovering over it is the spirit of truth.

We have passed through leafy glades where "mild eyed peace" broods over the gathering together of Brothers. We have scaled the mountain heights where a handful of Knights have enshrined the Cross of Malta. We have gone down in depths where there is mourning for those brave Templars "who have met the angel by

the river's brink." We have watched the splendid array of plumed Knights flashing their swords in serried ranks.

And now, our journey over, we have brought with us into your honored presence a memoir of what we have seen and heard. That it is but a brief synopsis is to be laid at the door of the gentleman who made our calendar. That it is elliptical, is because in so extensive and varied branch of our Order, there is an embarrassment of riches.

California.

Thirty-seventh Conclave, San Francisco, April 18th, 1895.

Frank W. Sumner, G. C.

He made 57 visitations, travelling some 8132 miles, and he found the ritual generally well rendered. In some cases the attention to detail and histrionic ability were meritorious in the extreme. There were no differences to settle, nor any grievances to be remedied. Their relations with other jurisdictions are harmonious, although they will have to answer to the question of perpetual jurisdiction before the Grand Encampment.

A new Commandery was formed at Eureka.

On the work of the Inspectors the Grand Commander says:

The Inspectors assigned to the several Sections have performed their duties with fidelity and care. Probably one of the best resolutions which has been passed by this Grand Body is that directing the apportionment of the State into Districts, and each District to be watched over by an Inspector. The great distances in California and the cares and perplexities of business or professional life will often prevent a Grand Commander from meeting all the subordinate Commanderies, but with the present regulation, every Commandery will now be visited during the year by some one in authority. Such visitations are more than appreciated, and productive of the best results.

We also copy the following well timed and sensible remarks on the puerile Order of the Mystic Shrine. These nonsensical fandangoes should never be permitted in Masonic halls, nor should they be allowed to be identified with Masonry in any manner whatever:

There is a question which I think should be considered at this time, and which, during the past year has come to my notice

on several occasions. It is the relation of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine to Templar Masonry. Many of the Sir Knights here assembled belong to this Order and are familiar with its theory and its workings, but we must all acknowledge that it is not Templarism. In Masonry we are taught to place our faith on the Inspired Word. In the lower degrees we listen to the the sublime lessons from the Old Testament, and here to-day we have reverently bowed our heads to the divine words of our Redeemer and Saviour. In all Masonry the lessons taught are of the highest morality and religion, but in the Shrine the teachings, if such they can be called, are of a different character and its book of authority, the Koran, inculcates strange doctrines of morality and wisdom.

It is to be regretted that the inventors of the Shrine should make a prerequisite for petitioners to have a membership in the Order of the Temple or in the Thirty-second Degree of Masonry, as it gives the impression to the outside world that the Shrine is the highest degree or order in Masonry, and this idea is carried out by Templars printing on their cards the Shrine as the ranking body. This is especially unfortunate, as the Shrine is far removed from any idea, principle or teaching, which we receive beneath the blue vault of the symbolic Lodge, under the shadow of the Royal Arch, within the solemn portals of the Temple, or in the silent chambers of the Scottish Rite.

I grant that a body of gentlemen may create any order that they may desire, but they have no right to engraft such upon Masonry, and although created without thought of the future, it was in violation of the spirit of the Orders of which they were members.

We cannot look with pleasure upon the meeting of the Shrine at some of our past Conclaves, and it seems to me that some action should be taken by this Grand Body in the matter. Not to interfere with the right of admission of members, but prohibit the meeting of the Shrine in Masonic halls. This Grand Body undoubtedly has the right to control the use of Asylums, and to be assured that all assemblies therein are for a proper purpose.

One of their General regulations prohibits the solicitation of Candidates to apply for the orders of Knighthood. A proposal to repeal this was negatived, although its violation appears to be common. We can see no special reason for such a law, and it were better repealed than habitually disobeyed.

On the Shrine question, the following report was adopted:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander as relates to the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and their relation to Templar Masonry, beg leave to report that they have had the subject under consideration, and have reached the following conclusions:

1. It is not the province of this Grand Commandery to take cognizance of other organizations than those under its direct jurisdiction or recognized by its laws and regulations, except where such organizations shall attempt or claim the right to interfere with the established authority of this Grand Commandery, or impair its dignity.

2. That we think the measure and action of this Grand Body upon the question in hand is wisely expressed in the preamble and resolution adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States in 1889, which we hereby accept as our report, and recommend that it be published for the information of all Sir Knights in this jurisdiction, and which is as follows:

"Third, Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully report, that they heartily endorse and recommend the adoption of the following resolution, of Sir E. T. Carson, regarding the wearing insignia other than that pertaining to regularly recognized Masonic or Templar Bodies. * * * * *

"Resolved, That it is hereby enacted by this Grand Encampment, that hereafter it shall be unlawful for any Knight Templar within the jurisdiction of, and who is subordinate to this Grand Encampment to wear any insignia, badge or uniform belonging to any other than a regularly recognized Masonic or Templar body, at the same time as wearing the Templar uniform and insignia, and while attending the conclaves or assemblies of any body of Templars, or on public occasions, where they appear in uniform."

Frate William A. Davies reports on Correspondence. Our Proceedings for 1894 receive a first-class notice.

Commandries, 34; members, 2887; increase, 69.

Edward S. Lippitt, (Petaluma) G. C.

Thomas H. Caswell (San Francisco) G. R.

Colorado.

Nineteenth Conclave, Denver, June 5th, 1894.

Albert B. McGaffey, G. C.

On the state of the Order he says:

The years immediately following a Triennial Conclave are usually very quiet and uneventful; ordinarily but little work is done, and when, in addition, we remember the fiery furnace of financial depression, business stagnation, disaster and ruin through which our state and whole country are passing, it is surprising that we have done so well.

The closing of the mines in some of our silver producing counties has had a very depressing effect upon the membership of a number of our oldest and best Commanderies. Their Sir Knights have become dispersed until it has become difficult for

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many of them to hold their regular conclaves, and no work has presented itself. They have all done their best, however, and let us trust that they may soon find that the cloud that now overhangs them has a silver lining and that ere many days prosperity and progress will be the reward of their labors.

In the evening the Templar degree was conferred by the Grand officers, each in his respective station, and the work was performed strictly in accordance with the authorized ritual.

Fratre H. M. Orahod reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1893 has a good notice.

1895.

Twentieth Conclave, Denver, June 4th, 1895.

William D. Todd, G. C.

The Order is in a healthy condition throughout the jurisdiction, and while the increase in membership may not be as great as might have been expected in a Triennial year, they have no cause of complaint.

Under the head of "Drill Master," Fratre Todd says:

I received a request from one of our Commanderies asking permission to employ "a profane" as Drill Master, which request I refused to sanction, although I had no very good reason for so doing, except that several years ago the matter was discussed in our Grand Commandery, and the consensus of opinion was against it.

There are proper occasions when Knights Templar appear in public, and I do not see the objection to their receiving expert instruction under proper restrictions.

A motion to allow the employment of a profane as Drill Master was lost.

The Grand Commandery became a member of the Masonic Collectors' Association.

A committee was appointed to prepare a ritual for Christmas observance.

The following was adopted:

This Grand Commandery believes that it will add to the interest in and usefulness of the Order if every Sir Knight in the jurisdiction will read the published proceedings of the Grand Commandery, including the report of the Committee on Correspondence; therefore, be it

Resolved, That 2,000 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Conclave be printed, and a sufficient number sent to each Commandery so that one may be given or sent to each member.

That the Eminent Commander and Recorder of each Commandery be requested to make a special effort to have a copy given to each member, with the request that he read the same and express his opinion as to whether future numbers are desired. That each Commandery with its next annual report make a statement regarding the desirability of such distribution in the future.

The Code was amended by the addition of a committee on Necrology, whose duty it will be to prepare and submit a report on the deaths of all members of their Commanderies and all other obituary notices received from other jurisdictions.

Fratre Harper M. Orahood submitted his fifteenth report on Correspondence. Extracts are given from the address of Grand Master Sheppard in 1894.

They have no members without uniforms, except occasionally one from some other jurisdiction, and if he affiliates there, he must procure a standard uniform within four months.

Commanderies, 24; members, 1648; increase, 22.

William W. Rowan, (Ouray) G. C.

Ed. C. Parmelee, (Denver) G. R.

Connecticut.

Sixty-eighth Conclave, Meriden, March 19th, 1895.

C. Herrick Wilson, G. C.

They mourn the loss of their faithful and efficient Grand Recorder, Joseph K. Wheeler, who was very well known throughout the Masonic world by reason of his excellent reports on correspondence. "His virtues as a man and a Mason were of the highest order and worthy of imitation."

The Grand Commander visited most of the subordinates, and on this subject he says:

My official visits have included most of the Subordinate Commanderies during the year, and usually I have been accompanied by a fair proportion of my associate officers. And I think they will bear me out in saying that such visits, having been relieved in a degree of their magisterial character, and the Commanderies freed from the expectation of official criticism, much enjoyment has been the result. This freedom has certainly added much to my personal pleasure. It is to be hoped, however, that the transfer of the critical function to the Grand

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Inspector will not interfere with that mutual interchange of courtesies which does so much to unite the Sir Knights of this little State into one harmonious whole.

The year passed with no remarkable events. The growth of the Order continues to be large and healthy.

The new system of visitation and criticism by a Grand Inspector appears to work well. In his report he says:

In making the foregoing criticisms upon the work of your Subordinate Commanderies, I have endeavored to keep in mind the fact that all officers are not endowed with equal qualifications for properly exemplifying the Commandery work, and that a "letter perfect" rendering of the ritual may not be as impressive as another which may deviate from the standard to a considerable degree. This fact renders a criticism largely a matter of opinion, and may perhaps very properly subject your inspection to criticism.

But additions to, or deviations from, the standard ritual promulgated by the Grand Encampment of the United States should not be allowed. Before the promulgation of this standard there being no established form, each Commandery used what it chose for the non-essential part of the work, and lantern views and vocal music were added until in some cases they became the most prominent features, and some of the Commanderies achieved quite a reputation on account of this part of their ceremonies. But now that the Grand Encampment has established a standard work, and ordered all Templar bodies under its obedience to conform to it, any deviation from the established form is wrong and should not be persisted in.

The new Grand Recorder also takes up the duties of Correspondence reporter. Canada for 1894 has a good notice and several complimentary remarks on the address of Grand Master Sheppard.

They have in Connecticut an Association of Past Grand Commanders, which is thus described by Fratre Birdsey. It seems to be a good thing and an example worthy of being followed:

We introduce a brief account of the above organization for the consideration of other jurisdictions, for the reason that frequent letters of inquiry are received regarding the method of its formation and its success.

The association in its inception was instituted for social purposes alone and because of the bond of sympathy existing among the Sir Knights in Connecticut who had received the highest "honors and awards" in the gift of the Order in the State. We give a short account of its birth and youth and follow with some of the many advantages that each member and our Grand Com-

mandery have derived from its formation. It occurred to a few congenial P. G. C's, who were bantering each other as being "passe," that it might be a source of pleasure to all and a means of perpetuating the warm friendships engendered during the years of service in our Grand Commandery, if all were to meet occasionally for a social day or evening, and a circular was sent to all past Grand Commanders asking if they favored the plan, and if they do, if they would prefer a day at the seashore during the summer or during the winter in the city. The response to the first question was invariably, Yes, and a majority favored a summer meeting.

In accordance therewith, twelve Sir Knights and their ladies met July 18th, 1888, on the Club grounds of the Kittermaug Association on the Thames River near New London. The pleasure experienced by all present was mutual and it was unanimously voted to organize an association of such Sir Knights, only, as had been elected and installed Grand Commanders of Connecticut. Every living P. G. C. gladly enrolled their names and each Grand Commander after installation gladly becomes a member. The expense has been trifling, as only two small assessments have been made during the seven years' existence of the organization. Concise by-laws were adopted and two meetings are held each year. The annual meeting in January for the transaction of business, election of officers, social intercourse and a choice dinner. In July, at some seashore resort, when the ladies are invited to participate, and they each year look forward to the meeting with as much anticipation as the members.

If a member passes "over the river" notice is immediately given and the association assists in the last duty which we can pay a brother.

We notice, in studying the proceedings of other Grand Commanderies that Connecticut shows at its annual conclaves a larger attendance of Past Grand Commanders than most of the other states. This because our association retains the interest of its members in Templar matters, and while there is never any "association" influence attempted in our Grand Commandery, in any way, there is the benefit of a large attendance of members, who, by their experience, are able individually to counsel for the best interests of the Order.

It has been a surprise to many that, at the later Triennials Connecticut has had twenty or more votes and all united. We can say that this is due to the influence of our frequent meeting and consultation regarding Grand Encampment matters. The pleasure which our members derive from the association are indescribable and the interest continued, and we believe an organization of this nature would be a source of great pleasure and interest in other jurisdictions.

We close with a portion of a communication of the Secretary to the Association at its last annual meeting:

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can rarely exceed its present membership (24). We have all enjoyed many years of kindly intercourse, and there has been established between us, by reason of this intercourse, a peculiar friendship, which I believe to be deeper and stronger than any outside our family ties. May these friendships grow with the growth of years, and may the future annual accessions to our membership continue the truly fraternal intercourse which we have enjoyed, and may they enter in spirit as well as in name into the Connecticut Association of Past Grand Commanders, Knights Templars.

Commanderies, 11; members, 2214; increase, 112.

Hugh Stirling, (Bridgeport,) G. C.

Eli C. Birdsey, (Meriden,) G. R.

England.

A Conclave of the Great Priory of England and Wales was held at London, December 14th, 1894.

The Earl of Euston, Grand Sub-Prior, presiding.

R. E. Fratre J. K. Kerr was re-appointed as their Grand Representative near the Great Priory of Canada.

A new Preceptory was opened at Woking.

Twenty guineas were granted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and thirteen pounds for a memorial light in the Centenary Hall of the Royal Masonic Institution for girls.

The Order of Malta was conferred by the Grand officers on a number of Templars.

At a Conclave on May 10th, 1895, the following report of the Council on the Convent-General was adopted:

1. Your Commissioners beg to report that the objects sought to be effected by the Institution of Convent General have, in their opinion, not been attained.
2. In a printed paper entitled "Objects and Scope of Statutes of Convent General," neither dated or signed, but which your Commissioners are informed was issued by authority in 1872, it is set forth: "The object kept steadily in view and, it is hoped, effected by these Statutes, has been while uniting the Order throughout the Empire under one head fully to preserve Local Self-Government, so that there should be no possibility of one part of the Order being subjected or swamped by another portion."
3. The union of the Order throughout the Empire under one head was not affected by these Statutes. Far from it—they were such that the Chapter General of Scotland not being able

to agree to them, withdrew from them, withdrew from the Convention, and thus at the outset, the object hoped to be effected was defeated.

4. The establishment of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada as an independent body is another instance of the failure of Convent General to effect the objects for which it was instituted. In 1872 the Provincial Priory of Canada petitioned to be made a National Great Priory, and in October 1875 Convent General acceded to their request, Sir Knight Moore McCord being appointed first Great Prior. In 1883, finding that Convent General was merely a figure of speech, and had ceased to perform any of the functions for which it was instituted; that they might neither legislate for themselves nor get Convent General to legislate for them; the Great Priory of Canada petitioned to be absolved from their allegiance, in order that they might form themselves into a Sovereign Great Priory under their own Grand Master. The M. E. and Supreme Grand Master was pleased to grant their request, and they have since then flourished as an independent body.

5. Nor do the Statutes of Convent General appear to your Commissioners to be in any way calculated to "preserve Local Self Government," inasmuch as the most cumbersome and tedious formalities have to be gone through in order to obtain any change in a Convent General Statute, however insignificant the proposed change may be, or however much desired by one or both National Great Priors. Indeed, the very method of procedure has been the subject of much debate in Convent General and to this day remains unsettled.

6. The late Judge Townshend, Arch Chancellor of the Order, ruled that the passage in Sec. 3 of the Convention—"And any further change or modification of such Statutes, Law, Ordinance, Forms, Rituals, and other matters shall be mutually agreed between the two contracting parties according to the Constitution then actually in force" must be held to mean that no proposal for alteration or modification of a Statute of Convent General could be discussed in Convent General until the proposed alteration or modification had received the consent of both National Great Priors.

7. The Earl of Limerick contended that the "Statutes were made for the government of the Body, now consolidated under one head, and when those Statutes were passed by the two Grand Conclaves of England and Ireland, the Convention had accomplished its object and was no longer in force."

8. No precedent can be relied on, for the practice of Convent General has varied from time to time. At the Convent General of 9th May, 1873, certain alterations of the Statutes brought forward by the Earl of Limerick, were seconded by Judge Townshend himself and carried, although they had never been agreed to by the National Great Priors. Again, at the Convent General of the 29th of October, 1875, certain changes were brought forward by Sir Kt. Dr. Ringland and carried with-

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out protest, although the same had not been discussed in the Great Priory of England.

9. But at the Convent General of the 27th October, 1876, Judge Townshend ruled that certain amendments of the Statutes notice of which had been given on the 29th October, 1875, could not be moved as both National Great Pories had not agreed to the changes proposed. At the Convent General of 8th December 1876, the meeting decided to go on with certain motions in spite of the above ruling, and the said motions, or some of them were carried. At the conclusion of the proceedings and before Convent General was closed, the Sub-Prior, on behalf of the Great Priory of Ireland, handed in a protest against the proceedings as illegal. The assent of the Grand Master was not given to the alterations, etc., of the Statutes, they therefore never took effect and Convent General did not meet again for nearly fourteen years.

10. Special Meetings of Convent General were held on the 18th April and 9th May, 1890, for the purpose of giving notice of and proposing certain additions, alterations, etc. of the Statutes; and, although the proposed additions, etc., had not received the assent of both National Great Pories, they were discussed and passed as permissive measures and received the assent of the Grand Master.

11. Convent General having thus failed in uniting the Order throughout the Empire under one Head, having failed to preserve Local Self-Government, having failed even to interpret its own Statutes, your Commissioners are of opinion that it should cease to exist. But at the same time they would urge that the excellent objects which it was hoped would be effected should by no means be abandoned:

12. To this end your Commissioners recommend that Ireland be invited to enter into a new Convention into which it is hoped Scotland may also enter, which, while giving each National Great Body the entire control of its own affairs will unite the Order in the United Kingdom under one Head.

13. The way in which the existence of Convent General is to be brought to an end is a matter of considerable difficulty. Your Commissioners are of opinion that the procedure might be by resolutions carried in the National Great Pories and presented simultaneously to the Grand Master.

That the report adopted by the Irish Commissioners is to the same effect in every particular. That on the invitation of the Chapter General of Scotland a conference of delegates from the Councils of England, Scotland and Ireland was held in Edinburgh on the 10th inst. when the delegates from the Councils of England and Ireland having announced that it had been decided to recommend to their Great Pories to present a petition to the M. E. and S. Grand Master for the abolition of Convent General, the following articles were unanimously agreed to as a basis on which a Convention between the Great Pories of England and Ireland and the Chapter General of Scotland might be entered into.

1. The Supreme Governing Body in each country shall have absolute power in its own country; but with the view of promoting friendly intercourse, Delegates from each, appointed annually by the Grand Master's Councils, shall meet annually for Conference in London, Dublin and Edinburgh successively, for the purpose of discussing all matters affecting the welfare of the Order, and reporting to their respective Governing Bodies what passes at these Conferences. And each Governing Body shall, as soon as possible thereafter, take up and deal with the report of its Delegates and any recommendation therein contained.

2. That with the view of preserving the dignity of the Order, and of its highest grade, it should be agreed that there shall not be more at any one time than the following number of Knights Grand Cross existing in the different countries, viz :

In England	15
Ireland	9
Scotland	9

except in the case of Royal personages, who may be created honorary Knights Grand Cross.

3. The foregoing shall form the basis of the Convention, it being reserved to the Governing Bodies at each Annual Conference to suggest, through their Delegates, such additions to, or alterations in the existing laws or customs of the Order as may be considered improvements, but which can only have the effect of law in any country when enacted by the Governing Body therein.

4. (1) That His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be invited to become Sovereign of the Order in the United Kingdom, and (2) That the Governing Body in each country shall elect its own Grand Master.

Your Council, therefore, having been informed, that a similar resolution to the one now recommended by them will be brought before the Great Priory of Ireland for adoption, beg to suggest to Great Priory that the following resolution be passed : "That a humble address be presented to the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, praying that His Royal Highness may be graciously pleased to dissolve Convent General; but that the Order may continue to enjoy the privilege of having their present illustrious Grand Master as their head: that H. R. H. be respectfully invited to permit himself to be named Sovereign of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital in the United Kingdom." But that the said resolution, if passed, be not acted upon until a similar resolution has been passed in the Great Priory of Ireland.

The Earl of Lathom, (London,) Great Prior.
John C. Hay, (London,) Grand Vice-Chancellor.

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Georgia.

Thirty-fourth Conclave, Savannah, April 17th, 1895.
Park Woodward, G. C.

The general condition of the Order in Georgia shows evidence of improvement, notwithstanding the prevailing depression of the times. They hope for more abundant prosperity in the near future.

Arizona was recognized.

The Committee on Widows and Orphans' Home made a verbal report, and as the plan proposed did not appear feasible, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That as the plan proposed had failed, that all action of this Grand Body heretofore taken be rescinded, and that all monies set aside for that purpose be covered back into the treasury of this Grand Commandery, and that the committee be discharged from further consideration in the matter.

Fratre Roland B. Hall submitted his seventh report on Correspondence. It is well written and the extracts are chosen with great discrimination. The remarks of our Grand Master Sheppard on The Mission of Templarism are copied in full. He does not believe in carrying the National flag in a Templar procession, and says in his review of Ohio:

What need to lug into Templarism the question of patriotism as evidenced by marching under a national flag? We yield to no one, to-day, in our devotion to our country as now constituted (though we once fought under another flag), yet we do not deem it necessary to prove our loyalty by carrying around with us the stars and stripes. For our part, we believe that any other than an emblem of the Order is out of place in a procession of Knights Templar.

Commanderies, 10; members, 679; increase, 32.

Joseph K. Orr, (Columbus), G. C.

Samuel P. Hamilton, (Savannah), G. R.

Illinois.

Thirty-eighth Conclave, Chicago, October 23rd, 1894.

Harvey M. Hall, G. C.

Two new Commanderies were opened in Chicago.

Two State Encampments were held during the

year, at which there was a fair attendance, and the Grand Commander believes that they are important factors for the growth and prosperity of Templarism.

From the excellent address of Fratre Hall we make the following extracts on the subjects of Inspection, Rotation in office, and the Order of Malta:

I am glad to report that the work of the Grand Officers in the inspection of the Commanderies assigned to them by General Order No. 1, has been more thorough and effective than usual this year. Their detail reports as to the condition of the various Commanderies contain much valuable information, and I am more than ever convinced of the advisability of keeping up a rigid system of inspection each year; especially is this necessary in the military element of our organization. It is true that the military element of our Order is secondary to some extent, yet certain proficiency in military movements and in the use of the sword are absolutely essential to proper and efficient work in conferring the orders, and in the opening and closing ceremonies, and no Commandery should appear in public parade until it can perform the more simple military movements in a creditable manner.

For various reasons, a number of our Commanderies requested late inspections this year, which prevented the Grand Officers from complying fully with the amendment to Section 33 of the statutes and regulations of the Grand Commandery, by which they are required to make all inspections not later than June 30, and to make separate report immediately after the official visit to each Commandery, to the Grand Commander, to enable him to correct any irregularities that might exist.

The wisdom of the amendment to the statutes and regulations of this Grand Commandery—Section 33, adopted at our last annual Conclave—is certainly apparent. The reports rendered by the Inspecting Officers contain much more explicit information for the Grand Commander, than would be given for publication, thereby enabling him to call the attention of the officers of Commanderies to errors that may be found by careful inspection, which will result, in many cases, in an immediate correction; and the Grand officers are also impressed with the necessity of preparation for this inspection, and the efficiency of officers and members is thereby much improved.

The reports of inspections by the Grand Officers show a lamentable deficiency in the knowledge and practice of asylum tactics, in a large per cent. of our Commanderies, which should be corrected as speedily as possible. The practice of opening and closing the Commandery in the shortest possible manner is a great source of this growing evil, and I desire to impress upon the minds of the officers of our Commanderies the great importance of opening their Commanderies in full form at every Conclave when it is possible to do so. Only the most urgent necessity for using the short form should be recognized as an

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excuse for so doing. If the full form of opening was adhered to at the stated Conclaves, and the law requiring a portion of the uniform to be worn, complied with more fully, there would, in my opinion, soon be a marked improvement in the attendance, and in the efficiency of our Commanderies. While the older Sir Knights would probably object to some extent, the younger members would soon become interested, and an important step in the right direction would be made.

The irregularities discovered and reported to me by the Grand Officers in their inspections this year should be carefully noted by them, and as the Commanderies in the district of each Inspecting Officer will doubtless be changed for the coming year, I would most courteously suggest the propriety of an interchange of views and knowledge of the conditions and irregularities existing in the several districts, to enable each Grand Officer to see that the errors that have been pointed out by the Inspecting Officer in the past year have been corrected.

Rotation in office is also one of the most damaging practices in our Order. When a Sir Knight is elected or appointed to an office and fails to attend the Conclaves of the Commandery, or to learn and perform the duties of his office, he should be promptly turned down at the following election of officers. The fact that he is a clever or popular fellow does not entitle him to be carried step by step until he attains the position of Eminent Commander, without having qualified himself for that important position, and no greater mistake can be made than this too common practice.

I have learned, through the reports made to me by the Grand Officers in their reports of inspection, that several of our Commanderies have made a practice of deferring the Order of Malta until a class (as they call it) of several are ready to receive it. One Commandery in particular is reported as having no Ritual of the Order of Malta, and for that reason a number of their candidates have not received this Order, and although they have been proclaimed Knights Templar, they are not members of any Commandery.

From the subjoined action, taken at the triennial at Denver it will be noted that Commanders will be required to perfect themselves in the secret work of the Order of Malta, and confer the Order before the candidate can become a member of the Commandery.

Resolved, That the Orders of the Knights of the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta shall be conferred upon all candidates before they shall be permitted to sign the by-laws or become members of the Commandery."

Thus it will be seen that every candidate who has been Knighted without receiving the Order of Malta is not a member of the Commandery to whom he has paid the required fee for doing this work, and I trust that the Inspecting Officers for the coming year will find all such unfinished work completed, and that no further violations of this resolution will be made.

A cordial reception was given to a bevy of distinguished visitors, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, M. E. Hugh McCurdy, Sir Knights Josiah H. Drummond, P. G. C. of Maine, T. S. Parvin of Iowa, and others.

The sum of \$500 was donated to the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home.

By-laws establishing a system of life membership were declared invalid.

In his review of Canada for 1894, Fratre John C. Smith says:

The address of the Supreme Grand Master is very complete and interesting, giving evidence of a thoughtful and observing mind. Visiting nearly all the Preceptories from Halifax on the east to Victoria on the west, Sir Knight Sheppard had opportunities to mingle with the Sir Knights and learn the wants of his fratres. Travelling thousands of miles in the performance of what he considered a sacred duty, neither time nor money was considered, and thus the year was devoted to Knightly duties.

We are especially well pleased to note the result of his visit to England, and the amicable adjustment of the estrangement, and the resumption of Knightly relations with National Great Priory of England and Wales.

A most interesting part of this report is an epitome of the History of the Illustrious Order of Hospitallers and Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, under its founder, Peter Gerard, and three most famous Grand Masters of the Order, Raymond du Puy, Philip Villiers de L'Isle, Adam and John de la Valette. These sketches are beautifully illustrated with engravings from recent photographs of celebrated places in Jerusalem, Syria, Cyprus, Rhodes and Malta. The reading Templars are greatly indebted to General Smith for his rare treats in this line. We copy part of the conclusion:

As to any connection the Knights of Malta ever had with Freemasonry, we may briefly say that Masonry was never a qualification for Knighthood, but that a large number of the Knights were members of the fraternity is a well attested fact. Not only did the Knights become Freemasons, but a great many of the Maltese joined the fraternity, and so numerous were the members, and so influential the teachings of the Order, that Pope Clement XII, in 1740, issued his bull denouncing the brethren and forbidding any meeting of the Craft.

The Grand Master was ordered to enforce this bull which resulted in many Knights and citizens leaving the Island. The

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year following several Knights were subjected to severe punishment and perpetual banishment for refusing to obey the order.

All this, however, did not destroy Freemasonry nor prevent the Knights from becoming members thereof, even to Grand Masters, as one of the most distinguished Grand Masters, Emmanuel de Rohan, was known to be a member of the fraternity.

When we consider how few English Knights there were at this period and that the language had died out, we are of the opinion that French and other continental lodges existed among the Knights in the early part of the eighteenth century, else why the bull of 1740? The further fact appears that toward the last of the century, a decade before the surrender of Hompesch, an English lodge was in existence, the warrant of which was found early in the present century.

Our portrait of the founder, the three Grand Masters, and the Grand Prioress, sister St. Anne, are copied from engravings, made by the best artists of France, early in the last century, and from original paintings. We have personally seen those original paintings, in the palace of the Grand Masters, now the governor's palace, in Valetta, Malta.

Many duplicates are to be found in the auberges of the Knights and private palaces, as well as in the great library. In the latter, are also the plates of the engravings of all the Grand Masters, so that we know the same to be well authenticated. The pictures of fortresses, cities and islands are from photographs collected in our travels, and are of the date of our visit in 1892. We know them to be correct.

May 30, 1814, Malta came permanently under English rule, and over the gates of the city as one enters Valetta may be seen this inscription: "The love of the Maltese and the voice of Europe have confirmed these islands to the possession of Great and Invincible Britain."

The gallant General is off on another long trip, this time around the world via Japan, China and India. We wish him a most prosperous journey and a safe return.

Commanderies, 64; members, 9,109; increase, 82.

Henry H. Montgomery, (Carrolton), G. C.

Gilbert W. Barnard, (Chicago,) G. R.

Indiana.

Forty-first Conclave, Indianapolis, April 17, 1895.

Charles W. Slick, G. C.

A new Commandery was opened at Bluffton.

The Inspector-General made a very thorough and critical examination of all the Commanderies, which

will prove of great benefit. Many errors were found in the by-laws.

On the resolutions of Alabama, quoted last year, the Grand Commander well says :

This action on the Part of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, to me seems commendable, but it does not go far enough. The display of the cross upon the outside saloons may and does wound our pride and feelings. It certainly does not hurt the symbol of our beloved Order. Nor would the Bible be injured if laid upon a table in every saloon in the land ; but, Sir Knights, this should afford us food for serious reflection. Call to mind the Encampment at Denver, for illustration : the numerous headquarters, Grand and Subordinate, the lavish display of the cross and other emblems of our Order in them ; then remember how many dispensed intoxicating liquors over what is worse than a saloon, a free bar.

We may have so formed our habits that such action would not seriously injure any of us, but what of the example upon the rising generation ; what of our boys, they will be quick to imitate your every action. To have it more forcibly impressed on your minds, take your boys with you. It is a mistaken notion, that to convince a man of his welcome you must first give him that which will befuddle his brain and cloud his intellect and reasoning faculties. I congratulate this Grand Commandery that by the action of the Triennial Committee at Denver they demonstrated this fact beyond cavil. It was common remark that at no place was there a more cordial welcome and home-like atmosphere than at Indiana headquarters. There is more true brotherly welcome and sociability in a cup of coffee or a glass of lemonade than in any intoxicating beverage. I would recommend the taking of another step ; add one more request to these worthy requests of the Alabama Sir Knights, to wit : Let us urge our Most Eminent Grand Master to ask all Grand and Subordinate Commanderies to refrain entirely from dispensing intoxicating liquors at their respective headquarters at Boston.

Harmony has been restored with the Grand Commandery of New York, and the Sir Knights may now cross the boundary "without fear of arrest."

The dues of every Commandery in the State have been paid in full for 1894.

The per capita tax was reduced from one dollar to seventy-five cents.

The by-laws of all the Commanderies are to be examined by the Grand Commander.

On the subject of Life Membership, Fratre N. R. Ruckle says :

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No vested right can accrue under an unconstitutional or invalid law. No matter when the interpretation of the law is authoritatively given, it governs all the cases which arise under it. The system of life membership is of doubtful benefit to the organization, especially when based upon the plan stated in the report. If each life member should pay such a sum based upon his expectancy of life, that the interest thereon would pay his annual dues, there would seem to be a degree of fairness in the proposition. But in making up such a table, the risks of investment must be considered, as well as the necessary delays in finding investments. An old Commandery with many life memberships would be apt to become a bankrupt institution.

We also copy some of his statistics :

The Pennsylvania reports to the Grand Commandery of 1894 foot up 10,594, taking the first place over New York, which reports for the same year 10,420. Massachusetts and Rhode Island take third place, with 10,384 ; Illinois fourth, 9,109 ; Ohio fifth, 7,566 ; Michigan sixth, 5,098 ; Iowa seventh, 4,116 ; Missouri eighth, 4,082 ; Indiana ninth, 3,309 ; Kansas tenth, 3,110.

Pennsylvania shows a gain of 966, by comparison of the totals of 1893 and 1894, the report of 1893 probably being erroneous.

Boston Commandery, of Boston, is once more at the head of the Subordinates, with 783 members; and St. Bernard, of Chicago, second, with 693 ; Appolo, of Chicago, third, with 629 ; Pittsburg, No. 1, of Pittsburg, and Mary No. 36, of Philadelphia, tie for fourth place, with 615 each ; Chicago, of Chicago, fifth, 588.

Commanderies, 37 ; members, 3,934 ; increase, 84.

Walter H. Hindman, (Vincennes,) G. C.

William H. Smythe, (Indianapolis,) G. R.

Iowa.

Thirty-first Conclave, Templar Park, July 12th, 1894.

W. I. Babb, G. C.

Again at their beautiful home on the shore of the enchanted Spirit Lake, the Sir Knights of Iowa, with their wives and loved ones, gather in annual reunion. Amid the charms of nature, with pure air and picturesque surroundings, they counsel together for the welfare of the Order.

The Grand Commander reports his division of the State into eight districts. The Inspectors made full detailed reports, from which the Grand Commander deduces the following conclusions :

These reports show that the great majority of our Comman-

deries were, at the time of making this inspection, which occurred during the months of March, April and May, in good, healthy condition, and zealous in the cause of Templar Masonry, and working the Ritual fairly well. The majority, however, of the Commanderies, as shown by the reports, are weak in tactics and drill. The Inspectors, as a rule, took pains to give what instruction they could in this respect.

While we are first of all a Masonic body, and the military element is secondary, yet certain proficiency in the use of the sword and military movements is absolutely essential to proper and efficient work in opening a Commandery and in conferring the orders, and no Commandery can properly confer the orders without some skill in this respect. And as to appearance in public, no Commandery should attempt to do this until it can perform the more simple military movements in such a manner as not to subject itself to ridicule.

The inspection had during the year has had a very good effect to quicken an interest in this direction. To insure still further interest, and to enable the Sir Knights who are in attendance at this Conclave to obtain a uniform method in the military movements, I have provided for a school of instruction for an hour and a half each morning during the present Conclave in drill, which will be in charge of a competent instructor. I cannot too strongly urge a full attendance upon these meetings.

The inspection had this year has convinced me more than ever of the desirability of keeping up a rigid system of inspection each year, for a series of years at least, under competent inspectors, or better still, as soon as our financial condition will permit, under an Inspector General, who shall visit all the Commanderies.

Under the present system the Inspector of each district will have a different ideal standard by which he works, and while the relative efficiency of the different Commanderies in his district can be obtained, yet no definite idea can be had as to relative standing of all the Commanderies in the State. This being true, in the table giving the results of inspection I have grouped the Commanderies by inspection districts so that the Commanderies of each district may be compared with the others in the same district.

But until we feel able to adopt the more expensive method of an Inspector General, I would earnestly urge adherence to the present plan. It stimulates the officers and members of the several Commanderies to new life and zeal in the work, and is of great assistance in building up the weaker ones.

In my judgment, this Grand Body should fix, in a general way, the time when such inspection should be made, so that Commanderies may work upon it. While there are some arguments in favor of having such inspections in the late fall, near the close of the Templar year, yet I think the Commanderies will receive more benefit from it by making such inspection in the spring, as that will give the incoming officers of these Commanderies sufficient time to prepare for such inspection, and by

bringing the pressure upon the Commanderies thus early in the year, it will give them the benefit during almost the whole Templar year of the increased efficiency growing out of such inspection.

An additional building has been erected in the Park, capable of accommodating 96 persons.

Fratre Babb closes an excellent address with the following good advice :

Templar Masonry has had a vigorous and healthy growth in Iowa, both as to numbers and quality of membership. There are at present an ample number of Commanderies, and our efforts to ensure further advancement should be carefully devoted to the upbuilding of those already constituted.

Strict adherence to certain rules will ensure the healthy growth of almost any Commandery in the state. Permit me to suggest a few :

Never elect any member, it matters not how clever he may be, to an office in the Commandery who will not be zealous in attention to the duties of that office.

Every Commander should realize that upon him rests largely the prosperity of his command. He must first see that each of the Subordinate officers masters his duties in opening and closing a Commandery, and in conferring the orders. He can only do this by personal effort in this direction. This is the first and necessary step.

The next thing to be accomplished after the officers are prepared to fill their stations is to see that there is a full attendance at the meetings—numbers always lend enthusiasm, while lack of proper attendance will destroy the life of any Commandery. To secure this attendance it is necessary that there should be something of interest to do when the members are present. The members of a Commandery will turn out if there is anything of sufficient interest to bring them there, otherwise they will not. Commanders must be careful, therefore, to plan in advance something to make the meeting full of interest. If there is no work on hand, be certain to open in full form, and after the regular business is over, spend a half hour in the manual of the sword or drill, until the members become proficient in this respect. If the Commandery needs no further work in this direction, then have a paper or discussion upon some subject connected with Templar Masonry. In nearly every Commandery there are parties able and competent to make an occasion of this kind full of interest.

Let every member within convenient access be informed of these meetings, either by personal notice or by card from the Recorder, as many are liable, in the hurry of business, to overlook the time.

Meet early and promptly, and close at a reasonable hour. Nothing will kill a Commandery quicker than to have a few

members come at the appointed hour and then wait for half an hour or more for others to come in.

An occasional social, where the wives and daughters are invited, will do much to quicken the life of a Commandery.

Keep careful guard on the ballot box, as the badge of a Templar is only valuable as it proclaims that no man can wear it who does not possess the high qualities of mind and heart which it indicates.

When there is work to be done, too much care cannot be bestowed to render our beautiful ritual in a manner that will make a deep and lasting impression upon all present. Exemplify in our own lives and conduct the high principles of our Order. A close observance of these rules will ensure the healthy growth of any Commandery in the State, and a disregard of them is certain decay.

I might suggest additional matters which would tend to upbuild the various Commanderies in the state, but these are sufficient to outline my thoughts upon the subject, and I wish I could engrave them upon the hearts of all the officers of each Commandery in the state.

The following report was adopted:

Your Committee on Knightly Courtesy and Jurisprudence, reporting on resolution adopted at last annual Conclave, wherein your committee were directed to select and report at this annual Conclave a design for a jewel to be worn by the wives and daughters of Knights Templar, would say that as yet no suitable or appropriate form or selection has been agreed upon by your committee.

Your committee would recommend that the said resolution, with full authority to act, be recommitted to said committee. That said committee shall be enlarged by a committee of three ladies, to be selected by and from the ladies now in attendance at this annual gathering, and when said committee is enlarged it shall select and agree upon a design, and such design being approved by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, shall be adopted and become a standard jewel, as contemplated by said resolution.

The report on Correspondence is again by Fratre J. C. W. Coxe, and includes Canada for 1893.

Commanderies, 54; members, 4,116.

David W. Clements, (West Union), G. C.

Alfred Wingate, (Des Moines), G. R.

1895.

Thirty-second Conclave, Spirit Lake, July 9th, 1895.

David W. Clements, G. C.

The opening remarks of the Grand Commander well picture the delights of meeting in their beautiful Templar Park:

Since last we met a year has passed with its pains and pleasures, the joys and sorrows incident to human life. Again the waters of the lake sparkle in the sunshine, wooing us hither; the cool shade of our own sturdy oaks invites us to enjoy their shadows, and the invigorating breeze beneath their branches whispers of rest from care and toil, of past fraternal enjoyments in our Templar home, and prophecy of others still to come.

No sound of rattling car or noisy train, or bustle of business cares, come here to disturb our enjoyment of nature at its best; the winds and waves and wooded heights are to minister to our comfort, and all is peace. To this sylvan retreat we welcome you. May it long be yours to enjoy, with old friendships annually renewed and new ones added.

With hope and confidence we look forward to the annual gathering here of a great army of Knights and their families encamped on this beautiful shore, receiving here new inspirations and achieving new victories of peace as the years pass on.

An army of more than forty-three hundred Sir Knights marching beneath the banner of the Cross in this commonwealth is a factor of no small influence in shaping its future, in maintaining the equality and freedom of man, in promoting our public schools and institutions of learning, and in the advancement of Christian faith unbiased by narrow sectarianism.

The District Inspectors have done their work well and to the advantage of the Commanderies. Easter and Ascension Days, especially the former, have been quite generally observed throughout the State. A new Commandery was opened at Stuart.

The Constitution was amended by a vote of 111 to 6, providing that the annual Conclave shall be held permanently at Templar Park.

The design of a Ladies' Jewel was adopted and authorized to be worn by the wives and daughters of the Knights Templar of Iowa.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all Companions of the Red Cross, before they shall receive the Order of the Temple, shall be subjected to an examination in open Commandery, or before a special committee of three Sir Knights, and be declared or reported proficient in the manual of the sword, facings, marchings, and the cuts, signs, grips, and words of the illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

The report on Correspondence is again by Fratre J. C. W. Coxe. Canada for *1894 has an extended notice, with numerous complimentary remarks on the address and work of Grand Master Sheppard.

Commanderies, 54; members, 4,173; increase, 57.

Thomas B. Lacey, (Council Bluffs,) G. C.

Alfred Wingate, (Des Moines,) G. R.

Kansas.

Twenty-fifth Conclave, Hutchison, May 8th, 1894.
Clark Gray, G. C.

In his address he says :

Templarism is the crowning glory of Masonry. He who wears its insignia and shares its honors, without feeling the weight of its responsibilities and being thereby stimulated to higher efforts and nobler aspirations, proclaims himself destitute of those higher moral sensibilities which distinguish and adorn the true Knights of the Temple. Let us hope that such an one has never gained admittance to our asylums. As in the earlier history of the race, as typified in our mysteries, so, to-day, the relentless foes of civil and social order, the implacable enemies of civilization and human progress are those assassins of honor, integrity and moral and religious freedom—ignorance, falsehood and superstition. Against this powerful triumverate, this triple alliance of the hosts of evil, the sword of each Knight Templar should ever flash, and in this contest his plume should ever wave in the battle's front.

Four new Commanderies were organized.

A ceremonial for Christmas observance was adopted

The sum of \$500 was voted as prizes for a competitive drill.

Fratre J. C. Postlethwaite reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings for 1893.

1895.

Twenty-sixth Conclave, Wichita, May 14th, 1895.

Alexander G Robb, G. C.

This jurisdiction has been again called upon to mourn the loss of their Grand Recorder. Fratre Dwight Byington, P. G. C., who succeeded the lamented John H. Brown in May, 1893, was removed by death in October, 1894. He had many excellent traits of character and enjoyed the love and respect of his brethren in a marked degree.

Owing to the failure of crops and the financial distress of the past two years, the Grand Commander did not think it wise to encourage the formation of any new Commanderies.

Each Commandery is to procure a new American flag, to be displayed in the asylum on all public occasions.

A Beasant and a National flag were also ordered for use at the Triennial parade at Boston.

The Wichita Drill Corps secured first prize at the competitive drill contest.

The *Kansas Freemason* was made the official organ of the Grand Commandery.

The report on Correspondence is by the new Grand Recorder, Fratre A. M. Callaham, who will certainly prove to be a worthy member of the guild. In his review of Canada for 1894 he says:

I have always thought that Masons in *this* country assumed high sounding titles, but pshaw! "we arn't in it," when compared to our well beloved Canadian Knights.

The Grand Master delivered an able address, full of truths, and reaching back to the spirit that inspired the inception of our Institution. He holds up the standard of the necessary qualification in the individual to entitle him to become a member of the Order. This is as it should be. He thinks the Order in his domain is not increasing in numbers as rapidly as he would like. But my dear Sir, true Knights Templar are not to be counted by numbers, but by deeds; not in quantity, but in quality. January 1, 1893, they numbered 1,116; March 31, 1894, they numbered 1,240; increase, 124. If these come up to the standard of the Grand Master, then indeed they have done a good year's work.

The rupture existing between the National Great Priory of England and Wales and this Great Priory was healed during the last year. They are now good friends—kissed and made up.

The Grand Master is an indefatigable worker. He visited nearly all the Pories in his jurisdiction, and showed clearly that his whole soul was engaged in the work of building up the Order.

As he deserved, he was re-elected.

Commanderies, 42; members, 3,176; increase, 67.

Robert E. Torrington, (Wichita,) G. C.

Andrew M. Callaham, (Topeka,) G. R.

Kentucky.

Forty-eighth Conclave, Bowling Green, May 15th, 1895.

James D. Lewis, G. C.

Only the regular routine of business demanded his attention. All the Subordinates are in a flourishing condition and adhering strictly to the ritual of the Grand Encampment.

The following amendment to the Statutes was adopted:

SECTION 17. No Commandery in this Jurisdiction shall confer the Orders on a sojourner whose fixed place of abode is within another State, without permission from his nearest Commandery in said State.

Each Subordinate Commandery in this Jurisdiction shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all Petitioners living in this State.

Fratr Charles R. Woodruff presented his twenty-second report on Correspondence. Our Proceedings of 1894 are carefully reviewed and numerous passages extracted. Their Masonic Home has a large endowment fund, and it is thus assured of stability and usefulness:

We take much pleasure in informing Sir Knight Robertson that our Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home is on a solid financial basis, with an endowment fund of nearly two hundred thousand dollars, besides an annual income derived from a Grand Lodge tax of one dollar on each Master Mason in the jurisdiction, and not infrequent or inconsiderable donations from Masonic Bodies and individuals,—moreover, a successful movement has been inaugurated for the erection of an infirmary in connection with this noble charity.

Commanderies, 25 ; members, 1913 ; increase, 44.

Samuel H. Stone, (Richmond) G. C.

Lorenzo D. Croninger, (Covington) G. R.

Louisiana.

Thirty-second Conclave, New Orleans, Feb. 15th, 1895.

L. H. Gardner, G. G., as G. C.

The several Commanderies have done fairly well. A new Commandery was opened at Munroe.

A very serious illness prevented the completion of the report on Correspondence by Fratre J. Q. A. Fellows. We are glad to learn that his condition has slightly improved and we trust that he will soon be restored to health.

Commanderies, 4 ; members, 314 ; increase, 17.

Charles F. Buck, (New Orleans) G. C.

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Maine.

Forty-third Conclave. Portland, May 3rd, 1894.

Horace H. Burbank, G. C.

He reports two decisions:

1. The dedication of a soldiers' monument on Memorial Day, May 30th, cannot be deemed "a Masonic occasion." I therefore declined to grant permission to a Commandery "to do escort duty and participate in" such dedication.
2. A Commandery can, as a matter of courtesy, accord Templar burial or escort to an unaffiliated Knight Templar, his application for membership having been presented and pending in said Commandery.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Maine welcomes to the circle of Grand Commanderies the young sister from the land of the past and of the future—of ancient ruins and of future promise—the Grand Commandery of Arizona, and with its cordial greetings sends kindest wishes for its prosperity.

A model code of by-laws is to be prepared.

Fratre Stephen Berry presented his nineteenth report on Correspondence. Canada for 1893 has due attention. He says that charity balls and promenade concerts for the benefit of the poor are not Masonic occasions on which it is proper for Commanderies to parade. Correct.

His statistics show that the Templar Order, as compared with the Lodge, has just held its own for the past year:

All the jurisdictions in this country show an increase with the exception of Tennessee. The total gain in the United States is 3,216, equal to 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., against 5,555 last year, which was equal to nearly six per cent. In such trying times this may be considered very satisfactory.

New York has once more gained the lead with 10,018, while Massachusetts and Pennsylvania closely follow, and Illinois is coming on grandly.

COMPARISON OF NORTH AMERICAN STATISTICS.

Date.	Templars.	Royal Arch.	M. Masons.	Percentage of Templars to M. M's.
1870	25,844	96,275	483,585	5
1880	50,681	127,025	573,317	8.84
1890	81,923	157,898	651,028	13
1:91	88,094	165,193	673,643	13.077
1892	93,874	174,232	695,193	13.5
1893	99,429	184,430	722,733	13.757
1894	102,708		746,292	13.762

This comparison shows that the Commandery has just held its own in comparison with the Lodge for the past year.

Commanderies, 19; members, 2,756; increase, 117.

William J. Landers, (Gardiner,) G. C.

Stephen Berry, (Portland,) G. R.

1895.

Forty-fourth Conclave, Portland, May, 6th, 1895.

William J. Landers, G. C.

The Grand Commander reports a fair increase in their numbers, and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction.

The only reported decision is a veritable curiosity in its way:

An Eminent Commander writes: "We have a candidate for the orders of Knighthood, who has recently taken the Keeley Cure, and I am uncertain of the effects of the libation upon him. Would it be permissible to use a substitute for the wine usually administered?" I answered yes, by all means. And I would say that while the new ritual differs from the preceding one, in not providing for emergencies of this character, the Order of Christian Knighthood aims to upbuild rather than tear down, and I recommend that in cases of this nature, which are very liable to hereafter occur (there have been two to my knowledge the past year), that the matter be left entirely to the discretion of the Eminent Commanders.

Quite a number of very sensible people believe that the Keeley Cure is a delusion, and it would have been far better to have waited a sufficient length of time in order to ascertain whether the cure was in reality permanent. Templarism can well afford to be without such material.

The Grand Recorder presented his twentieth report on Correspondence. Canada for 1894 receives a good notice.

On the question of the permanent membership controlling the body, Bro. Berry very pertinently says:

Those of us who can remember the bitter conflict in the Grand Lodge of New York in the middle of the century, a conflict which split the Grand Lodge in twain, have a little apprehension of too great a growth of permanent membership. We have never had the slightest trouble about the matter in Maine, yet we can imagine the possibility of danger, when we see that our membership consists of thirteen Grand Officers, fifty-seven

delegates and one hundred and sixty-eight permanent members, the latter increasing ten per cent. a year while the delegates increase only about one per cent. a year. We really think the Past Commanders represent their Commanderies as fairly and satisfactorily as the delegates do, and very likely will never do otherwise unless their privileges are attacked, yet we should recommend a careful watch on that spot.

We also copy part of his statistical information :

All the jurisdictions in this country show an increase excepting Nebraska and Tennessee. Nebraska is simply stationary, while the loss in Tennessee is owing to Lodge suspensions from membership which cancels membership in the Commandery.

The gain in the United States is 4,830, equal to 4 per cent., against 3,216 last year, equal to $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. Pennsylvania leads, with New York and Massachusetts and Rhode Island closely following.

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1893	99,429	181,480	722,738	13.757
1894	102,708	192,875	746,292	13.782
1895	107,195		765,293	14

The Commandery is slowly gaining on the Lodge, and more than half the Chapter Masons are Templars.

Commanderies, 19: members, 2,904: increase, 148.

Frederick S. Walls, (Vinal Haven) G. C.

Stephen Berry, (Portland) G. R.

Maryland.

Twenty-fourth Conclave, Baltimore, Nov. 27th, 1895.

James P. Clark, G. C.

The year has been one of peace and prosperity. One new Commandery was formed. The Grand Commander made a number of official visits and found everything all right. All the Commanderies, with one exception, received the Grand Commander in full uniform, and there is a strict uniformity in dress and equipments.

A proposition to make the entrance fee large

enough to cover the cost of a uniform was not concurred in.

Among the appointed officers, we notice :

Sir Graham Dukehart, E. Grand instructor of the Ritual, with authority to settle disputed points as to the intent and meaning of the Templar Ritual ; to direct as to the time and place,—according to the construction of the several Asylums of the jurisdiction,—where certain parts of the work of the ritual shall be performed ; and to give such instruction as will result in uniformity in the rendering of the several degrees of Knight of the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta.

Fratre Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas presented his eighteenth report on Correspondence. In his review of Canada for 1894, he quotes part of the address of Grand Master Sheppard, and then says :

It is gratifying for us to believe that such discourteous statements as those referred to by the Great Prior do not emanate from any Templar correspondents, all of whom, we have good reasons for stating, entertain the highest respect and esteem for our Canadian fratres, and are satisfied that Templarism is not only progressing, but is in a condition throughout the Great Priory to command the respect of sister Grand Commanderies wherever located.

Commanderies, 9 ; members, 997 ; increase, 41.

William H. Martin, (Baltimore) G. C.

John H. Miller, (Baltimore) G. R.

Michigan.

Thirty-ninth Conclave, Saginaw, May 21st, 1895.

Charles H. Pomeroy, G. C.

Notwithstanding the prevailing hard times, this has been the most prosperous year, save one, in point of members knighted, in the history of the Grand Commandery of Michigan.

The new Commandery at Sault Ste. Marie was formally instituted August 8th, 1894. Fratre J. Q. Look is Eminent Commander.

The following record of "dispensations refused" is, we hope, unique :

To receive and ballot on eleven petitions on June 11th, and confer the Orders of Knighthood on the candidates in time to enable them to join "the Shrine" on June 13th.

To allow twenty Sir Knights residing at Au Sable to parade in full uniform on the 4th of July.

To allow a Commandery to attend the laying of the corner stone of a new church. It being distinctly stated that the ceremony was to be entirely performed by the church and not a Masonic occasion.

To form and open a Commandery of Knights Templar at Lapeer, Mich.

To receive a petition on November 12th, ballot on the same November 22nd, and confer the Orders on November 29th, because the candidate wanted to go to California December 1st. and desired to be a Knight Templar before going.

To ballot on petition the same evening they were received. No reason being assigned.

To allow a Commandery to visit a town where there is none and confer the Order of the Temple on a candidate who resides there.

To allow a Commandery "for the next 60 days" to confer the Orders of Knighthood without waiting the usual time, because they had four candidates and wanted two of them for officers, and had not time sufficient to confer the Orders if obliged to follow the rule.

To allow several members of a Commandery to appear in a tableau in full uniform at an entertainment for the benefit of a cause in no sense Masonic.

The visit of the Detroit Commandery to Toronto is thus recounted :

In the month of August last Damascus Commandery, No. 42, received an invitation from the Grand Priory of the Dominion of Canada to exemplify the Order of Knighthood according to our revised ritual, at their meeting in Toronto. The invitation was accepted and on the 4th of September they left Detroit for Toronto with eighty swords, E. Sir P. T. Van Zile, Eminent Commander and a full complement of officers. Past Grand Commander John A. Gerow, who is a member of Damascus Commandery, accompanied them. Not being able to be present myself, although I received a very courteous invitation, I am assured that Damascus Commandery conducted themselves throughout in such a manner as to reflect great credit upon themselves and this Grand Commandery. Their discipline and steadiness under the immediate command of their Captain General, Sir W. H. Ellis, elicited much well merited applause from the spectators along the line of march. They were very highly complimented by the Great Priory upon the correct rendering of the ritual and Knightly bearing, and as an evidence that their efforts were appreciated E. Sir Sheppard, Grand Master, spoke very eloquently and feelingly of the grandeur and impressiveness of the work and the manner in which it had been exemplified, and taking from his breast the jewel of his office, one that had been worn by the Grand Master of Canada for more than thirty years, pinned it upon the breast of E. Sir Van Zile with his assurance that he was well worthy to wear it, and as a

recognition of the valuable services of Past Grand Commander Gerow in bringing the Commandery so nearly to perfection, he too was decorated with a Past Grand Master's jewel, presented by Past Grand Master, E. T. Malone. Sir Knights you must draw upon your own imagination to depict the scene that followed. I can not describe it. They have now in their asylum a beautiful memorial, elegantly engrossed, in the following language :

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

To Eminent Sir Knight Philip T. Van Zile, the Officers and Members of Damascus Commandery, No. 42, Detroit, Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan, U. S. A. :

As the representatives of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, we come to you with a message of fraternal love and gratitude. Your visit to our annual assembly held in the City of Toronto, Ont., the 4th day of September, 1894, will be remembered with pleasure by Fraters in attendance from every province in the Dominion of Canada. In appreciation of the splendid work done by you while our guests, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by Great Priory.

"That the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada desires to convey to Damascus Commandery, No. 42, Detroit, on the register of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, its cordial and Knightly thanks for the exemplification of the Red Cross and Templar work at this our eleventh annual assembly."

"That it be placed on record, that the splendid exemplification of work, perfect in all its details and eloquent with the spirit and expression of the Ritual of the Order, met with our unqualified admiration, and we trust it will be the means of inciting in our Sir Knights a greater desire to aim at perfect exemplifications of Ritual and greater love for the Order."

In conclusion we desire to convey to you, to your Grand Commandery, to the Grand Encampment of the United States, and to its learned and eloquent Grand Master, Most Eminent Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy, the fraternal regard and good wishes of the Fraters of the Dominion of Canada.

In the bonds of the Order,

E. E. SHEPPARD,
Grand Master.

E. T. MALONE,
Past Grand Master.

Dated at Toronto, this 14th day of February, 1895.

A new system of tactics and and drill was adopted.

The sum of \$500 was appropriated to the Michigan Masonic Home.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that the Order of Malta should be conferred at the same meeting

with the Order of the Temple, unless it is inconvenient for the Commandery to do so, but that it be obligatory upon the Commanderies to confer the same within sixty days after conferring the Order of the Temple.

Courteously submitted,

J. S. CONOVER,
HENRY BURTON,
J. B. GRAVES,

Committee.

The report on Correspondence by the Grand Recorder covers over 270 pages. Canada for 1894 has due notice. Fratre Gerow, in his review of Mississippi, has the following very sensible remarks in opposition to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction :

IT IS NOT A GOOD LAW.

Speaking of the law of perpetual jurisdiction as held in Illinois, Sir De Lap thinks it is good law. We demur and think it excessively bad law. We do not believe, however, that when a candidate is rejected he should have the liberty to make immediate application in some other place and find no hindrance. It is a terrible thing to place the ban of Masonry or Templarism on a man who may be the victim of some personal venom. Suppose he was rejected in some Michigan Commandery and removed to New York, where for several years he lived an upright and consistent life, as a business man and good citizen. But for all this good character he could not become a Sir Knight because the vote on a waiver, where he was rejected, was not clear. This is simply an outrage and bad law to rest upon the foundations of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The man should have a chance to be free from this nemesis.

Commanderies, 44 ; members, 5,373 ; increase, 275.

William E. Jewett, (Adrian) G. C.

John A. Gerow, (Detroit) G. R.

Minnesota.

Thirtieth Conclave, St. Cloud, June 24th, 1895.

W. H. S. Wright, G. C.

The year past was not an eventful one. The increase in membership was very gratifying considering the financial stringency. The Grand Commander thinks that the Grand Officers are not the proper persons to criticize the work of the subordinates :

From observation and personal experience, I am convinced that the Commanderies derive little real benefit from the system of inspections by officers of the Grand Commandery, whose

reports are subsequently printed with our proceedings. It is patent to all who have conducted such inspections that irregularities of greater or less importance frequently come to light, and yet the absence of anything like unfavorable criticism in the reports is remarkable, and almost invariable; and when such criticism is ventured upon at all, it is in a manner so mild and indulgent as to be productive of no beneficial results.

I would suggest for your consideration, and earnestly recommend the adoption of the method recently put in practice in our sister jurisdiction of Wisconsin, in lieu of the plan of inspection by the Grand Officers. Briefly stated, it consists in dividing the jurisdiction into districts (having regard to restriction of distances and economy of transportation), in which several Commanderies could meet at a central point, and at such rendezvous the opening and closing ceremonies and work of the orders is exemplified in presence of as many of the Grand Officers as can attend. At these meetings the officers of each Commandery represented exemplify either the opening or closing, and one Commandery is designated by the Grand Commander to exemplify the work. To insure impartiality, the latter selection is made by lot, and announced shortly before the date of the rendezvous. I am assured by the officers of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin that this method has been attended with most gratifying success. It is certainly calculated to promote a laudable spirit of emulation among the Commanderies, which must produce a good and lasting effect.

If the Grand Officers would fearlessly do their duty and point out all deficiencies, then there might be no necessity of any change of system in the matter of inspection.

A resolution was passed prohibiting any Knight Templar from visiting a Commandery more than twice unless he is a member in good standing of some Commandery.

The proper system of inspection was left to the subordinates to discuss and send up their views.

The Grand Recorder has a good report on Correspondence, including Canada for 1894.

Commanderies, 25; members, 2,335; increase, 55.

H. E. Whitney, (Faribault,) G. C.

Thomas Montgomery, (St. Paul,) G. R.

Mississippi.

Thirty-fourth Conclave, Holly Springs, February 13th, 1894.

S. W. Ferguson, G. C.

On the State of the Order, he says :

The financial distress which has prevailed over the whole country during the past year, has had its inevitable depressing influence on our Order, and prevented that increase in our ranks which we would otherwise undoubtedly have had. I feel assured, however, that though we have gained but slightly in numerical strength, we have progressed in zeal and earnest endeavor to reach the true standard of a Knight Templar.

A waiver of jurisdiction in favor of Louisiana and Alabama was granted by the adoption of the following report :

They recommend that in consideration that there is no Commandery established on the Gulf Coast, nor within more than two hundred miles of the counties lying thereon, that Royal Arch Masons residing in the counties of Hancock, Harrison and Jackson be permitted until the further order of this Grand Commandery, to apply to either of the Commanderies at New Orleans or Mobile for the orders, and to this end recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the jurisdiction over Royal Arch Masons residing in the counties of Hancock, Harrison and Jackson, be and the same is hereby waived in favor of the Commanderies at New Orleans and Mobile, until the further order of this Grand Commandery.

The committee on Templar Law, by a very peculiar chain of reasoning, arrive at the extraordinary conclusion that the Grand Encampment is not the supreme law-making power in Templarism. The question presented for their consideration was this :

QUESTION—Can a member of a Commandery in this jurisdiction, who is a non-affiliated Master Mason, and who does not contribute to the funds of the Lodge under whose jurisdiction he resides, be permitted to visit and associate with the members of his Commandery.

The law of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi is that a non-affiliate has no rights in the Lodge. The Code of the Grand Encampment provides that non-affiliation in a Lodge does not disqualify a Templar from membership in a Commandery. The committee give a lengthy argument and their conclusion is this :

The conclusion of the Committee, therefore, is that the law of the Grand Lodge is Supreme, and must be obeyed. The non-contributing non-affiliate cannot sit in a Commandery in Mississippi, notwithstanding the law of the Grand Encampment permits him to do so, because the highest power in Masonry, the Grand Lodge, forbids it.

This report was adopted, but it seems strange to us. We fancy that the trouble arises from the use of some of the esoteric work of the Lodge in the American Commanderies, which is not the case in this jurisdiction. The Templars had better abolish that feature of their work.

Fratre E. G. DeLap reviews Canada for 1893.

1895.

Thirty-fifth Conclave, West Point, February 12th, 1895.

J. C. French, G. C.

In the opening paragraphs of the annual address we find the following remarks on the condition and prospects of the Order in the State of Mississippi:

The year has been, comparatively, uneventful. I am inclined to think, from the lights before me, that interest in the Order is on the increase, not only among its membership, but among the outside world.

The unprecedented depression in all lines of business, the scarcity of money and the unsettled situation of our financial interests, have had, no doubt, a tendency to reduce the number of applicants for the orders. While our harvests have been abundant, the prices obtained for the produce of our fields has been so small as to scarcely compensate for the expense of production, and this has been no small factor in producing the dormant condition in our institution. Let us hope that the New Year, upon which we are just entering, may, in God's providence, bring to each of us and to Templary in Mississippi, that measure of improvement and success which we so much desire.

A new Commandery was opened at Brookhaven.

We also copy the following:

I would here express a debt of gratitude to our beloved Sir Enoch George DeLap for counsel given me during my term of office, and for the able reports he makes in his annual work on Foreign Correspondence.

Although at times he struts out and shows pugilistic tendencies, I can assure his fellow-correspondents that he would not willingly, or knowingly, injure a hair in any human's head, much less wound the heart. Although fearless in argument

and one who dares to do and say as he thinks right, his heart is as big as that of an ox, as all you, who know him, can testify.

A short form of burial service was adopted to be used at the funeral of a Templar when the Lodge service is also used.

A proposal to reduce the minimum fee for the Orders from \$40 to \$25 was lost by a large majority.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the sum of five dollars be appropriated to the Masonic Collectors' Association, of which Past Grand Master James W. Station, of Kentucky, is President, and Past Grand Master S. Stacker Williams, of Ohio, is Secretary, to aid said Association in the work of building up Masonic Libraries by the preservation of Masonic literature, proceedings, etc., for the current year, and one dollar a year hereafter until the further order of this Grand Body.

Fratre E. G. DeLap presented his sixteenth annual report on Correspondence, and it is, as usual, a most excellent paper. In his notice of Alabama he quotes the resolutions as to the unseemly use of the emblem of the Cross at the Triennials, and then says :

We are at a loss to know how the evil—for evil it is—can be corrected, as the order has no vested rights in the symbols referred to; and it is questionable whether a remedy can be found outside of the good taste and sense of propriety and the eternal fitness of things. We presume that no one will deny that at every session of the Grand Encampment, the local and visiting *demi monde* are decked out in Templar badges of the different Grand Commanderies, and that this state of affairs indicates much more innate cussedness in some of our members than can be found in the average saloon keeper. Suppose we squelch this development among our own members, after which it will be in order to consider the saloon decked off with the cross! Let's be consistent.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1894, we find the following :

The address is an elegant paper, but is confined almost entirely to matters local. We except the following, which is pretty hard on the plebian element of the population of Canada in the aspirations to the honors and privileges of Christian Knighthood. That we do not endorse the second paragraph, goes without the saying, as it savors entirely too much of codfish aristocracy to suit us. By "codfish aristocracy," we mean any and all but those of brains and merit. This sort of exclusiveness makes us tired. There are hundreds of Canucks, none of whom the aristocracy of the "Dominion" would introduce into their "drawing rooms" or associate with, who would make as worthy and respectable members of the Order as the

Grand Master himself. The Author of Salvation, Himself, would have come under the ban of exclusion set forth by the Grand Master.

Fratre DeLap also says that no man who is fit to be a Templar will favor the presence of wine or intoxicants of any kind at a Templar banquet.

In his notice of New Hampshire, he is justly severe on the "pilgrimage" nonsense:

Among his dispensations we find several granting permission to Commanderies of adjacent States to enter his jurisdiction, in full uniform on "pilgrimages." Also one of his own to pilgrimage into Massachusetts. Now where did this pilgrimage nonsense and child's play come from anyway? Why not be sensible and call these things Templar Excursions? That is what they are. They are not pilgrimages, as there is no element of devotion about them, nor are they made for the purpose of visiting places or things made sacred by some prior circumstances or remarkable happening, real or alleged. Such things make us tired in this extremely practical age, and we wish our Eastern brethren would stop such foolishness. It is unworthy of, and unbecoming to their well-known high grade of learning and good common sense. If New Hampshire wishes to visit Massachusetts, let her put on her Sunday clothes, a "biled" shirt, a standing collar, her "trusty claymore" and cocked hat, board the first train that comes along and go ahead! If Massachusetts objects, draw your swords, Charge Chester! Charge!! Let out a little gore and in a little horse sense and the war will be over! The same prescription will do for Massachusetts and all the balance of the "Permission to Invade" people.

Commanderies, 12; members, 430; increase, 43.

F. P. Jenkins, (Aberdeen,) G. C.

J. L. Power, (Jackson,) G. R.

Missouri.

Thirty-fourth Conclave, St. Louis, April 23rd, 1895.

Thomas R. Morrow, G. C.

From his able address we make the following extract:

The ritual of our Order is no idle ceremony. Our vows are not to be lightly assumed. They should not be taken at all unless accepted in sincerity and truth. In the language of the Grand Encampment, "No one can properly be a member of our Order, which is founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues," who is not a firm believer in the religion of Jesus Christ; no one who does not acknowledge Him as the Saviour of mankind, and believe in the atonement

offered by Him on Calvary, can be a worthy Knight Templar." The practice, Sir Knights of the Christian virtues to which you profess to have devoted yourselves, should be your constant care. By the practice of these, you will more deeply impress with a favorable opinion of our Order the communities in which you dwell than by display of nodding plumes and glittering swords, which may be symbolic to you, but which appeal to the idle curiosity only of the profane. The world is better because you have lived. The world has been, and will continue to be benefited by the existence of Masonry and the Order of Christian Knighthood. The Church owes much to both. States and nations have incurred lasting debts of gratitude to Masons and Christian Knights. They have stamped upon civil government the indelible impress of responsibility to the Moral Governor of the Universe. The true Mason and good Knight cannot help being a good citizen, and the Church ought to have no more ardent supporter. Government always reflects the people who shape and guide its course. States and nations endear themselves to their people only so long as they measure their action by the law of that God to whom every Mason most humbly, reverently and sincerely bows, and through whom, as revealed in Christianity, the Christian Knight finds his hope of eternal life.

Three years ago the Grand Commandery undertook the task of providing a Masonic Hospital or Sanatorium to be in connection with the Missouri Masonic Home, and from the gratifying report of the committee it appears that they have well succeeded in their laudable object:

Your Committee need not repeat the statements made in its former reports relative to the necessity for an early completion of an infirmary or sanatorium building, for the accommodation of the inmates of the Masonic Home of Missouri, and for the care of those who ought to have its protection, but who cannot have, by reason of the want of the necessary facilities to care for such as are infirm or suffering from disease; for this must be apparent to every one. A sufficient sum has already been raised to provide a building amply large and well equipped to accommodate a goodly number of inmates, and your Committee believe that the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home, should be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the fund has been raised, to the end that the Home shall have these much needed benefits as early as possible.

The Grand Recorder presented his eighteenth report on Correspondence. In his review of Ohio, we notice the following remarks on the National flag question:

What on earth does all this mean? Why this spasmodic effervescence about loyalty to our flag and our country, at this time? Why ask us Americans, and particularly Knights Tem-

plar, to pattern after "societies composed of members who are mostly of foreign birth, many of whom are not American citizens." Does not this country and our flag belong to us American citizens? Who ever dared to question the loyalty of American Freemasons to our flag and country, since we became a nation and had a flag? Who has ever heard of anarchy, treason or disloyalty being mentioned or even thought of in a body of Knights Templar? Our education, training, lessons, tenets, vows and practices are and have always been loyal to our country and our flag.

Ever since the settlement of this country and the introduction of our Order, for several hundred years, this country and Freemasonry have grown up together, have become large, strong, powerful, populous and popular, without so much as a thought, or an intimation that a flag of our nation was necessary in our Asylums or processions, to prove our loyalty, while many of these "societies" of which the loyal Buckeye Grand Commander spoke, who *always* carry a flag of our nation, have frequently used it as a cloak to hide behind, while concocting and carrying out plots and conspiracies against our country and our flag. We would like to know if the one fourth of the whole number of Commanderies who did not provide a flag, as requested by the aforesaid G. C., have had, or will have their charters arrested for disloyalty? We venture the assertion that they are not considered by the other three-fourths of the Knights Templar of the grand old State of Ohio, or anywhere else, as an organized band of rebels against our country and the flag, because they did not see fit to comply with an unreasonable request of the man who had justly been honored by being placed at the head of the Order for one short year, in their long past life of usefulness and loyalty to our Order and our flag.

Under the head of Canada for 1894, he says :

The Grand Master's address is an intensely interesting and instructive paper, showing great care and painstaking in its preparation, and also showing from the recital, the manifold duties performed by him, and that he has been very active in the interests of the Order, not only in his own domain, but abroad, also. He had spent about a month's time in England, with great good results, for he succeeded in getting the Great Priory of England and Wales to rescind its resolution of non-intercourse with the Great Priory of Canada, which had been in force since December 14th, 1887, and resumed friendly relations with the Great Priory of Canada.

He also hopes soon to get the Encampments of St. John and St. Stephens of New Brunswick to sever their allegiance to the Chapter General of Scotland and affiliate with the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, which they should undoubtedly do, if the question as stated by the Grand Master is correct, and we have no reason to doubt it.

The several district reports are very interesting reading also.

Commanderies, 58 ; members, 4,030 ; decrease, 46.

Leslie Orear, (Marshall,) G. C.

William H. Mayo, (St. Louis,) G. R.

Montana.

Seventh Conclave, Billings, Sept. 18th, 1894.

Albert L. Babcock, G. C.

His duties were few. The financial depression prevented access of membership, but the prospects for the future are very encouraging.

Frate Hedges continues his arguments for the new deliverance of Palestine from the Turks by the Templars:

We are sure that if Templars would think of it deliberately that nearly all would heartily approve and join us in the endeavor to interest all Christian nations in the move that would secure the end without bloodshed. The west owes much to the east, and the debt is recognized by the Christian churches in their missions to Asia Minor, Persia, India, China, Japan. The worn out and effete civilizations and religicus systems of the east need an infusion of new life from the more free, enlightened and vigorous west. The west now fairly stands face to face with the east, with only an expanse of ocean between. Japan has already become westernized and the tide will sweep out until it completes the circuit, perhaps in coming centuries repeating it many times. Nations are now born in a day, and is there room to doubt that great nations may again rise in the valleys of the Euphrates and the Nile? We have inscribed on our banner, "Magna est veritas et prevalabet." If we do not believe it let us tear it off and substitute something else that we do believe in, that we are willing to fight for. But we do believe in it, and have reason to believe in it more and more as it is now flying on wings of steam and electricity to wider and greater conquests to every part of the world. Have we not lived to see the last vestige of slavery and monarchy obliterated on this continent and the flag of a republic flying over the islands of the sea? The great truth of the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God, of human rights and real liberty guaranteed by law, is moving on from victory to victory till the whole world is covered by its starry folds. Should not Knighthood, that claims to be the flower of Christian civilization, be in the van of this glorious march? We advocate no wild scheme of propagandism or intervention, but we think it a clear duty of Christendom to lift the blight of Moslem rule from the face of that poor persecuted land that gave to the world the light of redemption through a risen Saviour, and we think it peculiarly belongs to the Knights Templar to take up and complete a conquest which the founders of our Order once undertook, but failed to accomplish, though they did deliver Europe from the impending conquest by the Saracens. In more enlightened warfare and by more Christian weapons, let us deliver Palestine and plant anew a cross on Calvary whereon bigotry and intolerance may be crucified.

But Palestine can be recovered from its present possessors and regenerated by a reversal of the process by which it has been plundered, deforested and drained. Every inch of the Jordan valley could be converted into a garden, and by reconstructing reservoirs and setting out trees the amount of rainfall could be increased and the climate modified. We cherish Palestine as the land of the patriarchs, prophets, priests and kings of the chosen race, but chiefly, and more than all else, because there our Saviour dwelt while on earth and there the great tragedy of the ages was performed in which everyone has an eternal interest. There are no historic doubts as to this being the very spot of earth where our Saviour spent all His years on earth, preached the word of life, chose and commissioned His apostles, suffered the agonies of Gethsemane and Calvary and rose from the dead to assure us of our resurrection.

If such associations cannot exalt and refine a soul that believes in heaven, eternal life and Redeemer, then we confess the recovery and redemption of Palestine would be a very foolish and fruitless scheme.

In his pleasant notice of Montana he asks our plan for enfranchising Palestine and whether we are in earnest. We assure our brother that we are in earnest and believe the united voice of the Templar world addressed to all the Christian powers would interest them to use their influence in ransoming the country from Turkish bondage. A ransom might be allowed the Turkish government whose interest would be equivalent to the present net revenue of the country, and this ransom might become a debt to be paid by the people of Palestine. For a time it would be best to govern the country through a commission, one member appointed by each nation acting in the matter and guaranteeing the payment of the ransom and its annual interest as long as the Turkish government exists.

A country whose stability was guaranteed by all the Christian powers, and whose territory was thus made inviolate, would need no standing army or navy, only a force of internal police. With security of person and property, we believe there would be a large influx of population and works of permanent improvement be undertaken that in a few years would make it as productive, beautiful and rich as in its most prosperous days.

Then the payment of this ransom would be a light burden to the people of the country. And as the people became intelligent, prosperous and homogenous, they could well be left to choose their own form of government.

We have seen nations unite to put an end to slave trade. Why can they not unite to restore to fertility and beauty a land sterilized and depopulated, dear for its association to every Christian heart? Mis-government has rendered it worthless to the Turkish government, and it is held chiefly as an insult to Christendom.

An earnest, unanimous petition for national action by the

Templars, accentuated as it would be by all the good Christian women, would arouse attention and soon lead to action.

Commanderies, 8; members, 337; increase, 3;

M. C. Riley, (Butte,) G. C.

Cornelius Hedges, (Helena,) G. R.

Nebraska.

Twenty-third Conclave, Omaha, April 23rd, 1895.

James A. Tulleys, G. C.

On the State of the Order, he says:

The year during which by your favor I have occupied the position of Grand Commander has been one of unusual hardship throughout the country, and the financial depression and stagnation of business has been intensified in this jurisdiction by the total failure of crops throughout a greater portion of the state.

It has not been a year to increase our membership or add to our numbers; but a time rather to recall the purposes of our Order, to emphasize anew the vows of Knighthood, to bind ourselves more closely in the comradeship of loyal service, and to make that service a courageous warfare to subdue the ills that can be overcome, and to support the ills that must be endured.

Yet let us trust that this is but as the dark hour that precedes the dawn, and looking forward to the brightness of the coming day, let us enter upon the new year with renewed faith, hope and courage.

The report of the Grand Inspector was read, but is not published. It covers 38 pages on the condition of the Commanderies, giving the rating of each on the several points scored. It was read in full and was received with attentive interest and appreciation of the labor performed by the Inspector. A pertinent extract was ordered to be sent to each Commandery.

A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of holding a State Encampment.

Commanderies, 23; members, 1,656.

Charles B. Finch, (Kearney,) G. C.

William R. Bowen, (Omaha,) G. R.

New Hampshire.

Thirty-fifth Conclave, September 25th, 1894.

Charles C. Hayes, G. C.

Templar Masonry in New Hampshire never rested

upon a surer or firmer foundation. The utmost harmony prevails and the Order has increased in numbers, notwithstanding the financial depression. The Grand Commander visited all the Commanderies and witnessed work in all save one. He was much impressed with the correctness of the exemplification, as the new ritual had only been in force for a few months.

The revision of the Constitution was deferred until after the revision of the Code of the Grand Encampment.

Fratre Albert S. Wait has a good notice of our Proceedings of 1893. He is not convinced by the arguments of Fratre Speed of Mississippi as to the power of the Grand Lodge to control Commandery membership, but thinks that the matter should be definitely settled:

Proceedings in a few grand jurisdictions have developed questions of Templar law which appear to us of considerable moment, and which we have already taken occasion to say we think ought speedily to be brought to the final decision of the tribunal of last Templar resort. They are, (1) The effect of non-affiliation in the Lodge upon membership in the Commandery, where the law of the Grand Lodge makes membership essential to Masonic rights, and (2) The right of a Knight Templar unaffiliated, to seek membership in a Commandery not of the jurisdiction of his residence. The first of these questions has been supposed to be settled by a direct decision of the Grand Encampment, but there seems to be a disposition in some quarters—not very extensive, as appears to us—to question the power of that body in the premises. Whether there have been proceedings looking to the submission of the question to the further consideration of the Grand Encampment we are not aware, but should think it nearly inevitable that it must be again brought to the attention of that body at no distant day. The question seems to turn upon the other question, whether a Grand Lodge has power, without conviction and definite sentence thereupon, by a general law to deny Masonic privileges to a member of the fraternity, and to bind other Masonic bodies to such a rule. The other question is, like the former, of quite modern origin, it having until recently been generally assumed that a non-affiliated Mason had a right to seek membership in any grand jurisdiction, irrespective of his residence. This right is now denied by a few Grand Lodges, (we think at present not over three) and their rule is followed by the Grand Commanderies of the same jurisdictions.

Both these doctrines seem to us fraught with confusion among the several grand jurisdictions, and the question of their correctness ought not to remain for any long time in suspense.

We do not doubt that, as in all former disagreements, the final decision will be such as to preserve the harmony, as well as the consistent character and philanthropic usefulness of our beloved Order.

Commanderies, 10; members, 1,853; increase, 32.

Rev. Daniel C. Roberts, D. D., (Concord,) G. C.

George P. Cleaves. (Concord,) G. R.

New Jersey.

Thirty-seventh Conclave, Trenton, May 14th, 1895.

James McCain, G. C.

The reports of the visiting Grand Officers of the fine condition of all the Commanderies and of the excellent work rendered show that the members were fully aroused by the official visits and were prepared to meet all requirements.

A resolution of a Commandery requiring all dimits to be signed by the recipients in the presence of the Recorder was held to be invalid.

A Field Day was held in August, and is thus noticed by the Grand Commander :

The occasion proved to be another of the many of a similar character so enjoyed in the past. The weather was faultless and all nature seemed to smile upon the efforts of the Sir Knights to get out of the day all the profit and pleasure possible. The lines were formed promptly at 2.30 o'clock P. M. After dress parade and a short march, the Commanderies were reviewed by the R. E. Grand Commander and his associate Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery.

A pleasant feature of the day's enjoyment was the presentation of a Grand Commandery banner by R. E. Sir Charles Bechtel, our Grand Recorder; also a handsome American flag presented to the Grand Commandery by Mrs. J. P. Felt, of Newark, N. J. I would recommend that the thanks of this Grand Commandery be tendered to both donors.

Canada for 1894 is reviewed.

Commanderies, 16; members, 1,681; increase, 26.

Edward Mills, (Camden,) G. C.

Charles Bechtel, (Trenton,) G. R.

New York.

Eighty-first Conclave, Saratoga, September 11th, 1894.

John H. Bonnington, G. C.

There are many evidences of a generally improved condition of the Order throughout the State. Two new Commanderies were formed, at Gouverneur, near the St. Lawrence, and at Niagara Falls.

The veteran Grand Recorder, Fratre Robert Macoy, presented the following beautiful paper as part of his report:

THE SUPREME IDEAL OF TEMPLARISM.

Knighthood, blended with Chivalry, an institution peculiar to the military and social state of the people, flourished most prominently during the mediæval period in all its power and beauty, and is of the remotest antiquity. It was essentially and always a personal distinction, and was also distinct from nobility. A man's chivalry died with him. Unlike other titles it was not the subject of inheritance. It is an honor conferred by the sovereign of a nation, or authorized person, or in Masonry, within the confines of the body having a charter of validity, when the recipient becomes a "Sir Knight." In the early ceremonies of the Order of Knighthood, the ceremonies accompanying the investiture of a Knight, were of a symbolic character. The Sword which the Knight received was called "the Arms of Mercy," and he was told to conquer his enemies by mercy rather than by force of arms. Its blade was two-edged, to remind him that he must maintain Chivalry and Justice, and contend only in the support of these two chief pillars of the Temple of Honor. The Lance represented Truth, because Truth, like the lance, is straight. The Coat of Mail was the symbol of a fortress erected against Vice; for as castles are surrounded by walls and ditches, the coat of mail is closed in all its parts, and defends the Knight against treason, disloyalty, pride, and every other evil passion. The Rowels of the Spur were given to urge the possessor on to deeds of honor and virtue. The Shield, which he places betwixt himself and his enemy, was to remind him that the Knight is a shield interposed between the prince and the people, to preserve peace and tranquility.

He was a Knight "*sans peur et sans reproche*." Such was the epitaph of Sir John Chandos, the flower of English chivalry, when he answered the Grand Commander's call. Steadfast for the Right, he knew not doubt or fear, and loving virtue for virtue's sake, when the last dread summons came it found him ready to obey the order. No stain upon his soul, his sword, or shield, for he had served his God with all his heart, and lived and died without reproach.

What a grand legacy was that to leave to his posterity.

What a splendid example for the millions yet to be, leading them upward and onward to a nobler, a better, and a holier life, until the last syllable of recorded time. Nor gold, nor silver, nor precious stones can rival the matchless wealth of such a gift. Enduring as eternity, as inscrutable as God's eternal truth.

Let us take a retrospective view for a moment to the origin of Templarism as engrafted on the Masonic Fraternity. Years ago, to many thoughtful Masons, it became evident that, owing to loose methods and a desire on the part of weak Lodges to increase their membership, many persons gained admission to the Fraternity who added nothing to its usefulness or honor. Then came the demand for a purer standard, a higher ideal, and the character of the Templar Knight left nothing more to be desired. No body of men since creation's dawn were ever banded together for a higher or holier purpose. It is natural in this world that men should band together for the protection of their own rights and privileges; but these brave hearts had not thought of self; the weak, the friendless, the unprotected, these were their special charge, and lest beauty might lure them from the path of duty and honor, they assumed vows of eternal chastity, and kept them until death. It was a grand conception, this high standard of the Templar Ideal. At first the growth was slow, but it was healthy and strong, and in time the choicest members of the Masonic Fraternity began to realize that in our sacred conclaves was a fraternal bond stronger and more binding than that of any other Masonic organization. When this became manifest the accessions were so rapid that Commanderies sprang up in every part of the land, until to-day our Order stands second to no similar body ever instituted by man. Why is this? The answer is found in that longing which fills the breast of every virtuous man for a something nobler and better than the ordinary surroundings of life. Sickness, trouble, care, failure in business, faithless friends and blasted hopes, are the rocks on which lives are wrecked and destroyed. It is in dark and stormy hours like these, when the load seems too heavy to bear, that we feel the necessity of a friend.

It was nobly said by a Sir Knight, at a recent conclave, that the aid and friendship which a Templar extends to a frater should be given not only in ordinary sorrow and misfortune, but even when scarred with sin and rushing on the downward path to ruin. It is a frater's duty to stretch forth a hand to save him.

What are the lessons we learn from this life experience? Chiefly that we live not for ourselves alone. The man who thinks only for himself is the most contemptible of human beings. The most pitiful spectacle that eye ever looked upon is the man who has more than he knows what to do with, but refuses to give his surplus to keep the wolf away from his neighbor's door. The world owes him nothing, and has no use for him, living or dead.

The noblest men are those who give, not those who keep, and there is more satisfaction in seeing a poor man's children eat the bread which you have furnished than in sitting at your own

table where plenty abounds. It is right and proper to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," but God asks a price for His answer, and that price is that you shall give some one else a share of the bread He gives you. You may be worth a million, but if you have done nothing to make the world better you will die a beggar. It is not what you believe, but what you do, that will entitle you to a residence in the New Jerusalem. There is no room in the house not built with hands for a soul that has not made some sacrifice for others.

There is one great truth which we all must recognize, that "No man liveth unto himself."

"The odor springeth from
The flower; the air that gently wafts it on
Through never ending space; the dewy drop
That vivifies the smallest sprig, or gives
Refreshing vigor to the giant oak;
The glorious sun, that warms the earth
To life; the gentle moon, that silver light
Imparts; the stars that brightly twinkle on
Unwearied; all read us this important
Lesson—"None liveth to himself alone."

You all remember the grand day, five years ago, when the Knights Templars from all parts of the republic were gathered at the Capital of the nation. Templarism has seen many proud and triumphant days, but none prouder or more glorious than that. Never before in the history of the world had a great nation laid aside its official functions to do honor to a purely civic body. Who can ever forget that grand march through the broad avenues of the city, composed of thousands of Knights Templar whose hearts were thrilled by the shouts of welcome that made the welkin ring?

As I look back over the road I have travelled, I regard the years—nearly half a century—that I have spent in the service of Templarism as the most useful and the happiest of my life. Many of those who were with me at the start have crossed the silent river and await our coming on the other side. One thing impresses me as I look over the long list of Sir Knights, in which are concentrated the friendships of a life, that they were the manliest men I ever knew. They have left behind the sweet savor of blessed and happy memories, which are among the richest of life's golden treasures. I have watched many of my knightly brothers, when they were called to bear life's last and supremest trials, and never until then, when the eye grew dim and the heart beat faintly, did I fully appreciate the refulgent glory of the Templar's motto and sign. Before the eyes of the dying Knights was the glorious emblem of salvation, the Cross, and above it, emblazoned in letters of gold, "By this sign we shall conquer."

When the despised Nazarene, worn with toil and bathed in bloody sweat, labored up Calvary's rugged sides, He bore on His shoulders the shameful instrument on which He was doomed to suffer a cruel and barbarous death. The savage multitude saw only the human weakness of the man, as in the extreme of

human agony. He exclaimed with a loud voice, "My God! My God! why hast Thou forsaken Me?" and then gave up the ghost. But the work committed to His disciples' care was borne into every land, and these heralds of salvation carried the promises of the new dispensation from the rising to the setting of the sun, then blood stained the streets of Antioch, it crimsoned the summit of the Capitolian Hill; but still they bore aloft the Standard of the Cross, until that which was once the ensign of infamy and the symbol of disgrace, sparkled on the brows of kings and blazoned on the bosom of beauty. The four quarters of the earth received the blessed message of salvation and hope, and from the scattered islands of the sea arose the Gloria in Excelsis Deo, and the untold millions in memory of Christ's sacrifice swelled the joyful anthem—By this sign we shall conquer.

This is Templarism combining all the beatitudes of Faith, Hope and Charity, committing our future "to Him who doeth all things well."

A substantial proof of the harmony prevailing among the 10,000 Templars of the Empire State is the fact that no case of grievance or appeal came before the Grand Commandery.

The report on Correspondence is again by Fratre Jesse B. Anthony, and it is more than usually interesting. In his review of Alabama, he says :

Permit us to say for the information of our fratre that the dispensation to a Commandery "to visit an Orphan Asylum in uniform," was for a purpose in every way commendable and worthy of imitation. It has been the custom of Monroe Commandery, No. 12, for many years, to make a yearly visit to one of the Orphan Asylums in the city of Rochester about the holiday season, bearing not only words of cheer and knightly greeting, but also appropriate gifts for the children. This beautiful custom, inaugurated, we think, by "Monroe," has been followed by at least two other Commanderies in the State, and while they do not go in uniform, yet as a distinctive body, it is recognized as a Templar visit, and looked forward to by the children as one of the *events* of the holiday week. Besides the gifts to the children is usually a donation of money for the support of the institution. We have united in the exercises of many such occasions, and the beaming countenances of the children, their delight and appreciation, are before us in memory as we pen these lines. May such visitations continue and become general, say we.

Canada for 1893 has courteous mention.

On the subject of life membership, his conclusions are eminently sound, but something might be said in favor of courtesy to members of over 21 years standing,

when we know that the average duration of membership in any of the Masonic bodies is less than ten years :

The continuous payment of annual dues for any length of time, whether twenty-one years or more, is no valid or sound reason why a member should be declared a life member, and thereafter exempt from annual dues. He has paid for no more than he has received, and such a provision is upon an unsound financial basis and detrimental to the interests of a Commandery. There is but one just and equitable plan, the payment of a stipulated sum commensurate with the established annual dues. This must be held in a separate invested fund, and the income thereof to be paid to the Commodity in lieu of annual dues. This income will not represent, at the commencement of the fund, a sum equal to the fixed annual dues, but in the course of time, by reason of deaths and possibly withdrawals, it will prove to be a good plan and a profitable financial investment.

We also copy part of this committee's valuable statistical information :

STATISTICAL COMPARISON.

	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.
Grand Encampment.....	1	1	1	1
Grand Commanderies.....	88	88	88	89
Number of Subordinates.....	869	902	980	954
Knights.....	5,518	7,574	8,226	6,915
Affiliated.....	890	1,201	1,377	1,029
Reinstated.....	228	308	282	278
Died.....	1,084	1,148	1,265	1,398
Dimitted.....	1,410	1,869	2,024	1,915
Dropped and non-payment of dues..	991	1,204	1,310	1,214
Expelled.....	41	65	47	57
Membership.....	86,898	92,681	97,765	101,675

Based upon the tables we deduce the following points of interest.

In numerical standing the Grand Commanderies take rank in the following order :

New York.....	10,018
Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....	9,911
Pennsylvania.....	9,626
Illinois.....	8,891
Ohio.....	7,876
Michigan.....	5,098
Iowa.....	4,202
Missouri.....	4,088
Indiana.....	3,809

Grand Commanderies which have Commanderies of the largest membership :

Illinois—St. Bernard, No. 35, Chicago.....	750
Mass. and Rhode Island—Boston, No. 2, Boston...	729
Pennsylvania—St. John's, No. 4, Philadelphia....	589
New York—Monroe, No. 12, Rochester.....	485
Colorado—Colorado, No. 1, Denver.....	452
Connecticut—Washington, No. 1, Hartford.....	450
Ohio—Oriental, No. 12, Cleveland.....	425
Maine—Portland, No. 2, Portland.....	351
Minnesota—Zion, No. 2, Minneapolis.....	331
Kentucky—De Molay, No. 12, Louisville.....	316

The average of membership to each Commandery is graded as follows:

Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....	225
Connecticut.....	191
New Hampshire.....	182
New York.....	176
Maine.....	146
Illinois.....	143
Ohio.....	141
Pennsylvania.....	135
Vermont.....	132

The total membership shows an increase the past year of 8,812, equal to 3.89 per cent.

The additions from new work show a gain of 7.07 per cent.

The losses by dimission and for non-payment of dues aggregate 3.20 per cent., against 3.60 per cent. last year.

The proportion of Knights Templar to Master Masons in the United States is in the ratio of 161,675 to 713,828; equal to 1 to 7.02.

The proportion of Knights Templar to Royal Arch Masons in the United States is in the ratio of 101,675 to 187,311; equal to 1 to 1.84.

Commanderies, 59; members, 10,420; increase, 402.

James W. Bowden, (Yonkers,) G. C.

Robert Macoy, (Brooklyn,) G. R.

Since the above report was written, we have received with sorrow the sad tidings of the death of Fratres Robert Macoy, which took place on the 9th of January, 1895. The deceased Sir Knight was a prominent figure in all departments of Masonry in New York for a great many years. For nearly fifty years he served the Grand Commandery as Recorder, an unequalled record, and during all that time he never failed to attend the meetings or to discharge the duties of his office. He

was greatly loved and esteemed for his many good qualities of heart and mind, and his friends were all who were privileged with his acquaintance. He was an able writer, a learned Mason and a lover of the Craft. We extend our sympathy to his sorrowing brethren.

North Dakota.

Fifth Conclave, Valley City, June 15th, 1894.

Roswell W. Knowlton, G. C.

He is pleased to announce the continued prosperity and growth of the Order. On the response to the appeal for aid for the sufferers by the fire at Fargo, he says:

In my judgment there never was a quicker and more generous response in any great calamity than there was from the people of the North, of the South, of the East and of the West with their bountiful donations to the Fargo fire sufferers.

A distinguished visitor was present in the person of Mrs. Loraine J. Pitkin, Past Grand Matron and present Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, who was in the city for the purpose of organizing a Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star for the State. The Grand Commandery was adjoured to admit of her reception.

The effect of the hard times is very apparent, but they have faith in the future.

Commanderies, 7; members, 365; increase, 14.

Joseph Hare, (Bismarck) G. C.

Frank J. Thompson, (Fargo) G. R.

1895.

Sixth Conclave, Fargo, June 21st, 1895.

Joseph Hare, G. C.

Notwithstanding the stringency of the times, the membership of the Subordinate Commanderies has steadily increased.

R. E. Fratre Carroll J. Atkins, a Past Grand Commander of Missouri, and now a resident of North Dakota, was elected a permanent member of the Grand

Commandery, with all the privileges of a Past Grand Commander of North Dakota.

The business transacted was entirely local in interest and calls for no special comment.

Commanderies, 7 ; members, 406 ; increase, 38.

Clarence A. Hale, (Grand Forks,) G. C.

Frank J. Thompson, (Fargo,) G. R.

Ohio.

Fifty-second Conclave, Cleveland, Oct. 3rd 1894.

Henry P. McIntosh, G. C.

In reply to a query, "Are the Orders of the Temple and Malta one and the same and indivisible?" he made the following decision:

No. The Order of Malta is "appendant to the Order of the Temple," and it is unnecessary for a Knight Templar to receive the former to become a full-fledged member of the Commandery and to be entitled to all the rights and privileges in it. He is entitled to the Order of Malta without any further action of the Commandery, and an Eminent Commander is remiss in his duty if he does not see that it is conferred upon him. There are cases where a Knight Templar has had the Order of Malta conferred upon him when visiting another Commandery, for there is no law to prevent a Templar who has not received the Order of Malta from visiting another Commandery. His obligation as a Knight Templar covers the whole matter, as he is pledged by it to keep the secrets of a Knight of Malta; as a Knight Templar he is, therefore, entitled to have the words and signs explained to him at any time thereafter, and his not getting them has no effect on his membership in the Commandery.

A new Commandery was opened at Van Wert.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Eminent Grand Recorder, that Recorders of subordinate Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction be instructed to enter in full upon their records the annual returns of their respective Commanderies, for the purposes of reference and permanent preservation, be and the same is hereby concurred in.

WHEREAS, The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Ohio finds upon the table of the Grand Commander a beautiful basket of flowers and a "Welcome from the Newsboys of Cleveland," therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery returns its thanks to its youthful friends, and that we assure them that they have our best wishes for their success in business and increase in knowledge, that they may eventually become useful and honorable citizens.

Voluntary contributions from the members present made up a donation of \$30 to the Newsboys' Home.

The following report of the Committee on the National Flag was adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Right Eminent Grand Commander's address regarding our National flag, would respectfully report that the loyalty and patriotism of the Knights Templars of Ohio can not be questioned when the quality of our membership is known or considered; and, while we heartily approve the sentiments so forcibly and beautifully expressed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander in his Official Circular No. 6 and in his annual address, it is our opinion that no legislation on the subject is necessary, and that the matter can be safely left, as at present, with the subordinate bodies, to decide for themselves as to the display of our National flag in their asylums or in public. Your committee are also of the opinion that when our National emblem is displayed in public, it should be carried at the head of the lines and by a member of the Commandery.

It is hoped that the Ohio Masonic Home will be ready for dedication in June, 1855.

The appointment of a Grand Inspector was deemed to be inexpedient at this time.

The sword of Thomas Smith Webb was presented to the Grand Commandery by Frater John D. Caldwell, who had had it in his possession for thirty-four years. It was ordered to be placed in the permanent charge of Mount Vernon Commandery at Columbus, for preservation and exhibition.

Frater Enoch T. Carson presented his nineteenth report on Correspondence. His report was closed on October 22, 1894, and the Proceedings of Canada had not then been received. On public displays, he very pertinently says:

We think the less display we make of our toggery, the better for the Order, inasmuch as the uniformed Knights of the Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and the numerous orders of Catholic Knights have adopted about all the pretty clothing in which we used to pride ourselves.

A letter was addressed to the Grand Commander calling his attention to the use of the symbols and insignia of the Order of Christian Knighthood, which have been copied or closely imitated, and are ostentatiously worn by many different societies of recent origin, etc. The Grand Commander recommends this subject to the consideration of the Grand Commandery. Says:

"Had the Masonic members of our Legislature been alert

when the bill protecting the Grand Army was passed, the emblems (badge) of Freemasonry might readily have been included."

The matter complained of has become disgustingly offensive, and if there were any means by which it could be broken up, it would certainly be to our credit to do it. We shall either have to protect our Templar insignia, or the time is not far distant when we shall have to abandon it; for there are a thousand and one different societies who have so closely imitated the Templar uniform that it is almost impossible to distinguish between them and ourselves when parading on the streets.

Commanderies, 54; members, 7566; increase, 190.

John A. Warner, (Portsmouth,) G. C.

John N. Bell, (Dayton,) G. R.

Oregon.

Eighth Conclave, Salem, October 9th, 1894.

John W. Hodson, G. C.

V. E. Reuben H. Lloyd, of San Francisco, the Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, was present in his official capacity as Inspector of the 13th District.

On the condition of the Order, the Grand Commander says:

The great break in the general business prosperity of our country, with which we are all familiar, has to a great extent hindered any large increase in our membership; but so far as I have been informed the additions made have been from the very best material and of the most substantial character. The harmony and good fellowship prevailing among the fratres of this Grand Jurisdiction have been without the slightest interruption. Official reports will show a fair degree of prosperity, and I consider it a matter of congratulation that notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions prevailing the past year, we have been able not only to fully maintain our standing, but succeeded in making a slight advance.

All the Grand Officers are hereafter to be elected by ballot.

The fees for Knighthood were reduced from \$125 to \$100 This includes a uniform.

The Commanderies may appear in full uniform without any special dispensation on the observance of Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension Day.

Frate J. M. Hodgson has a very good report on Correspondence. In his review of Ohio, he says:

No other doctrine is more thoroughly believed by the thoroughly orthodox than that the Jews will be converted and return to possess Palestine, and to think of Sir Carson as a little shaky! Well, well, "Verily the world do move." We would not hold our part of Palestine as worth a cent if we did not think somebody better than its present owners would ultimately come into possession. As to his opposition to "Petticoat Masonry" that is to be expected from an old fogey existing only by the lights of the past, and they almost put out by the rush of modern thought and invention. The Eastern Star is not Masonry, yet it draws its inspiration therefrom and is in all respects as orderly, as respectable, and as a rule better behaved than our own beloved Order of the Temple, and we hope such crude criticism will not be indulged in again, even by Brother Carson. He ought to be ashamed to so refer to an organization participated in by many of the wives and daughters of the best Masons in our country.

Commanderies, 6; members, 383; increase, 15.

Philip S. Malcolm, (Portland,) G. C.

James F. Robinson, (Eugene,) G. R.

South Dakota.

Eleventh Conclave, Deadwood, June 15th, 1894.
George H. Ratham, G. C.

The subordinates are generally in a prosperous condition and harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction. The new ritual has been in general use and is giving entire satisfaction. The Grand Commander visited all the Commanderies.

The dues of the Grand Commandery were raised from fifty to seventy-five cents per member, and an assessment of \$1.50 per member was also levied.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That it is the sentiment of this Grand Commandery that each Subordinate Commandery in this Jurisdiction be requested to more fully appreciate the importance of having a complete representation at each annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, and that the custom of a few of the Commanderies to pay the full expenses to and from the places of meeting of at least one of their three representatives is hereby commended, with the hope that such custom may be universal in the future.

Frate W. D. Stites reviews the Proceedings of 39 Grand Jurisdictions, including Canada for 1893.

Commanderies, 10 ; members, 755 ; increase, 95.

William J. McMakin, (Terraville,) G. C.

William H. Holt, (Souix Falls,) G. R.

1895.

Twelfth Conclave, Sioux Falls, June 18th, 1895.

William J. McMakin, G. C.

The financial depression still continues. One new Commandery received a dispensation.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of South Dakota having appointed a Committee to confer with this Grand Commandery upon the subject of increasing the Masonic Library, which has been established under the auspices of the Grand Lodge ; it is hereby

Resolved, That this Grand Cominandery congratulates the Grand Lodge upon the success which has thus far crowned its wise and laudable undertaking ; and also thanks the Grand Lodge for its courtesy in offering to the Grand Commandery the privileges of co-operating in a work of such great benefit to the Craft at large.

Resolved, That our Grand Recorder be directed to send a copy of the Proceedings of each Annual Conclave to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, to be deposited in the Library.

Resolved, That the Knights of this jurisdiction be requested to donate to the Library any publications of the press, or manuscripts, or works of nature or art, that may throw light upon the history, or illustrate the precepts of our Masonic Fraternity.

A new Constitution and By-laws was adopted.

The Grand Recorder reports on Correspondence and notices the Proceedings of Canada for 1894.

Commanderies, 11 ; members, 793 ; increase, 18.

Frank A. Brown (Aberdeen,) G. C.

George A. Pettigrew, (Flandreau,) G. R.

Tennessee.

Thirty-third Conclave, Nashville, May 8th, 1895.

Charles H. Eastman, G. C.

On the state of the Order, he says :

The Templar year that has just passed has been an unusually quiet and uneventful one, so far as it relates to this jurisdiction. The continued financial depression which has existed throughout our entire land paralyzing industries of all kinds, and bringing in

its train embarrassment and distress to all classes, has had its baleful influence also upon the progress and development of our beloved Order. As a result, we are numerically weaker than when we gathered in Annual Conclave a year ago. It affords me pleasure, however, to report that while there has been such scant encouragement in this direction, the utmost good feeling has existed throughout the entire jurisdiction; peace and harmony have prevailed; thorough discipline has been maintained in most of the Commanderies, and all seem to have perfected themselves in the ritual of the Order.

But however uneventful the year may have been in other respects, Death never fails to make his record. At each annual Conclave, as the lines are formed anew, the broken ranks remind us of the losses we have sustained. A great wave of sadness sweeps over our hearts as we call to mind the beloved Frateres who have "fallen asleep," and whose fraternal counsels and Knightly Comradeship we shall enjoy no more until we, too, shall "cross over the river," and assemble with them in the Grand Conclave above.

Sir John Frizzell, Past Grand Commander and Past Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery, died at his residence in Nashville, on November 30th, 1894. Official announcement of this bereavement was made through General Order No. 3, on the 6th of December last. He was a devoted Mason and Templar, a wise counselor, a faithful and trusted guide. Whether in the Subordinate Commandery, or the Grand Encampment of the United States, he was "a leader among men," wielding at all times an influence that was irresistible. "A Prince in Israel, and a great man is fallen."

The reduction of the per capita tax in 1893 from \$1.50 to \$1.25 was unwise, and has resulted in an exhausted treasury and a small deficit. but the dues remain the same.

A question of disputed jurisdiction with Virginia was referred to the Grand Encampment. It appears from the correspondence that the State of Virginia has a civil law allowing a non-resident of the State to declare his allegiance to Virginia and his citizenship therein. The candidate lives in Tennessee, but because he declared his citizenship to be in Virginia and he was a voter there, the Virginia Commandery assumed they had jurisdiction. This assumption appears to us to be unwarranted. The actual residence must govern in these cases, otherwise the whole border line of Tennessee and all other States adjoining Virginia will be exposed to the deprivation of their rightful membership.

On life membership, the following report was adopted:

With reference to the legality of by-laws providing for life membership, it appears to have been decided that the payment of dues annually for any number of years cannot authorize the remitting of subsequently accruing dues. Life membership may be created by a single payment of a sufficient sum, or by the payment of such sum of money in installments, the basal idea being that, from interest or income upon the amount so paid, a fund may be derived for the support of the Commandery, and that thus each Sir Knight shall bear his part, and the Commandery not be subjected to the peril of becoming insolvent. Your Committee therefore recommend that the ruling of the Grand Commander on this subject be approved, except as to that portion which decides that payment of annual dues for a certain time may create life membership.

A capital report on Correspondence was presented by an old and valued member of the corps, Fratre Morton B. Howell, whose former reports were so well received. In his notice of Arkansas, he says:

We have long been of opinion that one of the most essential and important features of every Conclave should be an exemplification of the work of all the Orders. It should serve as a training school, and it is the only opportunity, certainly in this jurisdiction, that is afforded to Commanderies to learn how to perform their duties. This instruction might, with very great advantage, take the place of the banquet, the ball, or any other jollification, unless time were sufficient for both. We do not in the least detract from the advantage of the social features, and would promote them as far as possible, and there is generally no good reason why instruction and pleasure should not concur.

A lengthy extract is given from the address of our Grand Master in 1894.

Commanderies, 15; members, 1,065; decrease, 29.

Orion L. Hurlburt, (Chattanooga,) G. C.

Wilbur F. Foster, (Nashville,) G. R.

Texas.

Forty-first Conclave, Waco, April 17th, 1895.

E. J. Fry, G. C.

He has the following remarks on the condition of the Order:

While the growth of the Order has not been very great during the past year, probably owing to the stringency of the times, still the returns of the Subordinate Commanderies will show that the Order is in a good healthy condition, and we believe that the accessions to our ranks have been "good men and true," and that few, if any mistakes have been made; that the entrance

to our Asylums have been, as they should always be, well guarded, so that only the worthy can enter. We should look more to the material we take in than to the number; it is not always the Commandery that does the most work that does the most good for the Order.

He mentions the death of Philip C. Tucker, who was Grand Master in 1869, Grand High Priest in 1865, and Grand Commander in 1864.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That Resolution No. 2, Title XIV, Ritual and Drill, be so amended as to read as follows :

2. *To Drill in Public, When.* Each Subordinate Commandery in this jurisdiction must drill in public or otherwise, at least four times each year. That any violation of this regulation on the part of any Commandery, for one year shall subject it to public reprimand by the Grand Commander, and for a second offence, to suspension of Charter, or such other punishment as the Grand Commandery may see fit to inflict.

Resolved, That the reports of Inspectors, being more especially for the information of the Grand Commander be not published with the printed Proceedings, but that any matter brought to his notice by them, which may require special action of the Grand Commandery, be by him reported in his address.

Resolved, That the reports or Communications from the Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions near this Grand Commandery, be not published in full, but only the fact of such reports having been made.

The Grand Officers were installed in public, in the roof-garden of the Waco Natatorium.

Frate R. M. Elgin again submitted one of his valuable reviews. Canada for 1894 receives very courteous mention.

Commanderies, 31; members, 2,080; increase, 103.

John McDonald, (Austin,) G. C.

Robert Brewster, (Houston,) G. R.

Victoria.

The sixth annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria was held at Melbourne on the 31st day of March, 1894.

M. E. Sir Kt. E. A. Collis, Supreme Grand Master.

His address gives the following information as to the condition of the Order in Victoria :

The results of my work during the past year have not been

marked much by outward show, as that work was chiefly in the direction of opening up communication with other grand bodies. Such work, however, may be considered beneficial to our Holy Order.

But during the year good progress has been made by the constituent Preceptories. The Metropolitan No. 1 has shown great energy. The Australasian No. 3 continues its progress, and under the able guidance of its present officers bids fair to attain pre-eminence. The Victorian No. 4, which was resuscitated last year, is now making fair headway. Our progress has been somewhat hampered by the general depression that is passing over the whole colony, in consequence of which accessions to our members are necessarily few.

It will be within the memory of some Sir Knights who are old members of this Great Body, that we have good friends who have fought hand to hand on our behalf in the past, and to whom our acknowledgments are justly due. I more especially refer to M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Q. C., of Canada, and I would recommend that Great Priory confer on him the rank of Past Supreme Grand Master, in appreciation of his merit, and as a slight reward for the great services he rendered at the inception of Great Priory.

Owing, as I have already stated, to the existing depression, the Grand Treasurer has not been overburdened with income, and I would suggest that the fees for the Appointed Officers of Great Priory be abolished, but that any Grand Officer desiring a parchment certificate of office should pay the usual fee of half-a-guinea.

As you are aware, Great Priory at its inception adopted the Statutes of Great Priory of Canada, with such amendments as were deemed necessary, and as alterations have been made from time to time I would suggest that the Statutes be revised and written up to date for the consideration of this Assembly.

Further, it might also be considered whether the assemblies of Great Priory should not be held more often than once a year, (say half yearly) though personally I would be in favor of quarterly assemblies.

In conclusion, I thank Great Priory for the loyal support afforded me as their Supreme Grand Master, and I sincerely trust the Sir Knights will overlook any shortcomings.

R. E. Fratre J. C. Kennedy, on behalf of the Correspondence Committee, reported that during the year communications had been opened up with the Grand Encampment of the United States, the Chapter-General of Scotland and the Great Priory of Ireland, asking for recognition and an exchange of Representatives.

The following report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address was adopted:

Your Council thoroughly endorse the remarks of the Supreme

Grand Master re recognition by this Great Priory of M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson's services, and now recommend that the honorary rank of Supreme Grand Master of this Great Priory be conferred on him.

They also recommend that the fees for all Grand Offices (except the Great Offices) be abolished, and that parchment certificates for the same, if required, shall be ten shillings and sixpence each.

They recommend that the portion of the Grand Master's address re revision of Statutes and Assemblies of Great Priory be referred to the incoming Grand Council to report on.

1895.

Seventh Assembly, Melbourne, May 31st, 1895.

-E. H. Williams, S. G. M.

His address is very interesting and we make the following extracts :

I must congratulate Sovereign Great Priory on its continued prosperity and sound position, notwithstanding the many disheartening circumstances through which we have had to live during the last few years.

I am pleased to be able to say that, from the reports of the R. Em. G. Chancellor, the R. Em. G. Treasurer, and the Grand Council, you will be able to rejoice with me at the steady and unobtrusive progress we have made during the past year. There are, however, a few matters to which we should give special consideration on an occasion such as the present, the Annual Assembly of Great Priory—making a full period in the history of our Templar existence—matters of great importance to our Order in general, and to our position in Victoria masonically, politically and religiously. It is, of course, unnecessary to remind you whence we derived our existence as Knights Templar, nor to emphasize that the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was founded with the distinct acquiescence of the M. Em. and Supreme Grand Master of Convent General, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. This being so, and while, of course, this Great Priory is in a position to make its own laws, and to some extent, to alter its doctrines, even to making them parallel with those of the United States of America (where belief in the Holy Trinity is not even required of members) the question naturally arises whether, in a new country like this, it be advisable to take, or passively allow to be taken, any steps in such direction. This matter must be considered in two ways; firstly, masonically political—secondly, its religious or masonically religious—aspect. With regard to the first, I think it can be dealt with in very few words. We have been taught from our very entrance into Freemasonry to regard unity and the desire for unity as one of the most laudable of ambitions, and as, unfortunately, political unity in Knight Templary does not exist as yet in Victoria, I can see no better paving-stone to that most desirable result than that

we should adhere as closely as possible to the forms and ceremonies of our mother Constitution.

The religious aspect of our Order is one that requires more serious consideration. That grand Cosmopolitan society—Freemasonry—assures every candidate on his entering it that no vow will be required of him contrary to his religious belief, but, at the very portal of our Holy Order, he is asked to declare his belief in the Holy Trinity.

A man therefore goes beyond Freemasonry when he enters an Order into which any one of his Masonic Brethren is debarred from being admitted on account of his religious belief. Let us then, once and forever, put from our minds the idea that we form an *essential* part of Freemasonry. Attached to the grand Order of Freemasonry we certainly are, and it is in our province to become an ornament or a blemish to the noble institution. It either must naturally follow, therefore, that, our Order being essentially religious, we must not expect that it will extend with the same rapidity as the purely Masonic Orders. But there is one consolation that in this our Temple we are in a position to keep excellent guard over the admission of candidates, and we can feel fairly assured that, if a man can pass with honor through the Masonic degrees, with all their tests and trials—is thought worthy of being elected for installation as a Knight Templar—and can, moreover, conscientiously declare his belief coincident with our requirements, he will be able to sustain and perpetuate an Order composed of men to whom the moral teachings of Freemasonry have been of the greatest benefit, and in so doing will become truly an ornament to Freemasonry, and will be enabled, with the greatest possible effect, to promulgate the teachings of the Great Captain of our Salvation.

The Preceptories have shown more life and activity than ever before, and the Grand Treasurer's statement is ten times better than that of the previous year.

In the report of the Grand Council we find the following:

As to recognition, nothing further has transpired since last Assembly, yet Grand Council hope to obtain recognition by Grand Encampment of U. S. A. at their Triennial Meeting to be held next August at Boston.

Your Grand Council heartily congratulate the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada on being once more on harmonious terms with the National Great Priory of England, which latter, owing to Canada having issued Warrants to Subordinate Preceptories now under our banner, withdrew recognition. Happily, this friction is now at an end, and it is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when the same relations will exist between Great Priory and England.

The term of office of Representatives to other Grand Bodies was fixed at three years.

The Assemblies of Great Priory are in future to be held half yearly instead of yearly.

Preceptories, 4 ; members, 76 ; increase, 12.

E. H. Williams, M. D. (Melbourne) S. G. M.

J. C. Kennedy, (Melbourne) G. Chan.

Virginia.

Seventy-second Conclave, Richmond, October 15th, 1894.

E. E. Downham, G. C.

In his address, he says :

Little has occurred throughout the Templar year, save routine work, consequently the administration of the duties of Grand Commander have not been heavy. The condition of the Order is a subject on which I desire to congratulate you, for prosperity and harmony prevail in all our Commanderies except two, Nos. 8 and 12, who have failed to submit reports for the past four years. The membership of most of the Commanderies has increased, and since the new Ritual has come into use, there seems to be a desire on the part of the Sir Knights to acquire the work and be ready to fill any position they may be called upon to fill by their Fratres.

The report on Education at the Masonic Home shows that a good work is being well done :

EAST RICHMOND, VA., NOVEMBER 15, 1894.

MR. J. V. BIDGOOD,

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—In obedience to your request I herewith enclose you my hurriedly prepared report :

We have twelve boys in the school. The public school system is in vogue. The boys are very well advanced, and hence it became necessary, with six of the older boys, to go beyond the public school system. So early in the year (September) I formed two new classes, one of Latin, and one of algebra. Besides these two classes, I have, by the authority of the educational committee, introduced two other new studies for the class of six, type-writing and telegraphy. I am pleased to say that they are making rapid progress in each. There will be an advance made all along the line by the end of this month. All will be moved up one grade higher, and new studies taken up.

The boys have made as much progress as could be desired, and they are making wonderful progress now, and I challenge any public school in the state to show a better monthly report than I herewith enclose.

Things are very well with us in this little room, but when we get into the new building and the better prepared class rooms,

we will have better advantages, and hence will progress more rapidly. I bespeak for your school a bright future.

Your humble teacher,

J. B. CHILDRESS.

Commanderies, 20; members, 1,365; increase, 80.

Since this meeting was held, we have been informed of the death of their esteemed and venerated Grand Recorder, William B. Isaacs, who was also Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States. He was very well known throughout the Masonic world for longer than we can remember. His many good qualities endeared him to the hearts of all his companions. His son succeeds him in both his official positions.

J. Parke Corbin, (Moss Neck,) G. C.

William B. Isaacs, (Richmond,) G. R.

Washington.

Seventh Conclave, Spokane, September 10th, 1894.

Eugene T. Wilson, G. C.

His address opens with the following paragraph:

Once more the cycle of time has rolled around and we meet again in the magic Cataract City in annual conclave, to deliberate upon the past and to legislate for the future. Hands are clasped in the warmth of fraternal greeting, and friendships formed under the banner of the cross are renewed. Cares of the past year of depression and panic are forgotten for the nonce in the charms of knightly companionship and intercourse, and the hearty welcome of that magnificent Commandery whose guests we are. Since our last conclave the business world has been shaken from centre to circumference by failures and misfortunes; the industries and enterprises of our state have been paralyzed, and the giant Distrust has stalked through our land, inoculating all with whom he came in contact. This condition of affairs has affected to a degree the work and growth of most of our subordinates, though some have prospered and flourished in a manner entitling them to the greatest praise for the zeal and enthusiasm which has risen superior to all surroundings. As we glance back and consider the trials and vicissitudes through which we have passed, comparing them with the sufferings and privations endured in other and less favored jurisdictions, let us render thanks to the Great Captain of our Salvation that our lots have been cast in a land where actual want is unknown.

A new Commandery was opened at Port Townsend. Arizona was recognized.

The Grand Recorder reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1893 receives due attention. In reply to a criticism of Fratre Hall of Georgia, on their legislation against non-affiliates, Fratre Blalock says:

Come out and look the ground over for yourself, Sir Hall. We have all we can do to take care of ourselves and our visiting Frates, of whom there are scores; but it is the Sir Knight who comes out to our "wild and woolly west" to look around, and who keeps looking around with his discharge in his pocket, and who is a drone in the busy hive of Templary and renders no assistance to the craft in any way, except to "guzzle" at our banquet tables. We are ready and willing to carry our friends around, but when they get to be old acquaintances and neighbors we want them to help carry.

Commanderies, 9; members, 589; increase, 64.

George N. Alexander, (Seattle,) G. C.

Yancey C. Blalock, (Walla Walla,) G. R.

West Virginia.

Twenty-first Conclave, Fairmont, May 8th, 1895.

W. W. VanWinkle, G. C.

The year just closed has been marked with a continuance of business depression and financial hardship. However, Masonry in this jurisdiction has largely increased and they have better prospects for the future. A new Commandery was opened at Grafton. The Grand Commander recounts his official visitations and then says:

My observations, during these visits, supplemented by reports received, enabled me to report that the regard for good and true work is prevalent throughout this jurisdiction, an effort is apparent to excel, which adds to an interest and love for the organization that points to a greater success in the future.

A regulation uniform was adopted and all members are to conform thereto within six months. It was also resolved that all who are hereafter knighted are to procure a standard uniform within six months from the date of their reception of the degrees.

The report on Correspondence is by Fratre O. S. Long. Our Proceedings for 1894 receive favorable

mention. In his review of Kentucky there is the following note of warning as to the observance of the Holy Days:

There is just a little danger of carrying our distinctly Templar observance of these Holy Days a mere inch too far. In most of the Christian Churches there are forms for the observance of these days—very beautiful and very ancient forms—and many Knights Templars prefer to go on Christmas, or Good Friday, or Easter, to the church of their choice, and, surrounded by their respective families, read those passages of scripture and sing those hymns and unite in those prayers which are appropriate to the day and the events commemorated by the celebration. We do not wish the Commandery to usurp the office of the Church. As between the two, our allegiance belongs to the Church alone. The Commandery is an able and efficient help; a trusted coadjutor; a powerful influence for good; but it cannot supersede the Church nor usurp its place in regulating the conduct of life or in directing proper modes of worshipping the Creator.

Fratre Long challenges our account of the Coronation scene at Baltimore in 1871. It is quite possible that he is correct. We have noted on several occasions that memory is apt to play pranks with the most careful and well disciplined minds. Anyway, Corson deserved the crown of Poet Laureate as much as any one.

We regret that Fratre Long has found it necessary to retire from the ranks of Correspondents. His reports were always most interesting and valuable.

Commanderies, 11; members, 781; increase, 55.

W. H. H. Holswade, (Huntington,) G. C.

R. C. Dunnington, (Fairmont,) G. R.

Wyoming,

Eighth Conclave, Laramie, May 8th, 1895.

William Daley, G. C.

He reports tranquility and prosperity.

The following resolutions were passed:

Moved, That the Grand Recorder be authorized to take such action as may be necessary for the proper care and preservation of the library and records of this Grand Commandery.

Resolved, that each subordinate Commandery in this jurisdiction be inspected once during the Templar year, by the R. E. Grand Commander or by some Sir Knight to be designated by

him, the expense of such inspection to be borne by the Grand Commandery.

Great pressure of professional business and impaired eyesight prevented the Grand Recorder from preparing the usual report on Correspondence. We extend our sympathy and hope the physical disability will not be prolonged.

- Commanderies, 5; members, 250; increase, 2.
- Frank M. Foote, (Evanston,) G. C.
- John C. Baird, (Cheyenne,) G. R.

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED.

California 1895	Nebraska 1895
Colorado 1894-95	New Hampshire 1894
Connecticut 1895	New Jersey 1895
Georgia 1895	New York 1894
Illinois 1894	North Dakota 1894-95
Indiana 1895	Ohio 1894
Iowa 1894-95	Oregon 1894
Kansas 1894-95	South Dakota 1894-95
Kentucky 1895	Tennessee 1895
Louisiana 1895	Texas 1895
Maine 1894-95	Virginia 1894
Maryland 1894	Washington 1894
Michigan 1895	Wyoming 1895
Minnesota 1895	England 1894
Mississippi 1894-95	Victoria 1894-95
Missouri 1895	West Virginia 1895
Montana 1894	

PROCEEDINGS NOT RECEIVED.

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Wisconsin.

Conclusion.

That eminent chronicler, James Anthony Froude, speaks of the early Templars as "mounted police on the pilgrims' road," * * * "nine young gentlemen, whose sole object in life was to escort pious souls to the scene of Christ's sufferings and resurrection."

So our work lies still before us. The road is rough with ignorance and superstition. It is dangerous with the unseen foes of selfishness and faint-heartedness. It is weary with the cries of those whose protectors have fallen by the way. But we must keep a safe thorough-

fare for those who are journeying through life's mountain passes or down death's dark valley. The Knights of the Temple are ever in the vanguard, clearing a way, for the weak, comforting the sorrowful, helping the unfortunate, and if need be, fighting even unto death.

We are not meek recluses. Where there is conflict for right we are in the press of the struggle. The early crusaders were men of fiery temper, hot of blood, unsparing of hand. Theirs was a stern life, with little leisure and no amusements. It ill becomes their descendants to live to no purpose. For centuries the Templars were a political and a spiritual force in the world's history. Let the modern Templars' influence still be wide-reaching and beneficent. May each Knight be able to say to his brother

"Nor have I brought thee shame,
Nor err'd this hand unfaithful to its aim;
Nor proved the toil too hard; nor have I lost
That ancient vigor, once my pride and boast."

All which is courteously submitted,

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

Collingwood, Ontario, Canada,

August 12, 1895.