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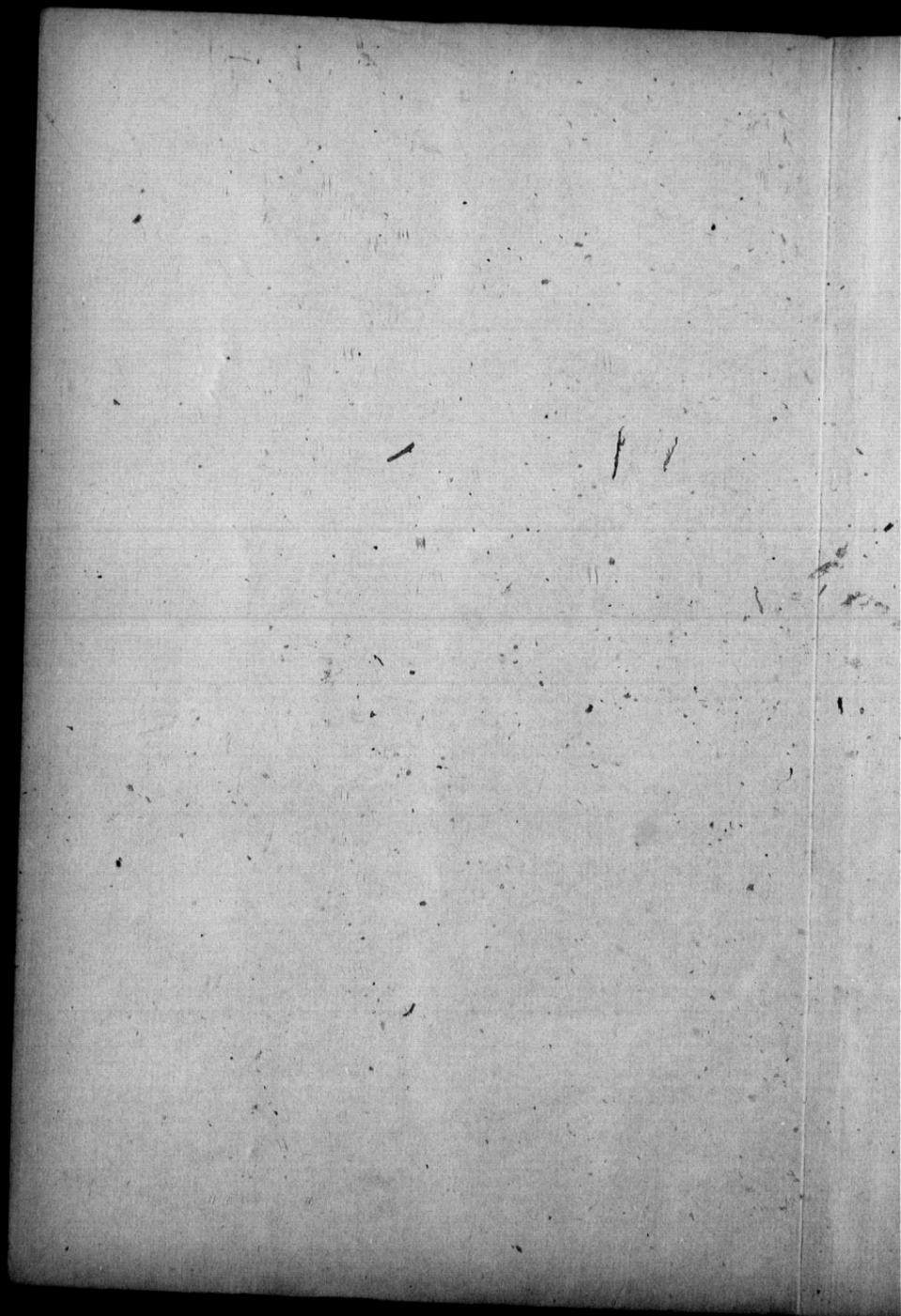
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† All communications and documents for Great Priory should be addressed to the undersigned, and not to the Grand Registrar.

DANIEL SPRY,
Barrie, Ontario, Can.

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ninth and Final Annual Assembly of the National Great Priory of Canada, and of the First 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 Hall, Toronto Street, in the City of Toronto, Province of Ontario, on Tuesday, the 8th July, 1884, A. M. 5888, A. O. 766.

PRESENT.

M. E. Sir Kt. † W. J. B. MacLEOD MOORE, Grand Cross of the Temple,
Great Prior of the Dominion of Canada.

On the Throne.

R. E. Sir Knight † J. A. HENDERSON, Q. C., D. C. L., G. C. T.,
Great Sub-Prior.

The Provincial Priors.

R. E. Sir Knight † James Sutton, M. D., McGillivray, London District.

R. E. Sir Knight † John Henry Stone, Hamilton, Hamilton District.

R. E. Sir Knight † James Bower Nixon, Toronto, Toronto District.

R. E. Sir Knight † David R. Munro, St. John, N. B., District of New
Brunswick.

R. E. Sir Knight † Isaac Henry Stearns, K. C. T., Montreal, District
of Quebec.

Great Officers.

R. E. Sir Knight † Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ontario, Grand Chancellor.

R. E. Sir Knight † Rev. Vincent Clementi, B. A., Peterboro', Ontario,
Grand Chaplain.

R. E. Sir Knight † Edward Hall Raymour, St. Thomas, Ontario.
Grand Constable.

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V. E. Sir Kt. † William Gibson, Hamilton.....P't G'd 1st Stan Br
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 V. E. " † E. H. D. Hall, K.C.T., Peterboro'.. " Pursuivant

**Preceptors.*

M. E. Sir Kt. † W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, G. C. T.

R. E. Sir Kt. † Jas. A. Henderson, G. C. T.

R. E. Sir Kt. † James Seymour,	R. E. Sir Kt. † David McLellan,
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R. E. " † Henry Robertson,	R. E. " † Daniel Spry,
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R. E. " † P. J. Slatter,	R. E. " † Thos. C. Macnabb,
R. E. " † E. H. Raymour,	R. E. " † J. Ross Robertson,
R. E. " † Donald Ross,	V. E. " † Thomas Sargant,
R. E. " † A. G. Adams,	V. E. " † S. S. Lasier,
R. E. " † J. H. Stone,	V. E. " † Wm. Gibson,
R. E. " † R. Ramsay, K.C.T.	R. E. " † C. D. Macdonald,
V. E. " † Wm. Hamilton,	K. C. T.,
V. E. " † E. H. D. Hall, K.C.T.	V. E. " † John Easton,
V. E. " † John Dumbrille,	V. E. " † D. Collins,
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V. E. " † Robert McKay,	V. E. " † W. H. Ponton,
V. E. " † John Parry,	E. " † S. Lebourveau,
V. E. " † J. M. Stevenson,	E. " † H. Lockwood,
V. E. " † John B. Smyth,	E. " † E. Chatfield,
E. " † Henry Griffith,	E. " † John Douglas,
E. " † E. A. Dalley,	E. " † Fred'k Bates,
E. " † Joseph Park,	E. " † A. N. Pettit,
E. " † R. V. Matthews.	

The Sir Knights having formed the Arch of Steel, the Most Eminent the Great Prior, preceded by the National Great Officers and Officers, entered in procession under the direction of the Grand Marshal, and took his seat upon the Throne.

The Grand Chancellor called the muster roll, and having

* Note.—Eminent Preceptors while in office are termed Presiding Preceptors; after passing out of office they are termed Preceptors.

ascertained that a constitutional number of Preceptories were represented, the National Great Priory was opened in *Simple Form* at 11 o'clock a. m., and the Grand Prelate implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

The Grand Council, as required by the Statutes, appointed R. E. Sir Knights † J. B. Nixon and † A. G. Adams a Committee on the Credentials of the Representatives and Proxies from the Preceptories. They reported the following as being present, and entitled to seats in the Great Priory:—

No. 1.		HUGH DE FAYENS, KINGSTON, ONTARIO.	
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R. E.	" † J. A. Henderson, G.C.T.,	Preceptor.	
M. E.	" † W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, G.C.T.,	"	
R. E.	" † C. D. Macdonald, K. C. T.,	"	
R. E.	" † Donald Ross.....	"	
No. 2.		GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, TORONTO, ONTARIO.	
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"	† E. T. Malone	Constable.	
R. E.	" † J. Ross Robertson.....	Preceptor.	
R. E.	" † James B. Nixon.....	"	
R. E.	" † Thomas Sargent.....	"	
V. E.	" † W. Hamilton.....	"	
No. 3.		GODFREY DE BOUILLON, HAMILTON, ONTARIO.	
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"	† Thomas Hood.....	Constable.	
M. E.	" † W. J. B. MacLeod Moore.....	Preceptor.	
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R. E.	" † John Henry Stone.....	"	
R. E.	" † John J. Mason.....	"	
V. E.	" † William Gibson.....	"	
V. E.	" † J. B. Bishop.....	"	
E.	" † E. A. Dalley.....	"	
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R. E.	" † James Sutton, M. D.....	Preceptor.	
R. E.	" † A. G. Smyth	"	
E.	" † John B. Smyth.....	"	

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 R. E. " † Rev. V. Clementi, B.A.... "
- No. 14. HARRINGTON, TRENTON, ONTARIO.
 [Warrant surrendered.]
- No. 15. ST. JOHN THE ALMONER, WHITBY, ONTARIO.
 [Not represented.]
- No. 16. GONDEMAR, MAITLAND, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Knight † A. ChatfieldPresiding Preceptor.

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 R. E. " † Robert Ramsay, K. C. T. "

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 " † John Simpson Marshal.
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V. E. Sir Knight † J. B. Traves Presiding Preceptor.

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 V. E. " † Robert Mackay "

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V. E. Sir Knight † Richard Ratcliffe Preceptor.

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R. E. Sir Knight † Daniel Spry Preceptor.
 R. E. " † James B. Nixon "

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R. E. Sir Knight † Daniel Spry Proxy.

No. 25. WILLIAM DE LA MORE, THE MARTYR, QUEBEC.

E. Sir Knight † Henry Griffith Preceptor.

No. 26. WINDSOR, WINDSOR, ONTARIO.

V. E. Sir Knight † Joseph Park Presiding Preceptor.
 " † George Adams Constable.
 " † J. A. Grosscup Marshal.

VISITORS.

R. E. Sir Knight † T. S. Parvin, Iowa City, Iowa, Grand Secretary
Grand Encampment Knights Templar, of the
United States.

Your Credential Committee beg leave to submit the following report:—Of the twenty-six Preceptories on the roll, nineteen are represented by their regular Representatives; two are represented by Proxy; five are not represented; number of votes, ninety-two.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, JAMES B. NIXON, } Committee on
A. G. ADAMS. } Credentials.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † J. B. Nixon, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † A. G. Adams, and

RESOLVED,—That the Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

The Most Eminent the Great Prior, authorized the admission of all Knights Templar in good standing during the Assembly of Great Priory.

The Grand Chancellor read the rules and regulations for the government of Great Priory during business.

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 † J. A. Henderson, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † Rev. V. Clementi, and

RESOLVED,—That the minutes of the Proceedings of Great Priory, at its Eighth Annual Assembly, held in the City of Ottawa, on the 10th day of July, 1883, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to each Preceptory and Frater entitled to receive them, the same be considered as read, and be now confirmed.

The Grand Chancellor read letters from the following members of Great Priory, namely:—R. E. Sir Knights † Geo. O. Tyler, and † S. B. Harman, Past Great Sub-Priors;

‡ G. H. F. Dartnell, and † James K. Kerr, Past Provincial Priors, Ontario Centre; Hon. † Robert Marshall, Past Provincial Prior, and † S. F. Matthews, Grand Marshal, New Brunswick; † Benjamin Curren, Past Provincial Prior, and † James Dempster, Provincial Prior, Nova Scotia; † H. A. Mackay, Past Provincial Prior, Ontario West; † L. F. Darling, Past Provincial Prior, Nova Scotia; and † J. H. Graham, Past Grand Treasurer, expressing regret that unavoidable circumstances prevented their attendance at the Annual Assembly; and from the M. E. Sir Knight Hon. † R. E. Withers, Grand Master; and R. E. Sir Knight † Theo. T. Gurney, Chicago, conveying congratulations on securing the independence of Great Priory.

The Most Eminent the Great Prior then read the following

ADDRESS:

Fratres of the Canadian Branch of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta,—

In opening my "ALLOCATION" of this year, I greet you with the welcome intelligence that your expressed wishes for the complete Independence of this National Great Priory have been fully realized.

In conformity with the power assigned to me, authorized by you at our last annual assembly, to act upon the recommendation and suggestions contained in the report adopted by Great Priory for the independence of this National Body, I duly forwarded, through the Arch-Chancellor of Convent General, the Honorable Judge Townshend, of the Admiralty Courts, Dublin, Ireland, to be laid before H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, as Supreme Grand Master of the Order, the prayer of your petition (Appendix A.) The Chancellor will read the reply commanded to be communicated to me. I feel satisfied that you will all agree with me that H. R. H. has ennobled himself, and intensified the loyalty we all feel towards him for his Knightly and truly gracious acknowledgment of our complete independence. The golden chain of union is not broken, but it is strengthened a thousand fold, and I look forward to a new era of prosperity for our grand old Order of the Temple.

I think it right to explain the cause of the delay in receiving the reply of H. R. Highness to my petition.

At the commencement of last September, I forwarded the application to the Arch-Chancellor of Convent General, to be laid before H. R. H., and it was not until a few months later that I learned it had never reached him, having been lost when he was on a visit to the Continent of Europe. My second letter, of the 21st December, also met with some delay, from circumstances unnecessary now to refer to. I can only remark, that the satisfactory and pleasing reply makes full amends for the delay, which caused us all much anxiety.

As you had determined to assume complete independence, the pleasure is enhanced by the honorable course pursued in obtaining it. No doubt the result of your expressed wishes would have been the same, but a less honorable and uncourteous course of proceeding, would, be assured, have left its sting behind. As a supreme and governing body, we can now look back with pride to our parentage, and the honorable position we held under the rule of one who, for many years, was pleased to be our Grand Master, and who, I trust, will still honor us by becoming the patron of this Great Priory, and regard the Canadian branch of the Order with his princely favor.

I do not hesitate to say that I never could see the necessity for wishing to be absolved from our allegiance to H. R. Highness as Supreme Grand Master of the Order. He never assumed control over, or interfered with the independent position sought for by the nationalities; so that, in the most minute affairs of government, it could not be said that the National Great Priory of Canada had been coerced by any outside governing authority, and to all intents and purposes was perfectly independent; it being understood that it was not necessary to consult H. R. Highness in the local government of the Order; therefore, our relations under his supreme authority were only technically objectionable as regards entire independence. At the same time, it created so many doubts in the minds of our sister jurisdiction of the United States of America, that when your committee recommended an humble petition to be forwarded, asking to be absolved from our vows of fealty, I felt that the time had arrived, and putting aside my own personal feelings, agreed for the good of the Order in Canada, to recommend the prayer of the petition; but I certainly, in the first instance, was not prepared for the final decision of Great Priory to declare independence, and then ask to be absolved. However, the magnanimous action of H. R. Highness in so readily acceding to the request of Great Priory removed all difficulties, and is only in accord with his generous and princely character.

I am pained to find that most unfair and false motives have

been ascribed to the action taken by Great Priory—ungenerous in the extreme—for any one even to suppose that such a step was taken with the most distant idea of disrespect to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales,—it was never for a moment thought of. The fact is apparent, that some of our brethren and masonic rulers at home are so entirely averse to the independent movement of the colonies, that they have raised in the masonic press a tirade against the desire for self-government. Are they so short-sighted that they cannot seem to realize that colonists are anything but children and must be kept under tutelage forever? Do they suppose they can prevent independence by indulging in absurd ideas as regards the rights of what they call “our colonies,” that rational argument would be simply thrown away upon them? They forget that the colonies were originally peopled by men from home,—men of vigor, energy, and strength of character,—and that their descendants have not deteriorated. Like other people, they have grown up to manhood, in all things, and govern themselves, and will continue to do so masonically. Wisdom and prudent foresight seek to control such for local government and the general welfare; foolishness and judicial blindness oppose the decrees of fate.* Far better carry out practically the teachings of Universal Masonry, by making all necessary concessions, and acknowledging just rights, and thus establish a perpetual alliance of fraternal amity, and make Masonry what it should be—a powerful factor in drawing together the several members of this great empire, of which Canada desires always to form a component part.

Fratres, thirty years have now passed away since I first introduced the Temple Order from England into Canada, and over which I have continuously presided, and now, by your unanimous voice, remain for life its governing head. I need not say how highly I prize and appreciate the honor at your hands.

A new departure has commenced, which, I trust, heralds a prosperous and happy future; but this mainly depends on ourselves, to secure and to obtain which we must be most careful whom we admit to participate in our rites.

*“No doubt the death-blow to the union of the Great Priories was first struck when the special meeting of Convent General was held in England, and the adoption of the arbitrary measure to set aside the decision of the regular meeting in Ireland the year before. Such a course was felt by the Irish members as merely trifling with them, and they never troubled their heads more about the union. In the same way the disregard shown to the feelings of the Masonic fraternity in Canada, by infringing upon their just and recognized rights as the governing power, is creating discontent and alienating the bond of union and affection to the parent body so desirable, and which is the great aim and object of the Masonic fraternity to cement.”

Having, in deference to the wishes of the Templars of Canada, asked for, and being honorably freed from my immediate obligations of fealty to my Royal Grand Master, (although my feelings of loyalty to him as such, can never be effaced), I will uphold and maintain the sovereign rights of this Great Priory of Canada in all its integrity, and preserve intact the teachings derived from the parent body in its orthodox Christian character, without reservation or innovations of any kind. In which it is declared that the essential test of the true Templars' creed is a firm belief in the doctrines of the Holy and undivided Trinity, and divinity of Christ. There can be no question in the matter. Without it no Templary exists. The Christian doctrine of the Trinity is not the offspring of metaphysics, but the expression of the facts of Revelation. It is the foundation and fundamental principle of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta.

JURISDICTION AND POWERS OF TEMPLARS AND OTHER MASONIC GOVERNING BODIES.

In the Proceedings of the last Grand Encampment of the United States for 1883, will be found an able and courteous paragraph in the Grand Masters address on the subject of the former independence of this Great Priory with reference to the action taken by the Grand Encampment looking upon Great Priory as a subordinate body, and consequently not the peer of the Grand Encampment. A letter is also published from the Arch Chancellor of the Convent General of England, Ireland and Canada, to the Grand Master, fully pointing out the powers and position of the Great Priors of Convent General, and will explain the ground on which I based my views of our independent position, but as the matter has been set at rest for ever, I merely refer to it to express how highly I appreciate the straight-forward and manly course invariably chosen by our Fratres of the Order in the United States towards us, and also to draw your attention to the following circumstance, viz.: Some members and officers of this Great Priory who, ignoring their vows of allegiance as such, had two or three years ago sought an interview with the Grand Master of the United States Templars for the purpose of holding warrants under his jurisdiction. This he declined, with the following remarks:—

"You say you have grievances which you desire me to hear, but what right have I to arbitrate or pass judgment upon your grievances without the consent of your Great Prior? You ask for an audience with reference to petitioning for charters under this Grand Encampment, but it is an audience in the absence of and without the knowledge and consent of your Great Prior, and would be a violation of comity on my part. * * * Besides, if there were admitt-

sable grounds for the reception of your delegation it would be unwise in me to encourage you to seek it.

"You and your brother Templars had better seek the redress of such grievances as you think you have within your own Great Priory. If you are right you will prevail in the end, but a divided jurisdiction is always a calamity."

This was the honourable course adopted by the Grand Master of our sister jurisdiction, who upheld the authority of your Great Prior, and the dignity of the National Great Priory of Canada. I had heard at the time that a promise of warrants was said to have been given to Americans in Canada, who were endeavoring to establish under the United States Templar system a Grand Commandery at Toronto, Hamilton and other places, and their names made known to me, which I did not think it necessary to notice, feeling confident in the integrity of the Grand Encampment of the United States not to disturb the harmony existing between the two jurisdictions, and the action taken by their Grand Master fully justified my opinion.

Contrast this with the course pursued by our own members who had received honors at my hands in Great Priory, and had bound themselves to support and maintain the Canadian nationality.

Whatever ideas may have been entertained by those wedded to the peculiar system of Templary in the United States and of introducing it into Canada, must now be abandoned, for all Knights Templar, Knights of Malta and Preceptories and Priories of these Orders in the Dominion are subject to my authority and owe me and the National Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta allegiance, and I wish it clearly to be understood that no innovations or changes can be permitted in the established work, or any deviation whatever from the rules and regulations adopted by Great Priory. However glad I may be at all times to meet the wishes of our Frates of the United States Templars, I am much opposed to residents in Canada obtaining reception into the Templar Order out of the Dominion. In the first place, it is not reasonable to seek admission in a foreign jurisdiction and then return to Canada and claim the right to join our Preceptories. We are comparatively a small body, and require all our own material for its support, besides the United Orders of the Temple and Malta are on a *totally* different footing from the Templar branch in the United States. With us, it is strictly an orthodox Christian, Trinitarian Order, requiring "that test" from all its aspirants, and the vows of profession are necessarily different; whereas with our Frates of the United States, the order is a compromise between Christianity and universal Free and Accepted Ma-

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sonry. Under these circumstances I have felt obliged to decline applications made to me for residents of Canada being received into the order under the Grand Encampment of the United States, and United States Templars, who may wish to become active members of Preceptories under the jurisdiction of Canada, must comply with the authorized tests of admission.

THE CHRISTIAN CHARACTER OF FREEMASONRY AND THE TEMPLAR ORDER.

From time to time, I have endeavored to explain what I considered the true object and meaning of the modern Templar Order of the British Dominions, and its connection with Free and Accepted Masonry, viz., that the teachings and doctrines of the two Orders were derived from the common origin of the "Sacred Mysteries," the forerunner of revealed religion; and in my last Annual Allocution, I entered more fully on the subject in the hope of stimulating a spirit of enquiry and research; for is it not right to push forward the speculations and theories of those who have given their most mature consideration to the question, when a semblance of a doubt exists. It is only by doing this that we can arrive at a satisfactory conclusion. The history of Freemasonry, standing in the position of its great prototype and Martyr, who, it is related in the legend of Hiram, declared "that patience and perseverance would in time enable the worthy Mason to know the great secrets"—these were not to be forced from him any more than we can wrench them from the closely guarded caverns of the hidden past, and our only resource is to labor and wait, and even if we do not win them we shall perhaps lay a foundation of information as will enable those who come after us to raise a superstructure perfect in all its parts. Bearing this in mind, I laid my views before you with the conclusion to which I had arrived. I was therefore quite unprepared for the sarcastic criticism they called forth from the pen of our enlightened Brother the Rev. J. F. Woodford (Masonic Student), of the London *Freemason*, who, with the license of a "reviewer," endeavored to turn into ridicule views that differed from his own, indulging in unusual terms of disapproval that I felt constrained to send a reply to the London *Freemason*, which, although published, was considerably curtailed; therefore, for your information, and in support of the theories I had advanced, I now re-produce in Appendix B, that you may be fully in possession of my meaning.

To me, it appears useless to argue or dispute upon the Christian character of Freemasonry before the reorganization of A. D. 1717, for there is abundant proofs in the old parchment constitutions of its Christian character up to 1700. That it underwent a change

about that period, is also certain, and I am satisfied that York and London Freemasonry were decidedly different, the former preserving the Christian characteristics longer than the latter; but the worst of attempting deductions from isolated facts is that they can be made to suit any purpose, and "Masonic Students" all seem to make up their minds beforehand.

No doubt exists in my mind that when Anderson and his colleague Desaguliers undertook, at the desire of the existing Grand Lodge of England, to revise the Order, they found Masonry in the position of a "Mysterious Secret Society," prostituted to purposes of gain and self-interest, and made to appear to the minds of the credulous and superstitious as an "Ancient Religious Ceremony," which to travellers and sailors, who visited all parts of the world, would prove of the greatest benefit.* I therefore totally dissent from the supposition that Anderson, as a Christian minister, was unfaithful to his trust in the changes he made, and new forms introduced rejecting the Christian part altogether and substituting the legend of Hiram. His object, no doubt, was to correct the abuses made by ignorant and worldly minds and transform it into a "Universal Brotherhood" without reference to creeds or sectarian doctrines. I consider, then, that Drs. Anderson and Desaguliers were justified in changing the system of Freemasonry as they found it, into a cosmopolitan, and philosophical, charitable society, relying on the Christian religion being left to exist alone in its purity, and thus avoid the sacrilege of contaminating the sacred doctrines of our most holy faith with worldly and material affairs.

The system of Free and Accepted Masonry in England is well described as "A beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols,"—that persons of the most ordinary capacity can understand and appreciate, but it is entirely a new departure, and totally different from Ancient Freemasonry, which I assert our English Order of the Temple in its doctrines is intended to represent. At the same time, Craft Masonry

* We learn from a book which appeared in Germany, written in the early part of the last century under the title of "Ueber dem Zweck den Freimaurer," which was translated into English and printed by a person in Albany, New York, in 1824, called "The End (or object) of Free Masonry." The author was making a tour on the continent of Europe, and through Great Britain and Ireland, and appears to have formed a very high idea of the Order, having been initiated into a purer Masonry from what he found existing in the British Dominions, where he states it had fallen so low as to be a reproach and unworthy to his expectations and sensible men. In England it was so contrary to his expectations that it led him to the publication of a bold and manly defence of the Order in its purity, exhorting the fraternity wherever they might be found to come to the rescue of a fallen house.

unmistakably shows its Christian origin, and I need no other evidence than the ritual itself,—the tragedy of the third degree is, to my mind, nothing more than a representation of the divine sacrifice upon Mount Calvary, and there are many other parts that I cannot write about that remind us, not only of Christ, but of God, in the higher manifestations of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. These have been referred to by the late Rev. Dr. Olver, the great historian of the modern fraternity, but who in this "advanced" age is looked upon as far behind the times and of little account.*

THE MODERN TEMPLAR ORDER AS A MILITARY BODY, AND ITS PURELY CHRISTIAN CHARACTER.

I am entirely at issue with the assertion that the existence of the doctrines of the Old Templar Order, as connected with the Ancient Builders, were unknown or unthought of when the changes and formularies of "Anderson" are said to have made English Freemasons dissatisfied. It is not possible to suppose that they were not

*The Builders' branch was the same in the commencement, but in the course of a few centuries their knowledge was lost by union with the Guilds, and by 1717 there was nothing left but the operative degree of "Entered Apprentice," which was taken up by Anderson and Desaguliers, and the various additions made, which we now see styled "Free and Accepted Masonry." It is further to be remarked, that the names which the three degrees now bear, were adopted by them, the original and true names of the steps were "Disciple," "Fellow," and "Master," but having made the institution mechanical, they adopted the names of Entered (or "bound") Apprentice, Fellow-Craft (or "journeyman,"), and Master Mason ("overseer,") following the usages of stone masons, and changing and altering its whole character. The general features of the Entered Apprentice, is similar to the first step of the Christian Mysteries or "Disciple" so with the second and third. But in fact, they are altogether dissimilar and unlike in doctrine and in effect. Yet silent vestiges remain, proving clearly and fully from whence they came. "It should be remembered that the retirement from the cloisters by the Lay Brothers for the purpose of erecting stupendous edifices for the worship of God," and the "Poor fellow-soldiers of Jesus Christ," who devoted themselves to the care of the sick in hospitals, took place within the same century, carrying with them the knowledge of the same mysteries, the two classes were one and the same, devoted to the same object, viz.:—The glory of God, but directed in different ways. The one thousand years of the "Apocalypse" in their view was consummated, all fears regarding them had vanished, and they went forward in acts of general mercy. The one erected temples for the worship of "The Star of Israel;" the other devoted themselves to the healing of the sick, and attending upon their wants, and fighting for the possession of the Holy Sepulchre, where their Lord was laid, and from whence he rose triumphant. The course of both were strongly marked, and vestiges remain to the present day in the edifices they erected, and the mystic symbols which adorned not only the stones of the buildings, but the graves in which the bodies were placed. After the dispersion of the Templars, and the union of some of the dispersed members with the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the individuality of the Templars was forgotten, while the name of St. John of Jerusalem, afterwards known as the Knights of Malta, was continued, and the secret doctrinal teachings in its pure state adopted. It has never been much extended, nor have any of its votaries sought publicly for it, as the rules of the Order are strongly opposed to such a proceeding, and court retirement, and show forth to the world the doctrines of the Order by their conduct.

well known and fully discussed at the time. No doubt the date of the first mention of Modern Masonic Templars in England, given by our great Masonic authority, Bro. Hughan, is correct; but that does not at all contradict the fact that the original doctrines of Freemasonry, as derived from the cloisters, was the same as that of the Ancient Templars.

Our Templar system in the British Dominions is only a prototype of the traditions of Ancient Masonry, and has nothing of a military element about it, that being a very modern innovation. I feel, therefore, at a loss to understand what a system of military drills has to do with the work of the Templar ritual.

The object of true Templary is not popularity, but perpetuity; it is to fix the principles upon which we are to live, and the doctrines to be promulgated. But I fear there is with the majority a greater regard evinced for external show, which, if removed, many would lose interest in the Order, as it cannot be denied that numbers on this continent seek admittance for no other purpose, losing sight of its important mission,—endeavoring to change its character into that of a Volunteer Military Masonic Association,—without the slightest foundation for doing so. In fact, the military character of modern Templary is but a vain spirit of ostentatious imitation common to all classes of society. I would refer you to the admirable article published in the *Voice of Masonry*,—"What is it,"—by Frater T. S. Parvin, Grand Recorder Grand Encampment of the U. S. A., who fully shows how ridiculous it is to consider the Modern Order of Knights Templar as a military body.

ON THE RITUALS OF THE ORDER.

I feel called upon to reply to some remarks connected with the rituals of the Order from the pen of the Rev. Frater Fisher, of the Grand Commandery of Vermont, U. S. A., who as chairman of the Foreign Correspondence, in a truly fraternal spirit reviewed my allocation. I think in some particulars he mistakes my meaning. In my opinion, the ritual of a "reception" does not require of us to lay before the "aspirant" its entire doctrinal teachings. It is after his reception the "neophyte" is to be fully instructed if worthy, and very properly it should be so, when we find so many join the Order from mere motives of idle show and amusement. The sacred doctrines, which, as Templars, it is our privilege and duty to promulgate, require the mind should be prepared to receive them and dwell upon them day by day; they cannot be casually communicated, they must be conferred in all their details, and once received and in the proper form, with due preparation, they will be highly esteemed and not be

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forgotten. But in this age of skepticism and infidelity, of ridicule and prejudice, these things would be ridiculed and trampled beneath the feet if made common. Prejudice and skepticism causes many of the so-called degrees of Masonry to be received and defended with warm zeal, while the pure and simple doctrines of revealed truth, are despised and rejected of men. The doctrinal secret ritual of the Order is clear and defined to the mind prepared to receive it, but should be only intrusted to those who seek the truth. The founders of the Ancient Templar Order certainly had a secret doctrinal ritual of the most solemn and imposing kind, brought with them from the cloisters and carried out by them fully in all the time of their existence in which all members were either partially or fully introduced according to character or habits; some were only initiated, others were more advanced, and a few of the members possessed them in full, having learned it in the monasteries, and it was the main spring of all their actions in undertaking the "Holy War" of the Crusades. It is fully admitted by authors that the Ancient Order held secret conclaves, admissible only to a select few. What else could these assemblies be for, but to propound and teach the doctrines of the Christian faith, as revealed through the sacred mysteries and known to the prophets of old. No doubt, ambitious men, leaders of the Order, discussed also at these conclaves secular matters, and devised schemes of aggrandisement and unlimited supreme power, untrammelled by any interference from, or obedience to the powers of Europe, but the basis, the main object of their deliberations, was to exalt and purify the Christian religion above all other human institutions.

For several centuries, Christianity was itself a secret society, in that all its principles were secret and its meetings held in secret, at which none but Christians were permitted to be present.*

I do not mean by this that we are not to proclaim the doctrines or to explain the truths revealed to us. They are to be proclaimed "upon the house top" and "in the highway." The truth outside the doctrinal ritual is an easy task, for both sacred and profane history are always ready at hand, but its ritual and its services should be

*The analogy drawn between Free and Accepted Masonry and Christianity, which has lately appeared in the Masonic press will better explain my meaning of the teachings of the Ancient Templars.
 "The secrets of Christianity were only communicated to initiates and these initiates were first made Christians, then advanced in Christianity, and finally raised to a knowledge of all the *Aporrheta* of Christianity; there were three degrees or steps in Christianity, and its religious system was known as "Disciplina Arcani"—"The Discipline of the Secret;" there was an esoteric and exoteric doctrine—the three classes who received the three degrees of the primitive church were the "Catechumens," the "Competentes," and the "Illuminati" or Mystics. In the first degree of

kept silent; they would never be appreciated by the multitude. The sneers of the rationalist, the bitterness of the infidel and Jew, would meet us at every turn, and crush the truth beneath their feet. After years of close investigation and unmistakable proofs sacredly confided to me, now almost impossible to be obtained, with the vestiges that remain clearly pointed out, I am satisfied that the true and Ancient Templar Masonic doctrines are derived from the sacred mysteries, the counterpart of revealed religion. What object then, or of what importance can anything else be to us, professed Christians.

I should explain to our Rev'd Brother that my allusion in a former allocation to the transparency used in United States Commanderies with the inscription of I. N. R. I. on the cross, had been sneeringly explained to me by United States Templars as being equally reliable, when translated "By fire perfect nature is renewed."

THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY.

The test doctrine of the Holy Trinity, still continues to exercise the minds of our Fratres of the United States, and is largely commented upon in their Foreign Correspondence reports, but that a representation of the Ancient Templars can exist without it, all the special pleading in the world cannot prove. It is the very core and foundation of the Order, and a society calling themselves "Templars" who admit members of the Jewish faith, is manifestly absurd. The Jews were the despised and detested of the Ancient Order, and at the present day they cannot without perjury take upon themselves the vows of the true Templar. The doctrine of the Trinity is one which is not to be denied without danger, because it forms a part of divine revelation. The great doctrine of the Gospels, are the three persons in the Godhead, in whose name we are baptized; it is a scriptural doctrine, and as such we are bound to receive it, unless we renounce the Bible altogether, which we as Masons call the first great light of Masonry, and if we believe in the authority of the New Testament, to worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity. "Faith" in

Christianity, the candidate was baptized. Baptism introduced the believer to the Christian mystery. The secret doctrines taught in the several degrees were those of the "Trinity in Unity." The incarnation of the "Logos," or Son of God, the crucifixion, the resurrection, and the secrets of the Liturgy.

Baptism initiated the candidate, while a participation in the Lord's Supper or Eucharist, marked the raising of the candidate to the highest degree of Christian light and doctrine."

All through the writings of the early fathers of the church, reference is made to the Christian mysteries and its secret doctrines, and initiates were strictly forbidden to paint, cut, or carve any reference to its mysteries.

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the incarnation of Christ, and a future judgment is absolutely necessary to salvation."

PROVINCIAL PRIORS AND THEIR DUTIES.

I would beg to draw the particular attention of Provincial Priors to the necessity of greater attention to the duties they have to perform. Much of the irregularities complained of from time to time in Preceptories, arises from the want of interest, generally speaking, on their part. I have every right to expect from them support and co-operation. They are not selected for office in their Districts to be mere idle spectators, and for the sake of the rank and position in the Order attached to it. Preceptories, must, therefore, be more circumspect in their selections, and be satisfied of the fitness for office of the Fratres whose names are submitted to me for approval. I repeat: many irregularities that come to my notice arise from Provincial Priors not enquiring, as they are bound to do, whether the statutes, rules and regulations issued by Great Priory are perfectly understood and carried out. The whole work now seems to fall upon the "Grand Chancellor," who virtually does their duty; but he cannot be expected to do every one's work, and attend to his own onerous duties, which he so admirably performs.

The statutes are clearly laid down as the laws of the National Great Priory, and must be strictly complied with. No body of men can exist without a regular system of laws, and scale of responsibility. The general feeling of late, amongst the Templars of Canada, is to appear as a "quasi military" body: at the same time they lose sight of the first duty of a soldier—that of "obedience" in every particular to the professions they undertake. All official returns and forms are to be uniform, and no deviation can be admitted from those issued by the "Chancery." If every one is to consider himself at liberty to do and act as he pleases, regularity and uniformity will at once be at an end. Great Priory will, I am sure, see the force of these remarks,

*In every known nation are to be found traditions of the "Fall of Man," "The Deluge," and of the "Trinity." The doctrine of the Trinity is revealed to us in connection with the plan of salvation for a fallen race, and when an enlightened belief of this doctrine exists it will be found to open the most interesting relations and to involve in it the most important duties and solemn obligations. The purity of our Christian principles materially depends upon the integrity with which this grand doctrine of the Trinity is maintained, so intensely is it interwoven with the whole system of man's redemption. With the majority of Christians it is considered to be plainly revealed in the word of God, but there are some of old and we see the number increase in the present day, of those who dispute or deny the doctrine; these are known as Arians, Socinians, and Labelians, and some now call themselves Unitarians, but it appears to me that many of those latter who have joined the Templar Order, and argue against the doctrine of the Trinity, confuse themselves, and that in reality they are Trinitarians, or how can they believe in the Divinity of Christ and the Christian religion.

and support me in carrying out suggestions made entirely for the prosperity and welfare of the Canadian branch of our Order. We have made our own rules and regulations, and do not require to copy those of others, however good they may appear in the eyes of individuals. I have to remark that a deviation from the statutes has, in some instances, lately (in Western Ontario) occurred, by official matters being referred "direct" to me instead of through the proper channel,—the Grand Chancellor,—and which I had, necessarily, to return to him to report upon. In a few cases, I have privately replied direct, contrary to my own better judgment, and have learned that those Frateres with whom I corresponded, have been publicly reading from and allowed to be read, what, in a kind desire to be courteous and prevent strife, I had written as "private," and instead of smoothing over matters, the quotations from my letters have only intensified the fuel of discord, and brought forth in more than one instance an uncourteous reply to my kindly meant suggestions. I shall make no farther comment, than, I look upon such conduct as totally at variance with my preconceived ideas and experience.

OBITUARY.

The fell destroyer who spares neither age nor station amongst the children of the dust, has been, since our last assembly, busy in our ranks, and the Great Captain of our salvation has thought fit to call to his immediate presence many distinguished members of the Order.

The Grand Master of the Temple in Scotland, the Ill. Bro. John Whyte Melville, of Bennochey, passed away at Mount Melville to his eternal rest, on the 16th July, 1893, at the advanced age of 86 years. Our distinguished Frater was widely known as a prominent Free Mason, and his services as such have been recorded by the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, who in his work on Freemasonry, says:—He was initiated in A. D. 1817, in Holyrood House, (St. Luke's), Edinburgh, and in 1864 was elected to the Grand Mastership, which he held for three years, and during that period was head of "all" the Mosonic bodies in Scotland. At his death, he was Grand Master of the Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, A. & A. S. Rite, 33°, also Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Royal Order of Scotland and President of the Rosycrucian Society. He was loved and respected by the Craft in every degree.

More lately and more intimately connected with our own Order, we have to mourn the death of one endeared to us all. The most beloved and respected younger son of our Gracious Queen, Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, whose sudden death at Cannes, in the south of

France, on the 28th of last March, alone, and far from all that was near and dear to him, has thrown a saddened gloom over the whole nation. With cultured and scholarly tastes and a devout religious spirit, he entered into every scheme of benevolence and philanthropy. In the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, Prince Leopold was Constable of the Order in England and was also a Knight Grand Cross. He possessed much of the old knightly character "sans peur et sans reproche" and was, as his brothers, the Prince of Wales and Duke of Connaught are, an enthusiastic Mason. His Royal Highness was an honorary member of the Supreme Council, 33°, A. & A. S. Rite; Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England, and held the office of 3rd Grand Principal Supreme Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, also Past Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, and Past Grand Senior Warden of Grand Lodge of England.

I would suggest to Great Priory, as becoming us loyal Templars, to adopt a dutiful address of sympathy to our Most Gracious Queen, and to the young and Royal widow so lately bereaved.

In our immediate jurisdiction, we have to record the death of one well-known to us for his kindly and generous heart, ever open to the call of sympathy and distress. Frater Wm. B. Colby, first Commander (Preceptor) and founder of the Sussex Preceptory at Stanstead Plains, Province of Quebec, died on the 24th of February last, in the 52d year of his age. A most touching and well deserved memorial resolution was passed by the committee of the Sussex Preceptory on the 18th of March, to the memory of their esteemed and regretted friend and brother, whose loss to the Preceptory is almost irreparable.

GENERAL REMARKS.

There appears some strange misconception and perversion of many of my remarks generally. I have never said that modern "Free and Accepted Masonry" was Christian or Trinitarian, but that Ancient Masonry, before the so-called revival, was undoubtedly so. Neither do I wish to alter the present Cosmopolitan and beneficent system of brotherhood, having its birth in A.D. 1717. Nor do I dispute that Freemasonry of our day is based upon and derives its characteristics from the Guilds of Operative Masonry; but I do say that the original object of Freemasonry was to inculcate the Christian doctrines, and carry out the work of the Divine Master.

When speaking of the Templar Order, it is that of the British Dominions I allude to, which is understood to be distinct and inviolate in its teachings of the divinity of Christ, and repels all other latitudinarian Christianity as diametrically opposed to the orthodox doctrines of the incarnation and the unity of the Godhead. The only

true test of Templary is a belief in the Holy and Undivided Trinity, for to create a "dual God," setting at naught the Trinity, is far removed from Templary. To believe "only" in the Saviour, discarding the three persons of the Godhead, is heterodoxy, and a deviation from the true "land-marks" of the Ancient Templars, which we endeavor to represent.

When I have spoken of the "High Grade System," I did not refer to or mean the Templar body, which has a defined object. This I assert, the "High Grades," by whatever rite they are designated, have not, and are,—with all due deference to the opinions of my *confreres* of those rites,—what our old school-boy friend, Ovid (1—7) says:—" *Rudis indigestaque moles,*" but still showing vestiges of the truth.

At the conclusion of my Allocation of last year, I clearly stated my own convictions that the simple "English Rite" comprised all that is necessary to be known in Masonry; but have no desire to prejudice or throw obstacles in the way of those who think differently and seek further information. Why should all these disputes and jealousies exist? Surely every brother has a perfect right to his own opinions, and to select and join any Masonic degrees or rites he pleases. "Cowper" says, somewhere in his poems,—

"Religion should extinguish strife
And make a calm of human life;
But folks who choose to differ
On points that God has left at large,
No combatants are stiffer."

The word "Masonry" ought to be substituted for "religion" in the quotation, and the meaning be the same.

HONORARY RANK AND MEMBERSHIP.

The status of Preceptors does not appear to be fully understood, the term "Past" still continuing to be used when speaking of those whose elected year of office had expired. This is quite incorrect, as the rank is a step or degree in the Order; for when once a Preceptor completes his term of office as "Presiding" Preceptor, he is eligible to assume the chair and perform all the duties in any other Preceptory. Instead of the term Past, it should be "Last Presiding Preceptor of the Preceptory."

Honorary Preceptors are those Frates, who, for faithful service performed, have had the rank conferred upon them by the authority of the "Great Prior," but who have not been "elected" to fill the chair of a Preceptory; they are not eligible to rule any Preceptory without election, but are competent to attend and assist at all boards or meetings of Preceptors.

Preceptors who, although "elected," have not completed their year of office, are also not eligible to preside in any other Preceptory without a special dispensation from the Great Prior.

Although fully impressed, how necessary it is that honorary rank and membership in Great Priory should be restricted and judiciously conferred, to make the honor appreciated by Fratres of foreign jurisdictions, who stand prominent in the Order. I would now ask Great Priory to confer the Honorary rank of Provincial Priors and membership, upon two distinguished Templars, viz.:—His Imperial Highness, the Prince Rhodocanakis, of Scio, Athens, Greece, Grand Master Mason of that kingdom, and a Grand Cross of the Scottish Templar Order, whose friendship I have long possessed. His Imperial Highness is a naturalized British subject, and was initiated into all the degrees and rites of Freemasonry in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he was principally educated. The honor will also be most gratifying to Frater Alex. M. Broadley, Barrister-at-Law, Inner Temple, London, one of the Preceptors of the "Melita" Preceptory of the Island of Malta, who, a quarter of a century after I had established the first Preceptory (Encampment) there, succeeded as Presiding Preceptor (or commander). Our Frater is the author of the history of Masonry in Malta, and the well-known legal adviser of "Arabi Pasha," of Egypt, on his recent trial. I may add, that he has informed me when matters are more settled at "Cairo," it is his intention to apply to this Great Priory for a Warrant to establish the United Orders in the East.

SCOTTISH ENCAMPMENTS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

With regard to the Scottish Encampments of St. John, New Brunswick, discussed last year at Great Priory, I considered it advisable to leave the matter in abeyance until our independence and sovereignty in Canada had been fully secured, so as to be in a more decided position to defend such action as Great Priory may consider advisable.

My own opinion is, that our Fratres of the Scottish Order should be again invited, and on the same terms, to place themselves under our banner, and communications at once entered into with them and the Chapter General of Scotland.

CONCLUSION.

Fratres, I again beg to thank you warmly for your entire unanimity, in electing me to continue (*ad vitam*) as Supreme governing head of the Canadian branch of the United Orders, an honour most gratifying to me, and doubly more so when I feel that my earnest desire to fulfil the duties intrusted to me, has met the approval of my

Prince, the Supreme Grand Master of the parent body, and that you are satisfied I have alone been actuated by a sincere desire to promote the good of the Templar Order of the Dominion, and disseminate its orthodox Christian principles.

It is with no uncertain sound, I have this day laid before you "my views and convictions," as regards "The Templar Order in its glory"—"proclaiming the truth." Remembering, that in so doing, "No weapon that is formed against thee can prosper, and every tongue that rises against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn."

I am quite aware that my plain, outspoken remarks on the side of truth, have brought upon me the sneers and ridicule of many for my long "sermons" and "preachments," but this amounts to nothing, and probably if some of my critics knew the truth, they would be more valued.

Before I conclude, it appears incumbent upon me to notice the sweeping encyclical letter of the Pope with reference to Freemasonry in general, and the admirable reply of the Pro-Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, the Earl of Carnarvon; to which I would refer you. No comments of mine are necessary to point out the animus and ignorance displayed as regards the aims and object of Freemasonry, but which can have no reference to our English speaking system. Of this be assured, as long as we confine ourselves to the pure and simple degrees of the "English Rite," all the thunders of the Vatican, or the opposition of fanatical Protestants, cannot avail.

With fraternal regards and kind wishes,

I am, Fratres in Christo, ever yours,

V. D.  S. A.

Fr: † WM. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE, G. C. T.,
Great Prior, Dominion of Canada.

APPENDIX A.

The following is a copy of the letter from the Great Prior of Canada to the Hon. Judge J. F. Townshend, Arch Chancellor Convent General:—

ST. JOHN'S, P. Q., 14th Sept., 1883.

V. H. and Eminent Arch Chancellor,—

I beg to inform you that the Great Priory of Canada, having amended its Statutes at the annual assembly on the 10th July last,

declaring itself in all respects a Sovereign Independent body of the Order, having precedence over and throughout the whole Dominion of Canada, I have now the honor to enclose a petition from the members of Great Priory, praying to be released from the bonds of fealty to Convent General, and H. R. H. the Prince of Wales as Supreme Grand Master thereof, which be pleased to have laid before H. R. H. for his gracious consideration. This step has been taken by Great Priory, realizing the necessity of having the governance of the Order in accord with the other Grand Bodies of Freemasonry in the Dominion, and also on account of the relations existing between the United States of America and Canada, being of so close and intimate a nature, that to prevent the possibility of any feeling of superiority arising between the two jurisdictions, it became necessary, on questions of international Templar importance, that perfect equality should exist.

I have the honor to be, yours, &c.,

(Signed,) †W. J. B. MAOLEOD MOORE, G. C. T.,
Great Prior of Canada,

The Arch Chancellor Convent General,
The Hon. JUDGE TOWNSHEND,
G. C. T., Dublin, Ireland.

The petition from the Great Prior of Canada on behalf of the members of Great Priory, was as follows:—

To His Royal Highness, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, and Duke of Cornwall, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.B., K.T., K.P., &c., &c., &c., Grand Master of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Templars and Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem.

May it please your Royal Highness,—

I have the honor, as Great Prior, on behalf of the National Great Priory of Canada, of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, to lay before your Royal Highness this loyal and humble address, setting forth the following matters in connection with the present status of the Order in this nationality.

The said National Great Priory, at the annual assembly held in 1882, appointed a special committee to take into consideration the question of the independence of the Order in the Dominion.

The revision of the Statutes of the Great Priory, was at the same time resolved upon, and revised Statutes have since been prepared and adopted, with a declaration establishing, and with such changes as were necessary to establish, the authority of this Great Priory as

supreme and independent over all Orders of the Temple, and appendant degrees in Canada.

The special committee above named, in a report presented to the Great Priory at their annual assembly held in the present year, unanimously recommended, that the present humble address be presented to Your Royal Highness, praying that inasmuch as the Great Priory has unanimously declared in the revision of its Statutes, its authority in and throughout the Dominion of Canada over all bodies of the Order of the Temple and appendant degrees, Your Royal Highness will be graciously pleased to absolve this Great Priory, and all officers and members thereof, from their obligations of fealty to Your Royal Highness as Supreme Grand Master, so that the Great Priory may be enabled fully and without doubt, to affirm and maintain the position that it has taken upon itself as an independent Great Priory of the Order of Knights Templar and appendant degrees. At the same time gratefully expressing their knightly obligations to Your Royal Highness, and to Convent General, for all the courtesies and favors that the officers and members of the Temple in the Dominion of Canada, have heretofore received from Your Royal Highness, and from all the officers of the Order of the United Kingdom; and further, communicating their desire that the interjurisdictional relations of this new Sovereign Great Priory towards the sister Great Priors of England and Ireland, and the Chapter General of Scotland, and sister Grand Encampment of the United States of America, and the Grand Commanderies of the several States, and with all fraters throughout the world, may be more intimate and binding than heretofore.

The above statement, set forth with the authority of the Order in Canada, relieves me of much difficulty in approaching Your Royal Highness, and I have only to pray on behalf of the great branch of the Order here established, that Your Royal Highness will graciously regard the grateful acknowledgments we have endeavored to convey of past favors at the hands of Your Royal Highness, as no vain words of formality, but as the fervent expressions of loyal Templars in approaching the august presence of one who has pleased to be for many years their Royal Grand Master, and who will, they feel assured—regarding their present request as one only adopted after the greatest consideration, and when found to be absolutely necessary to meet the exigencies of their local circumstances, in granting it, graciously continue to regard the Canadian branch of the Order, with Royal and Princely favor.

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Great Priory has unanimously elected me Great Prior *ad vitam*), under patent bearing the signature of Your Royal Highness—while the course now taken, may, by your gracious permission, absolve me from such immediate obligations of fealty as arise from its possession, I trust I may be permitted to retain the same as a priceless mark of Royal favor, and to be ever preserved as such—the fervor of the fealty and allegiance to my Sovereign, and Her Royal House, which was the heritage of my birth as a British subject, ever glowing more ardently as years increase, and only to cease, when life itself ceases.

With profound respect, I have the honor to subscribe myself, Your Royal Highness' faithful and very humble servant,

(Signed,) † W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE, G. C. T.,

Priorial House, St. John's East, Province Quebec,
Canada, 21st December, 1883.

SEAL.

"30 UPPER FITZ WILLIAM STREET,
DUBLIN, 17th April, 1884.

Very High and Eminent Great Prior,—

I have received, and duly laid before the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the United and Religious Military Orders of the Temple and Malta, for England, Ireland, and Canada, your letter of 21st December last, in which you report, for the information of His Royal Highness, that the Great Priory of Canada has, for certain good and sufficient reasons, resolved to sever their connection with Convent General, and to constitute themselves henceforward as an independent body; they, therefore, praying that the Grand Master may be pleased to absolve them from their obligations of fealty to himself as their supreme head.

In reply, I am commanded by the Prince of Wales, our Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, to say, that as the members of your Great Priory have no doubt arrived at this decision after due and ample consideration of all the circumstances of the case, His Royal Highness readily and willingly grants their request, and hereby absolves them from their allegiance to himself as members of Convent General; and he will only add that in their new position he trusts that they may have a prosperous future.

The Grand Master further commands me to say that he has much pleasure in acceding to your personal request to retain possession of your patent of Great Prior of Canada, as an heirloom, which he does in slight recognition of the great zeal and ability, with which

you have performed the important duties of your high office for many years.

I have the honor to remain, V. H. and Eminent Great Prior, yours in the bonds of the Order,

(Signed,) Fr. † J. F. TOWNSHEND,
Arch. Chancellor, Temp."

The Very High and Eminent Great Prior of Canada,
COL. W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE,
Prioral House, St. Johns, P. Que., Can.

After receipt of the foregoing letter, the Great Prior proclaimed Canada occupied territory, and issued the following

MANIFESTO.

To all Whom it May Concern:—

GREETING,—Whereas, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in England, Ireland and Canada, has been pleased to command the Arch-Chancellor of Convent General to acquaint the Great Prior of Canada, that H. R. H. having taken into consideration the prayer of the petition laid before him in behalf of the National Great Priory of Canada, to sever their connection with England, and to be absolved from their obligation to himself as Supreme Head, readily and willingly grants their request, and absolves them from their allegiance to himself as members of Convent General, and trusts that in their new position they may have a prosperous future. I, therefore, Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, G. C. T., Most Eminent Great Prior *ad vitam* of the Great Priory of Canada, proclaim the Dominion of Canada occupied territory, and that all Commanderies and Preceptories of the Temple and all Knights Templar and Knights of Malta are subject to my authority and owe me and the National Great Priory of Canada allegiance.

Given under my hand and the seal of the National Great Priory, at St. John, P. Q., Canada, this 5th day of May, A. D. 1884.

(Signed)

Fr. † W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE, G.C.T.,
Gr. Prior Dom. of Can.



Attest,

† DANIEL SPRY, Grand Chancellor.

APPENDIX B.

THE GREAT PRIOR'S REPLY TO "LONDON FREEMASON" OF 25TH AUGUST, 1883.

To the Editor of the London Freemason:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I trust you will permit me to occupy some little space in the columns of the *Freemason*, to reply to the very cutting criticism on my last Allocation, delivered before the Great Priory of Canada, which appeared in your issue of the 25th of August, 1883, and only very lately seen by me.

The writer, presumably the Rev. J. F. Woodford, better known as "Masonic Student," has thought proper to indulge in the most dogmatic assertions, and has severely taken me to task for disseminating my ideas, on what I consider the origin of Freemasonry in its connection with the Templar Order. Now, if I recollect aright, "Masonic Student" was quite as fierce and dictatorial with the theories advanced by our esteemed and talented brother, T. B. Whytehead, of York, England, when he first began to write on Christian Masonry, but has lived to see his error and change his mind.

The history of Masonry is necessarily hard to find. The snows of time having obliterated the foot prints of our ancient brethren, and the only chance we have of recovering the "back track" is by careful inquiry, and co-operation in suggestive thoughts. This, however, "Masonic Student" does not appear to consider at all necessary, looking upon his own deductions as all that is required, and condemning everything that is not in accord with them, quite ignoring the host of authors of the German, French and even English schools as valueless, although some of them have been engaged during a fair life-time in close investigation and research, and have given the result of their labors long years ago in voluminous works. Yet all these seem nothing in his eyes, having fully convinced himself that his *ipse dixit* in the pages of the *Freemason*, will make a complete revolution in all Masonic history. Surely this dictatorial and one-sided view is not the way to bring to light the hidden secrets of the past. With all due deference to his opinions, and being fully aware that we live in a Masonic age where nothing speculative is "historically" admissible, I feel strongly that it is right to push forward speculations and theories in every possible direction. It is only by doing this, that we have the least chance of hitting the right track, now nearly totally obliterated.

The theories of Bro. Carson, of Ohio, U. S. A., appear to commend themselves very closely indeed to my mind, and for the following reasons, viz: "The earliest published records of the Freemasons, Stonemasons, etc., are in A. D. 1400. Those in Germany in

1459. [See Steinbrennar's history, page 84, published in New York by Macey & Sickles in 1864], and in Scotland in 1437. [See Greenleaf's lecture on Masonry, page 14, published in New York in 1820.] At this time Masonry was strictly Christian and Trinitarian, declared to be so, and continued between that date and 1721. It then comes from the hands of Anderson, and Desagulier, another thing altogether. Its Trinitarian character abolished, and in its place the religion of nature is substituted.

As early as the year 600, Masonry was known as purely Christian throughout, although it is an established fact, that the ritual, in the course of time, had been forgotten, and that in 1717, there was but one degree, that of the apprentice, yet in 1723, six years afterwards, it is presented to us as having two degrees, and the 'degree' of Master, manufactured and added to it in 1725.

Now, it would be very strange, if there were any brethren among them who professed the old Templar doctrines, that such would submit to this fatal innovation, but would have a strong desire to perpetuate all the ancient ritual among themselves. That there were brethren professing these Christian doctrines among them at that period, I think will not admit of a doubt, inasmuch as the vestiges of the Christian Order of the Templars, are found frequently in the cemeteries and graves—the symbols on the monuments, the sanctuaries, etc. The fact of discovering the "Small White Cube Stone," in old Templar graves beside the skeletons, is enough of itself, to establish this assertion.

The quotation by me concerning the "Cross-legged Masons," is made, as far as I can recollect, from Addison's early history of the Knights Templar, and from Lawrie's history of Freemasonry, last edition, but from the loss last year by the fire which destroyed my residence, and nearly all my valuable Masonic books of reference, and numerous manuscript notes, I am now frequently at a loss, and cannot quote positively.

"Mesourance" was the word intended. The clerical error in the final letters, arose [with many others], from the printer not sending proof in time for correction, before the meeting of Great Priory. From this word, hence the term "Masonry," the very name of our institution appears to have been a source of error, as extensive as the English language. Why? it has been asked, are we styled "Masons" or "Builders," if architecture was not at least our principal employment? We answer, that the word "Mason" and "Masonry" are but corruptions of other words having no relation to edifices. [See Daldich's *Ahimon Rezon*, page 143.]

"Mason" is by some, derived from the Greek words "*mao* and *son*," [*quero salvum*—I desire life or salvation], and is supposed to allude to the situation of the candidate during some part of the ancient ceremonies. The term "Masonry" seems but a slight variation of the Greek "*Mesouraneos*" [*esse in medio caeli*—to be in the midst of heaven.] There are others, however, who derive the modern term "Mason" from the ancient *May-son*, a devotee of the goddess of Justice, or of the creative power. With the Greeks *Maiō*, was the Deity of perfect rectitude and eternal wisdom, of that "Wisdom" who presided in the creation of the universe. It is probable that it was in France that the term *May-son* was applied to the worshippers of *Maiō*, the first cause. In view of either of these derivations, a Mason may be regarded, as an aspirant after immortality, and a devoted worshipper of the God of Wisdom, and of Truth, whose throne is in the centre of heaven. [See Greenleaf's lectures on Masonry, 1820; Hutchinson's Spirit of Masonry, page 15; Rees' Cyclopaedia Art. Mayo and the German work "Usber die Friemaurer," 1780, or thereabouts.

Greenleaf observes at page 17: "That there is nothing to be found in ancient Masonry that has any relation to Monkish legends, nor to chivalry, nor to crusading. It teaches another spirit. Its traditions have no exclusive and necessary reference to war, nor to the second building of Solomon's Temple. They are more easily and naturally referred to as the religious ceremonies of earlier ages."

Greenleaf was of Danish connections, and a highly cultivated man. He held the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the State of Massachusetts, in 1815 to 1820, when he published his lectures to the craft, which were at that time esteemed the best that had been delivered in the United States of America.

"Masonic Student" has taken a great liberty with the character of a highly cultivated scholar, the late Bishop Munter of Copenhagen, Denmark, who was the spiritual director of a large and numerous religious sect, and was esteemed to be among the most learned men of that kingdom. He was intimately associated with the reigning king, and with Professor Phenger, Prince Karl, of Phillipstadh, and many others of like character and attainments, and most highly honored by all who were acquainted with him. His work upon the Templar Order was pronounced to be a very able one. He is long since dead, as well as many others who were associated with him in the early period of the present century. Who the learned German editor "Masonic Student" speaks of, I do not know, but presume him to be of a like rationalistic nature with himself, "who believe in just what they can see with their eyes and handle with their hands." His strictures on the valu-

able work of Bishop Munter, as a literary fabrication, are not critically sound or historically correct.

I cannot help remarking, the general features of the review on my allocution by "Masonic Student," is, in its tone unkind and dictatorial in the extreme, indulging far too much in the "knock down" style of argument. With all due respect for the antiquarian researches and Masonic knowledge evinced by "Masonic Student," and with which he has so frequently and profitably enlightened the numerous readers of the *Freemason*, I think they would be far more appreciated if less of the attempts at ridicule, for the opinions of others, and unfriendly slang expressions, were used; the terms "fads," "will of the wisp," applied to the views brought forward in an earnest desire to court inquiry by fraternal co-operation and suggestive thoughts, are quite unworthy of one whose zeal and historical Masonic attainments are fully acknowledged, and by none more than myself.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally Yours,

† W. J. B. MacLEOD MOORE, G.C.T.,

Great Prior of Canada.

St. Johns, P. Q., 11th October, 1883.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † I. H. Stearns, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † J. H. Stone, and

RESOLVED,—That the Allocution of the M. E. the Great Prior, be referred to the Grand Council, to report thereon during the present Annual Assembly.

INDEPENDENCE OF GREAT PRIORY.

R. E. Sir Knight † Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, by direction of the Great Prior, commenced to read the correspondence relating to the acknowledgment of the independence of Great Priory, (see Appendix A., page 26,) when it was

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † J. H. Stone, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † Donald Ross, and

RESOLVED,—That as the Correspondence has been printed and circulated by the Grand Chancellor, the same be taken as read, and be now considered and published in the Proceedings.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight the Great Sub-Prior, † J. A. Henderson, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, and

RESOLVED,—That this National Great Priory now declares itself to be the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, having and holding absolute and supreme jurisdiction over the whole Dominion, in all matters relating to the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, and appendant Orders, in the Dominion of Canada.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † J. A. Henderson, Great Sub-Priour, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, and

RESOLVED,—That the title of this Great Priory shall hereafter be "The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada," having supreme and exclusive jurisdiction over all Preceptories of Knights Templar, Knights of Malta, and Appendant Orders, in and for the Dominion of Canada and the title of the Great Prior henceforth shall be "Supreme Grand Master," and of the Great Sub-Priour "Deputy Grand Master."

The Reports of the following Provincial Priors were then presented :—

LONDON DISTRICT.

REPORT.

To the Most Eminent the Great Prior, the Great Officers and Freres of the Great Priory of Canada,—

FRATRES,—In accordance with the Statutes of the Great Priory, I beg leave to submit the following Report:—

I am pleased to be able to report that the five Preceptories in the District are in a satisfactory condition. Richard Cour de Lion, of London, Burleigh, of St. Thomas, and Windsor, of Windsor, are particularly prosperous and flourishing. They have added considerably to their membership. Their meetings have been regularly held, their books well kept, and returns to Great Priory attended to. Their work has been well done, and correct. They are mostly uniformed, and meet once in each week to practice the drill tactics adopted by their respective Preceptories.

St. Elmo, of Goderich, and Kent, of Chatham, have not supplied themselves with uniforms, and have not adopted any drill tactics. Their meetings have not been very frequent or regular; they have not added to their membership; there seems to be a want of vitality and interest on the part of the officers and members, and a lack of good available material within their respective jurisdictions.

R. E. Sir Knight, Grand Chancellor, Frater Spry, has recently

called my attention to the fact that the complaint made by Kent Preceptory, against Burleigh Preceptory, has not been investigated. I at once proceeded to enquire into the case, and find that the latter received the applications of several Royal Arch Masons residing within that Preceptory's jurisdiction, and admitted and gave them the Knights Templar degrees, in the Burleigh Preceptory. I at the same time find that Kent Preceptory was dormant from 18th February, 1879, to March 15th, 1882, since which time it has been resuscitated, and has met with more or less regularity up to the present time. The members made in St. Thomas, of which Kent complains, were made between June and December of the year 1882,—six Fratres in all. Five others were made by Burleigh Preceptory from this jurisdiction between the years 1879 and 1891. The Fratres of Kent Preceptory pray Great Priory to take some action, and settle the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

‡ JAMES SUTTON,
Provincial Prior,
London District.

Clandeboye, July 8, 1884.

DISTRICT OF HAMILTON.

To the Most Eminent the Great Prior, Officers and Fratres of the Great Priory of Canada:—

FRATRES,—In accordance with the Statutes of the Great Priory of Canada, I have the honor to submit my Report on the state of Templarism in the Hamilton District, which is composed of the following Preceptorines:—"Godfrey de Bouillon," Hamilton; "Plantaganet," St. Catherine; "St. Bernard de Clairveux," Dunnville; "Huronario," Guelph, and "Ray," Port Arthur.

I have had the pleasure of visiting all of the above, except the Preceptory stationed at Port Arthur, in my official capacity as Provincial Prior. I find there is room for improvement in the working of some of the Preceptorines; and, so far as it was possible for me to do, I have instructed those which required information, owing to the want of the new rituals. I am pleased to say, at the present time, all the Preceptorines I have had the pleasure of visiting, are now in possession of the new rituals, and are working correctly. I would recommend the calling in of the old rituals, as some of the Presiding Preceptors are inclined to get the work mixed, and are using a little of each, which should not be permitted. The work should be uniform throughout the Dominion of Canada. I am pleased to report that,

so far as my District is concerned, the Order is in a flourishing condition, and is progressing with rapid strides. The Preceptors of every Preceptory would confer a favor on the Grand Chancellor and the Provincial Priors, by sending in their returns at the proper time, as by doing this the Grand Chancellor and Provincial Priors would have ample time to make out their Reports, and would not be compelled to wait until the last moment for that which should have been forwarded, as requested, at the proper time. It is with pleasure I take this opportunity to thank the Frates of the different Preceptories in my District, for the courteous manner in which I was received, as their Provincial Prior.

In conclusion, I beg to congratulate Great Priory on the continued prosperity of the Order throughout Canada, and on securing its independence.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

‡ J. H. STONE,

Provincial Prior,

Hamilton District.

Hamilton, 8th July, 1884.

DISTRICT OF TORONTO.

To the Most Eminent the Great Prior, Officers and Frates of the Great Priory of Canada:—

FRATRES,—In accordance with provisions of the Constitution, I herewith beg to submit my Annual Report as Provincial Prior of the Toronto District:—

I regret to say that I have not been able to visit the Preceptories in the northern portion of the District, but from information received, I feel assured that they are making satisfactory progress, and, while the additions to the membership must necessarily be few in Preceptories outside of the larger cities and towns, I am happy to be able to report that, while these bodies are not adding largely to their numbers, they are doing good work, and being presided over by officers of experience and efficiency, and are certain to give a good account of themselves in the future.

I am happy to be able to report that the two Preceptories in the city of Toronto, "Geoffrey de St. Aldemar" and "Odo de St. Amand," are in a most prosperous condition, and have, during the past year, added largely to their numbers, and are, I believe, to-day second to none in the jurisdiction, for the efficiency of their work, and the exemplification of the principles of our chivalric Order.

In conclusion, I beg to thank the members of the Order in the Toronto District, for their uniform kindness and courtesy during the year.

‡ JAMES B. NIXON,
Provincial Prior,
Toronto District.

Toronto, 8th July, 1884.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

REPORT.

To the Most Eminent the Great Prior, Officers and Fratres of the Great Priory of Canada:—

FRATRES.—As Provincial Prior for Kingston District for the year 1883-'84, I have the honor to report that on the 9th May last, I visited officially "Hugh de Payens" Preceptory (Kingston), and was received by the Fratres in a truly fraternal manner. Although the attendance of the members of the Preceptory at the meeting was not as large as I had expected, yet those present seemed actuated with the greatest zeal for the Order, and everything connected with the Preceptory was reported to me to be in the most flourishing condition.

I have also during the term of my office visited "King Baldwin" Preceptory (Belleville) several times, and have great satisfaction in reporting that the affairs of this Preceptory are in a most healthy and satisfactory condition. The meetings are always largely attended by the members, and the greatest interest is manifested in the affairs of the Preceptory by all connected with it. During the last year a considerable number of very desirable members have been added to the muster roll.

Early in May last, I wrote the Registrar of "Moore" Preceptory (Peterborough), informing him of my desire to visit the Preceptory officially, and asking him to call a special meeting for that purpose. No attention was paid to my request, and in consequence I am not in a position to report upon the affairs of this Preceptory.

On the 24th of April last I received from the Grand Chancellor the correspondence in connection with the irregularities in "Gondemar" Preceptory (Maitland), complained of by V. E. Sir Knight V. H. Moore, with a request that I should enquire into the irregularities complained of. As it appeared to me from the correspondence that V. E. Sir Knight V. H. Moore and R. E. Sir Knight John Moore both claimed to be the Presiding Preceptor, to insure a full attendance of all the members of the Preceptory (as I supposed a notice from one would

not procure an attendance of the friends of the other), I instructed both these Fratres to call a meeting of the Preceptory for the 6th June last, hoping, with a full attendance of all the members, to obtain an amicable settlement of the difficulties, which have apparently so much retarded the advancement of the Order in that locality, without entering into a detailed investigation of the troubles.

The meeting was called by V. E. Sir Knight V. H. Moore, and although the notice contained more than I intended it should, it may be my fault more than his in not specifying exactly what it should contain.

At the request of R.E. Sir Knight John Moore, who informed me that in consequence of illness in his family it would not be possible for him to attend the meeting on the 6th June, I postponed the meeting until the first week in July. Unfortunately my official duties have prevented my giving any further attention to the matter; and all the papers and correspondence have been returned to the Grand Chancellor to be dealt with by Great Priory or my successor in office.

In retiring from the honorary position of Provincial Prior, in which I was placed by the Fratres of Kingston District, I have to bear testimony to the uniform courtesy and kindness extended to me on all occasions by the Fratres of the District, and I am only sorry that my official duties have prevented my giving more time than I have been able to do to the affairs of the District.

I am also exceedingly sorry that my private affairs will prevent my attendance at the approaching meeting of Great Priory.

Fraternally submitted.

† S. S. LAZIER,
Provincial Prior,
Kingston District.

Belleville, Ont., 8th July, 1884.

DISTRICT OF QUEBEC.

REPORT.

To the Most Eminent the Great Prior, Officers and Fratres of the National Great Priory of Canada,—

FRATRES.—In submitting my report for this District, I regret exceedingly that I am unable to give as satisfactory a statement as I could have wished, as Templarism, in the Province of Quebec, during the past year has not advanced as I should desire to see it. The Preceptories remain the same as last year, viz.:—Richard Couer de Lion, of Montreal; Sussex, of Stanstead; William de la More, the

Martyr, of Quebec. They are all, I believe, in good working order, and under the care of efficient officers. However, very little work has been done, "Sussex" being the only Preceptory which has had any accession to its membership.

It is with feelings of deep regret I have to report the death of V. E. Frater † W. B. Colby, who died at Stanstead on the 24th February last. Our V. E. Frater was one of the founders of Sussex Preceptory, and for many years rendered valuable services to that body. He was an earnest worker, and at all times evinced great interest in the teachings of our Chivalric Order. I would respectfully suggest that a memorial page of our Proceedings be suitably inscribed to his memory.

I remain, M. E. Sir,

Yours fraternally,

† I. H. STEARNS,

Provincial Prior,

Quebec District.

Montreal, Quebec, July 8, 1884.

DISTRICT OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

REPORT.

To the Most Eminent the Great Prior, Officers and Members of the Great Priory of Canada,—

FRATRES,—The annual return of the Union de Molay Preceptory, made to the R. E. Grand Chancellor, will exhibit the fact that this, the only Preceptory within the Province of New Brunswick owing obedience to the National Great Priory of Canada, has simply held its own during the past official year.

The other two organizations of Knights Templar, within this District, hold Warrants, as you are aware, from the Chapter General of Scotland. One of these—the Encampment of Saint Stephen—has been recently established, and I have every reason to anticipate that so soon as the "Grand Encampment of the United States," together with its subordinate Grand Commanderies of Knights Templar of the respective States of that Republic, shall have authoratively announced that hereafter the National Great Priory of Canada shall be deemed to be the peer of the said Grand Encampment of the United States of America, and shall be recognized by the Knights Templar of that country, as the supreme and only power lawfully exercising jurisdiction within the respective provinces of this Dominion of Canada, that then the Encampment of Saint Stephen, before referred to, will no longer hesitate to loyally range itself under the banner of the "National Great Priory of Canada."

As regards the Encampment of Saint John, it would be a matter of much gratification could I, with equal confidence, look forward to the same loyal and self-sacrificing action by the leading Fratres of that old and long established Encampment. I have, with the approval of the M. E. the Great Prior, made offer of every conceivable concession to the Encampment of Saint John, and to its numerous Fratres; but without avail. And with your permission, I would most cordially and fraternally reiterate these propositions. Indeed, so earnest is my desire for harmony and oneness of jurisdiction within the city of Saint John, and Province of New Brunswick, that I would earnestly urge and recommend that our "National Great Priory of Canada" authorize the issue of Warrants to each of the bodies herein referred to, now working under Scotland, upon such terms and conditions, as may, within our Constitution, be asked for by the Fratres of one or both of these Encampments.

Some two or three years before the organization of the Union de Molay Preceptory, under the Registry of England, the Encampment of Saint John, under Scotland, seriously considered surrendering its Warrant to the "Chapter General," and in its place apply for a Warrant from another and foreign jurisdiction. This movement was defeated, and its officials began to be more favorably appreciated, and to-day I believe that there is not a larger, or more thoroughly equipped body of men—Knights Templar—within the whole Dominion of Canada. And one cannot fail to be impressed with the worldly wisdom of these Fratres, in desiring to be let alone in the full enjoyment of the unobtrusive control of the Chapter General of Scotland, yielding, as that supreme body does, the full protection of its authority, whilst exacting the payment of most moderate fees, and nominal constitutional restrictions.

This being the only province within the Dominion of Canada where the jurisdiction is divided, I trust that such reasonable measures may be adopted as will secure to our "National Great Priory" the sole control of its own territory.

I have the honor to remain, Most Eminent Great Prior, Officers and Fratres,

Yours in the bonds of the Order.

‡ D. R. MUNRO,
Provincial Prior,
New Brunswick District.

St. John, New Brunswick, 8th July, 1884.

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

DISTRICT OF NOVA SCOTIA.

REPORT.

To the Most Eminent the Great Prior, Officers, and Frates of the Great Priory of Canada:—

FRATRES,—I regret my inability to be present with you at the Annual Assembly of our Great Priory, to be held in the city of Toronto on the 8th inst. Owing to the pressure of business, and the long distance, I will have to forego that pleasure for this year. As the District of Nova Scotia comprises but one Preceptory, my duties as Provincial Prior have not been very onerous.

I visited the Preceptory officially on the regular assembly in May, for the purpose of obtaining information with regard to Frates dimited or struck off from the muster roll of the Preceptory, which information I hope you have received from our Registrar before this time.

I am pleased to report the Nova Scotia Preceptory in a fairly healthy and prosperous state. During the past year, we have only added three Frates to our number. I may say that we are careful not to admit any to our privileges but those whom we deem worthy of the honor of knighthood and who will make true soldiers of the Cross, not weary in well-doing, knowing that in due time they will reap their reward.

Hoping that you may have a pleasant and profitable meeting of the Great Priory, is the sincere wish of yours,

† JAMES DEMPSTER,
Provincial Prior,
Nova Scotia.

Halifax, July 8th, 1884.

DISTRICT OF MANITOBA.

REPORT.

To the Most Eminent the Great Prior, Officers, and Frates of the Great Priory of Canada:

FRATRES,—In accordance with the Statutes of Great Priory. I have again to submit the following Report on the condition of Templarism in this District.

I have pleasure and satisfaction in stating that Albert Edward Preceptory, the only one in the District under my jurisdiction, has been prosperous during the present year, and continues to receive acces-

sions to its members, comprising the best material that could be obtained.

The leading Masons in the Province are members of the Order of the Temple, and take a warm and intelligent interest in advancing and upholding the chivalric cause in Manitoba. The rapid and growing power and influence of Masonry in Manitoba, leads me to hope that at no distant day we shall have an extension of Templarism beyond the limits of the City of Winnipeg, and the organization of one or more Preceptories in other portions of this Province and in the North-West Territories. At present, all is peace and harmony among the Frates in my large District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

‡ JAMES O'CONNOR,
Provincial Prior,
Province of Manitoba.

Winnipeg, July 8th, 1884.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight ‡ James Sutton, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight ‡ L. H. Henderson, and

RESOLVED,—That the Reports of the Provincial Priors be taken as read, and referred to the Grand Council for consideration, and report.

The Grand Chancellor submitted the following Annual Statement of moneys received during the past year, together with the books for examination and audit:—

44 SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

ANNUAL CASH STATEMENT, 1884.

R. E. Sir Knight † Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, in account with the Great Priory of Canada, for the term ended 1st July, 1884.

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To cash received from Preceptories:—	
1 Hugh de Payens, Kingston, Ont.....	\$ 18 00
2 Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto, Ont.....	204 00
3 Godfrey de Bouillon, Hamilton, Ont.....	86 50
4 Richard Cœur de Lion, London, Ont.....	90 00
5 Nova Scotia, Halifax, N. S.	71 00
6 King Baldwin, Belleville, Ont.....	25 50
7 Richard Cœur de Lion, Montreal, Que.....	22 50
8 Plantaganet, St. Catharines, Ont. (No Returns).....	
9 Sussex, Stanstead, Que.....	28 00
10 Hurontario, Guelph, Ont.....	47 60
11 Union de Molay, St. John, N. B.	22 00
12 Mount Calvary, Barrie, Ont.....	28 50
13 Moore, Peterborough, Ont. (No Returns).....	
14 Harington, Trenton, Ont., (Warrant surrendered).....	
15 St. John, the Almoner, Whitby, Ont. (no returns).....	
16 Gondemar, Maitland, Ont.....	2 00
17 Odo de St. Amand, Toronto, Ont.....	45 50
18 Palestine, Port Hope, Ont.....	
19 St. Bernard de Clairveux, Dunnville, Ont.....	24 00
20 Kent, Chatham, Ont.....	85 50
21 Burleigh, St. Thomas, Ont.....	61 50
22 St. Elmo, Goderich, Ont.....	26 00
23 Ray, Prince Arthur's Landing, Ont. (No Returns).....	
24 Albert Edward, Winnipeg, Manitoba.....	37 00
25 William de la More, the Martyr, Quebec, Que.....	14 50
26 Windsor, Windsor, Ont.....	31 50
Sundries.....	13 90
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RECAPITULATION.

Dues.....	\$504 90
Certificates.....	342 00
Ceremonies.....	75 00
Sundries.....	8 10
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† DANIEL SPRY,
Grand Chancellor.

The Grand Treasurer presented the Annual Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, with the proper books and vouchers.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † J. A. Henderson seconded by V. E. Sir Knight † W. H. Ponton, and

RESOLVED,—That the annual statements of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Grand Council, with instructions to examine and audit the same, and report to Great Priory during the present session.

R. E. Sir Knight † J. A. Henderson submitted the following

REPORT ON THE APPEAL OF V. E. FRATER J. B. BISHOP.

To the Most Eminent the Great Prior, Officers and Fratres of the Great Priory of Canada,—

In the matter of
V. E. Frater † J. B. Bishop
and
Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory,
No. 3, Hamilton,

FRATRES,—The Great Sub-Prior begs to report, in reference to this case that it has been re-considered by the Preceptory since last annual assembly, and he has now much pleasure in informing the National Great Priory that the whole matter has been amicably adjusted, and Frater Bishop has been restored to good standing.

† JAS. A. HENDERSON, G. C. T.,
Great Sub-Prior.

Moved by R. Eminent Sir Knight † J. A. Henderson, seconded by R. Eminent Sir Knight † J. H. Stone, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Great Sub-Prior, in the matter of Frater Bishop, be received and adopted.

R. E. Sir Knight † J. A. Henderson, Great Sub-Prior, submitted the following:—

REPORT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

ON THE ALLOCATION OF THE M. E. THE GREAT PRIOR.

The Grand Council have the pleasure of reporting on the Allocation of the Most Eminent the Great Prior, as follows;—

The Grand Council re-echoes the unfeigned pleasure with which the National Great Priory of Canada receives the announcement that His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master, has graciously absolved this, the Canadian Branch of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, from its allegiance to him, and to the Convent

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General, thereby placing this Grand body on an independent footing, and enabling it to become a Sovereign Great Priory,—the peer of all other governing Templar bodies,—and to assert and have full and complete jurisdiction over all Templars, and Templar bodies, in the whole of Canada.

The Great Prior has well remarked, that the pleasure in attaining our present position is enhanced by the honorable course pursued towards completing absolute independence, and by the gracious and kindly manner in which it has been accorded to us; and so the tie which binds us to our Queen and mother-country receives an additional strength from the courteous action of His Royal Highness, and we cannot but feel proud that our origin as a Templar body is derived from that branch of the Order over which that Illustrious Frater, His Royal Highness, presides. Our ritual and laws bear the impress of our attachment to the Templars of Great Britain and Ireland, and it will be our pride and desire to continue a close alliance and friendship; for though now an independent body, we are connected by the ties of affection and respect, and it is fervently hoped that the bright record of the past may inspire a determination to attain a prosperous future.

The Grand Council heartily concur in recommending that His Royal Highness be solicited to become Honorary Supreme Past Grand Master of the Canadian Branch of the Templar Order.

The allusions made by the Great Prior in his Allocution to our new position are fully reiterated, and we heartily congratulate him that while he had, in the year 1854, the honor of reviving in Canada the Templar Order, and bringing it under the jurisdiction of the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, he is, in God's providence, allowed, thirty years after, to be mainly instrumental in placing the Order in Canada in its present proud position, and to worthily occupy the throne of this Sovereign Great Body through the unanimous suffrages of the Fratres.

The Grand Council recommend, that to him, and Right Eminent Frater Daniel Spry, who so ably assisted in bringing about the present position of the Great Priory, should be accorded some mark of esteem, showing how greatly their successful services have been and are appreciated by this Great Priory.

The Grand Council will ever uphold and maintain the principles of the Order, which we have inherited, and will not permit any steps to be taken which will degenerate the Templar Order into a system in which the doctrine of the Holy Trinity is ignored; and in that view,

the course taken by the Great Prior, as to the admission into our Proceptorics of Fratres hailing from the United States, is to be commended.

The Grand Council unite with the Great Prior in trusting that the harmony existing between the Templar bodies in the United States and this National Great Priory, will ever continue. That its continuance is assured, is evidenced by the Illustrious Fratres who preside over the respective jurisdictions

The Grand Council, in unison with the Great Prior, mourn the loss of the Illustrious Frater John Whyte Melville; of the Eminent Frater, the Duke of Albany, and of the V. Eminent Frater William B. Colby. But while we shed the sympathetic tear, we are consoled in the reflection that they have gone "where light perpetual shines." It is recommended that a memorial page in the Proceedings of Great Priory should be accorded to Eminent Frater Colby, as he was an active and worthy member of the Canadian Branch of the Order. The Grand Council heartily recommend that the honorary rank of Past Provincial Grand Prior be given to Frater H. I. Highness, the Prince Rhodocanakis, and Eminent Frater Alexander M. Broadley.

In conclusion, the Grand Council highly estimate the continued research made by the Great Prior into Templar lore and fully appreciate the benefit conferred by his giving to the Order, in such a clear and interesting manner, the results of such research. And while we earnestly strive to "fear God, honor the Queen, and love the Brotherhood," we all heartily join in the wish that the blessings of Heaven may long continue to be vouchsafed to our Great Prior.

‡ JAS. A. HENDERSON, G. C. T.,
President of the Grand Council.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † J. A. Henderson, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † Rev. Vincent Clementi, and

RESOLVED.—That the Report of the Grand Council on the Great Prior's Allocution just read, be received and adopted.

R. E. Sir Knight † Donald Ross, on behalf of the Grand Council, presented the following

REPORT

ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Grand Council have carefully examined and audited the books and accounts of the Grand Chancellor, and certify to their being correct.

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer have also been carefully examined; and we certify to their correctness. All monies received by the Grand Chancellor have been promptly paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and deposited by him to the credit of the Great Priory in the authorized Bank, and vouchers have been produced for all payments made.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditure for the financial year ended 30th June, 1884:—

Receipts.

Balance cash on hand 10th July, 1883	\$ 504 09
Cash receipts.....	930 00
	\$1,434 09

Expenditure, as per Statements of Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. T. B. Harris, annual grant.....	\$ 50 00
Great Prior, incidentals, etc	300 00
" Advanced for 1884-5.....	200 00
Grand Chancellor, salary	200 00
Postage, telegrams, etc.....	50 00
Printing certificates.....	82 00
" General Returns, etc.....	110 75
" Proceedings	94 80
New Minute Book.....	9 00
	\$1,105 55

Balance on hand

\$ 328 54

Your Committee submit the following approximate estimate of the expenses of Great Priory for the current year:—

Mrs. T. B. Harris, annual grant.....	\$ 50 00
Supreme Grand Master, incidentals.....	200 00
" Special grant for services in connection with the securing of the Independence of Great Priory	100 00
Grand Chancellor, salary.....	200 00
Printing Proceedings.....	150 00
Incidentals, postage, etc.....	55 00
Printing Certificates and Parchment	80 00
" Warrants	100 00
" Annual Assembly.....	30 00
" Statutes.....	80 00
Re-printing Proceedings 1878 (re-vote).....	100 00
Expenses Annual Assembly.....	20 00
	\$1,165

The supply of Statutes being exhausted, your Committee recommend that four hundred copies be procured, and also three hundred copies of the Proceedings of 1878, the printing to be done by tender addressed to the President of the Grand Council.

Your Committee have considered the tenders submitted for printing Proceedings, and recommend that the tender of V. E. Fratre † J. B. Traves, be accepted, and for a term of three years, it being the lowest. The whole respectfully submitted.

‡ DONALD ROSS,
Chairman.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † J. A. Henderson, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † Donald Ross, and

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

R. E. Sir Knight † David McLellan, on behalf of the Grand Council, presented the following

REPORT

ON THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE IN CANADA.

The Grand Council respectfully submit their report upon the condition of the Order of the Temple in Canada. They have had submitted to them the reports of the Provincial Priors, for the London, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Manitoba Districts.

The Council is pleased to find the Order of the Temple in a prosperous condition and the Preceptories under the control of zealous and experienced officers. It is to be regretted that in the Province of New Brunswick there are two Encampments which hold warrants from the Chapter General of Scotland. The manifest advantages of forming an integral part of a Sovereign Grand Body on our own soil (which the Great Priory now is), will doubtless soon induce those bodies to surrender their warrants to the parent Chapter and unite with us in promoting the pure and elevating teachings of our Order.

While congratulating ourselves upon our prosperity, we must not forget those who have labored with us, and are no more. Several eminent Fratres have laid down their arms and we trust reaped the reward forshadowed in the teachings of our Order. Among those we

mourn is V. E. Sir Knight W. B. Colby, of Stanstead, one of the founders of Sussex Preceptory.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

‡ DAVID McLELLAN,
Chairman of Committee.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † J. A. Henderson, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † David McLellan, and

RESOLVED,—That the Report of the Grand Council on the Condition of the Order of the Temple, be received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † D. R. Munro, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † Henry Robertson, and

RESOLVED,—That the General Grand Encampment of the United States, as well as the Grand Commanderies of the respective States of the Union, be requested to issue a circular to the Frates within the jurisdiction of the United States of America, setting forth the fact that the "Sovereign Great Priory of Canada," now of right enjoys the full, sole, and absolute control and jurisdiction, over the Order of Knights Templar within the whole Dominion of Canada, and that the Knights Templar of the said United States of America, be respectfully requested to take such measures as may promote the interests of its sister authority on this continent.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † D. R. Munro, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † J. H. Stone, and

RESOLVED,—That the R. E. the Grand Chancellor, be, and is hereby authorized and directed, under the direction of the Most Eminent the Great Prior, to issue Preceptory Warrants, to either or both of the Encampments of Knights Templar, now under the jurisdiction of the Chapter General of Scotland, and working within the Province of New Brunswick, in the Dominion of Canada, upon such terms and conditions, as within the Constitution of the "Sovereign Great Priory of Canada" may harmonize with the views of the Frates of these Encampments of Knights Templar respectively; and that, should the correspondence fail to secure the surrender of the warrants within six months' from date, the Supreme Grand Master shall issue an edict declaring non-intercourse with all Templar bodies meeting in Canada and holding warrants from any authority but this Sovereign Great Priory, and with all Knights

Templar, and Knights of Malta, made within or by such bodies as shall then be declared illegal.

Moved by the Great Sub-Prior, R. E. Sir Knight † James A. Henderson, seconded by V. E. Sir Knight † W. H. Ponton, and

RESOLVED,—That Fratres Rev. † V. Clementi, † E. H. D. Hall, and † E. T. Malone, be a committee to draft a dutiful address of sympathy to our Most Gracious Queen, and to the young widow of H. R. H. Prince Leopold, so lately bereaved.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † James A. Henderson, G. C. T., Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † James B. Nixon, Provincial Prior, and

RESOLVED,—That the honorary rank of Past Deputy Grand Master of Knights Templar of Canada be and is hereby conferred on R. E. Sir Knight † Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, in consideration of his services in aiding to secure the independence of this Great Priory; and the honorary rank of Past Provincial Grand Prior be conferred upon R. E. Frater † H. I. H. Prince Demetrius Rhodocanakis, of Scio, Athens, Kingdom of Greece; and V. E. Frater † M. Alex. Broadley, Preceptor of Milita Preceptory, Island of Malta.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † J. A. Henderson, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † David McLellan, and

RESOLVED,—That the honorary rank of Past Supreme Grand Master of Knights Templar of Canada, be and is hereby conferred upon H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, as a mark of the very high esteem and affection in which he is held by the Templars of this jurisdiction.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † D. R. Munro, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † J. H. Stone, and

RESOLVED,—That the dues of Union de Molay Preceptory, St. John, N. B., be remitted, owing to the state of Templar matters in the Province of New Brunswick.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † James B. Nixon, seconded by Sir Knight † J. S. Dewar, and

RESOLVED,—That the name of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Order, be expunged from the ceremonies, invocations, and other parts of the ceremonies of the Order, and the words "Supreme Grand Master of Canada" be inserted in the place thereof.

NOTICE TO AMEND THE STATUTES.

By R. E. Sir Knight † J. H. Stone,—That he will move the adoption of a Code for Masonic Trials, as an addition to the Statutes.

By Sir Knight † George Adams—To amend Section 77. To erase the words "two dollars" from the sixth line, and insert "three dollars" after the word "installation" on the third line; to insert the words "as a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta," and on the eighth line to insert the words "a separate" after the word "for."

SURRENDERING THE PATENT.

M. E. Sir Knight † W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, Supreme Grand Master, then said, before proceeding to the election and installation of officers of this Sovereign Body, I surrender the Warrant or Patent derived from Convent General, under which the Great Priory of Canada was originally constituted, and as the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada is an Independent organization, and no longer exists by virtue of any Warrant, I deliver to the Grand Chancellor the Patent, which is now null and void and of no effect.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. The M. E. the Supreme Grand Master, appointed R. E. Sir Knights † Donald Ross and † David McLellan Scrutineers of the Ballot.

The nominations handed to the Grand Chancellor were announced, after which the ballots were collected and counted, when the Scrutineers reported that in addition to

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

M. E. Sir Knight † William James Bury MacLeod Moore, G. C. T., of Prescott, Province of Ontario, who was unanimously elected Supreme Grand Master of the Knights Templar of Canada, *ad vitam*, at the last Annual Assembly;

the following Great Officers were duly elected:—

R. E. Sir Knight †	James A. Henderson, G. C. T., Q.C., D.C.L., Kingston, Ont.	Dep. Grand Master.
R. E. “ †	Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ont.	Grand Chancellor.
R. E. “ †	Rev. V. Clementi, Peterboro, Ont.	Chaplain.
E. “ †	A. N. Pettit, St. Thomas, Ont.	Constable.
E. “ †	S. Lebourveau, Sherbrooke, Q.	Marshal.
R. E. “ †	David McLellan, Hamilton, Ont.	Treasurer.
R. E. “ †	J. McLean Stevenson, Barrie, O.	Registrar.

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

PROVINCIAL, OR DISTRICT PRIORS.

R. E. Sir Knight †	James Sutton, M. D., Clandeboye, Ont.,	London District.
E. “ †	Edwin A Dalley, Hamilton, Ont.,	Hamilton District.
R. E. “ †	Philip J. Slatter, Toronto, Ont.,	Toronto District.
R. E. “ †	Samuel S. Lazier, Belleville, Ont.,	Kingston District.
R. E. “ †	Isaac Henry Stearns, Montreal, Que.,	Quebec District.
R. E. “ †	David R. Munro, St. John, New Brunswick	District.
R. E. “ †	James Dempster, Halifax, Nova Scotia	District.
V. E. “ †	Chris. F. Forrest, Winnipeg, Manitoba	District.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

R. E. Sir Knight †	Hugh A. Mackay, Hamilton,	Past Provincial Prior.
R. E. “ †	Donald Ross, Picton,	Past Provincial Prior.
R. E. “ †	Jno. Ross Robertson, Toronto,	Past Provincial Prior.
R. E. “ †	Alexander Griffith Adams, Montreal,	Past Grand Marshal.
V. E. “ †	William Gibson, Beamsville,	Past Grand 1st Standard Peacer.

The Great Priory was then called from labor to refreshment, at 2 p. m., to meet again at 4:30 p. m., of the same day.

EVENING SESSION.

MASONIC HALL, TORONTO,

8th July, A. D., 1884. }

The Great Priory resumed labor at 4:30 p. m.

PRESENT :

M. E. Sir Knight † William J. B. MacLeod Moore, Supreme Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Great Officers, Officers, Members, and Representatives.

R. E. Sir Knight † Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, was announced as being in attendance, and on being admitted, was received with grand honors under the arch of steel.

The Supreme Grand Master invited the distinguished Frater to a seat in the Grand East, and expressed the great pleasure and gratification it afforded him, and the members of Great Priory, to be honored with a visit from so exalted a Templar.

R. E. Sir Knight † Parvin replied in eloquent language, and informed the Canadian Templars that he was more than delighted to be present at the inauguration of a new era in the history of the Order of the Temple in Canada, and assured them that the Templars of the United States cherished the warmest regards for the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and rejoiced at their having achieved independence.

He then proceeded with the installation of the officers, assisted by R. E. Sir Knight † J. A. Henderson, Deputy Grand Master, and other distinguished Freres.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE SUPREME GRAND
 MASTER OF CANADA, LT.-COL. WILLIAM JAMES
 BURY MACLEOD MOORE, G. C. T.

(*Installing Officer to Supreme Grand Master Elect.*)—H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, M. E. and Supreme Grand Master of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, in England, Ireland and the Dependencies of the British Crown, having been pleased to absolve the Members of the National Great Priory of Canada, as commanded to be notified through the "Arch Chancellor" of the Convent General, bearing date the 17th day of April, 1884, from their allegiance to himself as the "Supreme Head," all connection with the United Orders in England is severed, and this Great Priory of Canada declared an independent sovereign body, holding jurisdiction over the whole Dominion of Canada, under the name of the Sovereign Great Priory, and of which you were unanimously elected Most Eminent and Supreme "Great Prior," at the annual assembly held at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, on the tenth (10th) day of July, A. D. 1883, and which title has been changed, by vote of this Sovereign Great Priory, to "Supreme Grand Master."

I now call upon you to declare if you are ready and willing to accept the high office and responsibility.

(*Supreme Grand Master Elect.*)—I am.

"Then kneel at the sepulchre and join in supplicating the 'Holy Trinity.'"

PRAYER.

(*Grand Chaplain.*)—"Almighty and Most Merciful God, who guidest the actions of men here below, imbue *this our Frater (in the original, Noble Knight)*, with wit, wisdom and understanding, to govern this Sovereign Great Priory aright, and to distribute even-handed justice to all under his jurisdiction, so that when called upon he may render a just account and stand justified before God and man, through 'Christ our Priest,' 'Christ our Prophet,' and 'Christ our King.'—Amen."

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VOW.

(Repeated after Installing Officer.)—"I, Wm. Jas. Bury Macleod Moore, in the name of the 'Holy and Undivided Trinity,' solemnly promise and vow that

1. I will to the best of my ability discharge the duties of Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in the Dominion of Canada.

2. I will uphold and maintain the honor and dignity of the Order and of this mine office.

3. I will not infringe, or cause, or suffer to be infringed, the Statutes, Laws or Regulations of the Order.

4. That I will judge rich and poor without distinction of rank, without bias, favour or affection, and act uprightly and fearlessly as between man and man.

5. I will uphold the Queen's supremacy.

6. And to all this I pledge my (*Knightly*) troth.

(Signed,)

W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE, G. C. T.,
Supreme Grand Master.

[Kisses the New Testament seven (?) times.]

Chancellor then delivered his address.

INVESTITURE.

(Installing Officer.)—I deliver to you the "Minutes" of the Assembly at which you were elected Supreme Grand Master, *ad vitam*, of the Dominion of Canada.

(Installing Officer.)—I invest you with the Collar of your office.

(Constable.)—Receive from me the "Sword," the emblem of *Imperium*, or military power; temper justice with mercy.

(*Marshal.*)—Receive from me the *Baton* or *Baculus*, the emblem of *Potestas*, or civic authority.

(*Chaplain.*)—Accept the *Tong of Profession*.

(*Chaplain.*)—Receive the *Book*, the emblem of law and right.

(*Installing Officer.*)—Assume the *Throne* of the Supreme Great Priory of Canada.

BENEDICTION.

BENEDICTO SACERDOTATES.

(*Chaplain.*)—“*Pax et benedictus Patres, Omnipotentis Felii, et Spiritus Sancti in te descendat et tecum maneat in sæcula Sæculorum.*”—*Amen.*”

PROCLAMATION.

(*Herald in East.*)—“By the authority and power of the Sovereign Great Priory of the Dominion of Canada, I proclaim Lieut.-Col. William James Bury MacLeod Moore, a Grand Cross of the Temple, as Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, duly elected, *ad vitam*, of this the Dominion of Canada.”

(*Same in the “North-East” and “South-West.”*)—And I CALL upon all Knights present to salute.—*The Knights saluted seven times from their places, taking the time from the Grand Sub-Marshal.*

GREAT OFFICERS.

The Grand Sub-Marshal then presented the officers, each of whom kneeling before the Supreme Grand Master, with their hands between his, said

“I promise to be a good man and true, and deposit my fealty between your hands.” After which they were installed as follows:—

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NINTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, TORONTO.

- R. E. Sir Knight † Jas. A. Henderson, Q. C.; G. C. T.; Kingston,
Deputy Grand Master.
- R. E. Sir Knight † Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ont.,
Honorary Deputy Grand Master.

PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

- R. E. Sir Knight † Jas. Sutton, Clandeboye, Ont., London District.
- R. E. " † Edwin A. Dalley, Hamilton, Ont., Hamilton
District.
- R. E. " † P. J. Slatter, Toronto, Ont., Toronto District.
- R. E. " † Samuel S. Lazier, Belleville, Ont., Kingston
District.
- R. E. " † Isaac Henry Stearns, Montreal, Que., Quebec
District.
- R. E. " † David R. Munro, St. John, New Brunswick Dis-
trict.
- R. E. " † Jas. Dempster, Halifax, Nova Scotia District.
- R. E. " † Chris. F. Forrest, Winnipeg, Manitoba District.

GREAT OFFICERS.

- R. E. Sir Knight † Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ont. . . . Grand Chancellor.
- R. E. " † Rev. V. Clementi, B.A., Peter-
boro', Ont. " Prelate.
- R. E. " † A. N. Pettitt, St. Thomas, Ont. " Constable.
- R. E. " † S. Leborveau, Stanstead, Que. " Marshal.
- R. E. " † David McLellan, Hamilton,
Ont. " Treasurer.
- R. E. " † J. McL. Stevenson, Barrie,
Ont. " Registrar.

At a subsequent date, the Supreme Grand Master notified the Grand Chancellor of the appointment, for the ensuing year, of the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

- V. E. Sir Knight † N. T. Lyon, Toronto, Ontario, Grand Vice-
Chancellor.
- V. E. " † Amos Chatfield, Ottawa, Ontario, Grand Sub-
Marshal.
- V. E. " † Joseph Park, Windsor, Ontario, Grand Almoner.
- V. E. " † B. F. Field, Hamilton, Ontario, Grand First
Standard Bearer.

V. E. Sir Knight	† B. H. Landis, Halifax, N. S., Grand Second Standard Bearer.
V. E. "	† H. Lockwood, Guelph, Ontario, Grand Master's Banner Bearer.
V. E. "	† Henry Griffith, Quebec, Grand Captain of the Guard.
V. E. "	† Joseph Beck, Goderich, Ontario, Grand Sword Bearer.
V. E. "	† Fred Bates, Chatham, Ontario, Grand Organist.
V. E. "	† W. S. Evans, Montreal, Que., Grand Pursuivant.
V. E. "	† John Ferguson, London, Ontario, Grand Guard.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

ELECTED.

R. E. Sir Knight	† Donald Ross	Picton, Ont.
R. E. "	† H. A. Mackay	Hamilton, Ont.
R. E. "	† J. Ross Robertson	Toronto, Ont.
R. E. "	† A. G. Adams,	Montreal, Que.
V. E. "	† William Gibson	Beamsville, Ont.

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER.

V. E. Sir Knight	† E. H. D. Hall	Peterborough, Ont.
V. E. "	† W. H. Ponton	Belleville, Ont.
R. E. "	† J. B. Nixon	Toronto, Ont.
V. E. "	† George C. Longley	Maitland, Ont.

The Supreme Grand Master invested each with the Collar, and directed him to take his place; after which proclamation was made by the

Herald in East.—"By the authority of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, and in the name of the Most Eminent, the Supreme Grand Master of Canada, I proclaim this Sovereign Great Priory to be a duly constituted, Independent, and Sovereign Grand Body, holding jurisdiction over the whole Dominion of Canada."

"God Save the Queen."

Same in the South-West and North-East.

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The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Queen, and H. R. H. the Duchess of Albany, beg to report,—

That they have prepared the following Addresses, and recommend that the Grand Chancellor have them suitably engrossed and presented through the proper channel:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—We, the Supreme Grand Master, Officers, and Fratres, 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, beg to approach Your Majesty with feelings of the most profound respect and loyal attachment, and at this our first meeting after the lamented demise of H. R. H. the Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., our late illustrious Frater,—desire to express our heartfelt sympathy with Your Majesty in the affliction with which it has pleased Almighty God to visit you; and we pray that it will please the Almighty Disposer of all events, in His own good time, to pour balm into the wound He has for some wise, though to us inscrutable, purpose inflicted.

(Signed,)

‡ W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE, G.C.T.,

‡ DANIEL SPRY, Grand Chancellor.

Supreme Grand Master,

To Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany:—

We, the Supreme Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, for the Dominion of Canada, desire to convey to Your Royal Highness our great sympathy at the loss you have sustained by the sudden and unexpected death of our lamented Frater, your beloved husband, His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., etc. We approach Your Royal Highness with the assurance of the deepest sorrow of the Canadian Knights Templar, and their earnest prayer that the Almighty may grant you strength to meet the affliction with which, in His inscrutable wisdom, He has been pleased to afflict you.

‡ W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE,

‡ DANIEL SPRY, Grand Chancellor.

Supreme Grand Master.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

‡ V. CLEMENTI,
‡ E. H. D. HALL,
‡ E. T. MALONE,) Committee.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † Rev. Vincent Clementi, seconded by V. E. Sir Knight † E. H. D. Hall, K. C. T., and

RESOLVED,—That the Report of the Committee on the Address to the Queen and H. R. H. the Duchess of Albany be received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † Robert Ramsay, M.D., and

RESOLVED,—That R. E. Sir Knight T. S. Parvin be invited to become the guest and accept the hospitality of Great Priory, during his stay in Toronto.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † J. A. Henderson, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † C. D. Macdonald, Past Grand Provincial Prior, and

RESOLVED,—That the M. E. the Supreme Grand Master be and is hereby authorized to enter into fraternal intercourse and exchange Representatives with such other Supreme Templar Bodies as may be pleased to recognize this Sovereign Great Priory.

Moved by R. E. Knight † E. H. D. Hall, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight † C. D. Macdonald, and

RESOLVED,—That the Tenth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, be held at the same place and on the Tuesday of the same week as the Grand Lodge of Canada, viz: on Tuesday, the 7th day of July, 1885.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † J. McLean Stevenson, seconded by Sir Knight † E. T. Malone, and

RESOLVED,—That the Grand Chancellor be directed to have four hundred copies of the Proceedings of the present Annual Assembly printed and distributed, and that the Deputy Grand Master be authorized to issue an order on the Grand Treasurer for the payment thereof.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight † James Seymour, Past Grand

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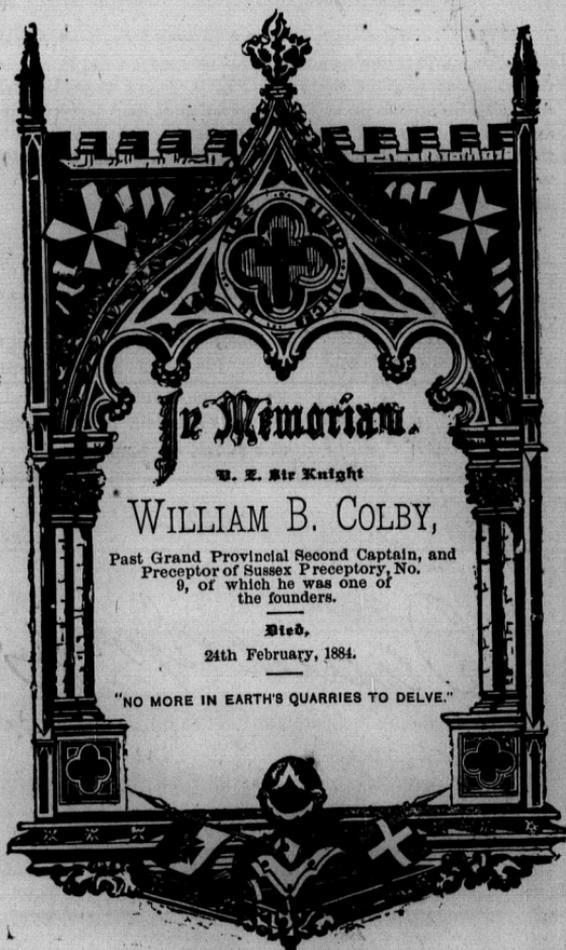
RESOLVED,—That the members of this Sovereign Great Priory desire to convey to R. E. Sir Knight † T. S. Parvin their heartfelt thanks for his attendance at the inauguration of their independence as a Supreme Body, and to assure him that they shall always have the kindest recollection of his valuable services, in having assisted to install the Officers of Great Priory.



The business of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of the Dominion of Canada being concluded, it was closed at 6 p. m., in *Ample Form*.

Daniel Spry

Grand Chancellor.



At Rest.

NO. AND NAME OF PRECEPTORY.	NAME.	DATE.
1 Hugh de Payens, } Kingston..... }	Thomas Seale.....	20 Sept, 1882.
	John Munro	27 Dec., 1882.
3 Godfrey de Bouillon, } Hamilton..... }	Alexander Mitchell...	6 Aug., 1883.
6 King Baldwin, Belle- ville	Rev. W. Clarke, D.D..	No date.
7 Richard Cœur de } Lion, Montreal, } Lion, Montreal, }	W. B. Simpson	3 June, 1883.
	J. W. Muirhead.....	No date.
9 Sussex, Stanstead..	W. B. Colby.....	24 Feb, 1884.
10 Gondemar, Maitland..	Alex. Geo. Harvey....	21 May, 1883.
11 Union de Maloy, St. } John, N. B. }	Geo. F. Devine.....	13 March, 1883.
	J. Howard Beatty.....	..... 1883.
23 St. Elmo, Goderich..	Andrew Kerby... ..	14 Feb., 1883.
26 Windsor, Windsor, } Ontario..... }	Cornelius Moore.....	3 June, 1883.

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 Orders of the Temple and Malta; Honorary Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E.** Sir Knight † John FitzHenry Townshend, Sovereign Grand Commander A. & A. S. Rite, 38°, for Ireland; Past Great Sub-Prior of Great Priory of Ireland, 30 Upper FitzWilliam Street, Dublin, Honorary Past Great Sub-Prior of Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E.** Sir Knight † Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior of the Great Priory of England, and Provincial Prior of Sussex, London, England.
- R. E.** Sir Knight † H. I. H. Prince Demetrius Rhodocanakis, Scio, Athens, Greece; Grand Master Grand Lodge of Greece, and Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of Canada.
- V. E.** Sir Knight † Alexander M. Broadley, Preceptor of Milita Preceptory, Island of Malta; Honorary Past Grand Provincial Prior.
- R. E.** Sir Knight † Robert Morris, La Grange, Kentucky, U. S., Past Provincial Grand Sub-Prior of the former Provincial Grand Conclave of Canada.
- R. E.** Sir Knight † Alfred Creigh, LL. D., Washington, Pa., U. S., Past Provincial Grand Sub-Prior of the former Provincial Grand Conclave of Canada.
- R. E.** Sir Knight † Albert Pike, Sovereign Grand Commander A. & A. S. R., 38°, &c., &c., &c., Southern Jurisdiction of America, Washington, D. C.; Honorary Provincial Grand Prior of the Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E.** Sir Knight † Emra Holmes, K.C.T., Provincial Grand Provost, England, Barnstable, Devonshire, Honorary Provincial Grand Prior of Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E.** Sir Knight † T. B. Whytehead, Provincial Grand W. of R. N. & E., York; Grand Captain of Guards, England, South Parade, York; Honorary Provincial Grand Prior of Great Priory of Canada.

- R. E. Sir Knight † George Otis Tyler, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Vermont, Burlington; Honorary Provincial Grand Prior of Great Priory of Canada.

HONORARY DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

- R. E. Sir Knight † Daniel Spry, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge; Past Grand Z. Grand Chapter; and Grand Chancellor of Great Priory of Canada.

REPRESENTATIVES.

AT THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

- R. E. Sir Knight † S. Bickerton Harman, from Great Priory of Ireland.

FROM THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

- R. E. Sir Knight † Hon. Judge Townshend, at the Great Priory of Ireland.

HONORARY APPOINTMENTS.

GRAND CROSSES OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

- R. E. Sir Knight † James A. Henderson, Q. C., D. C. L., Kingston, Ontario, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and Deputy Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada,
 R. E. Sir Knight † James Kirkpatrick Kerr, Q. C., Toronto, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Provincial Prior of Canada.

KNIGHTS COMMANDERS OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

- R. E. Sir Knight † A. A. Stevenson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Past Provincial Grand Prior of Quebec.
 R. E. Sir Knight † Isaac Henry Stearns, Montreal, Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter, and Provincial Grand Prior of Quebec.
 R. E. Sir Knight † Hon. Robert Marshall, St. John, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and Past Provincial Grand Prior of New Brunswick.
 R. E. Sir Knight † James Moffat, London, Ontario, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Past Grand Vice-Chancellor of the Great Priory of Canada.
 R. E. Sir Knight † Charles Davis Macdonald, Peterborough, Ontario, Past Grand Z. Grand Chapter of Canada, and Past Provincial Grand Commander for Ontario and Quebec.

- R. E. Sir Knight † Lawrence H. Henderson, Belleville, Ontario, Past Grand Z. Grand Chapter of Canada, and Past Grand Chancellor of the former Grand Priory.
- R. E. Sir Knight † George Otis Tyler, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Vermont, U. S., and Honorary Provincial Grand Prior of the Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight † A. G. Adams, Montreal, Grand Senior Warden Grand Lodge of Quebec; Past Grand Steward, Grand Chapter of Quebec; and Past Grand Marshal, Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight † Robert Ramsay, M.D., Orillia, Past Deputy Grand Master (Honorary), Grand Lodge of Quebec; Past Provincial Great Prior, Great Priory of Canada.
- V. E. Sir Knight † E. H. D. Hall, Peterborough, Ontario, Past District Deputy Grand Master Ontario District, Grand Lodge of Canada; Past Grand Pursuivant, Great Priory of Canada.

LIST OF PRECEPTORIES BY DISTRICTS.

LONDON DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior,—R. E. Sir Knight † James Sutton, M. D., Clandeboye.

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| 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, Ont. | " Essex. |

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior,—R. E. Sir Knight † Edwin A. Dalley, Hamilton.

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| No. 3, Godfrey de Bouillon, Hamilton | County Wentworth. |
| " 8, Plantagenet, St. Catharines .. | " Lincoln. |
| " 10, Hurontario, Guelph | " Wellington. |
| " 19, St. Bernard de Clairveaux, Dunville.... | " Monck. |
| " 23, Ray, Prince Arthur's Landing.. | " Algoma. |

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior,—R. E. Sir Knight † Philip J. Slatter, Toronto.

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| No. 2, Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto | County York. |
| " 12, Mount Calvary, Barrie | " Simcoe. |
| " 15, St. John the Almoner, Whitby | " Ontario. |
| " 17, Odo de St. Amand, Toronto | " York. |
| " 18, Palestine, Port Hope | " Durham. |

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior,—R. E. Sir Knight † Samuel S. Lazier, Belleville.
 No. 1, Hugh de Payens, Kingston.....County Frontenac.
 " 6, King Baldwin, Belleville..... " Hastings.
 " 13, Moore, Peterborough..... " Peterboro'.
 " 14, Harington, Trenton, (dormant)..... " Hastings.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

(Under supervision of Provincial Prior of Kingston.)

- No. 16, Gondemar, Maitland.....County Grenville.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior,—R.E. Sir Knight † Isaac H. Stearns, Montreal.
 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 Knight † David R. Munro, St. John.
 No. 11, Union de Molay, St. John.....County St. John.

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior,—R.E. Sir Knight † James Dempster, Halifax.
 No. 5, Nova Scotia, Halifax.....County Halifax.

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior,—R.E. Sir Knight † C. F. Forrest, Winnipeg.
 No. 24, Albert Edward, Winnipeg.....County Selkirk.

RECAPITULATION.

1, London District.....	5	Preceptories.
2, Hamilton District.....	5	"
3, Toronto District.....	5	"
4, Kingston (and Ottawa) District.....	5	"
5, Quebec District.....	3	"
6, New Brunswick District.....	1	Preceptory.
7, Nova Scotia District.....	1	"
8, Manitoba District.....	1	"

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Roll of Preceptories and Priories

OF THE UNITED RELIGIOUS AND MILITARY ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE,
AND ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, PALESTINE,
RHODES, AND MALTA,
UNDER

The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

s—following a name, signifies that the Preceptor filled the office on subsequent occasions; *d*—deceased; *r*—retired.

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

V. E. Sir Knight Robert V. Matthews, Presiding Preceptor.

R. E. " " S. W. Scobell, Constable.

R. E. " " F. Rowland, Registrar.

R. E. " " S. G. Fairclough, Marshal.

Preceptors.

M. E. Sir Knight	Col. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore	.....	1854
R. E. " "	James A. Hennerson, (<i>s</i>)	.....	1855
" " "	S. S. Finden, (<i>d</i>)	.....	1856
" " "	S. D. Fowler (Honorary) (<i>d</i>)	.....	1857
" " "	J. H. Rowan	.....	1858
" " "	John Kerr	.....	1859
" " "	G. F. LaSerre (<i>r</i>)	.....	1860
" " "	John Boyes (<i>d</i>)	.....	1862
R. E. " "	W. B. Simpson (<i>d</i>)	.....	1864
V. E. " "	Alexander S. Kirkpatrick (<i>d</i>)	.....	1865
" " "	E. H. Parker (<i>r</i>)	.....	1866
" " "	Harwood E. Swales (<i>r</i>)	.....	1868
R. E. Sir Knight	James Greenfield, jr.	.....	1869
" " "	Donald Ross	.....	1877
V. E. " "	Thomas Gordon	.....	1878
R. E. " "	W. D. Gordon	.....	1879
V. E. " "	Philip Bajus	.....	1880
R. E. " "	Henry Nuttall	.....	1881
V. E. " "	G. W. Andrews	.....	1882
R. E. " "	F. Rowland	.....	1883

2. "GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR," Toronto, Ont.—Warrant dated 8th November, 1854.—Meets second Friday in every month.

- V. E. Sir Knight Theodore N. Lyon, Presiding Preceptor.
 " " E. T. Malone, Constable.
 " " A. G. Howard, Marshal.
 " " John Hethrington, Registrar.

Preceptors.

M. E. Sir Knight Col. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore (Hon.).....	1855
R. E. " " Samuel B. Harman (s).....	1855
E. " " Francis Richardson (r).....	1856
E. " " Thomas Gibbs Ridout (d).....	1857
R. E. " " T. Douglas Harington (d).....	1858
E. " " William G. Storm.....	1859
E. " " William Hay (r).....	1860
R. E. " " James K. Kerr (s).....	1869
E. " " Augustus T. Houel (d).....	1871
R. E. " " Frederick J. Menet.....	1873
E. " " Marcellus Crombie.....	1874
R. E. " " Daniel Spry (r).....	1875
V. E. " " Thomas Sargent.....	1876
R. E. " " Richard J. Hovenden (s).....	1877
" " " J. Ross Robertson.....	
R. E. " " J. Bower Nixon.....	
E. " " J. M. Irwin.....	
V. E. " " James Wilson (r).....	1878
" " " William Brydon (r).....	1879
" " " William Hamilton, jr.....	1882
" " " Napoleon F. Lyon.....	1883

3. "GODFREY DE BOUILLON," Hamilton, Ont.—Warrant dated 15th June, 1859.—Meets first Friday in every month.

- V. E. Sir Knight W. J. Field, Presiding Preceptor.
 " " Thos. Hood, Constable.
 " " W. G. Reid, Marshal.
 " " J. A. Malcolm, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Knight Thomas Bird Harris (s) (d).....	1859
" " " W. Mercer Wilson (d).....	1859
" " " Thomas McCracken (r).....	1863
M. E. " " W. J. B. MacLeod Moore (Hon.).....	1864
R. E. " " John W. Murton.....	1866
V. E. " " William Reid.....	1869
R. E. " " Hugh A. MacKay.....	1873

R. E.	Sir Knight David McLellan.....	1876
"	" " John J. Mason.....	1877
V. E.	" " Wm. Gibson.....	1878
R. E.	" " Charles Magill.....	1879
"	" " John Kennedy.....	1880
V. E.	" " J. B. Bishop.....	1881
R. E.	" " John H. Stone.....	1882
V. E.	" " W. J. Field.....	1883

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

V. E.	Sir Knight John Ferguson, Presiding Preceptor.
"	" " John S. Dewar, Constable.
"	" " Thomas Brock, Marshal.
"	" " John A. Rose, Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Knight Thompson Wilson (s) (d).....	1857
"	" " James Moffat.....	1859
E.	" " William Muir (r).....	1861
V. E.	" " Thomas McCracken (r).....	1862
R. E.	" " Alfred G. Smyth (s).....	1874
R. E.	" " D. Burleigh Burch (s).....	1877
V. E.	" " J. H. Tracy.....	1878
E.	" " William Hawthorne.....	1879
V. E.	" " H. A. Baxter.....	1881
R. E.	" " James Sutton.....	1882
V. E.	" " John B. Smyth.....	1883

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

V. E.	Sir Knight Benjamin Howard Landis, Presiding Preceptor.
"	" " William Taylor, Constable.
"	" " John W. Ruthland, Marshal.
"	" " Clarence J. Spike, Registrar.

Preceptors.

E.	Sir Knight John D. Nash (d).....	1858
V. E.	" " Hon. Alexander Keith (d).....	1859
E.	" " Norborne G. Smith (r).....	1864
E.	" " Robert J. Romans (d).....	1866
E.	" " Robert D. Clarke (r).....	1868
E.	" " Thomas Short (d).....	1869
E.	" " C. E. Crocker King (s) (r).....	1870
V. E.	" " Stephen Roland Sircom (r).....	1872
V. E.	" " G. T. Smithers.....	1873
R. E.	" " Benjamin Curren, D. C. L. (s).....	1876

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V. E. Sir Knight Alf. H. Woodill, M. D.....	1877
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V. E. " " Charles F. Vose.....	1879
R. E. " " James Dempster.....	1880
V. E. " " Miner T. Foster.....	1882
V. E. " " Arthur E. Curren.....	1883

6. "KING BALDWIN," Belleville, Ont.—Warrant dated 9th June, 1861.—Meets second Tuesday in January, April, July, and October.

V. E. Sir Knight William H. Ponton, Presiding Preceptor.	
" " J. J. Farley, Constable.	
" " J. Parker Thomas, Marshal.	
" " D. B. Robertson, Registrar.	

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V. E. Sir Knight John C. Franck (r).....	1861
" " Alfred A. Campbell (r).....	1862
R. E. " " Lawrence H. Henderson (s).....	1867
V. E. " " Eber C. Flint (r).....	1872
" " William Doctor (s).....	1877
" " D. Pitceathley (s).....	1878
R. E. " " Samuel S. Lazier (s).....	1881
V. E. " " William H. Ponton.....	1883

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

V. E. Sir Knight William S. Evans, Presiding Preceptor.	
" " James Martin, Constable.	
" " John J. Reid, Marshal.	
" " A. R. Symons, Registrar.	

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R. E. Sir Knight Alexander A. Stevenson (s).....	1863
R. E. " " E. M. Copeland.....	1872
R. E. " " Isaac H. Stearns (s).....	1878
E. " " Thomas Milton.....	1874
V. E. " " William Young, M. D.	1875
" " G. W. Lovejoy, M. D.	1877
R. E. " " J. T. McMinn (r).....	1878
R. E. " " John McLean.....	1879
E. " " Alexander G. Adams (s).....	1881

8. "PLANTAGENET," St. Catharines, Ont.—Warrant dated 14th November, 1867.—Meets second Monday in January, April, July, and October.

V. E. Sir Knight E. Goodman, Presiding Preceptor.	
" " L. R. Smith, Registrar.	

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Knight James Seymour (s).....	1867
V. E. " " Edwin Goodman (s).....	1869
V. E. " " Isaac P. Wilson (s).....	1872
V. E. " " E. Goodman, M. D.....	1883

9. "Sussex," Stanstead, Que.—Warrant dated 30th of May, 1867.
—Meets Wednesday preceding full moon in March, June, September,
and December.

R. E. Sir Knight Sylvester Lebourveau, Presiding Preceptor.
" " H. E. Channell, Constable.
" " J. L. Wilford, Marshal.
" " George D. Wyman, Derby Line P. O., Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Knight William B. Colby (d).....	1867
V. E. " " Charles H. Kathan (s).....	1872
V. E. " " Edson Kemp (s).....	1872
V. E. " " E. H. Goff (r, s).....	1874
V. E. " " A. H. F. Gilmour (r).....	1877
R. E. " " E. R. Johnson.....	1880
R. E. " " Hon. Thomas Wood.....	1881

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

V. E. Sir Knight Henry Lockwood, Presiding Preceptor.
" " John A. Angell, Constable.
" " Hugh Walker, Marshal.
" " A. Nelles, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson (s).....	1869
R. E. " " E. R. Carpenter (s, r).....	1875
R. E. " " John Nettleton (r).....	1878
V. E. " " Charles Cameron (r).....	1879
V. E. " " Fred. Wilmott (affiliated).....	1883
R. E. " " Daniel Spry (affiliated).....	1880

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

V. E. Sir Knight Hon. James Holly, Presiding Preceptor.
" " C. D. Trueman, Constable.
" " Thomas H. Keohan, Marshal.
R. E. " " David R. Munro, Registrar.

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R. E. Sir Knight Hon. Robert Marshall (s).....	1863
V. E. " " T. A. D. Foster, M. D. (r).....	1869
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R. E. Sir Knight David R. Munro (s).....	1871
V. E. " " H. W. Chisholm	1873
V. E. " " E. L. Berteaux.....	1874
R. E. " " S. F. Matthews (s).....	1875
V. E. " " J. C. Hathaway, M. D	1877
V. E. " " Hon. James Holley.....	1882

12. "MOUNT CALVARY," Barrie, Ont.—Warrant dated 15th April, 1870.—Meets first Monday in each month.

R. E. Sir Knight J. McLean Stevenson, Presiding Preceptor.	
" " William Downie, Constable.	
" " John Rogerson, Marshal.	
R. E. " " Daniel Spry, Registrar.	

Preceptors.

R. E. " " Robert Ramsay (s, r).....	1870
V. E. " " M. H. Spencer (s).....	1870
V. E. " " C. Scomberg Elliott, M. D. (s, r).....	1871
E. " " H. G. Summers (d).....	1874
R. E. " " Daniel Spry.....	1880
V. E. " " William Lount, Q. C.	1881
R. E. " " J. McLean Stevenson (s)	1882
R. E. " " Fred. Wilmott.....	1883
R. E. " " H. Robertson (affiliated).....	1883
V. E. " " John Nettleton, "	1883
V. E. " " Charles Cameron, "	1883
V. E. " " E. R. Carpenter, "	1883

13. "MOORE," Peterborough, Ont.—Warrant dated 27th May, 1870.—Meets second Monday in March, April, June, September and December.

V. E. Sir Knight E. H. D. Hall, K.C.T., Presiding Preceptor.	
R. E. " " C. D. Macdonald, Registrar.	

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R. E. Sir Knight C. D. Macdonald (s).....	1870
R. E. " " Rev. V. Clementi, B. A.....	1871
V. E. " " R. Kincaid, M. D. (s).....	1872
V. E. " " James Might, M. D.....	1874
V. E. " " Allan F. Huffman.....	1878
V. E. " " E. H. D. Hall	1879
E. " " J. Brooke Traves.....	1883

14. "HARINGTON," Trenton, Ont.—Warrant dated 14th April, 1871.—Meets first Monday in every month.

(Not working.)

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

V. E. Sir Knight C. A. Jones, Presiding Preceptor.

" " J. H. Addison, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Knight George H. F. Dartnell (s).....	1872
V. E. " " Yeoman Gibson	1875
V. E. " " George Hopkins (d).....	1876
V. E. " " C. A. Jones (s)	1877

16. "GONDEMAR," Maitland, Ont.—Warrant dated 3rd May, 1872. Meets Thursday nearest the full moon in January, April, July, and October.

V. E. Sir Knight Amos Chatfield, Ottawa, Presiding Preceptor.

" " David Taylor, Constable.

V. E. " " John Moore, Ottawa, Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Knight George C. Longley.....	1872
V. E. " " John Dumbrille.....	1873
V. E. " " John Easton (s).....	1875
V. E. " " Daniel Collins (r).....	1875
V. E. " " Alexander Glasgow Harvey (d).....	1877
R. E. " " John Moore.....	1878
V. E. " " E. B. Butterworth.....	1880
V. E. " " Turner Koyle.....	1881
V. E. " " V. H. Moore, M. D.....	1883

17. "ODO DE ST. AMAND," Toronto, Ont.—Warrant dated 7th May, 1872.—Meets first Friday of every month.

E. Sir Knight James Douglas, Presiding Preceptor.

" " George J. Bennett, Constable.

" " John Simpson, Marshal.

" " W. J. Huston, Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Knight N. Gordon Bigelow (r).....	1872
R. E. " " W. C. Morrison (s).....	1873
R. E. " " George Watson (s, d).....	1874
R. E. " " Daniel Spry (affiliated).....	1875
R. E. " " James O'Connor (r).....	1876
R. E. " " James B. Nixon.....	1877
V. E. " " Joshua George Burns.....	1878
V. E. " " John Dennis (r).....	1879
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18. "PALESTINE," Port Hope, Ont.—Warrant dated May 31st, 1872. Meets fourth Thursday of every month.

V. E. Sir Knight John Brooke Traves, Presiding Preceptor.

" " Edward Budge, Constable.

" " George B. Salter, Marshal.

" " W. B. Wallace, Registrar.

Preceptors.

" " James Moore Irwin (s).....1871

V. E. " " John Wright (s).....1878

V. E. " " Robert Nicholls.....1881

19. "St. BERNARD DE CLAIRVEAUX," Dunnville, Ont.—Warrant dated October 16th, 1874.—Meets second Thursday in every month.

E. Sir Knight Thos. Jefferson Galbraith, Presiding Preceptor.

" " William Logan, Constable.

" " Robert Hall, Marshal.

V. E. " " John Taylor, Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Knight William F. Braund (s).....1864

" " John Parry.....1875

" " M. C. Upper.....1876

" " C. E. S. Black.....1877

" " John Taylor (s).....1878

" " Samuel Waltho.....1881

" " Archibald Couper.....1882

" " Samuel Cornick.....1883

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

V. E. Sir Knight Frederick Bates, Presiding Preceptor.

" " Charles Crofts, Constable.

" " Alfred Edwin Taylor, Marshal.

R. E. " " Thomas C. Macnabb, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Knight Thomas C. Macnabb (s).....1878

21. "BURLEIGH," St. Thomas, Ont.—Warrant dated 11th October, 1878.—Meets first Monday in each month.

R. E. Sir Knight Adolphus Nelles Pettit, Presiding Preceptor.

" " Luke Slater, Constable.

" " Samuel Dubber, Marshal.

" " William E. Idsardi, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Knight D. Burleigh Burch (affiliated).....	1877
V. E.	" " Edwards W. Porter.....	1878
"	" " Robert McKay.....	1879
"	" " H. A. Grannis (<i>d, s</i>).....	1880
E.	" " William Hooper King.....	1881
R. E.	" " E. Hale Raymour (<i>s</i>).....	1882

22. "St. ELMO," Goderich, Ontario.—Warrant dated 8th March, 1880.—Meets first Tuesday in March, June, September and December.

V. E.	Sir Knight Joseph Beck, Presiding Preceptor.
"	" " M. Ruby Counter, Constable.
"	" " Frank F. Laurence, Marshal.
"	" " Allan McDonald Allan, Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Knight Isaac Toms, (<i>s</i>).....	1880
V. E.	" " D. M. Malloch.....	1881
V. E.	" " William T. Bray, (<i>d</i>).....	1882
V. E.	" " Richard Radcliffe.....	1883

23. RAY, Prince Arthur's Landing, Ontario.—Warrant dated March 9th, 1880. Meets first Wednesday of every month.

V. E.	Sir Knight William J. Clarke, Presiding Preceptor.
"	" " Angus Sinclair, Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Knight S. Wellington Ray.....	1880
R. E.	" " Daniel Spry.....	(Chartered.)
V. E.	" " Thomas Sargent.....	"
V. E.	" " Joshua G. Burns.....	"?
V. E.	" " James Wilson.....	"
R. E.	" " James B. Nixon.....	"
V. E.	" " William J. Clarke.....	1883

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

R. E.	Sir Knight Christopher F. Forrest, Presiding Preceptor.
"	" " Sidney J. Vick, Constable.
"	" " William George Bell, Marshal.
"	" " John Y. Cain, Registrar.

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R. E.	Sir Knight James O'Connor, (Charter Member).....	1880
R. E.	" " Elias George Conklin.....	1880
R. E.	" " John Headley Bell.....	1881
V. E.	" " Christopher F. Forrest, (<i>s</i>).....	1882

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

V. E. Sir Knight Henry Griffith, Presiding Preceptor.

“ “ David S. Rickaby, Constable.

“ “ Charles Knowles, Marshal.

“ “ William Henry Little, Registrar.

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V. E. Sir Knight Samuel Kennedy, (s)1880

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V. E. “ Henry Russell, M. D.1883

26. WINDSOR, Windsor, Ontario.—Warrant dated 9th September, 1882.

V. E. Sir Knight Joseph Walter Barringer, Presiding Preceptor.

“ “ George Duane Adams, Constable.

“ “ Jonas Anthony Grosscup, Marshal.

“ “ George Irwin, Registrar.

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Synopsis of Returns received from the Synagogue for the year ending...

No.	NAME.	WHERE HELD.	DATE OF WARRANT.	Members 1882.	Members 1883.	Installd.	Withdrw.	Suspended.	Deaths.	Members 31 Dec, 1883.	DATE OF LAST RETURN.
1	Hugh de Payens.....	Kingston, O.....	12th Feb. 1824.....	26	26	1	1	1	2	25	31st December.....1883
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldemar.....	Toronto, O.....	6th Mar. 1854.....	64	64	1	13	11	8	58	".....1883
3	Richard de Bouillon.....	Hamilton, O.....	25th Oct. 1856.....	74	74	2	23	3	5	88	".....1883
4	Richard Cour de Lion.....	London, O.....	29th Mar. 1856.....	94	94	2	13	4	2	76	".....1883
5	Nova Scotia.....	Halifax, N.S.....	11th Oct. 1835.....	94	94	2	2	2	1	92	".....1883
6	King Baldwin.....	Belleville, O.....	9th June, 1831.....	32	32	1	1	1	1	32	".....1883
7	Richard Cour de Lion.....	M. treval, Q.....	6th Dec. 1863.....	26	26	1	6	2	2	29	".....1883
8	Phantaguen.....	St. Catharines, O.....	14th Nov. 1866.....	26	26	1	1	1	1	26	".....1883
9	Sussex.....	Staustead, Q.....	30th May, 1867.....	45	45	2	3	1	1	44	".....1883
10	Huronstado.....	Guelph, O.....	10th Apr. 1867.....	47	47	1	1	1	1	46	".....1883
11	Union de M. ay.....	St. John, N.E.....	1st May, 1869.....	42	42	1	1	1	1	40	".....1883
12	Mount Calvary.....	St. John, N.E.....	12th Apr. 1869.....	14	14	1	1	1	1	11	".....1883
13	Moore.....	Peterboro, O.....	27th May, 1870.....	16	16	1	1	1	1	16	".....1881
14	Harrington.....	Trenton, O.....	14th Apr. 1870.....	32	32	1	1	1	1	32	31st Decem. ....1878
15	St. John, the Almoner.....	Whitby, O.....	8th Mar. 1872.....	19	19	1	1	1	1	19	".....1882
16	Gondemar.....	Maliland, O.....	3rd May, 1872.....	19	19	1	1	1	1	19	".....1882
17	Odo de S. Amand.....	Toronto, O.....	7th May, 1872.....	42	42	1	2	1	1	45	".....1883
18	Paletine.....	Port Hope, O.....	1st May, 1872.....	16	16	1	1	1	1	19	".....1883
19	St. Bernard de Chaireaux.....	Dunnville, O.....	14th Oct. 1872.....	16	16	1	1	1	1	16	".....1883
20	Kent.....	Chatham, O.....	7th Aug., 1877.....	10	10	1	1	1	1	10	".....1883
21	Emleigh.....	St. Thomas, O.....	11th Oct., 1878.....	50	50	1	5	2	1	54	".....1883
22	St. Etene.....	Goderich, O.....	8th Mar., 1880.....	25	25	1	5	1	1	29	".....1883
23	Ray.....	P.A. Land's O.....	9th Mar. 1880.....	16	16	1	1	1	1	16	".....1883
24	Albert Edward.....	Windsor, M.....	27th Apr. 1880.....	4	4	1	1	1	1	3	".....1883
25	William de la More, the Martyr.....	Quebec, O.....	1st M., 1880.....	24	24	1	1	1	1	20	".....1883
26	Windsor.....	Windsor, O.....	9th Sept., 1883.....	17	17	1	1	1	1	21	".....1883
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STATISTICS OF TEMPLARS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, AS SHOWN BY THE REPORTS OF 1883.

GRAND COMMANDERIES.	Returns for Subordinates	Members.	Knights.	Affiliated.	Relinquished.	Dimitted.	Suspended & Dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Our Last Report.
Alabama, May 16.....	1883 10	245	28	3	9	8	1	0	7	187
Arkansas, May 8.....	1883 6	1 16	73	2	2	5	0	0	6	151
California, April 12.....	1883 22	1,551	390	21	10	39	3	0	23	1,184
Colorado, September 22.....	1882 7	234	70	20	3	4	3	0	2	220
Connecticut, March 20.....	1883 11	1,388	66	2	0	7	39	0	35	1,373
Georgia, May 16.....	1883 8	273	27	2	0	2	11	7	0	359
Illinois, April 5.....	1882 52	5 357	810	47	21	202	45	9	83	4,770
Indiana, April 24.....	1883 28	2,222	238	26	14	67	28	0	22	2,008
Iowa, September 13.....	1882 29	2,571	495	90	4	95	21	1	17	2,162
Kansas, May 3.....	1883 23	1,172	258	16	5	44	2	1	12	910
Kentucky, May 13.....	1883 23	1,438	118	3	1	33	17	0	20	1,418
Louisiana, February 16.....	1883 5	308	13	3	0	16	8	0	9	303
Maine, May 2.....	1883 14	1,746	155	20	7	39	23	0	22	1,678
Maryland, May 10.....	1882 7	755	35	15	2	12	30	0	6	755
Mass. & Rhode Isl'd, October 20.....	1882 40	6,150	435	0	3	70	37	2	73	5,900
Michigan, May 8.....	1883 35	3,158	357	45	10	66	33	1	37	2,836
Minnesota, June 24.....	1883 13	1,167	200	17	2	23	10	0	11	912
Mississippi, May 9.....	1883 13	394	19	1	1	4	11	0	7	402
Missouri, May 1.....	1883 42	2,000	320	46	13	69	26	0	19	1,713
Nebraska, April 16.....	1882 12	485	38	5	0	10	2	0	4	485
New Hampshire, September 26.....	1882 9	1,123	52	7	1	11	8	0	15	1,097
New Jersey, September 11.....	1882 14	1,142	95	16	0	14	26	1	8	1,078
New York, October 3.....	1882 54	6,771	472	67	62	111	200	7	90	6,598
North Carolina, October 10.....	1882 5	107	39	14	0	13	0	1	0	68
Ohio, October 11.....	1882 39	4,164	591	35	42	76	43	3	47	3,664
Pennsylvania, May 29.....	1882 56	6,321	643	45	...	85	...	...	...	86,038
Tennessee, May 1.....	1881 13	757	35	10	3	29	16	1	9	765
Texas, April 18.....	1882 16	791	96	19	3	22	15	2	12	713
Vermont, June 12.....	1882 9	804	62	4	0	13	15	0	10	733
Virginia, August 10.....	1882 15	804	13	10	0	20	14	0	9	824
West Virginia, May 9.....	1883 7	305	25	2	2	6	6	0	4	292
Wisconsin, September 5.....	1882 16	1,398	173	7	5	54	8	0	14	1,305
G. Enc. subordinates.....	1881 24	1,643	126	14	8	51	24	0	25	1,643
Total in United States.....	1883 634	56,125	6,548	677	247	1,334	721	90	708	54,510
Canada.....	1884 26	761	92	15	0	45	15	0	13	795
England and Wales.....	1883 112	2,700	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,700
Ireland.....	1883 44	1,100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,100
Scotland.....	1883 9	270	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	270
Total in World.....	1883 875	60,956	6,640	692	247	1,319	736	90	712	59,275

COMPARISON OF NORTH AMERICAN STATISTICS

	Templars.	Royal Arch.	Master Masons.	Percentage of Templars to M.M.
1879.....	49,924	123,139	582,586	8.50
1880.....	50,031	127,025	573,317	8.84
1881.....	53,734	137,106	567,118	9.471
1882.....	55,186	123,557	569,149	9.75
1883.....	59,855	131,761	579,526	10.32

ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS OF CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, &c.
 NAME AND RESIDENCE OF CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.
 NAME AND RESIDENCE OF E. GRAND RECORDER.
 NAME AND RESIDENCE OF E. E. GRAND COMMANDER.
 DATE OF ORGANIZATION.
 GRAND COMMANDERIES.

NINTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, TORONTO.

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Deceased.	7	187
	6	151
	23	1,184
	2	280
	35	1,878
	6	389
	88	4,770
	22	2,008
	17	2,162
	12	910
	20	1,418
	9	308
	22	1,978
	6	756
	78	5,900
	87	2,886
	11	912
	7	403
	19	1,718
	4	485
	15	1,097
	8	1,078
	90	6,598
	0	98
	47	3,664
	86	6,098
	9	795
	12	718
	10	768
	9	824
	4	292
	14	1,265
	25	1,643
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GRAND COMMANDERIES.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	NAME AND RESIDENCE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.	NAME AND RESIDENCE OF GRAND RECORDER.	NAME AND RESIDENCE OF E. GRAND RECORDERS.	NAME AND RESIDENCE OF CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.
Alabama.....	December 1, 1882.....	Daniel Smith, Mobile.....	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.....	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.....	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.....
Arizona.....	March 25, 1872.....	Wm. H. El Clayton, Fort Smith.....	James A. Henry, Lottie Rock.....	No Committee.....	No Committee.....
Canada.....	August 10, 1883.....	W. J. B. McCall, Prescott, Ont.....	Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ontario.....	No Committee.....	No Committee.....
California.....	March 14, 1878.....	Robert W. Wilson, San Francisco.....	Thos. H. Caswell, San Francisco.....	Thos. H. Caswell, San Francisco.....	Thos. H. Caswell, San Francisco.....
Colorado.....	September 13, 1887.....	Ell C. Birdsey, Meridian, Waver.....	Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.....	E. M. Orashood, Denver.....	E. M. Orashood, Denver.....
Connecticut.....	April 25, 1890.....	Earl of Latham, London.....	Alfred K. Wheeler, Hartford.....	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.....	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.....
England.....	October 27, 1897.....	Wm. B. Young, Augusta.....	Samuel P. Hamlin, London, Eng.....	No Committee.....	No Committee.....
Georgia.....	May 16, 1884.....	S. R. E. Duke, Knight, London, Eng.....	J. A. Baker, Dublin, Ireland.....	No Committee.....	No Committee.....
Illinois.....	June 10, 1881.....	James G. Etwood, Joliet.....	Albert D. Sweet, Fort Wayne.....	Frederic T. Gurney, Chicago.....	Frederic T. Gurney, Chicago.....
Indiana.....	June 16, 1884.....	Abner W. D. Sweet, Fort Wayne.....	John M. Barnard, Chicago.....	No Committee.....	No Committee.....
Iowa.....	December 29, 1898.....	Ed. M. Waters, Indianapolis.....	John M. Barnard, Indianapolis.....	Edward A. Guilbert, Dubuque.....	Edward A. Guilbert, Dubuque.....
Kansas.....	October 5, 1887.....	Edwin G. Hall, Louisville.....	J. D. C. Brown, Wyandotte.....	John H. Brown, Wyandotte.....	John H. Brown, Wyandotte.....
Kentucky.....	February 4, 1896.....	A. N. Cummings, New Orleans.....	Richard Lambert, Covington.....	Charles R. Woodruff, Louisville.....	Charles R. Woodruff, Louisville.....
Louisiana.....	May 5, 1893.....	Isaac S. Bangs, Waterville.....	Ira Berry, Port and.....	No Committee.....	No Committee.....
Maine.....	May 6, 1895.....	Clash S. Hanway, Baltimore.....	Charles T. Sisco, Baltimore.....	William Tall Adams, Baltimore.....	William Tall Adams, Baltimore.....
Mass. & R. Island.....	January 25, 1857.....	Heman N. Moore, Chittenden.....	Wm. P. Chapman, Boston.....	No Committee.....	No Committee.....
Michigan.....	October 23, 1895.....	Wm. G. Bronson, Sillerton.....	Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids.....	Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids.....	Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids.....
Minnesota.....	January 23, 1857.....	H. M. Rombergert, Water Valley.....	J. L. Fisher, Jackson.....	A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul.....	A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul.....
Mississippi.....	May 23, 1890.....	Samuel G. Owen, Lincoln.....	Wm. H. Moore, Omaha.....	E. George DeLap, Natchez.....	E. George DeLap, Natchez.....
Missouri.....	December 28, 1871.....	Andrew Bunton, Manchester.....	Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha.....	William H. Mayo, St. Louis.....	William H. Mayo, St. Louis.....
Nebraska.....	Feb. 23 (1871) 1890.....	Charles Allitt, Brenton.....	Go vrgo P. Cleave, Concord.....	John J. Beaman, Jr., Omaha.....	John J. Beaman, Jr., Omaha.....
New Hampshire.....	June 18, 1840.....	Eugene Grimsom, Raleigh.....	Robert Massey, Brooklyn.....	Geo. G. B. Edwards, Trenton.....	Geo. G. B. Edwards, Trenton.....
New Jersey.....	May 10, 1881.....	Alex. F. Vance, Urbana.....	James V. Smith, Wilmington.....	J. W. Simons, 65 Astor House, N. Y.....	J. W. Simons, 65 Astor House, N. Y.....
New York.....	October 28, 1843.....	J. Jas. W. Bachelor, Pittsburgh.....	Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia.....	C. R. Jones, Chattanooga.....	C. R. Jones, Chattanooga.....
North Carolina.....	April 11, 1814.....	Wm. P. Bachelor, Pittsburgh.....	Andrew Mackesy, Edinburgh.....	Enoch T. Carson, Cincinnati.....	Enoch T. Carson, Cincinnati.....
Ohio.....	October 19, 1880.....	Wm. P. Bachelor, Pittsburgh.....	Wm. P. Bachelor, Pittsburgh.....	George T. O'Leary, Pittsburgh.....	George T. O'Leary, Pittsburgh.....
Ontario.....	January 19, 1865.....	Wm. P. Bachelor, Pittsburgh.....	Wm. P. Bachelor, Pittsburgh.....	Morton B. Howell, Nashville.....	Morton B. Howell, Nashville.....
Tennessee.....	Aug. 14 (1824) 1881.....	Alfred M. McCoy, St. Louis.....	E. Brewster, Houston.....	Wm. T. Hardenbrook, Houston.....	Wm. T. Hardenbrook, Houston.....
Texas.....	November 27, 1882.....	John L. Reper, Norfolk.....	Wm. C. Bradbury, Vero Beach.....	F. S. Fisher, St. Johnbury.....	F. S. Fisher, St. Johnbury.....
Vermont.....	February 25, 1874.....	W. H. H. Fick, Martinsburg.....	William B. Isaacs, Richmond.....	James A. Scott, Richmond.....	James A. Scott, Richmond.....
Virginia.....	October 28, 1859.....	J. H. Benzenberg, Milwaukee.....	George F. Irvine, Wheeling.....	O. S. Long, Wheeling.....	O. S. Long, Wheeling.....
West Virginia.....	October 28, 1859.....	J. H. Benzenberg, Milwaukee.....	John W. Ladin, Milwaukee.....	Wm. C. Swain, Milwaukee.....	Wm. C. Swain, Milwaukee.....
Wisconsin.....	October 28, 1859.....	J. H. Benzenberg, Milwaukee.....	John W. Ladin, Milwaukee.....	Wm. C. Swain, Milwaukee.....	Wm. C. Swain, Milwaukee.....

ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS OF GRANDS, THE UNITED STATES.

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE SOVEREIGN
GREAT PRIORY.

1884-85.

SUPREME GRAND MASTER.

M. E. Sir Knight † W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, G.C.T., Prescott, Ont.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

R. E. Sir Knight † James A. Henderson, Q.C., G.C.T., Kingston, Ont.

THE PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

R. E. Sir Knight † James Sutton, M.D., Clandeboye, London District.

R. E. Sir Knight † Edwin A. Dalley, Hamilton, Hamilton District.

R. E. Sir Knight † Philip J. Slatter, Toronto, Toronto District.

R. E. Sir Knight † Samuel S. Lazier, Belleville, Kingston.

R. E. Sir Knight † Isaac Henry Stearns, K.C.T., Montreal, District
of QuebecR. E. Sir Knight † David R. Munro, St. John, N. B., District of New
Brunswick.R. E. Sir Knight † James Dempster, Halifax, N. S., District of Nova
Scotia.

R. E. Sir Knight † Chris F. Forrest, Winnipeg, Manitoba District.

THE GREAT OFFICERS.

R. E. Sir Knight † Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ont., Grand Chancellor.

R. E. Sir Knight † Rev. Vincent Clementi, B. A., Peterborough, Ont.,
Grand Chaplain.

R. E. Sir Knight † A. N. Pettit, St. Thomas, Ont., Grand Constable.

R. E. Sir Knight † S. Lebourveau, Stanstead, Que., Grand Marshal.

R. E. Sir Knight † J. McLean Stevenson, Barrie, Ontario, Grand
Registrar.

GRAND COUNCIL—ELECTED.

R. E. Sir Knight † Hugh A. MacKay, Hamilton, Past Provincial Prior.

R. E. " † Donald Ross, Picton..... "

R. E. " † Jno. Ross Robertson, Toronto "

R. E. " † Alex. G. Adams, Montreal ..Past Grand Marshal.

V. E. " † Wm. Gibson, Beamsville ..Past G'nd Stan'd Br.

APPOINTED.

R. E. Sir Knight † J. B. Nixon, Toronto.....Past G'nd Pro. Prior.

V. E. " † E. H. D. Hall, Peterboro',.... " G'd Pursuivant.

V. E. " † Geo. C. Longley, Maitland.. " G'd Sub-Marshal

V. E. " † W. H. Ponton, Belleville P. Gr. Prior's Ban.-Br.

ROLL OF OFFICERS OF THE SOVEREIGN GREAT
PRIORY OF CANADA, 1883-'84.

SUPREME GRAND MASTER.

M.E. Sir Kt. †W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, Grand Cross of the Temple,
Great Prior of the Dominion of Canada.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

R.E. Sir Kt. †J.A. Henderson, Q.C.; D.C.L.; G.C.T.; Great Sub-Prior

PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

R. E. Sir Knight † Jas. Sutton, Clandeboye, Ont., London District.
R. E. " † Edwin A. Dalley, Hamilton, Ont., Hamilton
District.
R. E. " † P. J. Slatter, Toronto, Ont., Toronto District.
R. E. " † Samuel S. Lazier, Belleville, Ont., Kingston
District.
R. E. " † Isaac Henry Stearns, Montreal, Que., Quebec
District.
R. E. " † David R. Munro, St. John, New Brunswick Dis-
trict.
R. E. " † Jas. Dempster, Halifax, Nova Scotia District.
R. E. " † Chris. F. Forrest, Winnipeg, Manitoba District.

GREAT OFFICERS.

R. E. Sir Knight † Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ont....Grand Chancellor.
R. E. " † Rev. V. Clementi, B.A., Peter-
boro', Ont. " Prelate.
R. E. " † A. N. Pettitt, St. Thomas, Ont. " Constable.
R. E. " † S. Leborveau, Stanstead, Que. " Marshal.
R. E. " † David McLellan, Hamilton,
Ont..... " Treasurer.
R. E. " † J. McL. Stevenson, Barrie,
Ont..... " Registrar.

GRAND OFFICERS:

V. E. Sir Knight † N. T. Lyon, Toronto, Ontario, Grand Vice-
Chancellor.
V. E. " † Amos Chatfield, Ottawa, Ontario, Grand Sub-
Marshal.
V. E. " † Joseph Park, Windsor, Ontario, Grand Almoner.
V. E. " † B. F. Field, Hamilton, Ontario, Grand First
Standard Bearer.

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

- V. E. Sir Knight † B. H. Landis, Halifax, N. S., Grand Second
Standard Bearer.
- V. E. " † H. Lockwood, Guelph, Ontario, Grand Mas-
ter's Banner Bearer.
- V. E. " † Henry Griffith, Quebec, Grand Captain of the
Guard.
- V. E. " † Joseph Beck, Goderich, Ontario, Grand Sword
Bearer.
- V. E. " † Fred Bates, Chatham, Ontario, Grand Organist.
- V. E. " † W. S. Evans, Montreal, Que., Grand Pursuivant.
- V. E. " † John Ferguson, London, Ontario, Grand Guard.

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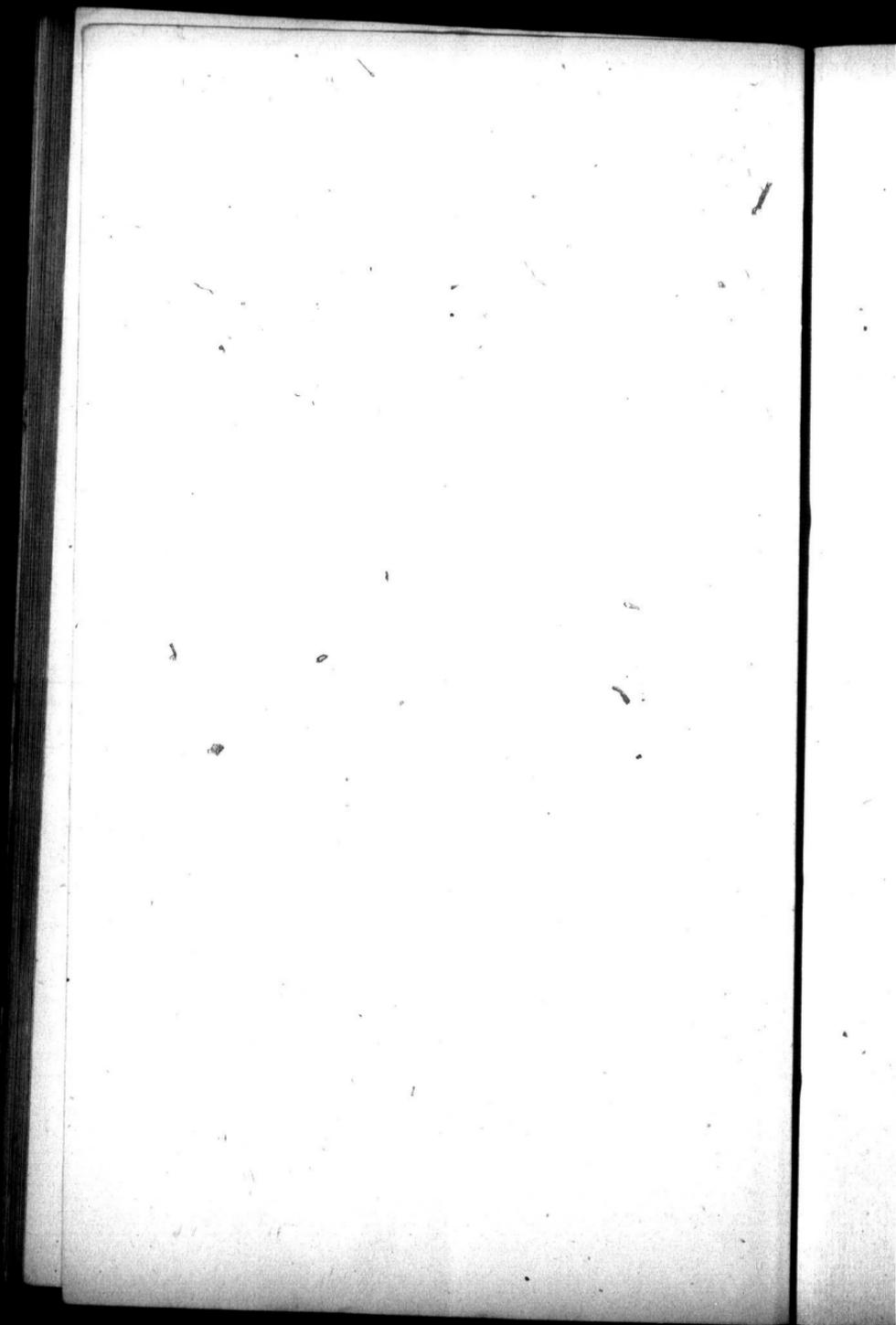
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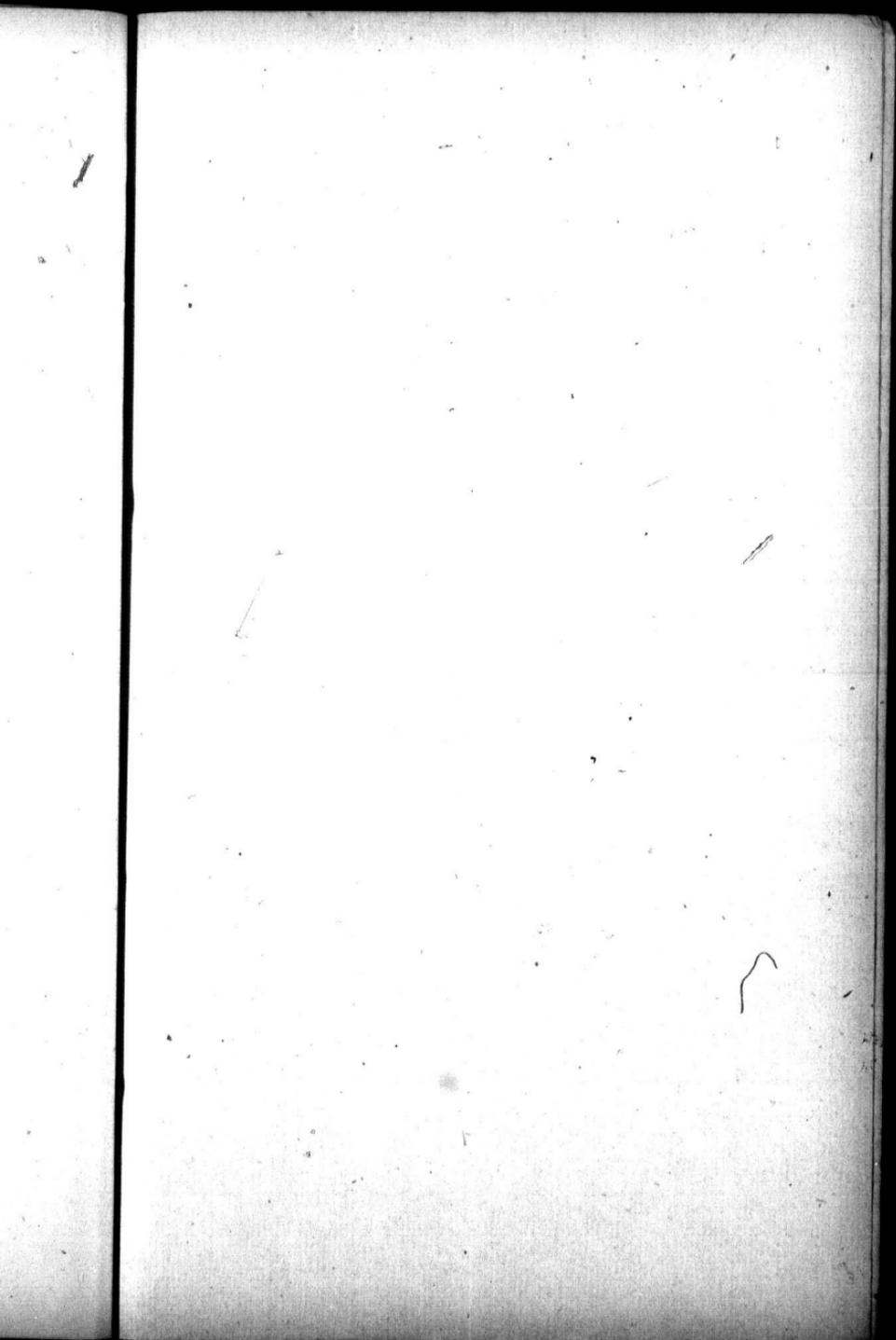
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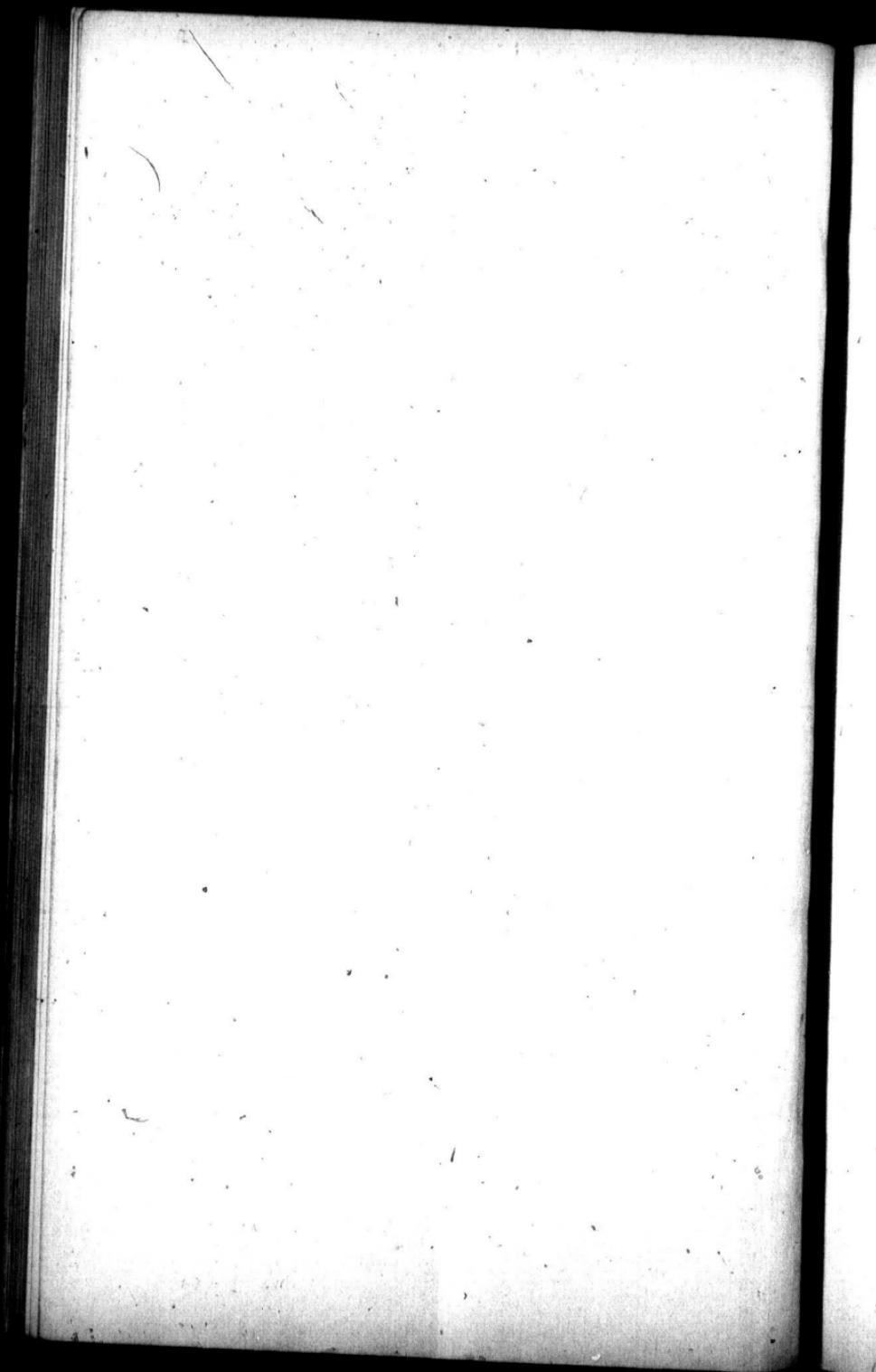
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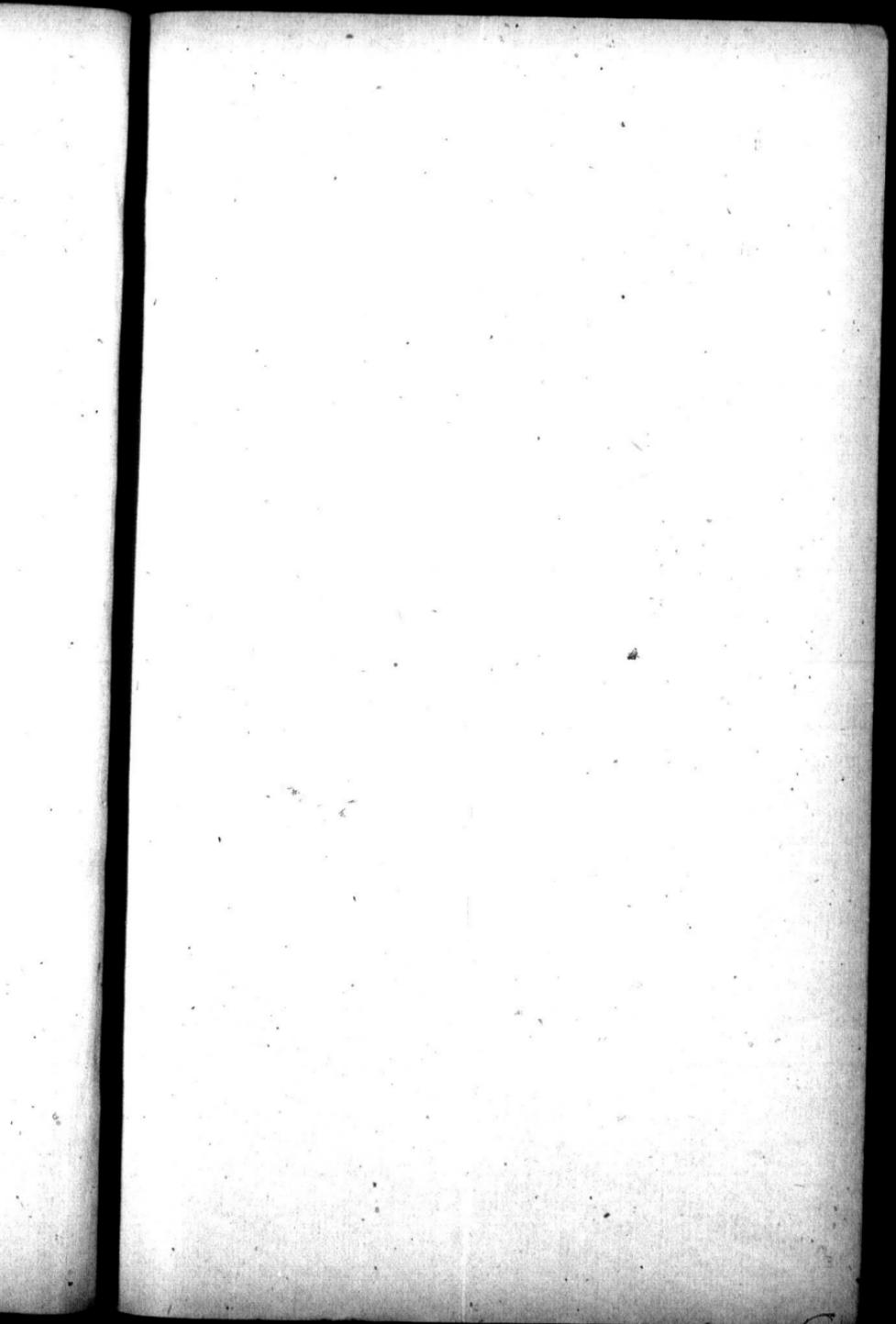
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**ROLL OF OFFICERS OF THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY
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Supreme Grand Master.

M. B. Sir Knight : W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, G. C. T., Prescott, Ontario.

Deputy Grand Master.

R. E. Sir Knight : James A. Handerson, G. C. G. C. T., Kingston.

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R. E. Sir Knight : James Sutton, M.D., Claudeboys, Ont., London District.
R. E. Sir Knight : Edwin A. Dalley, Hamilton, Ont., Hamilton District.
R. E. Sir Knight : Phillip J. Slatter, Toronto, Ont., Toronto District.
R. E. Sir Knight : Samuel S. Lasier, Belleville, Ont., Kingston District.
R. E. Sir Knight : Isaac Henry Stearns, K.O.F., Montreal, Que., Quebec District.
R. E. Sir Knight : David R. Munro, St. John, N.B., New Brunswick District.
R. E. Sir Knight : James Dempster, Halifax, N.S., Nova Scotia District.
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R. E. Sir Knight : Daniel Spzy, Barrie, Ontario, Grand Chancellor.
R. E. Sir Knight : Rev. Vincent Clementi, B.A., Peterboro', Ont., Grand Orator.
R. E. Sir Knight : A. Nellis Potts, St. Thomas, Ont., Grand Conatable.
R. E. Sir Knight : S. Labrecque, Stanstead, Que., Grand Marshal.
R. E. Sir Knight : David McLellan, Hamilton, Ont., Grand Treasurer.
R. E. Sir Knight : J. McLennan Stevenson, Barrie, Ont., Grand Registrar.

Grand Officers.

V. E. Sir Knight : Napoleon F. Lyon, Toronto, Ont., Grand Vice-Chancellor.
V. E. Sir Knight : Amos Chatfield, Ottawa, Ont., Grand Sub-Marshal.
V. E. Sir Knight : Joseph Park, Windsor, Ont., Grand Almoner.
V. E. Sir Knight : W. J. Field, Hamilton, Ont., Grand First Standard Bearer.
V. E. Sir Knight : E. H. Lauder, Halifax, N.S., Grand Second Standard Bearer.
V. E. Sir Knight : Harry Lockwood, Guelph, Ont., Grand Master's Banner Bearer.
V. E. Sir Knight : Henry Griffith, Quebec, Que., Grand Captain of the Guard.
V. E. Sir Knight : Joseph Beck, Goderich, Ont., Grand Sword Bearer.
V. E. Sir Knight : Frederick Bates, Chatham, Ontario, Grand Organist.
V. E. Sir Knight : William S. Evans, Montreal, Que., Grand Pursuivant.
V. E. Sir Knight : John Ferguson, London, Ont., Grand Guard.

The Tenth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada
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