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of the

Sovereign Great Priory

OF CANADA,

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,

at the

13th Annual Assembly

held in the

MASONIC TEMPLE, CITY OF LONDON,

Wednesday, September 16th, 1896,

A. O. 778.

M. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Supreme Grand Master, Montreal, Que.
M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., Grand Chancellor, London, Ont.

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Grand Priory of Canada, formed 1st May, 1868.
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DANIEL SPRY,
Grand Chancellor,
London, Ontario, Canada.

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SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

Proceedings 13th Annual Assembly.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, held in the Masonic Temple, Richmond Street, in the City of London, Province of Ontario, on 16th September, A. D. 1896, A. M., 5899, A. O. 778.

PRESENT:

- M. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Montreal, Supreme Grand Master
On the Throne.
R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, Barrie, Deputy Grand Master.

PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT PRIORS.

- R. Em. Sir Kt. David L. Carley, Windsor, Ont., London District
R. " " " William Roaf, Toronto, Ont., Toronto District.
R. " " " Charles Harding Fitzsimmons, Brockville, Ont.,
Kingston District.
R. " " " Henry Griffith, City of Quebec, Quebec District.

GREAT OFFICERS.

- M. Em. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G.C.T., London, Grand Chancellor.
R. " " " Allan McLean, Kingston, as Grand Chaplain.
R. " " " O. S. Hillman, Hamilton, as Grand Constable.
R. " " " J. B. Tresidder, Montreal, as Grand Marshal.
R. " " " Geo. W. Johnson, Yarmouth, N. S., Gr. Registrar

GRAND OFFICERS.

- R. Em. Sir Kt. Samuel Wesley, Barrie, Ont., as Grand Vice-Chancellor.
V. " " " W. E. Idsardi, St. Thomas, Ont., as Grand Sub-Marshal.
" " " J. C. Ellis, Dunnville, Ont., as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V. " " " John E. Harding, Stratford, as Grand Almoner.
V. " " " William Walker, Toronto, Ont., Grand 1st Standard Bearer.
" " " W. J. Carson, London, Ont., as Grand 2nd Standard Bearer.
" " " A. St. A. Smith, Peterboro, Ont., as Grand Master's Banner Bearer.

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- Sir Kt. C. S. Ellis, Montreal, Que., as Grand Capt. Guard.
 V. Em. " " James Halliday, Halifax, N.S., Gr. Sword Bearer.
 " " " A. H. Clarke, Windsor, Ont., as Grand Organist.
 V. " " " A. McKeown, Victoria, B.C., as Grand Pursuivant.
 V. " " " Joseph Dambra, London, Ont., Grand Guard.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—ELECTED.

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

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—APPOINTED.

- R. Em. Sir Kt. Robert Allan McKay, St. Thomas, Ont.
 E. " " " Luther B. Archibald, Truro, Nova Scotia.
 R. " " " Allan McLean, Kingston, Ont.

PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTERS.

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

Before the opening of Great Priory, His Worship John W. Little, Esq., Mayor of London, was announced and introduced by M. Em. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, and Em. Sir Kt. W. J. Carson, and made an address of welcome. He extended a most hearty welcome to the Knights Templar of Canada to the Forest City, and trusted, notwithstanding the occasion was Fair week, which implied a great deal, all in attendance would spend as pleasant a time as possible. He felt sure from his knowledge of the local Knights, that no effort would be spared to make their stay in London one of unalloyed enjoyment and broad hospitality. He had more than ordinary interest in meeting and welcoming this Grand Body, from the fact that its Grand Master was an old schoolmate of his. (Applause). He was pleased to see him occupying such an exalted position, and hoped that under his guidance progress would mark its every effort. He accorded all the heartiest welcome, and trusted the members would return to their homes satisfied that their visit to London and Western Ontario had not been the least pleasing of their numerous outings.

Grand Master Whyte replied in feeling terms, thanking Mayor Little for his courteous and timely welcome to the Forest City. He felt sure that all present

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appreciated thoroughly the honor done them by His Worship the Mayor, who was personally, as has been stated, an old and valued friend. He believed the members of Great Priory would, on leaving this city, entertain the most pleasant recollections of their visit here.

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

Immediately thereafter, Em. Sir Kt. W. J. Carson advanced and read the following address:

Will. H. Whyte, Esq., Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

"MOST EMINENT SIR,—The fratres of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, desire to express their high appreciation of the honor accorded them in the selection of the Forest City as the place of assembly for the present communication of the Great Priory of Canada, and through yourself to extend to all its members a most sincere, cordial and fraternal greeting. You will be gratified, we feel sure, to learn that at no time in the history of Knights Templarism in London has the spirit of enthusiasm taken such hold upon the minds and hearts of the brethren, or the prosperity of the Preceptory been so signally manifested as during the year which has just passed.

"We are conscious, sir, that not here alone has progress been the Templars' watchword, but from ocean to ocean throughout this broad jurisdiction the Order has had "Advancement" upon its banners and prosperity within its borders. As humble soldiers in the ranks, we esteem it no ordinary pleasure to have the privilege of congratulating you upon so happy a consummation of your year's labor—a consummation due in a marked degree to the zeal, energy and wisdom with which you have conducted the affairs of Great Priory. We are solicitous that the deliberations of this Assembly may be memorable, not alone for the record of business transacted, but likewise for the friendships formed and the ambitions realized under the restraining and guiding influence of the precepts and tenets of Knight Templarism, which teach us in brotherly love to prefer one another.

And when the scroll is written, and its affairs become dry facts of history, that there may remain green and fresh in the memory of each visiting brother some kindly remembrance of his visit to Great Priory here, is the sincere and heartfelt wish of the London fratres.

"Signed on behalf of the Preceptory,

"W. J. CARSON, Eminent Preceptor.

"JOHN S. DEWAR, Registrar."

The reading of the address was received with enthusiastic applause.

Grand Master Whyte, on behalf of Great Priory, returned thanks to Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory of London, for their hearty and kind reception. It was something unusual to receive such an address, but he felt sure that the members of Great Priory would esteem it very highly. He had done his little best to advance the interests of the Order during his term, and but for pressure of business would have visited more of the subordinate bodies. Every officer had worked well. He was pleased to hear that the Order of the Temple in London was in a prosperous condition. Indeed, it could not be otherwise, from the large number of zealous Templars who made this their local habitation. Knights Templarism was in a flourishing condition all over the Dominion, and he trusted every Knight would continue to do his utmost to advance the Order in every section of the jurisdiction. He again returned Great Priory's heartiest thanks to Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory for the sentiments contained in their address.

The Grand Council, as required by the statutes, having appointed R. E. Sir Knights Thomas Sargent, Arthur Carrothers, and Sir Knight C. S. Ellis a Committee on the Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from the Preceptories, before the election of officers was held, presented the following

REPORT :

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that 86 Preceptories are entitled to be represented at the present annual Assembly, and 264 qualified Preceptors are on the roll of permanent members, not entitled to vote in any other capacity, and three officers from each of the 86 Preceptories, making a total of 875 Knights entitled to be present. Of the Preceptories 25 are represented by the duly qualified officers, 4 by proxy, and 7 are not represented. There are 42 Preceptors present, not presiding officers, making a total vote of 127 entitled to be cast. The

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return of Preceptors and officers installed, made by Harington Preceptory, No. 14, Odo de St. Amand, No. 17, Kent, No. 20, Rhodes, No. 23, have not proper seals attached, and under the decision of the last annual Assembly are disqualified, but as so many Preceptories have complied with the directions of Great Priory, your committee recommend that another year be allowed the Preceptories not obeying the request made of them, with the hope there will be no further necessity for alluding to this important subject.

In every other respect the returns alluded to are most perfect, and it gives your committee great pleasure indeed to so report, as it shows that there is an increased interest taken in the Order and the desire of the officers to perform their respective duties in an efficient manner.

The following Knights are present and entitled to seats in the Sovereign Great Priory:—

No. 1. HUGH DE PAYENS, PREMIER, KINGSTON, ONTARIO.

R. E. Sir Kt. Allan McLean, Kingston..... Preceptor

No. 2. GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

E. Sir Kt. Chris. J. Hohl, Toronto Presiding Preceptor

M. E. " Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London..... Preceptor

M. E. " E. T. Malone, Toronto..... " "

M. E. " E. E. Sheppard, " " " "

R. E. " A. A. Ardagh, " " " "

R. E. " H. A. Collins, " " " "

R. E. " William Roaf, " " " "

V. E. " Thomas Sargant, " " " "

E. " William Simpson, " " " "

E. " Joseph King " " " "

No. 3. GODFREY DE BOUILLON, HAMILTON, ONTARIO.

E. Sir Kt. Chas. Smith, Hamilton..... Presiding Preceptor

R. E. " O. S. Hillman, " " " "

R. E. " J. J. Mason, " " " "

R. E. " W. G. Reid, " " " "

R. E. " J. H. Mattice, " " " "

R. E. " John Tunstead, " " " "

No. 4. RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, LONDON, ONTARIO.

E. Sir Kt. W. J. Carson, London..... Presiding Preceptor

M. E. " A. A. Campbell, " " " "

M. E. " Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London..... Preceptor

R. E. " Arthur Carrothers, " " " "

R. E. " John S. Dewar, " " " "

R. E. " D. Burleigh Burch, Lambeth..... " "

No. 5. NOVA SCOTIA, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

R. E. Sir Kt. James Halliday, Halifax..... Preceptor

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- No. 6. KING BALDWIN, BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO.
Not represented.
- No. 7. RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, MONTREAL.
E. Sir Kt. J. B. Tresidder, Montreal.... Presiding Preceptor
M. E. " Chas. S. Ellis, " Constable
" Will. H. Whyte " Preceptor
- No. 8. PLANTAGENET, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO.
Not represented.
- No. 9. SUSSEX, STANSTEAD, QUEBEC.
Not represented.
- No. 10. VICTORIA, GUELPH, ONTARIO.
M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London..... Preceptor
- No. 11. UNION DE MOLAY, ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.
M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London..... Proxy
- No. 12. MOUNT CALVARY, BARRIE, ONTARIO.
M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London..... Preceptor
R. E. " Daniel F. Macwatt, Barrie..... "
R. E. " J. McL. Stevenson, " "
R. E. " Samuel Wesley, " "
- No. 13. MOORE, PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO.
E. Sir Kt. A. St. A. Smith, Peterborough, Presiding Preceptor
- No. 14. HARRINGTON, NORTH BAY, ONTARIO.
Not represented.
- No. 15. ST. JOHN THE ALMONER, WHITBY, ONTARIO.
Not represented.
- No. 16. GONDEMAR, BROCKVILLE, ONTARIO.
R. E. Sir Kt. C. H. Fitzsimmons, Brockville..... Preceptor
- No. 17. ODO DE ST. AMAND, BRANTFORD, ONTARIO.
Not represented.
- No. 18. PALESTINE, PORT HOPE, ONTARIO.
E. Sir Kt. John R. Fitzgerald, Colborne, Presiding Preceptor
R. E. " Robert J. Craig, Cobourg..... Preceptor
R. E. " Robert C. Smith, Port Hope..... "
- No. 19. ST. BERNARD DE CLAIRVEAUX, DUNNVILLE, ONTARIO.
Sir Kt. John C. Ellis, Dunnville..... Marshal

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No. 20. KENT, CHATHAM, ONTARIO.

R. E. Sir Kt. Thomas, C. Macnabb, Chatham..... Preceptor

No. 21. BURLEIGH, ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO.

R. E. Sir Kt. Robert A. Mackay, St. Thomas..... Preceptor

R. E. " Samuel Dubber, " " " " " "

V. E. " Luke Slater, " " " " " "

E. " W. E. Idsardi, " " " " " "

No. 22. ST. ELMO, STRATFORD, ONTARIO.

V. E. Sir Kt. John E. Harding, Stratford, Presiding Preceptor

Charles Packhurst, " " " " " " Constable

R. E. " C. A. Humber, Goderich..... " " " " " "

No. 23. RHODES, PORT ARTHUR, ONTARIO,

M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London..... Preceptor

V. E. " Thomas Sargent, Toronto..... " " " " " "

No. 24. ALBERT EDWARD, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

R. E. Sir Kt. William G. Bell, Winnipeg..... Preceptor

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

R. E. Sir Kt. Henry Griffith, Quebec..... Preceptor

No. 26. WINDSOR, WINDSOR, ONTARIO.

E. Sir Kt. A. H. Clarke, Windsor..... Presiding Preceptor

" J. S. Edgar, " " " " " " Constable

" R. S. McDonald, " " " " " " Marshal

R. E. " D. Leonard Carley " " " " " " Preceptor

R. E. " Thomas Robinson " " " " " " " "

V. E. " Peter A. Craig " " " " " " " "

No. 27. MALTA, TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA.

R. E. Sir Kt. L. B. Archibald, Truro..... Preceptor.

No. 29. CYRENE, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

R. E. Sir Kt. Charles F. Mansell, Toronto..... Preceptor

V. E. " William Walker, " " " " " " " "

No. 30. WESTERN GATE, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

V. E. Sir Kt. A. McKeown, Victoria..... Preceptor

No. 31. YARMOUTH, YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA.

R. E. Sir Kt. George W. Johnson, Yarmouth..... Preceptor

No. 32. OTTAWA, OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

R. E. Sir Kt. David Taylor, Ottawa..... Preceptor

M. E. " E. T. Malone, Toronto..... " " " " " "

No. 33. CYPRUS, CALGARY, ALBERTA, N. W. TERRITORY.

Not represented.

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- No. 84. COLUMBIA, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
 M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London..... Preceptor
- No. 85. PRINCE EDWARD, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.
 M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London..... Proxy
- No. 86. IVANHOE, MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK.
 R. E. Sir Kt. L. B. Archibald..... Proxy
- No. 87. ST. SIMON OF CYRENE, SARNIA, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. Thos. Geo. Johnston, M. D., Sarnia.. Pres. Preceptor
 " William Hall, " Constable
 " Robert Kerr, " Marshal

VISITORS.

Sir Kts. H. Blackey, R. Aitkin and John Hall, Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Preceptory No. 2, Toronto; E. C. Davis, Sub-Marshal Cyrene No. 29, Toronto; Murdoch McKenzie, St. Elmo No. 22, Stratford.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. SARGANT, Chairman, }
 CHARLES S. ELLIS, } Committee.
 A. CARROTHERS, }

London, Ont., 16th September, 1896.

Moved by V. E. Sir Kt. Thomas Sargant, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. A. Carrothers, and

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

Letters were received from M. E. Sir Kt. Henry Robertson, Past Supreme Grand Master, Collingwood; R. E. Sir Kts. Isaac H. Stearns, Past Grand Provincial Prior, Montreal, Hon. Robert Marshall, K. C. T., Provincial Prior, St. John N. B.; Hugh A. Mackay, Past Grand Treasurer, Berlin, Ont., R. E. Sir Kt. John V. Ellis, M. P., Ottawa, V. E. Sir Kt. Daniel W. B. Spry, Grand Vice-Chancellor, St. Thomas, and E. Sir Kt. T. V. B. Bingay, expressing regret at their inability to be present, and a telegraph message from E. Sir Kt. Dr. Roderick MacNeill, Presiding Preceptor Prince Edward Preceptory, Prince Edward Island, to the same effect, and from Sir Kt. Robert Jackson, Secretary for Foreign Correspondence Committee of the Grand Encampment of the Temple and Malta for Scotland, with a view of endeavoring to arrange for an exchange of representatives.

WARRANTS.

Petitions were presented asking for Warrants for

PRINCE EDWARD PRECEPTORY, U. D.

From a number of Sir Knights working under a dispensation from the Supreme Grand Master, bearing date November 12th, 1895, with the following officers and members:

- E. Sir Kt. Roderick MacNeill, M. D., as 1st Presiding Preceptor
- “ Donald Darrach, 1st Constable.
- “ Thomas A. McLean, 1st Marshal.
- “ Leonard Morris, 1st Chaplain.
- “ Duncan McLean, 1st Registrar.

and Sir Knights Benjamin Rogers, Treasurer; John A. Messervey, Sub-Marshal; Henry William Anderson, Captain of Guard; Frederick H. Beer, Almoner; John J. Davies, 1st Standard Bearer; Andrew Bowness, 2nd Standard Bearer; John L. Thompson, Sword Bearer; William Henry Ball, Guard; all of Union de Molay Preceptory No. 11, St. John, N. B., asking that a Warrant of confirmation be granted to Prince Edward Preceptory, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

IVANHOE PRECEPTORY, MONCTON, N. B.

- From E. Sir Kt. H. B. Fleming, 1st Presiding Preceptor.
- “ George Ackman, 1st Constable.
- “ George M. Jarvis, 1st Marshal.
- “ George R. Sangster, 1st Chaplain.
- R. E. “ Luther B. Archibald, 1st Registrar.

and Sir Knights Edward Tweedie, Treasurer; James E. Masters, Sub-Marshal; William A. Metzler, Captain of Guard; Alfred Yates Clark, Almoner; John B. Sangster, 1st Standard Bearer; Edward White, 2nd Standard Bearer; William A. Danes, Sword Bearer; Fred. C. Barker, Organist; J. E. Masters, Guard; Christopher Prince Harris, John R. Harris, Thomas V. Cooke, Joseph S. Janonyé, Charles W. Bradley, Ernest W. Givan, James S. Benedict, Robert A. Borden, James Barnes, Frank W. Hall, Fred. W. Givan, Frank L. Thompson, and George B. Willett, for a Warrant confirming the dispensation issued by the Supreme Grand Master, bearing date 16th November, 1893, authorizing Ivanhoe Preceptory to be opened at Moncton, New Brunswick.

ST. SIMON OF CYRENE, SARNIA.

From E. Sir Kt. Thomas G. Johnston, M. D., 1st Presiding
 " Preceptor.
 " Walter Douglas Hall, 1st Constable.
 " Robert Kerr, 1st Marshal.
 " John Chester, 1st Chaplain.
 " Frederick J. Winlow, 1st Registrar.

and Sir Knights Benjamin Yapp, Sub-Marshal; James W. Jackson, Captain of Guard; William Wiggins, Almoner; John Munro, 1st Standard Bearer; Eugene Phelps, 2nd Standard Bearer; Robert James Weaver, Sword Bearer; John D. Livingston, Organist; William Oldham, Guard; and Samuel F. Pierce, Samuel Brisbin, Arthur M. Clarke, Thomas Inglis, Daniel W. B. Spry, Daniel Spry, Thos. H. Weldon, Daniel W. MacKenzie, John Dowswell, Abrah Trusler, David Watt, George Renton, William Phibbs, Thomas Pearson, David Barr, Alfred E. Savage, William J. McKee, Sylvester W. Trusler, John V. Morrill, George E. Morrison, Alfred H. Patterson, and Walter B. J. Williams, asking for a Warrant in confirmation of the dispensation issued by the Supreme Grand Master, bearing date April 9th 1896, authorizing St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory to be opened at Sarnia, Ontario.

From Malta Preceptory No. 27, Truro, Nova Scotia, making application "to have the charter of said Preceptory amended so as to enable it to hold meetings in the towns of Amherst, New Glasgow and Pictou, for the purpose of performing work in connection with the Order of the Temple, when occasion may require," and giving the following as some of the reasons which have induced Malta Preceptory to make this request:

That in each of the three towns mentioned there is a Royal Arch Chapter, with a membership from 25 to 35 each.

That these R. A. Masons are within the jurisdiction of Malta Preceptory now, and many of them are anxious to have a convenient opportunity of becoming Knights Templar and would join the Order, if a convenient meeting could be held in their town.

In none of the towns named are there a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons likely to join to form a strong Preceptory of their own, and we think it would be more in the interest of

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the Order to strengthen the Preceptories already chartered, than to increase the number of small Preceptories.

Signed on behalf of the Preceptory by

A. H. LEARMONT, Pres. Preceptor,
G. W. HENDERSON, Registrar.
LUTHER B. ARCHIBALD, Past Prov. Prior, } Com.

Truro, N. S., August 22, 1896.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. John S. Dewar, and

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

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

The Grand Chancellor commenced reading the recorded minutes of the proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Assembly. when it was moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, seconded by M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, and

RESOLVED,—That as the minutes of the proceedings of the Sovereign Great Priory at its Twelfth Annual Assembly, held in the city of St. John, N. B., on the 23rd day of August, 1895, have been printed and copies thereof forwarded to each Preceptory and Knight entitled to receive them, the same be taken as read, and be now confirmed.

M. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Supreme Grand Master, then read his

ADDRESS.

Fratres of the Great Priory of Canada :

Obedient to duty and love for our Chivalric Order, we meet again in Annual Assembly to deliberate on Templar affairs within this fair Dominion of ours, and report on the progress made during the past year.

As we thus assemble, let us one and all extend to Him who has watched over us since last we met our grateful and heartfelt thanks for all His loving care and protection, and like the Templar of old, let us humbly bow our heads as we cry, *Non nobis Domine ; non nobis, sed Nomine iuo da Gloriam.* "Not unto us O Lord ! Not unto us but to thy name be all the glory."

It is my privilege to extend to you all a cordial and Knightly greeting, and to congratulate you upon the con-

tinued prosperity of our beloved Order in Canada. Slowly perhaps, but steadily the Order of the Temple is increasing and gaining ground. It may not be making as great strides in numbers as some ardent members would wish, but the increase is a solid gain and not of a mushroom growth. Many of our leading citizens and active leaders in other branches of Masonry have of late joined our Order, and are taking a leading interest in Templar affairs. This augurs well for its continued prosperity. It is much better thus to receive into our ranks those who will be a credit to us, even if fewer in numbers than to indiscriminately accept material merely for the purpose of increasing the roll and bank account of the Perceptory.

The Fratres of the Temple cannot be too particular whom they accept as members of the Order. Men—good and true—who will exemplify to the world the teachings of Templarism are those required for its ranks. The libertine, the scoffer at religion, and he who taketh the name of the Almighty and the "Great Captain of our Salvation" in vain, should have no place or part in our Order, should not be found enrolled even in name, under the banner of the Cross.

Knight Templarism is an Order of lofty ideals. The ancient Knight swore to speak the truth, succor the helpless and oppressed, never to turn back from an enemy and to uphold the Christian religion. The lofty teachings of the Order embodied truths that produced boundless enthusiasm. The defence of right against wrong should likewise stimulate the Knight of to-day as it did the early founders, to heroic deeds. We do not now draw the sword in actual warfare but our conflict is none the less real, for vice, ignorance, fanaticism, superstition, bigotry and many other foes of that ilk abound all around us, and require our utmost watchfulness and alertness; therefore none should be found in our ranks whom we are unable to feel will prove true and valiant members of the Order on every occasion. A personal responsibility rests upon each and every Knight in this connection.

VISITS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

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Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, having been received at Great Priory last session from Most Em. Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy, the Grand Master, I decided to accept the Knightly courtesy thus offered and accordingly after the close of Great Priory I journeyed to Boston and paid my respects to the courteous chief of the American Templars. At his invitation I took part in the parade of August 27th, 1896, accompanied by M. Em. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, Past Grand Master, and R. Em. Sir Knight N. T. Lyon of Toronto. Carriages were provided for us in the parade and seats on the reviewing stand, where for upwards of five hours we watched nearly 25,000 Knights, the flower of American Templary, pass in review. It was an imposing and interesting spectacle.

Wednesday morning the 28th inst. at the request of the Grand Master, I paid a visit to the Grand Encampment in session accompanied by Most Em. Sir Knight E. T. Malone. We were announced and introduced by R. Em. Sir Knight Theodore S. Parvin, Canada's worthy Grand Representative at the Grand Encampment of the U. S. A. and R. Em. Sir Knight H. B. Stoddard the Grand Captain General. In a most courteous manner we were received by the Grand Master and conducted by him to seats on the dais, where we extended to our fratres of the United States, on behalf of the Great Priory of Canada a sincere and fraternal greeting and our best wishes for their continued prosperity.

During my short stay in Boston I visited a number of the Grand and Subordinate Commanderies of several Jurisdictions, and received a very cordial and hearty welcome.

My first official visit at home was made to Richard Cœur de Lion No. 7, at Montreal on October 30th, 1895, where I received a hearty welcome and enthusiastic reception. On this visit I was accompanied by R. E. Sir Knight I. H. Stearns, Past Provincial Prior of Quebec, and Provincial Prior C. H. Fitzsimmons, of Brockville. To the banquet which followed the official reception, many of the prominent officers and members of the other Masonic Orders were invited, and an exceedingly enjoyable time was spent. I would draw attention to the action of the

Montreal fratres in inviting to the banquet, the leading brethren of the other branches in Masonry who were not members of the Templar Order; it is a feature that commends itself in many ways and I know resulted in much benefit to the Order in Montreal.

January 10th, 1896, I accepted and visited Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, of Toronto. A very large and enthusiastic gathering of Knights Templar awaited my visit. Most Em. Sir Knight Malone, R. Em. Sir Knights D. F. Macwatt, Wm. Roaf, Ben. Allan, H. A. Collins, J. B. Tresidder, N. T. Lyon and Wm Walker accompanied me as my staff. Sir Knight Roaf installed the newly elected officers assisted by Past Grand Master Malone, and R. E. Sir Knight Lyon conferred the Consecration upon a candidate in an exceedingly impressive manner. The large assembly and the excellent work shown by the officers of this Preceptory, proved they were in the van and steadily progressing. An enjoyable banquet concluded the work of the evening.

April 15th, I paid a short visit to the Ottawa Preceptory. It was somewhat informal and my time was also somewhat limited. Most Em. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, Sir Knight Hugh Murray, Dr. Lovejoy, N. T. Lyon, Ben Allan, Em. Sir Knight J. B. Tresidder and Sir Knights Ellis and Seath accompanied me. We were heartily received by Dr. Henderson, the Presiding Preceptor, with their old and enthusiastic standby, R. Em. Sir Knight David Taylor, and the rest of the Preceptory present.

August 20th, I paid a visit to St. Elmo, at Stratford. A large Masonic demonstration was held on that date, under the auspices of St. Elmo, assisted by the Godfrey de Bouillon of Hamilton, who were accompanied by the celebrated 13th Batt. Band of Hamilton. A very creditable event was successfully carried out. My thanks are due and warmly tendered to a number of the fratres of London, who attended and acted as an escort to the Grand Master. Most Em. Sir Kt. Grand Chancellor Spry, Past Grand Master Malone and V. Em. Sir Kt. Thomas Sargant, accompanied me during the official part of the programme.

August 21st, I visited Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 4,

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London. This meeting was called at short notice, but a large and enthusiastic body of the Knights of London cordially greeted me. The Presiding Preceptor, Em. Sir Knight W. J. Carson, very ably conferred the three grades of the degree of the Temple upon two candidates. I was pleased to have the Grand Chancellor and R. Em. Sir Knight Arthur Carrothers with me, as well as that enthusiastic officer R. Em. Sir Knight Carley, the Provincial Prior of the District. My visit to London was an exceedingly pleasant one.

I regret that business engagements unfortunately prevented my accepting the invitation of the Preceptories at Hamilton and Peterborough. I had arranged to visit Moore Preceptory at the latter place, but at the last moment was compelled to wire my regrets.

I endeavored to visit several other Preceptories, but could not arrange with them about dates. These Preceptories were not very flourishing, and I thought a visit might awaken some enthusiasm, but I am afraid the older members avoided, rather than courted an official visit this year.

SPECIAL DEPUTY.

At the last assembly a resolution was unanimously carried "That the Grand Master be authorized to expend a certain sum for the purpose of instituting and instructing Preceptories in the Maritime Provinces." Upon receiving the applications for the new Preceptories I, on the recommendation of a number of the leading fratres in Ontario, commissioned R. Em. Sir Kt. James B. Nixon, of Toronto, to proceed to the Maritime Provinces and there visit, inspect and consult with the various bodies in Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. His report to me upon his return is a very interesting one, and will be presented to you for your information. I subsequently received a number of letters from prominent members in that part of our jurisdiction, expressing the feeling that Sir Knight Nixon's visit would prove of much benefit to Templarism in the lower Provinces.

NEW PRECEPTORIES.

I have much pleasure in reporting that during the year I granted dispensations for the formation of three

new subordinate bodies and the removal of another to, I am sure, a better field of usefulness. The establishment of new Preceptories is generally regarded as a sign of increased interest in and a numerical growth and addition to the Order. This creation of subordinates may prove a permanent increase or otherwise. Permanency is contingent upon being established in a good healthy locality where active and abundant material may be found for support. I am much opposed to the creation or constituting of Preceptories, without due regard to the probability of a steady, active and permanent growth. One, and even sometimes two Chapters, unless large and vigorous, are not sufficient to nourish an active Preceptory, and the creation of subordinates merely to give title and rank to a few is not a sufficient reason to call into being a weakling, that may have only a short duration, or a long wearisome and struggling effort to maintain an inglorious existence. In the long run the Grand Body is not benefited by it, nor does the Order derive any glory or renown.

On receiving assurances and being satisfied that it would be for the good of Templarism, and that there was every indication that the permanent interests of the Order would be advanced, I granted dispensations upon petitions being duly presented to me in the following localities: In November, 1895, to E. Sir. Kt. Roderick MacNeill, M. D., and twelve other Knights to form a Preceptory at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, under the name of Prince Edward Preceptory. This Preceptory was instituted November 12th, 1895, by R. Em. Sir Knight J. Bower Nixon, (acting as special Deputy of the Grand Master,) Em. Sir Knight James H. Pullen and others, and started under very favorable circumstances with Em. Sir Knight Dr. MacNeill, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of that Province, as Presiding Preceptor, and a number of the enthusiastic officers of their Grand Lodge aiding and assisting him. This is the first body of Knights Templar formed in that Province.

On November 19th I granted a dispensation for a Preceptory at Moncton, New Brunswick, under the name of Ivanhoe, with 14 charter members, and Em. Sir Knight H. B. Fleming as Presiding Preceptor. This

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Preceptory was instituted on the 26th of the same month by R. Em. Sir Knight Nixon, assisted by R. Em. Sir Knights Hon. R. Marshall, L. B. Archibald, W. B. Alley and others. At their opening meeting the degrees were conferred on 14 candidates. This Preceptory also starts under very favorable auspices and should have a bright future. It has the ripe experience and assistance as Registrar of that enthusiastic Knight and Preceptor, L. B. Archibald.

Details of the instituting of these two new bodies will be found in the interesting report of Special Deputy, R. Em. Sir Knight J. B. Nixon.

In February I granted a dispensation to a number of the members of the Order to form a Preceptory at Stratford, Ontario. Before this body was constituted I received an application from St. Elmo Preceptory No. 22, of Goderich, praying permission to remove to Stratford, and approved of by the Provincial Prior and the applicants for the new Preceptory at the latter place. This was also warmly endorsed by a number of the leading members of Great Priory residing in that portion of the Province, and I had therefore much pleasure in granting the request and for the election of officers from among the residents of the new locality. The Preceptory was accordingly removed and opened in regular form at Stratford on the 20th March, a severe snow blockade somewhat preventing a large number of visitors being present. Em. Sir Knight J. E. Harding, so well known as an indefatigable worker in all branches of Masonry, occupies the chair of Presiding Preceptor, and the change has given St. Elmo a new and strong lease of life. Twenty-one candidates presented themselves at the first meeting and fifteen at the second.

In March I received an application for a dispensation for a Preceptory of the Order at Samia, and granted the same under the name of St. Simon of Cyrene, with T. G. Johnston, M. D., as Presiding Preceptor. R. Em. Sir Knight D. L. Carley, the Provincial Prior London District, ably assisted by the Grand Chancellor and others and accompanied by a large number of the Knights of Windsor in uniform, instituted this Preceptory on the 9th April. R. Em. Sir Knight Carley and

the Windsor Knights are deserving of much praise for the excellent manner in which they conferred the degrees upon twenty-eight candidates at this opening meeting.

CHARTERS

were issued to Cyprus Preceptory No. 33, Calgary, Alberta, dated 22nd August, 1895, in confirmation of dispensation issued on the 2nd July, 1894, and Columbia Preceptory No. 34, City of Vancouver, British Columbia, in confirmation of dispensation issued on 4th May, 1894, and a duplicate warrant to Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 7, Montreal, Province of Quebec, dated the 16th August, 1896, to replace the warrant issued by the Great Priory in confirmation of the original warrant issued by the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, bearing date 21st August, 1867. This was granted upon a communication from the Eminent Preceptor of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 7, of Montreal, stating that their warrant from the Great Priory of Canada was missing, and that the Preceptory had evidently been working for some years under the original charter from England, as it had not been seen since the death of one of their Preceptors some years ago. A search through the effects of the deceased frater did not prove of any avail. I accordingly ordered them to apply to the Grand Chancellor for a new warrant and gave them a dispensation to work under the original warrant until the new one was issued. At their request, as they wished to preserve their original authority, I had the English warrant endorsed on behalf of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada by the Grand Chancellor and myself and returned to them.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were granted during the year, viz.:

October 11th, 1895—To Union de Molay, No. 11, at St. John, N. B., to proceed to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and open their Preceptory there, and confer the orders upon some fourteen candidates previously balloted for and accepted.

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December 9, 1895—To Mount Calvary, No. 12, at Barrie, Ont., to hold election of officers at an emergent assembly, their annual meeting in December falling on Christmas Eve, and their inability to obtain a quorum that evening.

December 21, 1895—To Windsor, No. 26, at Windsor, Ont., to install, as Presiding Preceptor, a frater not qualified according to the statutes.

December 21, 1895—To Columbia, No. 34, at Vancouver, B. C., to install officers on night of election, owing to their night of meeting occurring so late in the month.

December 21, 1895—To Odo de St. Amand, No. 17, at Brantford, Ont., to hold election of officers at an emergent assembly, owing to their hall being occupied by another body, and their inability thus to meet on date according to their by-laws.

December 31, 1895—To Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 7, at Montreal, to install at an emergent assembly early in January, the date of their meeting occurring so late in the month, and the desire of their new officers to proceed to work.

December 31, 1895—To Union de Molay, No. 11, at St. John, N. B., to install as Presiding Preceptor a frater not qualified according to the statutes.

February 24th, 1896—To Kent, No. 20, at Chatham, Ont., to elect and install officers in March, owing to failure to obtain a quorum at the annual assembly.

February 26, 1896—To St. Elmo, No. 22, at Stratford, Ont., to elect at a special assembly and install as Presiding Preceptor, a frater not duly qualified according to the Statutes.

March 31, 1896—To St. Elmo, No. 22, at Stratford, to make a serving Knight.

May 9, 1896—To William de la Moore the Martyr, No. 25, at Quebec, to elect and install officers at an emergent assembly owing to the want of a quorum at the regular assembly.

August 15, 1896—To St. Elmo, No. 22, at Stratford, Ont., to wear uniform in public.

August 22, 1896—To Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 4, at London, Ont., to ballot for a rejected candidate within time stated in statutes, the Sir Knights claiming that an error occurred owing to two Companions of the same name being resident of that city.

I was forced to decline several applications for dispensations during the year, as I considered that the granting of them would not be conducive to the best interests of the Order.

A number of Royal Arch Masons residing in Nova Scotia, but nearer to Ivanhoe, at Moncton, New Brunswick, than the Preceptory at Truro, in Nova Scotia, were desirous to join the former Preceptory. Ivanhoe applied for a dispensation, but I declined to grant them permission to accept material outside of their jurisdiction without permission from the Preceptory at Truro. The statutes of Great Priory are very explicit on this point, and I could not see my way to override the constitution without some very strong and valid reason being adduced.

A request was made from a Preceptory for permission to receive a number of candidates at a less fee than was provided for in the statutes. I declined to permit anyone to be received under the amount specified. I might add that several statements have been made to me of candidates being received at a lower figure than laid down by law, and of rebates being allowed in other cases. I replied that should any Preceptory be found guilty of any such evasion or violation of the statutes I would promptly take action against the offenders. I trust this suspicion is not well founded, for it seems to me that our fees are certainly low enough and any candidate that is unable to meet our present fee, is not a desirable addition to our Order. A Preceptory that would offer such inducements to candidates is placing the Order on a par with those business firms who offer cut rates in their wares to induce purchasers. Templarism, I trust, will never reach that low ebb when monetary considerations are offered to attract candidates. This adoption of commercial tactics is very reprehensible, and is not conducive to the dignity nor credit of the Order.

BY-LAWS.

During the year the by-laws of the following Preceptories were submitted to me and obtained my approval:

Union de Molay, No. 11, at St. John, N. B.
Cyprus, No. 33, at Calgary, Alberta, N. W. T.
Columbia, No. 34, at Vancouver, B. C.
Prince Edward, U. D., at Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Odo de St. Amand, No. 17, at Brantford, Ont.

Also changes in the by-laws of the following were approved:

Victoria, No. 10, at Guelph, Ont.
Moore, No. 13, at Peterborough, Ont.
St. Elmo, No. 22, at Stratford, Ont.
Palestine, No. 18, at Port Hope, Ont.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Grand Chancellor having received from the Great Priory of England and Wales a request for the exchange of Representatives, and suggesting the name of R. Em. Sir Knight R. Loveland Loveland as one well qualified to act as our Grand Representative near that Great Priory, I had much pleasure in complying with their recommendation and in directing that a commission be issued to that worthy frater to represent this Great Priory. At the same time it was also suggested that the Great Priory of England and Wales would be pleased to have their former Representative, R. Em. Sir Knight J. K. Kerr, again representing them near this Great Priory. Sir Knight Kerr having assented, I had much pleasure in forwarding his name for their commission.

AUSTRALIA.

Our Representative near the Great Priory of Victoria, Australia, having ceased to take an active interest in Templar matters in that jurisdiction, on the recommendation of that Great Body I commissioned Most Eminent Sir Knight Ezra Hurlburt Williams, M. D., Past Supreme Grand Master, a former resident of this jurisdiction, as our Grand Representative.

SCOTTISH KNIGHTS.

I am sure you will unite with me in expressing the pleasure I feel at the prospect in the near future that every Templar in this fair Dominion of ours will hail from under the banner of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. As Canadians "this is a consummation devoutly to be wished." In May I received a message that at a meeting of the St. John's Encampment called for that purpose it was unanimously resolved to enter into correspondence with the committee appointed at the last assembly of Great Priory regarding details of union. At the end of July the committee received the terms of agreement and upon consideration of them decided unanimously to accept the conditions, and their report will be laid before you during the session for your earnest consideration and ratification. I can assure our good Knights down by the sea that a hearty and warm welcome awaits them. I understand they have notified the Grand Encampment of the Temple and Malta for Scotland, of their intention to cast in their lot with the Great Priory of Canada and are awaiting Scotland's reply. I trust St. Stephens will also soon follow.

VISITORS AT GREAT PRIORY.

In March last I received word through the energetic Provincial Prior of the London District that it would be gratifying to many Templars if Detroit Commandery, No. 1, of Detroit, Michigan, could be induced to make a pilgrimage into Canada in September. I immediately sent an invitation to the Eminent Commander to visit us at this assembly. They unanimously accepted and replied they would be pleased to give an exemplification of their Temple degree and their Templar drill for which they are so widely celebrated. I am sure every member of this Great Priory will be much gratified with this visit and will extend to our gallant American fratres a hearty and knightly welcome. The knights of Richard Cœur de Lion, of London, have very kindly and generously arranged for a reception to our visiting Sir Knights, and I am confident each member of Great Priory will vie with them in giving our

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RITUAL.

From all I have seen and heard, the majority of the Preceptories of our obedience are diligently and earnestly exemplifying the esoteric work of Templarism as laid down by this Great Priory in its issue of several years ago. As this issue was a limited one and the addition of a number of new Preceptories have caused a demand, a new supply is necessary. I have therefore appointed a committee consisting of M. E. Sir Knight Malone, of Toronto, as Chairman, and R. E. Sir Knights Carley, of Ontario, I. H. Stearns, of Quebec, L. B. Archibald, from the Maritime Provinces, and W. G. Bell, from the Northwest, to consult and make such suggestions or alterations in errors of date and punctuation, or typographical mistakes as may be found, before issuing a new edition. My instructions to the committee were not to alter the work but to correct irregularities. Our present work was adopted after considerable labor, and although it may not suit the individual ideas of every one, yet I strongly deprecate any change. Perfection is not to be found this side of the grave, and an everlasting tinkering with the ritual does not conduce to the efficient working of the subordinates. The members become unsettled and do not want to perfect themselves, once they get imbued with the idea that the Grand Body is going to change or alter at every meeting.

The ritual, as practised in this jurisdiction is compiled, as well as modern circumstances can now permit, from the Ancient Scottish ritual, which was closely copied from the ritual of the Ancient Templars, founded on the "Benedictine" canons, and revised by the late Convent-General in 1873.

I have received numerous complimentary expressions from visitors of other jurisdictions regarding the Canadian Templar degree. While upon this subject I might add that you will be called upon to deliberate upon a notice of motion regarding the Red Cross degree. As this degree has been added to the Canadian curriculum in order to qualify members to visit Commaneries in the neighboring Republic, I would suggest

that it might be advisable to conform to the latest mode of work in that degree in the United States, it being essentially an American one.

For some years many of our members have complained of the sword tactics and drill as made use of in our ceremonies, they being copied from the American work, and their movements and words of command being very unfamiliar to Canadian Templars who have been members of our Volunteer Militia and well up in Canadian drill. At my request, Sir Knight Phillips, of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, Montreal, and one of the best drilled instructors in the Dominion, and an officer in the St. John's Infantry School, has prepared a manual for instruction in the sword exercise, ceremonies and degree work, founded on the words of command, etc., as in use in our Canadian militia drill, and which will be familiar to all. I have forwarded this manual to the Ritual Committee for examination and to be laid before you in connection with their ritual report at this session.

UNIFORM.

I feel I am approaching a subject upon which every one in this jurisdiction is not fully agreed. It is a well known fact that uniform and drill is one of the predominant features with our Templar friends across the border, and that many of our Canadian fratres desire to imitate them in this matter, while a number do not favor the idea. We must bear in mind that in many particulars the American and Canadian differs. The American is brought up to a great extent from childhood to take part in public processions. Their fourth of July parades, their celebration of different events and their political processions, all conducted with some style of dress or uniform, adapt old and young to carry out the same idea in their numerous societies. With the Canadian it is different; he is not accustomed to open air parades as frequently as his southern neighbor and is a quiet, modest fellow as a rule, sometimes unfortunately permitting his light to be hidden too much behind his native modesty. Hence one can well understand the division of sentiment in Canada regarding an outdoor dress parade. I find, however, the tide has turned con-

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siderably towards the question of uniform, and that the younger men and to a considerable extent even the older members, are feeling that a uniform must be a part of Templar Masonry in Canada. There is no doubt a body of men uniformed alike gives an added interest to the meetings and also assists in the rendering of the degrees, apart from any question of outdoor parades, and as ancient Templary was a military institution I can see no harm in the business of the meetings being carried on with some degree of military precision and have advocated the question of Templar drill in connection with the degrees, for I have observed in those Preceptories which pay attention to this feature much interest being taken by the members. Great Priory has adopted a neat and not expensive uniform and I would strongly urge each Preceptory to endeavor to carry this into effect. As I have several times pointed out, the wearing of a distinctive uniform for Templars is not new. In 1792, over one hundred years ago, when H. R. H. the Duke of Kent, father of our beloved Queen, was a resident of the city of Quebec, and Grand Master of the first Canadian Grand Lodge, "The Grand Lodge of Lower Canada," he accepted the honorary position of Patron of the Order of Masonic Knights Templar of England, with Sir Thomas Dunkerley as Grand Master. During this year the Grand Master established a uniform which consisted of a frock coat, white Kerseymere waistcoat with black breeches. In his order he says: "In all the Chapters cock'd hats and cockades are to be worn with swords and black velvet stocks. The stocks, cockades and swords to be kept in a box at each Chapter."

It will thus be seen that the idea of a distinctive Templar uniform is not new and that the dress now in vogue on this side of the Atlantic takes after the style of England over a century ago, altered somewhat to suit modern manners and customs. As a Canadian I trust that Great Priory will in the near future remodel our uniform, or a portion of it at least, that it may be distinctively Canadian. I think we should show our individuality as well in this as in other things. While on the subject of uniform I would draw attention to the careless manner in which the members of some Preceptories attire themselves, without any regard to regulations,

several different styles of belts, feathers, gloves, and so forth, are to be seen. Attention given to uniformity in uniform would have at least a more pleasing effect to the eye.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

I am especially glad to be able to report that our beloved Order in Canada is still steadily progressing. The returns which will be laid before you by our worthy Grand Chancellor will show that both financially as well as numerically, Great Priory has advanced and increased during the past year. The three new Preceptories have brought in quite an additional number to the ranks, and in many of the older ones a decided increase is shown. In many of the Preceptories a greater interest in the Order has been evinced, and a number of well-known and enthusiastic workers in other branches of the Masonic fraternity have been advanced to the various offices, which augurs well for their future prosperity. In a number the work of the Order is exceedingly well done, but in others there is much room for improvement. If subordinates would only place in office fratres who take an active interest, attend regularly, and do the work in a proper manner, they would find how rapidly their Preceptory would advance, and that degrees properly conferred make bright and interested members. The ritual of our Order is exceedingly interesting when properly conferred, and no one should be installed into office who cannot fulfil his duty in this respect. The additions to the Order to 31st March last, was 281, and the number of removals, deaths, etc., 101, making a gain of 180, being 23 more than in 1894 or any former term, and 85 more than for the year ended 31st March, 1895. The report for 1894 was for a term of fifteen months. The largest gain was in the London District, which increased 79.

OFFICIAL CIRCULARS.

During the year I caused to be issued from the Chancery of the Order several circulars, calling attention to various subjects in connection with the Order and Great Priory, which will appear as appendices to my address in the proceedings.

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In my first circular I particularly directed the officers of Great Priory, as well as the presiding officers of Preceptories, to their great opportunities of advancing Templarism and their duties therewith. While I am pleased to say some of my grand officers have nobly responded and have done excellent work, others, like the unfaithful steward, have hid their talent in the earth, for I have found it difficult to even receive a reply to my communications in some cases. I regret to think that some of the members of Great Priory accept office for only the ignoble means of obtaining rank and title. They forget that *noblesse oblige*. Rank has duties, and that he who neglects the duties of his office is not a true knight, and does our Order more harm than good.

For some of my Provincial Priors I have nothing but praise, the majority have attended to their duties well, and while I do not wish to make any invidious selection I feel I cannot pass over the exertions of R. Em. Sir Knights Carley, Fitzsimmons, Marshall and Roaf in their respective districts without expressing my appreciation of their active interest.

CONCLUSION.

Thus, fratres, have I presented to you my official acts during the year. My year of office has been a very pleasant one, and my correspondence has been very voluminous. I have endeavored to keep my officers in touch and to help forward the enthusiasm which has appeared in a number of quarters, and to create it in others. Institutions of every kind must have enthusiastic members to succeed, but enthusiasm must be tempered with care and prudence. I would like to say one word in caution for the members of Great Priory as well as the members of the various subordinates in our jurisdiction. Be careful whom you place in office. Do not force office upon unwilling members nor upon those who have neither the inclination nor time to attend to their duties. Neither place ambitious but incompetent fratres into the chair of your Preceptory, whose only recommendation may be, "He is a good fellow," and who merely wants the title and not the labor, and who will very likely seldom be seen at the meetings after he has secured the height of his little ambition.

The unwilling frater in office as well as the incompetent office seeker is rarely a success in conferring the degrees, and nothing tends more to produce poorly attended meetings, and consequently clogs the progress of a Preceptor than a Presiding Preceptor struggling with an attempted exemplification of a degree to a candidate. If the fratres could only keep this in mind, and act accordingly, prosperity would attend those who are partly dormant or lukewarm in their attendance.

I have been much indebted during my term to Most Em. Sir Knight E. T. Malone for his courtesy in accompanying me in most of my visitations. His enthusiasm never wanes. To our Grand Chancellor, Most Em. Sir Knight D. Spry, I have also to acknowledge my appreciation of his enthusiastic labors on behalf of the Order of the Temple. I have had much experience in offices in the Masonic fraternity and no presiding officer could have a more devoted and willing co-worker than I have had during the past year with our zealous and able Grand Chancellor. My labors and official connection with him has indeed been most pleasant.

And now fratres, while we may congratulate ourselves on a successful year, let us not be satisfied but press onwards to a still more successful future, each one considering himself a custodian of the honor and prosperity of our beloved Order. It is worth all our efforts. Our creed and our principles, our aims and professions are not secret, we proclaim them publicly, and as we observe and adhere to them so will we be judged and criticized. Do not let us lose the substance by grasping at the shadow. Templarism needs more than a showy uniform, playing at soldiers or a public parade. The degrees of Templary are not and never were intended to represent a military organization. The sword and uniform are merely aids and means wherewith to teach and perpetuate the glorious principles upon which the ancient Order was founded, the religion of Christ the Saviour and Redeemer of fallen humanity, He who came to teach us to "hold fast to whatsoever things were pure, whatsoever things were true, whatsoever were of good repute," He who gave us that last and greatest commandment to "love thy neighbor as thy-

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self," and taught us not to be better than our neighbor, but to be better than ourselves. Let us then ever hold up and exalt the glorious symbol of our Order, the Cross, in remembrance of these divine precepts, believing that through all earth's trials and troubles "By this sign we shall conquer."

≠ *Will A. White*

Supreme Grand Master.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Allan McLean, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, and

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

APPENDIX.

OFFICE OF THE SUPREME GRAND MASTER.

MONTREAL, September 20th, 1895.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 2,—1895-6.

EM. SIR KNIGHTS—I wish to convey my deep and sincere thanks to my fratres of the Great Priory of Canada for the high honor they have conferred in electing me to the most honorable position of Grand Master of the Knights Templar of Canada. I can assure you that I appreciate very much the confidence so expressed.

It was with much diffidence I accepted the office, for I am well aware of the great responsibilities that are attached to such a position, while the assiduous labors of my two immediate predecessors are a warning that I have an extremely difficult task in attempting to follow in their footsteps. I feel, however, that if my officers and those in charge of the Preceptories in the Dominion will earnestly strive to make the year as successful as previous ones, I also shall be able to present at the close of my term like cheering and satisfactory reports.

PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

To the various Provincial Priors I would earnestly urge that you proceed to work as rapidly as possible, and use every

effort to infuse fresh life and vigor into every Preceptory under your charge. More especially I would ask your attention to those subordinates who are not making much progress; endeavor to put fresh zeal and enthusiasm into their officers. Great results can be accomplished by the Provincial Prior if he will earnestly put his heart into his work, and zealously endeavor to make the Order of the Temple in his district a thoroughly alive one. Endeavor to visit each Preceptory before the close of this year, and as often thereafter as your time will permit. Remember you are the Grand Master's representative in each district, and he relies on the faithful and earnest discharge of your duties, and will be pleased to hear from you from time to time, how our beloved Order is progressing under your care.

TO THE OFFICERS OF GREAT PRIORY.

Officers of Great Priory, I would plainly say, that as Grand Master I expect you will be of some use to me and Great Priory. You are expected to be zealous in the interests of our beloved "Templar Order," and on all occasions, and in your several Preceptorships and localities, you should be known as leading "Templars," who prize the honor conferred, and by earnest work and interest show that you appreciate the position you occupy, and are proud to belong to, and be an officer in, one of the greatest of Masonic Orders. I look to my officers for zealous assistance in the affairs of Great Priory. An active interest will evince to all that you have not accepted office for the ignoble purpose of merely obtaining rank, but that you are truly a chivalrous frater and Templar at heart, who has received his preferment for his diligent attention and love of the institution.

PRESIDING PRECEPTORS.

I sincerely trust the Presiding Preceptors realize their great responsibilities. The illustrious Order of the Temple has been making steady and onward progress in Canada, and the continuance of this prosperity and advancement depends in a large measure upon each presiding officer. If he is zealous and attentive the members will also evince more enthusiasm. The presiding officer has it in his power to make or retard the progress of the body over which he rules, and the state of efficiency of a Preceptory is largely shown by a Preceptor's attention to his duties. I trust that your energy and zeal will place your Preceptory in such a position as to earn the encomiums of the officer of your district in this respect.

I regret to learn that some Presiding Preceptors do not confer the several degrees in accordance with the requirements of the Statutes, and too often fail to work the Malta Degree in full. I trust this omission of an important part of Presiding Preceptors' duty will be attended to in future.

I also desire to direct your attention to the necessity of furnishing each member on his admission with a copy of the Statutes. Members cannot be expected to know their duty if not furnished with our laws, which enables them to learn what is required of them. It is also imperative that each Preceptory

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should have a seal to attach an impression to all documents issued under the seal thereof, and especially to the returns made to Great Priory.

I would suggest and urge that each Preceptory appoint a Drill Instructor to perfect the members in the various ceremonies, at the opening and closing especially of the several degrees; it will prove an active attraction not only to the younger members, but also to those who have perhaps of late not taken as active a part as formerly. I have known this to be tried with marked success, and, if possible, I would also recommend that a Drill Corps be formed even if only composed of a small number. It will be a source of much interest to all, and in the long winter evenings now coming on, I know of nothing that would interest your members more. I trust each Preceptory, which has not done so, will endeavor to carry out these suggestions. Try it.

I would also direct your attention to the uniform. Our regulations permit of an unexpensive and neat uniform, and I have found that when any body of men congregate together in uniform style, it adds additional interest to their meetings.

I recommend to your consideration the course which has of late been adopted by some Preceptories, viz., of adding a small amount to the initiation fee, and then giving each candidate a sword, belt, baldric, cap (fatigue) and cloak. By this means you will find in a very short time that the members of your Preceptory will be neatly uniformed.

I hope to see all the members of Great Priory next year in London *in uniform*. It will show the interest each one will have in the Order.

SIR KNIGHTS.

And now, Sir Knights of Canada, I hope and trust that with strong and united efforts by each and every one, "Templarism" in this beloved Dominion of ours will continue its onward progress and be that brilliant success which has been so enthusiastically predicted.

I earnestly rely on the combined hearty and zealous efforts of every Sir Knight for the advancement of Templarism during the coming year, and the glory of the Cross.

I am, as ever,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

† WILL H. WHYTE,
Supreme Grand Master.

† DANIEL SPRY, G. C. T.,
Grand Chancellor.

Attest:

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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL DEPUTY TO THE
MARITIME PROVINCES.

To the M. E. the Supreme Grand Master :

I herewith submit my report as your Special Deputy for the purpose of visiting and instructing the Preceptories in the Maritime Provinces and organizing new Preceptories.

I left Toronto on the 7th of November for St. John, N. B., where I had a conference with R. E. Sir Kt. Hon. Robert Marshall and the members of Union de M^olay Preceptory, No. 11. I then went to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and with the assistance of E. Sir Kt. James H. Pullen and others, organized Prince Edward Preceptory with thirteen charter members, on Tuesday, November 12th, 1895. This Preceptory begins its career under the most favorable circumstances, being the first one organized in the Province. The charter members are all enthusiastic Knights and are determined to put forth every effort to make their Preceptory second to none in the Maritime Provinces. The first Presiding Preceptor is E. Sir Kt. Dr. MacNeill, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, who with Sir Kt. Dr. Darrach, Past Grand Master, as Constable, and Sir Kt. Thomas A. Maclean, Deputy Grand Master, as Marshal, were installed as the three first officers. The other officers are well qualified to fill the positions to which they were elected and appointed, and I have every reason to believe that Prince Edward Preceptory will prove to be a successful, growing and prosperous organization.

On the evening of November 13th the Masons of Charlottetown made me their guest at a banquet, at which I had the honor of responding on behalf of the M. E. the Supreme Grand Master and the Great Priory. Nothing could exceed the kindness and hospitable treatment accorded to me by the brethren as your representative, and my visit to Charlottetown will long be remembered by me as one of the most pleasing events in my Masonic experience.

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From Charlottetown I went to Truro, N. S., and visited Malta Preceptory No. 27, which although small in numbers is composed of enthusiastic Knights who are endeavoring to carry out the principles of our Order. The members were very much pleased to receive a visit from your Special Deputy. Two meetings were held at one of which the degrees of the Order were conferred upon Ex. Comp. Henderson, High Priest of Keith Chapter. The Preceptory is fortunate in having among its members R. E. Sir Kts. L. B. Archibald, W. B. Alley, S. J. Waddell, Past Provincial Priors, and also R. E. Sir Kt. W. E. Logan, Provincial Prior of Nova Scotia. I also visited Keith Chapter of Royal Arch Masons which during the past year has added largely to its membership, many of whom it is expected will send in applications to the Preceptory.

I next visited Nova Scotia Preceptory No. 5, of Halifax. R. E. Sir Kt. L. B. Archibald kindly accompanied me; two meetings were held on the evenings of the 19th and 20th of November. The members were very anxious to get all the information and instruction that could be given them, more particularly the manner of communicating the Red Cross degree. The secret work of the degrees was thoroughly exemplified and from the remarks made by many of the Sir Knights I have every reason to believe that a greater interest will be taken in the work of the Preceptory than ever before. Some of the older members who were present expressed their determination to take a renewed interest in the work and I am satisfied that much good will result from my visit to this Preceptory. At the close of the second meeting a very pleasant hour was spent at the refreshment table. The officers and members expressed their loyalty to Great Priory, and also their gratification that a Deputy of the Supreme Grand Master had been sent to visit them.

My next visit was made to Yarmouth Preceptory, No. 31, Yarmouth, N. S. I found the officers and members thoroughly well posted regarding the work, and while instructions were not needed by this Preceptory as much as some of the others, two evenings were profitably spent, and much satisfaction was expressed

by those present at receiving a visit from your Deputy. Great credit is due to R. E. Sir Kt. Geo. W. Johnson for the efficient manner in which the members acquitted themselves, and under his tuition, with a little more practice, the members of Yarmouth Preceptory could give as good an exemplification of Templar tactics and drill as any Preceptory in our jurisdiction. At the close of the second meeting the members adjourned to the refreshment table where a pleasant time was spent in social intercourse. I desire specially to acknowledge the great kindness extended to me by the members of the Preceptory.

From Yarmouth I returned to St. John, N. B. The Preceptory in this city, Union De Molay, No. 11, for many years has done little or no work, but renewed interest is now being manifested, and at a meeting held one candidate was balloted for and accepted, and it is expected that several more will be forthcoming very soon. With such members as R. E. Sir Kts. Hon. Robt. Marshall, S. F. Matthews, and E. Sir Kt. James H. Pullen, there is no reason why Union De Molay should not show as good a record as any Preceptory on our roll.

I went from St. John to Moncton, N. B., where with the assistance of R. E. Sir Kts. Hon. Robt. Marshall, W. B. Alley, L. B. Archibald and T. V. Cooke, Ivanhoe Preceptory was organized with fourteen charter members, most of whom were members of St. John's Encampment under the Chapter General of Scotland. Applications were received from sixteen Companions who were balloted for and accepted. The degrees of the Order were conferred upon fourteen of them, two not being able to attend. Thus the Preceptory starts with a membership of twenty-eight, among whom are R. E. Sir Kts. L. B. Archibald and T. V. Cooke. The Sir Knights who were appointed to fill the various offices have proved themselves to be expert workers in both Lodge and Chapter, and will no doubt show the same proficiency in the work of the Preceptory. E. Sir Kt. H. B. Fleming, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, was installed as Presiding Preceptor, who together with Sir Kt. George Ackman as Constable and Sir Kt. G. M. Jarvis as Marshal, are the

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three first officers. R. E. Sir Kt. L. B. Archibald took the position of Registrar which ensures that the books of the Preceptory will be kept in proper form.

At the refreshment table the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Very few Preceptories have started under such favorable auspices as Ivanhoe Preceptory, and I have no doubt the institution will be large and occupy one of the foremost positions in the jurisdiction. This completed the work which I was appointed to do as your Special Deputy, and in closing my report I desire to say that my intercourse with the Sir Knights of the Maritime Provinces has been one of the most pleasant experiences in a Masonic career of upwards of twenty-seven years. The kindness and courtesy extended to me is something I can never forget. I am also very much gratified to believe from the assurances of the Sir Knights given again and again that the action of Great Priory in sending a Special Deputy to visit them will result in much good to the Order in the eastern part of the jurisdiction. Where every Sir Knight did his best to do honor to your representative, it is difficult to particularize. I cannot, however, refrain from mentioning the name of R. E. Sir Kt. Hon. Robert Marshall, to whose untiring efforts are due much of the success that attended the organization of the two new Preceptories. I am also very much indebted to R. E. Sir Kt. L. B. Archibald, who did everything in his power to assist me in my visitation, as well as R. E. Sir Kts. Geo. W. Johnson, W. B. Alley, and E. Sir Kt. James H. Pullen, for the assistance which they rendered me and the knightly courtesy extended to me.

I have the honor to be, M. E. Sir,

Courteously and fraternally yours,

JAMES B. NIXON,

Special Deputy.

PROVINCIAL PRIORS' REPORTS.

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—At the Annual Assembly of Great Priory, held at St. John, N. B., August 23rd, 1895, I was elected Provincial Grand Prior of the London District, for which I desire to express my thanks to the Sir Knights, for the honor they conferred upon me in selecting me for this important office.

I beg to submit my report. The four months following my election, owing to pressure of business, I could not do much to advance the interests of our Order, but since the first of the year I have devoted considerable time to visiting and in other ways trying to improve the condition of the Order in this district. There are now six Preceptories in the London District—St. Simon of Cyrene, Sarnia, being a new one, and St. Elmo having been removed from Goderich to Stratford. It is most gratifying to be able to state that this district has had a very satisfactory year in every respect, in fact an unprecedented increase in membership in all the Preceptories but one, and great activity in all the other Preceptories, throughout the year has clearly been shown.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

I received a communication from Kent Preceptory, Chatham, stating that owing to the sickness of one of their principal members, they were unable to hold their election in December, and asking my advice in the matter. I suggested that the election take place, and an application for a dispensation to install a month later be made; this was done, and I recommended that the application be granted. In reply the Supreme Grand Master said "That if Preceptories cannot meet on the regular date for election they had better return their warrants, that the Statutes must be obeyed, and that all Preceptories should know that they must be carried out." He, however, granted the application, and in conveying the decision to Kent Preceptory, I heartily endorsed the Supreme Grand Master's remarks.

On February 22nd I received, an application from St. Elmo Preceptory, Goderich, asking my recommendation for their removal to Stratford, which I was glad to do, considering the interests of the Preceptory and the Order will be greatly benefited thereby. On March 25th I received a petition for a dispensation to organize a Preceptory at Sarnia, requesting my recommendation. Knowing there was a good opening for a live Preceptory there, and that the dignity and interests of our Order would be upheld, I gladly recommended the Supreme Grand Master to grant the request of the petitioners.

In February I received a communication from the Supreme Grand Master, through the Grand Chancellor, requesting me to visit Detroit Commandery and ascertain if it would be convenient for them to accept an invitation to visit Great Priory in September. I called upon their Em. Commander and stated the Supreme Grand Master's request. He invited me to attend a meeting which was to be held the following day in honor of their "Old Guard," so that I could speak of it to the Commandery; but I was unable to do so, owing to an official visit I had previously arranged to make on that evening; but Em. Sir Knight Seymour laid the invitation before the Commandery at the meeting and it met with hearty approval, and when this became known to the Supreme Grand Master he issued his invitation, and Detroit Commandery accepted it, and will be with you this afternoon.

I was honored by the Supreme Grand Master in appointing me a member of the committee on the revision of the ritual. During the past year I have taken considerable pains to get the opinion of the workers of my district as to what changes they thought necessary. All are of the opinion that Great Priory should adopt the same Red Cross work as was adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States in 1892, and not leave it optional with the Preceptories to use the old work, as we only adopted the Red Cross degree of the Grand Encampment the better to enable our Knights to visit the American Commanderies, and the general impression in this district is that the Temple and

Malta degrees ought not to be tinkered with. I have, however, suggested that provision be made for having the Standard and Beauceant displayed in the Preceptories, a description of each be given at the time of conferring the Temple degree, and that some changes in the opening and closing ceremonies are necessary if Preceptories desire to be opened and closed with military tactics. A short form of closing a Preceptory and opening a Council of Companions of the Red Cross and vice versa is required. The installation ceremonies would be more complete by the addition of an installation ceremony for the Chaplain and correction of the parts of the Sub-Marshal and Captain of Guards. I would also suggest, (of course only until such time as Great Priory should draft tactics suitable for our ritual), the use of the military tactics of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, in working the Red Cross degree; the same also could be used in many parts of the opening, closing, and work of our Temple degree and for general information in sword exercise, drill, etc.

WINDSOR ENTERTAINS DETROIT FRATRES.

An important assembly of Windsor Preceptory, No. 26, was held on May 26th for the purpose of conferring the Temple degree and entertaining the officers of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, and Damascus, No. 42, of Detroit, Michigan. Among those present were R. E. Sir Kt. J. A. Gerow, P. G. C., and Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Michigan; E. Sir Kt. Chas. A. Warren, Grand Treasurer; E. Sir Kt. Lou Burt, Em. Commander, Detroit Commandery; E. Sir Kt. Livingstone, Ex. Commander of Damascus; E. Sir Kt. Fisk, of Detroit Commandery; and a large number of Knights from the two Detroit Commanderies. One feature of the assembly was the very pronounced manner in which every one of our visitors who was called upon spoke of our Canadian work. I am afraid many of the American Knights have a limited knowledge of our Templar ceremonies, for they showed the greatest surprise at the beauty and impressiveness of it, in fact, one Past Eminent Commander said he had been a Knight Templar for forty-two years and believed he had seen that evening for the first time the Temple degree conferred,

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REGULAR ASSEMBLIES.

There should be more than one assembly a month held by every Preceptory desiring to ensure anything like a correct interpretation of the work, and to keep up the proper enthusiasm not less than two assemblies should be held; indeed, one Preceptory in this district meets on an average three times each month and is greatly benefited thereby. Presiding Preceptors should insist on having two meetings every month, and during the winter season, four if possible, for they cannot hope to do even fairly good work by meeting but once a month. We should see that the beautiful ritual of our Order is rendered by the Presiding Preceptor and officers in a correct and impressive manner.

RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, No. 4, LONDON,—Accompanied by R. E. Sir Kt. Thomas Robinson, Sir Kts. A. M. Stewart, R. S. McDonald and A. Appleton, of Windsor Preceptory, I paid this Preceptory an official visit for the purpose of installing the officers, being assisted by M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry. At the close of the assembly a banquet was held and a most enjoyable time was spent. The officers are all of the very best; E. Sir Kt. W. J. Carson, the Presiding Preceptor, is an indefatigable worker and capable of filling any office the Knights may honor him with. R. E. Sir Kt. J. S. Dewar, the Registrar, is a tower of strength to the Preceptory, in fact the whole staff are proving that the Preceptory made no mistake in selecting them to manage its affairs. I find in looking over the list of Knights added to the Preceptory this year, the names of a number of London's most prominent Masons and citizens; this is certainly gratifying and a proof of work in the right direction. On August 21st the Supreme Grand Master paid this Preceptory an official visit. I was present upon the occasion. E. Sir Kts. Carson, Dambra and the officers conferred the Temple degree upon two postulants in a very efficient manner. The Grand Master in the course of his remarks referred to the pleasing fact that 1896 promised to be the banner year in Canadian Templar-

ism, and the London District the banner one of the jurisdiction.

KENT, NO. 20, CHATHAM.—I extremely regret my inability to visit this Preceptory. I twice notified them I would be present to install their officers, and was as many times requested to delay my visit, as several candidates for the degrees were expected and they wanted me to bring some of the Windsor Knights with me to assist in doing the work. I have heard nothing further from them.

BURLEIGH, No. 21, ST. THOMAS.—I paid this Preceptory an official visit in January for the purpose of installing the officers, being accompanied by M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, V. E. Sir Kt. Joseph Dambra, E. Sir Kt. Wm J. Carson, and Sir Kt. Walker, of London, Sir Kts. J. Rosseau, of St. Catharines, Geo. Gott, of Amherstburg, and A. M. Stewart and A. Appleton of Windsor. M. E. Sir Kt. Spry kindly assisted me in the installation ceremony. At the close of the assembly we adjourned to a banquet, at which an enjoyable time was spent; good speeches and merry songs were numerous. This Preceptory is not as prosperous as it should be, although the Knights I met at St. Thomas impressed me as having the ability and enthusiasm to make a successful Preceptory. R. E. Sir Kt. Robert McKay's report for last year explains the cause of their inactivity, and if that condition is not remedied they can never hope for prosperity.

ST. ELMO, NO. 22, STRATFORD.—On March 20th I started from Windsor to pay an official visit to this Preceptory, for the purpose of reorganizing it and installing the officers, the warrant having been transferred from Goderich to Stratford. Accompanying me were eighteen Knights of Windsor Preceptory who had been invited to confer the Red Cross degree. Upon our arrival at London we found the railroad completely blocked with snow. After waiting until the following day for some means of getting to Stratford, but without any success, about 4 p. m. we abandoned the trip. In talking over the telephone with Sir Kt. Harding he said our Presiding Preceptor, A. H. Clarke, who had left Brantford the night before, had arrived, and he expected

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the Knights of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory of Hamilton, who had been invited to confer the Order of the Temple and Malta, in about an hour, and asked my advice. I recommended the Hamilton Knights to confer the degrees and install the officers, which was done, and I am given to understand that it was carried out in a highly satisfactory manner. I again accepted an invitation at a later date to visit Stratford with the officers and members of Windsor Preceptory, but two days before the date for holding the meeting we found it impossible to be present. I wired the Knights of Stratford, but as their arrangements had been completed they requested the Hamilton Knights to again assist them, which they did. Windsor Preceptory greatly regretted their inability to be present and are deeply indebted to the Knights of Hamilton for so ably doing the work which they should have done. On May 28th I was successful in reaching Stratford with the Knights of Windsor Preceptory, and paid my official visit. Twenty-one members of Windsor Preceptory were present and worked the three degrees upon three candidates. I believe the St. Elmo Preceptory was benefited by this visit; I know those from Windsor were highly delighted with their reception. At the close of the work a banquet was held. E. Sir Kts. T. G. Johnson, Presiding Preceptor of St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory, Sarnia, A. H. Clarke, Presiding Preceptor of Windsor Preceptory, and others addressed the assembly. M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry made a very able speech upon the early history and present condition of the Order in Canada, which was thoroughly instructive and highly entertaining. This Preceptory starts its new life in a most promising manner. Its Em. Preceptor, E. Sir Kt. John E. Harding, Q. C., is one of our most prominent Masons, having been Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter. With the interest he is taking, together with the enthusiasm of the other officers, success is bound to be theirs.

WINDSOR, NO. 26, WINDSOR.—Being a member of this Preceptory I have attended nearly all its meetings. I paid my official visit in January and installed the officers. The officers of this Preceptory for the current

year are equal to any in its history, the work being done in a thoroughly efficient manner. The Preceptory has made three pilgrimages since the first of the year, with from seventeen to twenty-two Knights; five accompanied me on my official visit to London, and three to St. Thomas, and there are present with us to-day thirty-two in full uniform. This is what might truly be called enthusiasm, with an earnest desire to further the interests of our beloved Order. On May 26th, the Preceptory had the honor of entertaining the officers of Detroit and Damascus Commanderies, of whom I have already made mention. I cannot say that the increase in numbers is large, the reason being, while they do not make it obligatory to purchase a uniform before receiving the Temple degree, the applicant understands that he is expected to purchase one as soon as possible, and as uniforms and degrees combined cost \$117.00, it is easy to account for the comparatively small increase in membership.

ST. SIMON OF CYRENE, NO 37, SARNIA.—On the 9th of April I organized and installed the officers of this Preceptory, assisted by M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry and the officers and twenty Knights, members of Windsor Preceptory. The work of organization began at 2.30 p. m., and the Red Cross degree was conferred upon twenty-nine candidates by six p. m. The Temple and Malta degrees were completed by 11.30 p. m., after which, assisted by R. E. Sir Kt. A. Carrothers, Past Provincial Grand Prior, of London, I installed the officers. At the close of the session, the Knights of Sarnia provided a banquet which was much enjoyed. This Preceptory has a fine staff of officers. E. Sir Kt. T. G. Johnson, M. D., is enthusiastic, very popular, and will be a fine ritualist; the Registrar and Treasurer, F. J. Winlow, is a very efficient officer, and, in fact, I believe every one down to the Guard will do his utmost to make the Preceptory a great success. I am informed that fourteen of their Knights have complete uniforms. The Preceptory has the full set of robes and paraphernalia for the three degrees; they have two candidates to ballot for at their next regular assembly, so that they now have everything ready to

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make what I believe will be one of the best working Preceptories in Canada.

The following table shows the work done by each Preceptory in this district for the year ending with my term of office. The net gain is very gratifying, being the largest ever made in any district of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

In closing my report, I wish to thank M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry for his kindness in accompanying me on all my visits, for the presence of our highly esteemed Grand Chancellor always adds importance to the meetings. To the Knights of London who accompanied me on my visit to St. Thomas. To R. E. Sir Kt. Thomas Robinson, who went to Sarnia in my stead to give the Knights there some instruction, as I was unable through sickness in my family to attend. To Sir Kts. A. Appleton, R. S. McDonald and A. M. Stewart, who accompanied me on several of my visits, the latter Knight on all of them. To Windsor Preceptory for assisting in organizing the Preceptory at Sarnia, and accompanying me on my visit to Stratford.

Fraternally yours,

† D. L. CARLY,

Provincial Grand Prior London District.

LONDON DISTRICT.

No.	PRECEPTORY.	PLACE.	No. Members 1895.	No. Members 1896.	Gain.	Loss.	Fees Paid Great Priory.	REMARKS.
4	Richard Cœur de Lion.....	London.....	88	92	9	.....	\$ 65 00	
20	Kent.....	Chatham.....	18	26	8	.....	22 00	
21	Burleigh.....	St. Thomas.....	50	49	.....	1	29 50	
22	St. Elmo.....	Stratford.....	17	60	43	104 00	
26	Windsor.....	Windsor.....	48	57	7	45 60	
37	St. Simon of Cyrence.....	Sarnia.....	29	29	146 50	
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TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS:—At the last assembly of Great Priory held in the City of St. John, N. B., the representatives of the Preceptories of the Toronto District honored me by electing me to the high and important office of Provincial Prior. I desire to thank them for the confidence they then reposed in me, and I have endeavored to fill the position faithfully, although I feel that I have not done the position justice or given it that attention which it deserved, and which I desired to do. The past year would have been an uneventful one but for the visit of the Supreme Grand Master to Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory on the 10th January last. It was a pleasure to welcome our Grand Master, and a large number of the Sir Knights assembled to do him honor and gave him a most enthusiastic welcome. I am pleased to report that with a few exceptions there has been a steady but slow progress. For some reason which I cannot account for, the ranks of the Templar Body do not fill up, in proportion to the numbers who become Royal Arch Masons, as they should.

I very much regret that owing to pressure of business engagements and to the long distance they are from Toronto, I was unable to visit the Preceptories at North Bay and Port Arthur. It is asking too much to expect that a Provincial Prior residing in this part of the province can spare the necessary time to travel such a distance as Port Arthur, and it seems to me it would be worthy of consideration that Rhodes Preceptory should be attached to the Manitoba District, it being much nearer to Winnipeg than to Toronto and points east.

GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, No. 2, TORONTO.—As this is the Preceptory of which I have the honor to be a member, and having been a regular attendant, I am in a position to say that the past year has been a successful one. There has been quite a number of new

members admitted, and the work has been well done by the Preceptors and officers. The attendance has averaged twenty-six members, and greater interest seems to be prevailing among both officers and members. There appears to be a very commendable desire on the part of the officers selected to work the Red Cross degree to have the work done as fully and correctly as possible. The books of the Registrar are a model of neatness, and the Preceptory is to be congratulated on having such an energetic and painstaking officer as Sir Knight Ryrle. The prospects are very favorable.

This Preceptory was honored by a visit from the Supreme Grand Master at its January meeting, when a large number of the Toronto Sir Knights assembled to welcome our distinguished guest. His visit was highly appreciated and his able address was listened to with great pleasure and profit. On that occasion I paid my official visit and was privileged to install the officers for the present year,

MOUNT CALVARY, NO. 12, BARRIE.—I visited this Preceptory twice, and on both occasions I was given a cordial reception by the members present. The occasion of my first visit was on the evening of 26th November, 1895, while in Barrie on business. I was not expected by the E. Preceptor, but was pleased to see the Templar degrees worked by V. E. Sir Kt. D.W. B. Spry and his officers in a fairly creditable manner. I examined the books of the Registrar and found them neatly and correctly kept.

On the 28th April, 1896, I again visited this Preceptory and regret that owing to no candidate being present there was no work done. It was not necessary for me to see any work for the purpose of criticism, as I know that the work done by the officers of this Preceptory is always of a high character and impressively rendered. The books of the Registrar and Treasurer were in good order and neatly kept. The finances are in good shape, there being no arrears of dues, and the prospects are very good indeed.

HARINGTON, NO. 14, NORTH BAY.—This is one of the Preceptories I did not visit owing to the long

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distance it is from Toronto. For some reason, although I requested the Registrar to send me same, I received no notices of the meetings and could not tell when there was to be work, and I did not feel it necessary to travel some hundreds of miles just to inspect the books of the Registrar and Treasurer.

From the returns sent me by the Eminent Preceptor you will see that there have been five new candidates received this past year, which is much better than the majority of Preceptories in this district. The Eminent Preceptor writes: "I have now the affairs of the Preceptory in pretty good shape;" also, "as to insurance, I know there has been insurance effected on the property of the Preceptory but from memory I cannot say to what extent;" also, "as regards prospects, I feel that now we shall soon be on a fair basis and hope to make better progress than has been done at any time heretofore."

Considering the disadvantages under which this Preceptory has labored, as shown by the report of my predecessor, the work of the present year is a credit to the Preceptory.

ST. JOHN THE ALMONER, NO. 15, WHITBY.—I did not get to visit this Preceptory on any of its meeting nights as I found that there was no work to be done and in consequence thereof I did not visit. In the month of July I went to Whitby to inspect the books of the Registrar and Treasurer. I was pleased to find them in good order and neatly kept. I am sorry to report that it is now nearly eighteen months since a candidate was received, and I cannot say the outlook is very bright. The officers, however, are hopeful and expect that matters will shortly improve. Their financial condition is good, there being but a small sum in arrears for dues. The dues are sufficient to pay current expenses and Great Priory fees, so that they are not running behind, the difficulty being to get candidates owing to their field being somewhat restricted.

PALESTINE, NO. 18, PORT HOPE.—Visited this Preceptory on 23rd April, 1896, and received a very cordial reception. The attendance was small but select. The E. P. was absent owing to his having missed the

train. The Consecration and Malta Degrees were conferred on two candidates. The Consecration by R. E. Sir Kt. A. R. Hargraft, Grand Marshal, and the Malta by P. P. R. C. Smith, and they are both to be congratulated on the efficient manner they did their work. Inspected the books of the Registrar and Treasurer and found them exceedingly well kept. The funds are deposited in the bank and can only be drawn out by cheque, signed by the Presiding Preceptor and Registrar. There is a membership of 34, and the average attendance is good. They have an insurance of \$300. The officers are well up in their work and the prospects are very good.

RHODES, No. 23, PORT ARTHUR.—For the reasons given before I was unable to visit this Preceptory. I have received the monthly circulars pretty regularly, and am sorry to say that no candidates appear to have been balloted for during the year. I fear that their field is very restricted, and unless the Chapters from which they can obtain candidates are doing good work, it cannot be expected they will do well.

CYRENE, No. 29, TORONTO.—I regret that the two occasions when I arranged to visit this Preceptory that illness at my home prevented me from paying my visits, but I had the pleasure on two other occasions of being present at their meetings, and saw the closing ceremonies. I am aware that the present staff of officers are well posted in the work of the several degrees, and that when they do confer the degrees, the candidates cannot fail to appreciate our beautiful ritual. I had the privilege of inspecting the books of the Registrar and found them to be well kept and in good order. The year has been a fairly successful one, but having again changed their place of meeting, strong hopes are inspired that the move will result in a largely increased membership.

Appended hereto is a table showing the work done in the Toronto District up to 30th June, 1896.

My thanks are due to the Sir Knights of this District for the many knightly courtesies extended to me as the representative of our esteemed Grand Master.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

‡ WILLIAM ROAF,

Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District.

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TABLE SHOWING THE WORK DONE IN THE TORONTO DISTRICT UP TO JUNE 30TH, 1896.

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TABLE SHOWING THE WORK DONE IN THE TORONTO DISTRICT UP TO JUNE 30TH, 1896.

No.	PRECEPTORY.	MEMBERSHIP.			DEGREES WORKED.			MEETINGS HELD.			DATE OF LAST RETURNS.		PROSPECTS.							
		No. of Members June 30, 1896.	Increase to June 30th, 1896.	Decrease.	Red Cross.	Knight Templar.	Knight of Malta.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance.	No. Members 12 Mos. in Ar's		Insurance.						
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldemar	150	18	..	11	17	15	1	3	8	1	10	5	15	26	41	Jun 26, '96	\$ 2000	Favorable.	
12	Mount Calvary	55	1	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	6	1	7	12	..	Mar. 31 '96	200	Very good
14	Harington	35	5	..	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	7	..	7	9	..	Mar. 31 '96	..	..
15	St John the Almoner	28	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	5	4	Jun 8, '96	200	Fair
18	Palestine	86	4	1	3	8	4	1	1	9	1	10	8	10	Mar. 31 '96	300	Bright
28	Rhodes	17	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	6	..	June, '96	..	Fair
29	Cyrene	59	..	5	3	4	..	..	6	3	..	1	9	9	15	12	Mar. 31 '96	400	Bright

KINGSTON-OTTAWA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS :—In accordance with the statutes of Great Priory, I hereby submit my report as Provincial Prior, on the condition and progress of Knights Templar in the Kingston District for the year 1895-96.

HUGH DE PAYENS, PREMIER, NO. 1, KINGSTON :—Circumstances over which I had no control prevented my visiting this Preceptory during any of their regular assemblies last winter or this spring, consequently, early in August I visited Kingston and met E. Sir Kt. Hewton, Presiding Preceptor, and arranged that a special assembly would be called early in September. At this assembly, held September 2nd, there was a fair attendance of Sir Knights, amongst whom I noticed such veterans as R. E. Sir Kt. Allan McLean, V. E. Sir Kt. Rowlands, V. E. Sir Kt. Waddington and others. This being a special assembly called for the purpose of meeting the Provincial Prior, and there being no work on hand, matters pertaining to the advancement of Hugh de Payens No. 1 Preceptory were principally dealt with, and from the opinions expressed by the Sir Knights present, we may look for an improvement in this Preceptory. Many of the Sir Knights of this Preceptory having expressed a desire to see the work done, I am making arrangements whereby they will be invited to Gondomar, No. 16, sometime this month or possibly October, that Preceptory having candidates ready.

KING BALDWIN, NO. 6, BELLEVILLE.—I visited this Preceptory on December 18th, the night for the election of officers. There was a good attendance. R. E. Sir Kt. Lazier was re-elected Presiding Preceptor, and I am sure will discharge the duties of that office zealously. This Preceptory has a membership of fifty-six and has had an average attendance of eighteen; have held eight regular and one emergent assemblies; alterations and improvements to the Masonic building has prevented any assemblies being held since May last. Assets are about \$1,500, no liabilities. Conferred the Red Cross, Templar, and Malta degrees on three candidates during

the year. The books are well kept. This Preceptory is in a good condition and its prospects are good.

MOORE PRECEPTORY, NO. 13, PETERBORO.—On November 5th I visited this Preceptory and found them in a state of “innocuous desuetude”; however, there was a latent feeling that in the near future there would be some work. I suggested several plans by which they could bring the Order more prominently to the notice of their Royal Arch Companions.

On May 15th I visited this Preceptory once more, there being a number of candidates for the several degrees. A large party of Knights Templars from Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, No. 2, Toronto, were also present, and the work was very ably performed by the members of that Preceptory. Moore Preceptory, No. 13, has now a membership of twenty-one; has held seven regular and three emergent assemblies during the year; have about \$100 in the bank and about \$40 outstanding for dues; no liabilities; have put nine candidates through all the degrees.

GONDEMAR PRECEPTORY, NO. 16, BROCKVILLE.—I visited this, my mother Preceptory, officially, on the 13th December and found a good attendance of Sir Knights. Sir Kt. James A. Poulton presided, and discharged his duties very creditably. This Preceptory is being thoroughly established upon a sound basis, and will soon be free from debt, having paid off several hundred dollars during the past ten years, also paying their running expenses, so that there is not a cent owing now by the Preceptory except a small balance of \$50, contracted before the removal of the Preceptory to Brockville. It is expected that this amount will be discharged this fall. This Preceptory has now a membership of twenty-one, and had an average attendance of eight during the year; held fifteen regular and five emergent assemblies; have assets in paraphernalia and dues of \$350; conferred four Red Cross and Templar degrees, also six Malta, all of which, excepting one Red Cross, were worked in full. Books are well kept by V. E. Sir Kt. John Easton, Registrar, who has been a pillar of strength to this Preceptory, being a member of twenty-four years standing.

OTTAWA PRECEPTORY, No. 32, OTTAWA.—I visited this Preceptory on December, 19th and as it was the night for the election of officers there was a large attendance. E. Sir Kt. Henderson and most of the old officers were re-elected.

On January 15th I visited this Preceptory and installed the officers elected for 1896. E. Sir Kt. Henderson exemplified the installation and consecration portions of the Templar degree in a very commendable manner and to my satisfaction. I visited the Preceptory again on March 18th, and received a very cordial welcome. Every part of this Preceptory is in a healthy condition. Ottawa Preceptory has now a membership of forty-two; had an average attendance of twelve; held ten regular and one emergent assemblies; has assets of about \$650 in cash and paraphernalia; no liabilities; has conferred five Red Cross, six Templar and three Malta degrees during the year.

CONCLUSION.

In regard to the working or conferring of degrees in this district, I would state that King Baldwin, No. 6, Belleville, Gondemar, No. 16, Brockville, and Ottawa, No. 32, Ottawa, are doing well and can exemplify any of the degrees in a creditable manner and with due justice to the beauty and excellence of the ritual. In Moore Preceptory the work was done by the officers of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto. Hugh de Payens, Kingston, has not done any work during the year. The officers of Moore and Hugh de Payens Preceptories seem very anxious to improve the condition of the Preceptories, but as long as they can get another Preceptory to come and do *all their work* for them, just so long will those Preceptories remain in the condition that they are at present. It is my opinion that the best interests of any Preceptory, and the Order at large, will be best conserved by having the visiting Preceptory confer the degrees on say two candidates and leaving the rest of the work to be done by the local Preceptory. It adds wonderfully to the local prestige of a Preceptory to have it know that they do their work in a good business-like manner.

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I am very glad to say that there has not been a complaint of any kind in this district during the year, and trust that this state of affairs will long continue. When I accepted the office of Provincial Prior I fully intended to have done more work than I have. Among those left undone is the holding of a Preceptory of instruction, and I would urge upon my successor the desirability of having one, promising to give him all the assistance in my power.

Before closing, I desire to return my thanks to the Sir Knights of this district in electing me Provincial Prior and for their uniform kindness while visiting them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

† C. H. FITZSIMMONS,

Provincial Grand Prior Kingston-Ottawa District.

Brockville, Ont., Sept. 8th, 1896.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

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

I am pleased to say that Knight Templarism has gained in material and members during the year, especially Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 7, Montreal, which I had the pleasure of visiting twice during the year. This Preceptory, as will be seen by its report which is in the possession of the Grand Chancellor, is gratifying.

SUSSEX, NO. 9, STANSTEAD.—I have been unable to visit this Preceptory during the year, but have learned the business of this Preceptory has been going on as usual.

WM. DE LA MOORE PRECEPTORY, NO. 25, QUEBEC.—I am pleased to say that the long looked for ray of sunshine by the small band of Knights of this Preceptory has commenced to dawn. Applications having been received from worthy applicants, and still a number of other worthy Companions desire to join our ranks, and all fully expected during the coming

year. All of which I trust will brighten the hopes of the Knights who have striven so manfully together waiting and expecting bright times to dawn.

Respectfully submitted,

‡ H. GRIFFITH,

Provincial Grand Prior Quebec District.

Quebec, 14th September, 1896.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

SIR KNIGHTS:—It gives me much pleasure to be enabled to confirm my report of last year in its entirety.

First of all permit me to thank the officers of Great Priory for so promptly complying with my request, by delegating our esteemed Brother, R. E. Sir Knight James B. Nixon, to officially visit these Maritime Provinces.

Our highly esteemed Past Preceptor of the Union de Molay Preceptory, No. 11, E. Sir Kt. Jas H. Pullen, of this city, under special warrant of authority in conjunction with R. E. Sir Kt. Jas. B. Nixon, of Toronto, Ont., having the Warrant of the Union de Molay, No. 11, with them; duly opened an Assembly of Knights Templar, in the Masonic Hall, Charlottetown, in the Province of Prince Edward Island, when the degrees of the Red Cross, Knight Templar, Mediterranean Pass, and Knight of Malta, were duly conferred upon twelve leading Companions Royal Arch Masons, of Prince Edward Island.

Subsequently the "Prince Edward Preceptory and Priory," was duly instituted, under dispensation from our Supreme Grand Master, M. E. William H. Whyte, of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Right Eminent Sir Kt. James B. Nixon, assisted by E. Sir Kt. James H. Pullen, acting as Special Deputy of our Supreme Grand Master.

The officers of Prince Edward Preceptory were then nominated, Sir Kt. Roderick MacNeill, M.D., being the Presiding Preceptor; as, will more fully appear, by reference to the returns made to our Grand Chancellor.

The Prince Edward Preceptory, has since that time done excellent work, and will doubtless in the future relatively rank as the peer of any of our Maritime Province Preceptories. I have therefore to ask that Grand Priory order the issue of a warrant to be styled "The Prince Edward Preceptory, No. —," with head quarters at Charlottetown, before mentioned.

I have also to report the establishment of another Preceptory at the city of Moncton, in this Province.

The "Ivanhoe Preceptory and Priory" was instituted in the Masonic Hall, in Moncton aforesaid, on the 26th November, by myself as Provincial Prior, and R. E. Sir Kt. James B. Nixon of Toronto. The officers were duly installed as follows: Hendry B. Fleming, Presiding Preceptor, Geo. Ackman, Constable; Geo. M. Jarvis, Marshal; G. R. Sangster, Chaplain; Edward Tweedie, Treasurer; Jas. E. Masters, Sub-Marshal; Luther B. Archibald, Registrar; J. B. Sangster, and E. S. White, Standard Bearers; W. A. Davis, Sword Bearer; A. Y. Clark, Almoner; W. A. Metzler, Captain of Guard; F. C. Barker, Organist; J. Jonyce, Guard. This Preceptory has to-day a large number of excellent fratres on its roll; and is working in that prosperous railway centre, under the most favourable auspices. I have pleasure in asking the issue of a warrant to be styled "Ivanhoe Preceptory, No. —," with headquarters in the before mentioned city of Moncton.

After the "Ivanhoe" had concluded its organization, about forty-five fratres sat down to a splendid supper. The following were the principal toasts, all of which were enthusiastically responded to, viz.:

The Queen and the Order.

The President of the United States and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

The Supreme Grand Master of the Sov. Great Priory of Canada and our Grand Chancellor M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T.

R. E. Sir Kt. Robert Marshall, K. C. T., and R. E. Sir Kt. James D. Nixon, Special Deputy of the Grand Master.

The Ivanhoe Preceptory and Sister Preceptories.

The City of Moncton, coupled with the name of Sir Kt. Hendry Blair Fleming.

The occasion was one long to be remembered, and from it will surely date a new era of prosperity in Masonry in the prosperous city of Moncton.

In the not remote future, I trust we shall be able to institute the "Royal Albert Edward Preceptory," in the good city of Fredericton, the capital of this Province.

In conjunction with our good fratres of the Ivanhoe Preceptory, we hope ere long to take the initial steps in instituting in New Castle, the shiretown of the Miramichi, "The Northern Brunswick Preceptory," having jurisdiction within the counties of Restigouche, Gloucester, Kent and Northumberland.

The returns of the Union de Molay, No. 11, will shew that this Preceptory is doing good work, and that E. Sir Kt. Howard D. McLeod, and the other officers are to be congratulated on the prospect of increased activity during the coming year.

As the Encampment of St. John ask that their Warrant shall be styled, "The Encampment of St. John, No. 3A", there does not seem to be any probability of a union of these two Knight Templar Bodies in the near future; however, the excellent membership of both of these Preceptories gives us an assurance that the utmost harmony shall continue to prevail in the true interest of our chivalric Order in this Province of New Brunswick.

In view of the excellent work of the fratres of the Encampment of St. John during the past forty years, under Scottish authority, I deem it only right as a mark of our appreciation of the great interest taken by our good Scottish fratres, that on the occasion of their surrender of their present Warrant to the Chapter General of Scotland; that the following Sir Knights be given the rank of Past Provincial Prior, viz.: John V. Ellis, Thomas Walker, James Gordon Forbes, T. Amos Godsoe, John Alexander Watson, Frank L. Tufts and Arthur I. Trueman; and that Joseph Henry Leonard be given the rank of a Past Preceptor.

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When the Encampment of St. Stephen surrenders its warrant, which I have good reason to anticipate shall be in the near future, I would recommend that the rank of Past Provincial Prior be given to our good fratres Sir Kt. Henry Graham, Sir Kt. Julius Thompson Whitlock, and Sir Kt. Geo. F. Pender, as a slight token of the regard in which our Sir Knights of the county of Charlotte are held by the fratres of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

I observe in the Masonic press that arguments are being put forward for the establishment of Provincial Grand Pories, throughout the various Provinces of our Dominion. In my judgment the time has not yet arrived for so radical a change, yet I trust that Great Priory will see its way clear to more frequently hold its Annual Assembly in one or other of our cities by the sea.

Fraternally submitted.

† ROBERT MARSHALL, K. C. T.,

Provincial Prior New Brunswick District.

St. John, N. B., 1st September, 1896.

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS:—Herewith I beg to submit my report as Provincial Prior of the Nova Scotia District, for the year 1895-1896:

I very much regret that I was unable to visit Yarmouth Preceptory, No. 31, during the year, but from correspondence, I learn that it remains numerically in about the same position as last year, the admissions to the Preceptory being fully equalled by suspensions for non-payment of dues. Their meetings are held regularly, and the Preceptory is all right financially and is equipped with all paraphernalia for doing good work. A number of the members have provided themselves with the regulation uniform. They hope to add to their numbers during the coming winter. It is their intention to be represented by R. E. Frater George W. Johnston, at the approaching meeting of Great Priory.

NOVA SCOTIA, NO. 5, HALIFAX—remains in about the same position as last year, but the fratres there ex-

press hopes for improvement in the future. Meetings are held regularly, but not largely attended, considering the total number on the roll. Several of the fratres have provided themselves with uniforms. I granted this Preceptory permission to appear in uniform at a Masonic At Home, held in Halifax on June 10th.

I regret to have to record the death of Sir Kts. Kenyon and Buchanan of this Preceptory during the year. These are the only two deaths in the jurisdiction that I have been advised of.

I visited Malta Preceptory, No. 27, Truro—in its regular assembly in January last, and installed their officers. This Preceptory has not added to its numbers for some time, but this is not to be taken to indicate any want of interest on the part of its members, as since its organization in 1884, no regular meeting has ever been missed. The fee for installation has been about double that charged in other Preceptoriums in the Maritime Provinces, and I think has had something to do with keeping the membership down. It is proposed to lower it down to the amount fixed by the statutes, when I anticipate a large increase in membership will take place.

In the latter part of 1895, R. E. Sir Kt. J. B. Nixon visited this jurisdiction as the Deputy of the Grand Master, and was very cordially welcomed.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Sir Knights for the honor conferred in electing me to the office of Provincial Prior, and regret I have not been able to do more for our beloved Order.

Respectfully submitted,

† W. E. LOGAN,

Provincial Prior Nova Scotia District.

Truro, N. S., 7th September, 1896.

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—I herewith send the report of my district for the present year. On January 10th I had the pleasure of visiting Cyprus, No. 33, at Calgary, and installed the officers for this year. I found the members

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quite enthusiastic, and all uniformed. The proceedings were well conducted, and after the installation ceremony a banquet was provided which was well calculated to unite more closely the fraternal bonds. Good cheer prevailed and the toasts of the hour were heartily responded to. My time being limited, I boarded the train for Winnipeg shortly after the close of the banquet, being escorted to the depot by a number of the fratres.

On January 14th I attended Albert Edward, No. 24. at Winnipeg, and installed the newly elected officers. This also being the first meeting in the new Chapter room, which is considered to be the most cosy and home like of any room of the kind in the vicinity. They have been at much expense in furnishing and regalia, but feel well repaid for the effort, as they now feel as if they had a home eminently fitted for such an Order to reside in. You are no doubt aware that less than two years since we were burned out and lost nearly all the uniforms, and consequent upon the expense of building the temple, furnishing, etc., few of the fratres have since procured uniforms. They hope soon to be able to do so, and rank again first among their equals.

The doors of Albert Edward's asylum are always open to all courteous Sir Knights, and any who may be sojourning within its precincts, and make themselves known, will always find a royal welcome.

Yours fraternally,

† WILLIAM HALL,
Provincial Prior Manitoba District.

Winnipeg, Sept. 23rd, 1896.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

(No report received.)

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. H. A. Collins, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. William G. Reid, and

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

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, seconded by M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, and

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

REPORT OF GRAND CHANCELLOR.

To the M. Em. the Supreme Grand Master and Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

I respectfully present my annual report as Grand Chancellor, with an account of all monies received during the year, and paid to the Grand Treasurer, by depositing in the bank to the credit of the Great Priory. The receipts and expenditure for the year have been as follows :

1895 RECEIPTS.	
Aug. 1. Balance cash in Molsons Bank, London.....	\$1455 71
1896	
Aug. 31. Cash reseipts from all sources.....	1789 00
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	\$3244 71

EXPENDITURE.	
Grand Master, expenses, 1895.....	\$100 00
Grand Chancellor, salary to 1st July.....	300 00
Printing Proceedings last session.....	151 20
Printing Photo Engravures Grand Master.....	5 70
Special Deputy to Maritime Provinces.....	200 00
Chairman Com. Fraternal Correspondence.....	50 00
Postage, telegrams, express, etc.....	54 92
Engraving Certificates.....	116 85
Binding Proceedings, etc.....	15 25
Expenses organizing Prince Edward Preceptory	10 00
Grand Guard, Annual Assembly, 1895.....	13 00
Engrossing Warrant.....	5 00—1021 92

Sept. 1. Balance in Molson's Bank, London..... \$2222 79

The new Warrants issued from the Chancery have been named in the Supreme Grand Master's address, and need not be repeated.

RETURNS.

Returns have been received from every Preceptory on the roll, and the annual dues paid, but the fees from Albert Edward Preceptory, Winnipeg, did not reach me until the 12th inst., some days after the books had been

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closed, which I regret, and there are some small balances due by Preceptories, as shown by my cash statement, but they are for small items on open account.

MEMBERSHIP.

On the 31st March, 1895, our membership was.....	1868
Admitted during the year ended 31st March, 1896.....	216
Joined, 50, restored, 15.....	65
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Withdrawn 45, suspended 40, died 16.....	1649
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an increase of 180, being the largest increase of any year since Great Priory was organized. It may be stated that of the 50 members withdrawn, 42 were really transfers from old Preceptories to the new Preceptories which were organized. Forty suspensions is quite a large number and the loss of so many is to be deeply regretted, and it seems that if proper efforts were made to retain many of these knights they would still be serving under the banner of the Cross. The great progress made this year is due to the excellent management of most of the Preceptories, the perfection that many have attained in conferring degrees, and the popularity of the Order. Detailed statements of the receipts and membership are annexed.

Respectfully submitted,

≠ David Spry

Grand Chancellor.

London, 10th September, 1896.

ANNUAL CASH STATEMENT.

M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor in account with the Sovereign Great Priory, from 1st August, 1895, to 1st August, 1896.

To cash received from Preceptories.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	Annual Fees.	Certificates.	Ceremonies.	Dispensations.	Statutes Warrants etc.	Total.	Bal. in Ledger.
1	Hugh de Payens, Premier	Kingston, Ont.	\$12 00					\$ 12 00	Dr.
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldemar	Toronto, Ont.	89 50	22 00				111 50	
3	Godfrey de Bouillon	Hamilton, Ont.	157 50	39 00	12 00			208 50	
4	Richard Cœur de Lion	London, Ont.	52 00	12 00		1 00		65 00	
5	Nova Scotia	Halifax, N. S.	39 50	5 00			2 00	46 50	\$1
6	King Baldwin	Belleville, Ont.	59 00	10 00	2 00			71 00	
7	Richard Cœur de Lion	Montréal, Que.	32 00	10 00		1 00	2 00	45 00	
8	Plantaganet	St. Catharines, O	26 00	4 00				30 00	
9	Sussex	Stanstead, Que.	19 00	2 00				21 00	
10	Victoria	Guelph, Ont.	18 50	5 00				23 50	
11	Union de Molay	St. John, N. B.	39 50	34 00	8 00		4 00	85 50	
12	Mount Calvary	Barrie, Ont.	34 50	14 00		1 00		49 50	
13	Moore	Peterboro, Ont.	6 00					6 00	
14	Harington	North Bay, Ont.	29 00	8 00				37 00	
15	St. John the Almoner	Whitby, Ont.	11 50	2 00				13 50	
16	Gondemar	Brockville, Ont.	15 50	11 00				26 50	
17	Odo de St. Amand	Brantford, Ont.	19 00			1 00		20 00	
18	Palestine	Port Hope, Ont.	21 00	4 00			2 00	27 00	
19	St. Bernard de Clairvieux	Dunnville, Ont.	18 50		2 00			20 50	
20	Kent	Chatham, Ont.	21 00			1 00		22 00	
21	Burleigh	St. Thomas, Ont.	25 50	2 00	2 00			29 50	
22	St. Elmo	Stratford, Ont.	50 00	42 00	10 00		2 00	104 00	\$11
23	Rhodes	Port Arthur, Ont.	8 50					8 50	
24	Albert Edward	Winnipeg, Man.		4 00			2 40	6 40	\$6
25	William de la More the Martyr	Quebec, Que.	5 00			1 00		6 00	
26	Windsor	Windsor, Ont.	32 00	9 00		1 00	3 00	45 00	\$5
27	Malta	Truro, N. S.	10 00	3 00			1 20	14 20	
28	Metropolitan	(joined Australia)							
29	Cyrene	Toronto, Ont.	31 50	11 00				42 50	
30	Western Gate	Victoria, B. C.	15 50	6 00				21 50	
31	Yarmouth	Yarmouth, N. S.	13 50	6 00	4 00		1 00	24 50	
32	Ottawa	Ottawa, Ont.	25 00	6 00				31 00	
33	Cyprus	Calgary, Alberta	15 50	11 00	2 00		2 40	30 90	\$5
34	Columbia	Vancouver, B. C.	43 00	53 00	12 00		10 00	118 00	
35	Prince Edward	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	11 00	6 00	8 00	40 00	4 00	69 00	
36	Ivanhoe	Moncton, N. B.	29 50	35 00	5 00	40 00	1 20	110 70	Cr.
37	St. Simon of Cyrene	Sarnia, Ont.	38 50	57 00	6 00	40 00	5 00	146 50	9.50
	Great Priory	Victoria, Aus.					4 30	4 30	
	Molsons Bank, interest						35 50	35 50	
	*Paid since books closed.		\$1074	427 00	75 00	129 00	\$84 00	\$1789 00	

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By Cash paid Grand Treasurer		\$1789 00
RECAPITULATION.		
Amount received from Preceptories	\$ 776 00	\$ 776 00
Great Priory Certificates	291 00	339 00
Ceremonies	156 00	139 00
Statutes	23 20	37 20
Dispensations for new Preceptories	40 00	40 00
Dispensations, general	4 00	17 00
Interest on deposits	9 90	21 84
Proceedings sold	7 75	2 40
Warrants issued		20 00
Register Book		5 00
An increase of \$322.06.	\$1307 85	\$1466 94
		\$1789 00

TABULAR STATEMENT OF PRECEPTORIES FROM 1st MARCH, 1895, TO END OF TERM, 1896.

NAME. LOCATION. No.

O. S. HILLMAN, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA, K. T.

1895.		Dr.		Cr.
Sep. 30.	To Cash, Grand Chancellor		\$ 80 50	By E. E. Sheppard, Ex. as Gr. Master. \$ 100 00
Oct. 7.	" "		77 40	" Grand Chancellor, postage, etc. 54 92
" 7.	" "		5 60	" G. Boyne, Grand Guard, Annual Assembly 13 00
Dec. 31.	" "		120 00	" H. Robertson, Fraternal Cor. 50 00
1896	" "			" Grand Chancellor, salary 75 00
Mar. 11.	" "		75 40	" Toronto Litho. Co., certificates 54 85
April 8.	" "		168 45	" D. Taylor, binding proceedings 15 25
28.	" "		106 50	" J. B. Nixon, Special Deputy 125 00
30.	" "		122 00	" McPherson & Drope, printing Proceedings 151 20
May 11.	" "		96 00	" Desbarats & Co., photo engraving, Grand Master 5 70
20.	" "		100 00	" J. B. Nixon, Special Deputy 75 00
30.	" "		131 00	" J. H. Pullen, Ex. Prince Ed. Island 1895 30. 10 00
June 12.	" "		102 00	" Grand Chancellor, salary 75 00
July 11.	" "		180 00	" M. Williams, engraving warrant 5 00
Aug. 17.	" "		100 00	" Grand Chancellor, salary 75 00
" 17.	" "		80 00	" Toronto Litho. Co., certificates 32 00
" 24.	" "		90 25	" Cash in Molsons Bank, London 2222 79
31.	" "		81	
31.	" "		96 00	
31.	" "		29 90	
Sep. 1.	Balance, 1895		\$1455 71	
			\$3244 71	

Audited and found correct.

D. F. MACWATT,

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} Finance Committee.

London, 16th September, 1896.

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Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, seconded
by R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, and

RESOLVED—That the annual reports of the Grand Chancellor
and Grand Treasurer be referred to the Grand Council for audit
and report.

REPORT ON WARRANTS.

The Grand Council have examined the minute books, papers and memorials relating to the Prince Edward Preceptory, at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Ivanhoe Preceptory, at Moncton, New Brunswick, and St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory, Sarnia, Ontario, working under dispensations issued by the Supreme Grand Master, and find that these Preceptories are properly conducted, and that the localities where they are situated appear to afford every reasonable assurance that there are an abundance of good Royal Arch Masons desirous of becoming members of the Templar Order. The Grand Council, therefore, recommend that warrants be now granted in confirmation of the dispensations issued.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

† HENRY GRIFFITH,
Chairman.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, seconded
by R. E. Sir Kt. Henry Griffith, and

RESOLVED—That the report of the Grand Council on
Warrants be adopted.

REPORT ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

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

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditure for the period ended 30th June, 1896:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand 31st August, 1895.....	\$1455 71
Cash from Preceptories, annual dues.....	1074 00
" " " Certificates.....	427 00
" " " Ceremonies.....	75 00
" " " Dispensations (warrants).....	120 00
" " " Statutes \$31.50, warrants \$10.....	41 50
" " " Proceedings.....	2 00
" " " Registrar's book.....	5 00
" " " Dispensations (general).....	9 00
" Interest.....	85 50

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EXPENDITURE.

Grand Master's travelling expenses, 1895.....	\$ 100 00
Grand Chancellor's salary to 1st July, 1896.....	300 00
Printing Proceedings, session 1895.....	151 20
" Photo engraving of Grand Master.....	5 70
Special Deputy, to Maritime Provinces.....	200 00
Chairman Com. Fraternal Correspondence.....	50 00
Postage, telegrams, express, etc.....	54 92
Engraving Certificates.....	116 85
Binding Proceedings, etc.....	15 25
Expenses organizing Prince Edward Preceptory.....	10 00
Grand Guard. Annual Assembly 1895.....	18 00
Engrossing Warrant.....	5 00
Balance cash in Molsons Bank, London.....	2222 79

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The following payments are recommended to be made:

Grand Master's travelling expenses, 1895-6.....	\$100 00
Postage, etc., balance due.....	19 41
S. Wesley, printing circulars and forms.....	71 80
Illuminated address to Damascus Commandery, Detroit.....	25 00

\$215 71

The Grand Council further recommend that the following expenditure necessary to meet the expenses of conducting the business of Great Priory for the current year be authorized :

Grand Chancellor's salary.....	\$ 300 00
Printing Proceedings of this session.....	200 00
Certificates.....	100 00
Printing new edition of Statutes.....	100 00
Chairman Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.....	50 00
Postage, telegrams, express, duty, etc.....	60 00
Printing Grand Master's address and Grand Chancellor's report.....	25 00
Printing annual circular, Grand Officers.....	10 00

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Expenses of session, Grand Guard, etc.....	12 00
Grant to Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, re reception Detroit Commandery.....	200 00
Engrossing warrants and changing certificates.....	25 00
To procure Supreme Grand Master's jewel of office.....	50 00
Ritual, printing.....	250 00
Plate, Past Preceptor's Certificate.....	50 00
Address Detroit Commandery.....	25 00
Add accounts as above.....	215 71

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Tenders for printing the proceedings for a term of three years were asked for and three were received. The tender of McPherson & Drope, of Hamilton, being the lowest, we recommend that it be accepted.

We recommend that tenders be asked for the printing of 500 copies of the statutes and 300 copies of the ritual, and that the lowest tender, if satisfactory to the Grand Master and Grand Chancellor, be accepted.

The question having arisen when a member should be registered, your committee recommend that Great Prior decide that registration shall take place from the time a member receives the degree of the Red Cross and should be included in the next annual return.

Great Priory is to be congratulated on the healthy state of the finances, the amount received during the year being the largest in the history of the Order.

We have again to congratulate the Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer on the able manner in which they have performed their respective duties.

All of which is courteously and fraternally submitted.

† D. F. MACWATT,

Chairman.

London, Ont., 15th Sept., 1896.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Allan McLean, and

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

rough and exhaustive report. He has evidently devoted a large amount of time and energy to the Preceptories under his charge, having visited them all with the exception of Kent, No. 20, Chatham. We congratulate Great Priory on the wisdom of removing the warrant of St. Elmo, No. 22, Goderich, to Stratford. This Preceptory is now in a flourishing condition, under the able guidance of E. Sir Kt. J. E. Harding, and an efficient staff of officers, and we have no doubt that this will be one of the best Preceptories on the roll of Great Priory. We are pleased to learn that a dispensation has been granted for the formation of a Preceptory at Sarnia, St. Simon of Cyrene, and we doubt not that, from the work that has been done in this Preceptory, its future is assured. The report of the work throughout this district is very encouraging, and goes to show that when the officers take a proper interest in their Preceptory, success is bound to follow. The report of the Provincial Prior is an able one, and shows that this officer had a clear conception of the duties and responsibilities he had assumed on accepting the office.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

The Provincial Prior visited all the Preceptories with the exception of Rhodes, Port Arthur, and Harington, North Bay, and reports that the Ritual is carefully exemplified, and that future prospects are very encouraging. His suggestion that Rhodes Preceptory be attached to the Manitoba District is worthy of consideration, owing to the distance from Toronto and time required to visit this Preceptory; he also reports that no notices of meetings have been sent to him from Harington, North Bay, although they have taken in five candidates. From information he received from the E. Preceptor, he concludes that the affairs of this Preceptory are in pretty good shape.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

From the Provincial Prior of this district comes a very encouraging report. He visited all the Preceptories and found them all working harmoniously, attendance fairly good and ritual carefully exemplified, with the exception of Moore Preceptory, Peterborough, and Hugh

de Payens, Kingston, who depend on visitors to do the work for them. This should not be; your council, therefore, recommend the Provincial Prior to impress upon these Preceptories the necessity of getting up the work themselves.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

The report from this district is short and concise, peace and harmony prevail, and a good share of success has crowned the efforts of most of the Preceptories.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

The report from New Brunswick is highly satisfactory. Two new Preceptories have been instituted and are now working under dispensation. One in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and the other in the city of Moncton; both are doing good work.

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

The Provincial Prior visited all the Preceptories in this district with the exception of Yarmouth. The membership remains about the same as last year, but he reports the hopes of renewed activity during the coming winter.

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

The two Preceptories in this district are working vigorously and show marked progress. The Provincial Prior has been faithful and attentive to his duties.

CONCLUSION.

The attendance at the meetings of Preceptories is not as large as could be desired, the percentage is very small, yet the work done by the officers shows a marked improvement. Your Council would strongly recommend that Provincial Priors hold Chapters of Instruction in central points in each district. The exemplification of the work would prove of great benefit to the various Preceptories, and tend to increase the interest amongst the Sir Knights.

Your Grand Council desire to call the attention of Provincial Priors to the fact, that it is absolutely necessary to have their reports in the hands of the Grand Chancellor two weeks before the meeting of Great

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Priory, so that the committee may have an opportunity to fairly criticize the reports, which it is quite impossible to do, if they are only handed in a few hours before the meeting of Great Priory. The labours of the Council would be greatly facilitated if attached to each report was a detailed statement, showing the work done during the year. The statements sent in to the Grand Chancellor are made up to the 31st March only, and consequently do not represent to Great Priory the full year's work.

Your Council on examining the returns sent in to the Grand Chancellor from the various Preceptories find some of them incomplete, not having all the dates filled in, viz :

Richard Cour de Lion, No. 4 London—Dates of conferring Master Mason and Royal Arch degrees not always given.

Nova Scotia, No. 5, Halifax—Date of conferring Master Mason degree not given, and total of membership not complete.

Richard Cour de Lion, No. 7, Montreal—Date of conferring Master Mason degree not given in every case.

Harington, No. 14, North Bay—Returns incomplete ; had to be sent back.

Kent, No. 20, Chatham—Date of exaltation not given.

Albert Edward, No. 24, Winnipeg—Date of exaltation omitted.

Your Council would recommend Provincial Priors to impress upon Preceptors and Registrars the necessity of having their returns sent in complete, and so save a loss of time and labour.

The result of the year's work is very encouraging. More care has been exercised in doing the work in Preceptories, the membership has materially increased. All returns are in to the Grand Chancellor, and in fact, this year makes the best showing of any on the roll of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. We hope the

era of prosperity is once more returning, and that next year will show still greater results.

All of which is courteously and fraternally submitted

‡ CHAS. F. MANSELL,
Chairman.

London, 16th September, 1896.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. C. F. Mansell, and

RESOLVED—That the report of the Council on the Condition of the Order of the Temple be received and adopted.

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Grand Council, through its Committee on Jurisprudence, begs to report that it has had before it for consideration a petition from Malta Preceptory, No. 27, Truro, N. S., asking that the charter be amended so as to enable it to hold its meetings in the towns of Amherst, New Glasgow and Pictou, for the purpose of performing work in connection with the Order of the Temple when reason may require. The Council in view of the provisions of Section 46 of the statutes as at present in force considers that Great Priory has no power to grant the prayer of the petition. The statutes would require to be amended before such power could be given. If the amendment, notice of which has been given, be carried at this meeting power will be given to grant their request should the Grand Master approve of it.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

‡ WILLIAM ROAF,
Chairman.

London, September 16, 1896.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. William Roaf, and

RESOLVED—That the report of the Grand Council on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Grand Council, through the Committee on the Fraternal Dead, respectfully report. Once more it is our duty to pay a fleeting tribute to the memory of

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those who have answered the call of the great Ruler and gone, we trust, to the celestial Great Priory above. Although the number is not large, there will be a large circle of friends and Knights who forget that He has said, "In my Father's house are many mansions and that I go before to prepare and make ready the way." Sir Knights, let us so live and carry out the principles of our beloved Order, that when the summons comes we may be found worthy in His sight.

Among those who have joined the silent majority are Sir Kts. Kenyon and Buchanan, of the Nova Scotia District. So mote it be!

Fraternally submitted.

‡ C. H. FITZSIMMONS,
Chairman.

London, Sept. 16, 1896.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. C. H. Fitzsimmons, and

RESOLVED—That the report of the Grand Council on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Council can congratulate the Grand Master and Great Priory on the increase in membership. Our increase has been larger than that of any year in its history; this is to be accounted for by the fact that talented and energetic officers preside over the Preceptories, and that leaders in Masonry have become interested in Knight Templarism. The Grand Master's advice regarding the qualifications of applicants and the high ideals of the Order is recommended to the most careful consideration of all Knight Templars.

The Grand Master is to be congratulated on the attention he has given to the various Preceptories and the beneficial results occasioned by his visits. The flattering reception given to him by the E. Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy and the members of the Grand Encampment of the United States is worthy of more than a passing notice. It is hoped that the Great Priory may be represented by one of its officers at all future meetings of the Grand Encampment, whose friendship and good wishes we are desirous of retaining.

Great Priory is to be congratulated on the result of R. E. Sir Kt. J. B. Nixon's visit to the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The Grand Council heartily endorse the position taken by the Grand Master on the establishment of new Preceptories, and are satisfied that the dispensations granted by him for such purpose, will redound to the honour and advancement of the cause of Knight Templarism in this fair Dominion. The praise given by the Grand Master to the various Knights through whose exertions the new Preceptories were established is well deserved.

The various dispensations granted by the Grand Master and reported in his address, are hereby approved of, the circumstances governing each case having been explained to the Council.

The Grand Council approves of the appointments of Grand Representatives made by the Grand Master.

The prospect of a speedy settlement of the difficulties which have heretofore existed between the Great Priory and the Scottish Knights of New Brunswick is a matter of congratulation. Great praise is due not only to the Grand Master, but to all fratres who have assisted in the good work of bringing about the long looked for day when all Knight Templars in the Dominion of Canada are working together under one banner for the advancement and prosperity of our beloved Order.

Great Priory is to be congratulated in receiving a visit from and witnessing an exemplification of the Knight Templar degrees by the members of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, a Commandery which ranks as a leader not only in the State of Michigan but wherever floats the banner of the Grand Commandery of the United States.

The Council approves of the action of the Grand Master in appointing a committee to revise, correct and make certain alterations in the ritual. As the committee have reported the result of their labors to Great Priory, no further notice need be taken of the matter in this report.

The Council agree with the Grand Master as to the

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necessity of paying more attention to the question of Uniform and trust that before long all our Preceptories may be known as uniformed bodies.

The remarks of the Grand Master regarding the care to be exercised in the election of officers of the subordinate bodies, should be read in all our Preceptories and the advice therein given should be practised on all occasions. Prosperity will be the immediate result.

In conclusion, the Grand Council can assure the M. E. the Grand Master that his zeal and activity in the cause of Templarism has produced good results, and that he possesses the esteem, love and admiration of all Knight Templars over whom he is privileged to rule.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Chairman.

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

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

THE SCOTTISH ENCAMPMENTS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

The committee appointed at the last assembly of Great Priory to deal with all matters in connection with the Encampments of St. John and St. Stephen, New Brunswick, have great pleasure in reporting that satisfactory progress has been made during the year. In their efforts to bring about a satisfactory settlement of the difficulties existing between the above Encampments and this Sovereign Great Priory, they have received from the members of the above Encampments generous and hearty support and encouragement.

The Encampment of St. John has of its own accord unanimously decided to become a constituent of the Great Priory of Canada and has so notified the Scottish Grand Encampment, and are now awaiting a reply from the latter body, so that we may expect a final adjudication of all matters and an enrollment under our banner within the next few weeks.

In the course of negotiations the Encampment of

St. John and your committee agreed on the annexed basis of settlement of which the Great Priory is now asked to approve and ratify :

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT between the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and the Encampment of St. John, New Brunswick.

Copy of terms received from the said Encampment of St. John in a letter dated July 16th, 1896, under the seal of the Encampment and signed by Arthur J. Trueman and G. Gordon Boyne, Secretary, and addressed to M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, of Great Priory Knights Templar of Canada.

The Committee on union with the Great Priory of Canada respectfully submit the following as the basis of terms upon which this Encampment might become a constituent of the Great Priory of Canada.

The Encampment shall go upon the roll of the Great Priory of Canada, retaining its name, "The Encampment of St. John, New Brunswick," as in its warrant of constitution.

That it shall have place and precedence upon the roll of Great Priory from the date of the original dispensation for its formation, viz: 22nd day of April, 1856, and shall be numbered accordingly. If the number to which it is entitled by reason of its age is not available, then a distinguishing letter as well as number to be used,

That it shall be permitted the option of using its present ritual until 31st December, 1900, A.D. The titles of the officers as they now are in the rituals and laws to be unchanged in the private affairs of the Encampment until a new ritual is taken up.

That the parade or street uniform which is now in use in the Encampment shall be retained, but the right to dispense with the apron to be allowed by the Great Priory when a majority vote of the Encampment requires it.

That each individual Knight now on the roll shall retain the right to wear any jewel or decoration to which he is now entitled, under our present laws or which the usage of the Encampment permits.

That the members and past and present officers have rank and honors in the Order of the Temple of Canada corresponding to the rank and honors of all the other members and past and present officers of Preceptories in the Great Priory of Canada, and as though the Encampment of St. John had been upon the roll of Great Priory from the date of its organization.

That the Encampment shall be free from dues to the Great Priory of Canada for all non-contributing members, active or honorary, now on its roll.

That all expenses and extraordinary charges such as enrollment of members upon the books of Great Priory, cost of a new warrant, if one is necessary, of new rituals and other like

charges and jurisdiction of the Priory.

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charges arising out of the transfer of the Encampment to a new jurisdiction, shall be a charge upon the funds of the Great Priory.

That no per capita or other tax shall be imposed upon the membership of the Encampment until and for the fiscal year of Great Priory, commencing April 1st, 1897.

The committee respectfully ask leave to make a further report.

JOHN V. ELLIS,
THOMAS A. GODSEE,
THOMAS WALKER,
J. HENRY LEONARD,
ALEX. R. CAMPBELL,
ARTHUR J. TRUEMAN.

We, the members of the Special Committee appointed by the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada to treat with the Encampment of St. John, New Brunswick, in order that said Encampment might become a constituent of the Great Priory of Canada, do hereby on behalf of the said Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, accept and approve of the terms above submitted and agree to have same ratified at the next meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada to be held in the City of London, Ontario, in the month of September, 1896.

E. T. MALONE,
E. E. SHEPPARD,
DANIEL SPRY,
W. H. WHYTE, S. G. M.

With regard to the Encampment of St. Stephen, your committee have every reason to believe that in a very short time such progress will be made that this prosperous Encampment will throw in its lot with us.

Your committee desire to be continued in office in order that the work entrusted to them herein may be finally concluded, and that full power be given to them to make such arrangements with said Encampment as they in their discretion may consider just and reasonable.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

† E. T. MALONE,
Chairman of Committee.

London, 16th September, 1896.

Moved by M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, and

RESOLVED—That the above report be received and adopted, and that the agreement entered into by the committee with St. John Encampment be, and the same is hereby approved of and ratified.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

The committee appointed by you to revise the Ritual beg leave to report that on account of the short time given them to perform their task, they find it impossible to present a detailed report. They have, however, made all necessary grammatical and historical corrections, and have rectified many mistakes which appear in different parts of the work, particularly in the instructions to officers printed in red, but in no case have they interfered with the general form and substance of the Ritual except in the insertion of an explanation of the banners of the Temple.

Although receiving no authority from you, your committee have considered and have now in preparation a form or manual of drill to be used in the opening and closing exercises of the work. Their desire is to have a drill so far as possible more in accordance with the modern style in use in our Canadian militia, of which so many of our Knights are and have been members. They now ask this Great Priory to empower them to fully complete their work, not only with regard to their Ritual, but also the Military tactics, and which work, when completed by your committee, shall be printed and accepted as the authorized work of this Sovereign Great Priory.

Your committee recommend that the Military Tactics be printed under a separate cover, so that the printing of new Ritual be not delayed.

Your committee recommend that in the issuing of the new Ritual a larger form of book and larger type be adopted, and that the black type be used throughout instead of black and red as at present in use.

It is recommended that M. E. Frater W. H. Whyte, Grand Master, and M. E. Frater Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, be added to the present committee in order to assist them in completing and having pushed the said Ritual and Military Tactics.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

† E. T. MALONE,
Chairman.

London, 16th September, 1896.

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Moved by M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, and

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

The following notices of motion to amend the statutes were then taken into consideration:—

1. By M. E. Sir Kt. William H. Whyte, Supreme Grand Master:

That Statute 129, relating to the Barret Cap, be repealed.

2. By Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 7, Montreal:

That Statute 68 be amended by inserting after the word, "at" on the seventh line, the words "the Annual Assembly held during the first week in January or at."

3. That Statute 64, page 28, be amended by inserting after the word "at" on the second line, the words "the Annual Assembly held during the first week in January, but not on Saturday or public holiday, or at" and to erase the word "or" from the third line and insert the word "and" in place thereof, and to erase the words "then chosen" from the second line from the bottom.

4. By R. E. Sir Kt. William Roaf, Provincial Prior, Toronto District:

That Statute 3 be amended by adding, "When none of the three principal officers of a Preceptory can be present to represent a Preceptory, and more than one Preceptor shall propose to attend Great Priory, such Preceptory may by resolution, duly certified and signed by the Presiding Preceptor and Registrar, with seal attached, appoint one of said Preceptors its duly qualified representative or proxy."

5. By R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master:

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

6. By R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, Provincial Prior, London District:

That Statute 92, page 35, be amended by correcting the corresponding rank of the officers of a Preceptory, when acting as officers of a Council of the Red Cross Degree, as follows:

Presiding Preceptor.....	Sovereign Master.
Constable.....	Prince Chancellor.
Marshal.....	Prince Master of Palaces.
Chaplain.....	Excellent High Priest.
Sub-Marshal.....	Master of Cavalry.
Almoner.....	Master of Infantry.
Treasurer.....	Master of Finance.
Recorder.....	Master of Despatches.
Standard Bearer.....	Standard Bearer.
Sword Bearer.....	Sword Bearer.
Captain of Guard.....	Warder.
Guard.....	Sentinel.

7. By M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor:

That Statute 5 be amended by erasing the word "Foreign" and inserting "Fraternal" in place thereof.

8. That Statute 46 be amended by inserting the word "monthly" after the word "meet" on the first line, and by inserting the words "or places" after the word "place" on the third line.

9. That Statute 53 be amended by erasing the words "31st of March" and inserting "30th June."

10. That Statute 68 be amended by erasing the figures "11" on the second and sixth lines of said statute, and inserting "18" in place thereof.

11. That Statute 91 be amended to read as follows: "Every candidate for admission to the Order of Malta must have received the degrees of Companion of the Red Cross and Knight of the Order of the Temple, in a legally constituted Preceptory or Commandery of Knights Templar, and be unanimously elected by ballot in a Preceptory, before said degrees are conferred. After having been balloted for and accepted in a Preceptory, a ballot in the Priory is not permissible."

12. To enact the following a new Statute as 129:—"Each Preceptory may have a banner with such armorial bearings or appropriate device or design, pertaining to the Order of the Temple, as may be approved by the Supreme Grand Master."

13. By V. E. Sir Kt. Daniel W. B. Spry, Grand Vice-Chancellor:

That Statute 50a be amended by adding thereto "And the Preceptory shall be exempt from further dues to Great Priory, for such honorary member, upon payment of two dollars to Great Priory for registration of such honorary member."

14. By R. E. Sir Kt. James B. Nixon:

That a new district be established as 10a—Prince Edward District—to comprise the Province of Prince Edward Island.

15. R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, Provincial Prior, London District, will move a resolution

That the Red Cross Degree as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States and now worked in that jurisdiction be adopted as the Ritual of said Degree of Canada.

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STATUTES AMENDED.

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

RESOLVED,—That Statute 129 relating to the Barret Cap be and is hereby repealed.

Moved by E. Sir Kt. J. B. Fresidder, seconded by Sir Kt. Charles J. Ellis, and

RESOLVED—That Statute 63 be amended by inserting after the word "at" on the seventh line, the words "the Annual Assembly held during the first week in January or at," and that Statute 64, page 28, be amended by inserting after the word "at" on the second line, the words "the Annual Assembly held during the first week in January, but not on Saturday or public holiday, or at" and to erase the word "or" from the third line and insert the word "and" in place thereof, and to erase the words "then chosen" from the second line from the bottom.

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Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. James Halliday, and

RESOLVED—That Statute 63 be amended by adding thereto at the end thereof: Provided, however, that no Presiding Preceptor, Constable or Marshal shall be installed, until each has been examined by a board consisting of two Preceptors, and until said board shall certify, in writing, to the installing Preceptor, that the Sir Knights are fully familiar with the duties of their respective offices, and competent to perform the opening and closing of the Preceptory, and to confer the Templar Degree according to the prescribed work.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, seconded by M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, and

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Captain of Guard	Warder.
Guard	Sentinel.

Moved by M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, seconded by M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, and

RESOLVED—That Statute 5 be amended by erasing the word "Foreign" and inserting "Fraternal" in place thereof.

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Moved by M. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, seconded by Sir Kt. Charles S. Ellis, and

RESOLVED—That the Red Cross Degree as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States and now worked in that jurisdiction be adopted as the ritual of said degree for Canada.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

R. E. Sir Kt. J. H. Mattice gave notice that he would move to amend the statutes as follows:

That Clause 3, Revised Statutes, 1894, read to the end after the words "Great Priory," on 6th line as follows: Providing said Preceptor or his Preceptory, or members thereof, does not represent any more than one Preceptory outside their own, and no Knight shall be permitted to represent in any event more than two Preceptories.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. E. the Grand Master appointed M. E. Sir Kt. E. E. Sheppard and R. E. Sir Kt. John J. Mason scrutineers of the ballot.

After nominations were made previous to the vote being taken for each office, the ballots were collected and counted, when the scrutineers reported that the following Grand Officers were duly elected :

- M. E. Sir Kt. William H. Whyte, Grand Master, re-elected.
 R. E. " Daniel Fraser Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, "
 M. E. " Daniel Spry, G. C. T., Grand Chancellor, "
 R. E. " John R. Battisby, D. D., Grand Chaplain, "
 R. E. " Arthur A. Ardah, Toronto, Grand Constable.
 R. E. " Joseph Dambra, London, Ont., Grand Marshal,
 R. E. " O. S. Hillman, Hamilton, Ont., Grand Treasurer.
 R. E. " Angus McKeown, Victoria, B.C., Grand Registrar.

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

PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT GRAND PRIORS.

- R. E. Sir Kt. David L. Carley, Windsor, Ont., London District.
 R. E. " James G. Liddell, Brantford, Ont., Hamilton District.
 R. E. " Robert C. Smith, Port Hope, Ont., Toronto District
 R. E. " Chas. H. Fitzsimmons, Brockville, Ont., Kingston District.
 R. E. " W. LeMessurier, Montreal, Quebec District.
 R. E. " James H. Pullen, St. John, N.B., New Brunswick District.
 R. E. " James Halliday, Halifax, Nova Scotia District.
 R. E. " Thomas W. Taylor, Winnipeg, Man., Manitoba District
 R. E. " William J. Quinlan, Victoria, B. C., British Columbia District.
 R. E. " Roderick MacNeill, M. D., Stanley Bridge, Prince Edward Island District.

GRAND OFFICERS.

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

- V. E. Sir Kt. John E. Harding, Q. C., Stratford, Ont., Grand Vice-Chancellor.

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- V. E. " Alfred Henry Clark, Windsor, Ont., Grand Sub-Marshal.
 V. E. " Christopher James Hohl, Toronto, Ont., Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 V. E. " Charles Smith, Hamilton, Ont., Grand Almoner.
 V. E. " James Hamilton Ingersoll, St. Catharines, Ont., Grand 1st Standard Bearer.
 V. E. " George McLeod, Truro, N. S., Grand 2nd Standard Bearer.
 V. E. " John Jay Farley, M. D., Belleville, Ont., Grand Master's Banner Bearer.
 V. E. " James Alexander Poulton, Brockville, Ont., Grand Captain of the Guard.
 V. E. " Alexander Allan Henderson, M. D., Ottawa, Ont., Grand Sword Bearer.
 V. E. " Hendry Blair Fleming, Moncton, N. B., Grand Organist.
 V. E. " Thomas George Johnston, M. D., Sarnia, Ont., Grand Pursuivant.
 V. E. " Reginald N. Kirkpatrick, Calgary, Alberta, N. W. T., Grand Guard.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

ELECTED.

- R. E. Sir Kt. William George Bell, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
 R. E. " Luther B. Archibald, Truro, Nova Scotia.
 E. " John B. Tresidder, Montreal, Quebec.
 R. E. " William Gillian Reid, Hamilton, Ont.
 R. E. " George Washington Johnston, Yarmouth, N. S.

APPOINTED BY SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER.

- R. E. Sir Kt. Arthur Carrothers, London, Ont.
 R. E. " Charles F. Mansell, Toronto, Ont.
 R. E. " Harry A. Collins, Toronto, Ont.
 R. E. " Allan McLean, Kingston, Ont.
 R. E. " David Taylor, Ottawa, Ont.

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

And all elected Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Priors.

CALLED OFF.

Great Priory was called off at 1.30 p. m.

RESUMED LABOR.

Great Priory resumed labor at 3.20 P. M. The Grand Master on the Throne; officers and members present.

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INSTALLATION.

M. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Supreme Grand Master, assisted by Past Grand Master Elias Talbot Malone, installed the Provincial Grand Priors and Grand Officers elected and appointed who were present, and the Supreme Grand Master directed those absent to be installed in the Preceptories of which they are members, by their predecessors in office, if possible.

RESOLUTIONS.

Rank of Preceptor conferred on Sir Knight W. E. Vroom.

Moved by M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. George W. Johnston, and

RESOLVED—That in consideration of his labors in the interest of the Order of the Temple in the Province of New Brunswick, the rank of Preceptor is hereby conferred upon Sir Knight William E. Vroom, a member of Union de Molay Preceptory No. 11, St. John, N. B.

Sympathy with the Grand Chaplain.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Allan McLean, and

RESOLVED—That Great Priory having learned of the severe accident which happened a few weeks ago to the Grand Chaplain, R. E. Sir Kt. J. R. Battisby, which has caused his absence from this Annual Assembly, tenders to him its sincere sympathy, and trusts that he may soon recover and be able to perform the many important duties which are required of his profession.

Presentation to Detroit Commandery.

Moved by M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, and

RESOLVED—That Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, London, be authorized to present the Grand Master's jewel, which it has procured for presentation to Detroit Commandery No. 1, Detroit, in the name of the Great Priory of Canada.

Place of Meeting, 1897.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Allan McLean, of Kingstons, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. L. B. Archibald, of Truro, N. S., and

RESOLVED—That the 14th Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory be held in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, at such time as may be chosen by the Supreme Grand Master.

Printing Proceedings.

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

RESOLVED—That the Grand Chancellor be authorized to have 400 copies of the Proceedings of the present Annual Assembly printed and distributed, and that a warrant be drawn in payment of the account for the same.

Thanks to London Templars.

Moved by M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. George W. Johnston, and

RESOLVED—That the thanks of Great Priory be tendered to the Knights Templar of the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 4, London, for the many courtesies extended during the session and the perfect arrangements made for the entertainment of Great Priory and the many Templars who visited London on this occasion.

Past Grand Master's Jewels.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. W. G. Reid, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Allan McLean, and

RESOLVED—That Past Grand Master's Jewels be presented to each of the Past Grand Masters, and that the Grand Chancellor be authorized to procure one jewel each year, commencing with the senior Past Grand Master.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. J. McL. Stevenson, and

RESOLVED—That the thanks of Great Priory be given to His Worship John W. Little, Mayor of London, for his cordial reception of Great Priory, and to the citizens generally for their generous hospitality.

Moved by M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, scnded by M. E. Sir Ht. Daniel Spry, and

RESOLVED—That an address be prepared and presented to Detroit Commandery, expressive of the pleasure afforded Great Priory by the visit of said Commandery to London, and that an expenditure of \$25 be authorized for said address.

VISIT OF DETROIT COMMANDERY NO. 1, DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

A message having been received from Mr. J. B. Morford, General Superintendent of the Michigan Central Railway, announcing that the special train bringing this distinguished Commandery would reach the station about 6 p. m., Great Priory was called off for a short time to enable uniformed Knights to form an escort at and from the station. On the arrival of the visitors at the station they were received by the London Sir Knights, under command of Sir Kt. W. T. Stenberg, and the Windsor Preceptory, under the command of V. E. Sir Knight A. H. Clarke, Presiding Preceptor, and Sarnia

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Preceptory, with V. E. Sir Knight T. G. Johnston, Presiding Preceptor, in command, in true fraternal style. Schremser's Band, of Detroit, accompanied them, and after preliminaries had been arranged, the line of march was taken up, headed by the 22nd Battalion (Oxford) Band, followed by the uniformed Knights of London, Windsor, Stratford and Sarnia Preceptories, the visiting band and the leading Commandery and Drill Corps of the United States. The route was west on Bathurst to Richmond, to York, thence to Wellington, north to Dundas, west to Richmond and down the latter to the main entrance of the Masonic Temple. During the march the Drill Corps of the visitors executed some exceedingly pretty movements, and were given enthusiastic cheers by the crowds who thronged the sidewalks along the route. The majority of the spectators gazed in astonishment at the marvellous steadiness and soldierly bearing of the Knights of the Cross. Arrived at the Temple, the visitors were introduced to Grand Master Whyte and Great Priory by R. E. Sir Knight Arthur Carrothers, chairman of the London committee. The Grand Master gave them a cordial welcome in the broadest sense of the term, and a "cead mille fealthe" to London and the Dominion of Canada. Eminent Commander Lou Burt made a happy response, and the visiting Sir Knights returned to the Tecumseh House for dinner.

CALLED OFF.

Great Priory was called off at 6 p. m.

RESUMED LABOR.

Great Priory resumed labor at 8 p.m. The Supreme Grand Master Will H. Whyte on the throne, Grand officers, representatives and the following visitors, Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery: Lou Burt, Eminent Commander; A. M. Seymour, P. C., acting Generalissimo; James Findlater, P. C., Captain General; Claude H. Chandler, acting Prelate; H. C. Corns, Senior Warden; C. J. George, Junior Warden; Charles A. Warren, Treasurer; F. H. Wakefield, Recorder; Thomas G. Whittaker, Standard Bearer; Fred Wallington, Sword Bearer; H. E. Hatch, Warder; C. A. Palmer, acting Sentinel; Sidney R. Dixon, Adjutant; F. L. Able and

W. H. Kesslen, Platoon Commanders; C. M. Hayes, Organist; Theo. Miller, Bugler; George W. Rider, Peter Sorensen, W. F. Moore, Guards; L. C. Newton, C. S.; Past Commanders Wm. Livingstone, Sidney B. Dixon, W. C. Maybury, A. M. Seymour. As guests of honor were Right Eminent Sir W. E. Jewett, P. G. C., and Seymour Howell, P. C., Adrian Commandery.

The Sir Knights were: Herman Reichert, A. E. Stewart, G. Burlage, Fred Wolff, Elmer H. Stone, Thos. B. McGregor, George Hargraves, Jr., Simon Smith, Thomas Fairbairn, C. B. Calvert, C. H. Rowe, E. I. Stimson, Alex. A. McDiarmid, John C. Goodrich, M. B. Moore, John Smith, Jr., W. E. Barker, W. H. Allison, Joseph Reichrath, C. L. Buchanan, John A. Dick, J. W. Hangsterfer, J. G. English, Ed. Telfer, Geo. F. Trollope, Theo. L. Backus, A. C. Leonard, F. M. Burton, W. B. Knapp, R. W. Smith, F. A. Dunn, O. F. Hunt, J. W. Matthewson, C. B. Cole, W. J. Gardiner, G. S. Attwood, S. S. M. Farquhar, A. Lovett, G. Jay Vinton, Homer McGraw, F. J. McGrant, J. J. Haarer, B. H. Lawson, W. A. Lovejoy, A. Ferguson, Z. G. Garton, C. Puddefoot, R. H. Brown, F. S. Scrimger, C. W. Moore, C. H. Howard, A. N. Tolmie, C. A. Palmer, T. Mettetal, J. Howard Pray, J. Frank Boydell, W. B. Ewing, Geo. W. McCullagh, Frank B. Vaughn, Fred Bamford, J. C. Hutchins, Andrew Anderson, Alfred Green, Thos. McLeod, A. W. Kelley, Geo. H. Larkins, J. D. Anderson, Dan E. Siebert, Joseph Merrell, Henri M. Leonard, H. B. Hudson, J. A. Dresser, A. F. R. Arndt, F. C. Trowbridge, George H. Keating, T. J. Hewson, Thomas McGregor, E. A. Burch, Frank T. Leys, O. R. Baldwin, R. G. Butler, W. A. Grant, E. H. Welton, Geo. W. Sparks, E. Sir Knights Judge Van Zile, W. H. Ellis, Livingstone, and Sir Knight Wagstaff, of Damascus Commandery, Detroit.

EXEMPLIFYING THE AMERICAN TEMPLAR DEGREE.

Shortly after eight o'clock the officers of Detroit Commandery, after minor matters had been disposed of, proceeded to confer the degree of the Order of the Temple, according to the authorized ritual of the Grand Encampment of the United States. The exemplification was a real treat to all who had the good fortune to wit-

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ness it, and there was very great gratification to all the Knights in attendance. The work was systematically and correctly done, and in the most impressive manner. Our members were more than pleased with the exemplification, and expressed the opinion on all hands that Detroit No. 1 excels in the drill tactics, and is perfect in degree work as well, and at the conclusion of the ceremonies it was

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

RESOLVED—That a cordial vote of thanks be given to E. Commander Lou Burt and his efficient staff of officers and Sir Knights, for the exceedingly perfect exemplification of the work with which they have favored Great Priory during the present session,



E. Sir Kt. Burt made a suitable reply, after which the business of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of the Dominion of Canada being concluded, it was closed in Ample Form at 11 o'clock p. m.

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The Banquet.

THE officers and members of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, London, fully appreciating the importance of the holding of the Thirteenth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory in the Forest City, and desiring to give a fitting reception to the Detroit Commandery, which had accepted the invitation of the Supreme Grand Master, M. E. Sir Knight Will H. Whyte, to visit Great Prory and give an exemplification of the work of the Templar Degree and also to favor the citizens of London with an exhibition drill for the information and instruction of the Templars who visited Great Priory, at an early date appointed a committee to make arrangements for the proper reception and entertainment of the guests. Therefore immediately after the closing of Great Priory on the evening of the 16th, the Knights adjourned to the Tecumseh House, where Sir Knight C. W. Davis had prepared a magnificent banquet under the direction of the committee, which was tendered by Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, of London, to the Detroit Commandery, No. 1, and the members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of Canada. Upwards of 300 Knights were seated around the tables, and with few exceptions

they were attired in their uniforms and wore a Maltese cross on their left breasts, with an enamelled cross and crown in the centre pending to a clasp, on which was inscribed the word "Canada." On the cross was inscribed the following words:—"Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory No. 4, Sept. 16 and 17, 1896. Great Priory of Canada, London, Ontario." These were presented to the visitors by the London Knights as a souvenir of their visit. There were over 125 Knights from Detroit and other Commanderies of Michigan, and the balance were from points in Canada, Halifax, Truro and Yarmouth, N. S., Montreal, Hamilton, Toronto, St. Thomas, Stratford, Windsor, and Sarnia, Ont., Winnipeg, Man., and some from Victoria, British Columbia, who had shown their great love for matters pertaining to Templarism by coming over 3,000 miles to attend the Great Priory meeting.

The presiding officer was Right Eminent Sir Knight Arthur Carrothers, of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory. He was supported on either side by the Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory, Will. H. Whyte, of Montreal, and Eminent Sir Knight Lou Burt, Commander of Detroit Commandery. Immediately behind the chairman were a Union Jack and a Star Spangled Banner, while at the south end of the hall was a handsome banner presented to Detroit Commandery just previous to its pilgrimage to Boston last year. The two mantles were almost hidden from view by ferns and other plants and the tables were prettily dotted by palms and other tropical plants.

It was 11:30 o'clock before the company was seated, the Knights having been at the Temple exemplifying degree work.

The menu provided contained everything the most fastidious could long for. The cakes were in the shape of Maltese crosses, and menu cards showed good taste and were in great demand.

The toast list was introduced by Sir Knight Carrothers, who first acknowledged the honor done him in asking him to preside over the banquet. He gave the visitors the assurance that the visit of the Great Priory would stimulate the Templars of London and the west

to greater efforts in the future. He then called upon the company to do honor to the toast of "The Queen and the Craft." The glasses were filled, and every Knight, both American and Canadian, joined in the singing of "God Save the Queen."

"The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States," coupled with the name of R. E. Sir Knight W. E. Jewett, of Adrian, Past Grand Commander of Michigan. Sir Knight Jewett said the enthusiasm with which he had been welcomed gave him the assurance that there were warm hearts over the water. The Grand Encampment of the United States, he said, was the highest branch of the Order in the country, had sessions triennially, and to that august body came the final adjudication of all matters pertaining to ritual and law. Over 1,000 Commanderies held immediate allegiance to the Grand Encampment, and at the present time it had 110,000 Knights Templar. (Applause.) Their members were composed of the wisest and best men in the land—from the chief rulers, justices, judges, governors and men in all ranks in life, to the humble artisan.

"The Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of Canada," associated with the names of Supreme Grand Master, Will. H. Whyte, and Deputy Grand Master, Daniel F. Macwatt. Grand Master Whyte referred to the benefits of the meetings of Great Priory, and the presence of some Knights from points 3,000 miles distance, showing a warm love on their part in the work. The day had been one of work—red letter day in the history of the Great Priory of Canada, as the assembly was the largest and most enthusiastic ever held. And we are not yet done with the Knights of Detroit, as he turned to the Commander of the visitors, Lou Burt, "Who knows but that Canada may yet annex the State of Michigan." Our armies are big, our hearts are big, and we might take you all in, except your silver dollars, and we want a discount on them. Templars were all on the same platform, irrespective of nationality. They only wished and hoped the flags of England and America would always go together for all that was great and good in promoting the welfare of mankind. He then announced that he had to perform the very

pleasant duty of presenting on behalf of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, London, and in the name of the Sovereign Great Priory, to the Eminent Commander of Detroit, No. 1, for his Commandery, the Cross of Salem, the Great Prior's jewel, which he hoped would be a means of recalling many times their pilgrimage to London, Ont., and he pinned the jewel on the coat of Sir Knight Burt.

Sir Knight Burt said he was proud to occupy the position in the ranks of Templarism that he did. He trusted the time was not far distant when Detroit could reciprocate and receive the London Preceptory.

Deputy Grand Master Macwatt replied to the toast very briefly, and expressed satisfaction at seeing the Union Jack and "Old Glory" waving together in the same room, and he trusted the gathering was only the first of a series to be held between the Knights of Canada and the United States.

"The Detroit Commandery," was replied to by Commander Burt, who said there was no moment in a man's life when he was so well satisfied with himself and his surroundings as in the moment when he was ministering to the comfort, well being or enjoyment of others. He had never in his life realized the truth of it more fully than he had to-night. Detroit Commandery had made many famous pilgrimages, but none that would be more fraught with credit to herself than the present one. She had met the vast army of Templar Masons on many a field, measured steel with them, and proudly marched from these victorious trials amidst the well earned plaudits of a nation. The speaker sought pardon for referring to Detroit as the first Commandery to don the Templar uniform, and exemplify the beauties of the discipline and drill. It was, therefore, fitting that she should be the first to work the Order of the Temple before the Canadian Great Priory, and he was sure that their visit was well repaid. They had invaded Canada for the first time, not with the arrows of poison, nor with the spears of malice and bigotry, but merely with the arms of brotherhood.

Damascus Commandery, of Detroit, was not on the toast list, but Chairman Carrothers, called upon one of

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its Past Eminent Commanders—Sir Knight Judge Van Zile to respond for it. Judge Van Zile referred to the gratification felt by the Knights at the way in which the work at the Temple had been done by the Knights of Detroit, No. 1, and then presented Past Grand Master Malone, of Toronto, certificates of honorary membership in Damascus Commandery for himself and Most Eminent Sir Knight E. E. Sheppard, of Toronto.

Past Grand Master Malone gratefully acknowledged the gift.

"Officers and members of Detroit Commandry, No. 1—Its drill and discipline," was honored.

Sir Knight James Findlater, the Captain General, had pleasure in his visit to the Knights of the London Preceptory, and spoke at length of the past work of the Detroit drill corps. He agreed with previous speakers regarding the relations which should exist between the Templars of the continent, and closed with a patriotic sentiment in which all concurred.

The Hon. W. C. Maybury, ex-member of Congress, and Past Eminent Commander, paid a few grateful words of tribute to the Sovereign of the greatest empire in existence. There was a thought, he said, which always led the world in all ages. To-day the thought was Anglo-Saxon, and the best exemplar of that thought was found in Britain's most gracious Queen. The love and affection borne for her was not confined to the hearts of Britons, but wherever there beat a true Anglo-Saxon heart that loved liberty, there was found a true love of Queen Victoria. "May I express this hope," said he, "that she may live many years with strength to rule over a happy, united and prosperous people, and late come the day when her life must be changed for a sad but ever reverent memory."

Past Eminent Commander W. Livingston expressed his gratification at being able to attend the meeting of the Great Priory in this city.

Eminent Commander Burt proposed the toast of "Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, London," and the company did it great honor.

Right Eminent Sir Knight Carrothers thanked the Detroit Knights for their recognition of the London

Preceptory, and called on Eminent Sir Knight George C. Davis, chairman of the committee appointed to take charge of the Detroit ladies.

Sir Knight Davis said he had been chosen to look after the ladies. He could only say that the Detroit ladies were well worthy of the gentlemen whom the London Knights had the pleasure and honor to entertain. They were easy to entertain and easy to please, and accepted everything with such gratitude, as became the ladies from the City of the Straits. On behalf of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory he was glad to welcome the Knights, and to see the kindly feeling that existed between the Canadian and American Templars.

Right Eminent Sir Knight J. S. Dewar also replied to the toast briefly, and expressed the delight it afforded the London Knights to have the Detroit Knights with them, and hoped they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

"Auld Lang Syne," the National Anthem and cheers for Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory brought the banquet to a close shortly before three o'clock a. m.

The Grand Parade.

LONDON, Thursday, Sept. 17th, 1896.

The Detroit Commandery assembled at the Tecumseh House early in the afternoon and marched to the corner of Richmond street and Queen's avenue, where the parade was formed in the following order:

Band of the Seventh Fusiliers, London.

Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, London, Ont.—E. Sir Knight W. J. Carson, P. Preceptor, and 18 Knights under the command of Sir Knight W. T. Stenberg.

Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, No. 3, Hamilton.—V. E. Sir Knight Charles Smith, P. Preceptor; R. E. Sir Knights W. G. Reid, O. S. Hillman, J. H. Mattice, John Tunstead and Sir Knights Thomas James, Thos.

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Windsor Preceptory, No. 26, Windsor, Ont.—V. E. Sir Knights Thomas Robinson, Past E. Preceptor; P. A. Craig, Past E. Preceptor; D. L. Carley, Past E. Preceptor; A. W. Clarke, Presiding Preceptor; Sir Knights J. S. Edgar, Constable; R. S. Macdonald, Marshal; Thos. Habley, M. D., Sub-Marshal; A. M. Stewart, Chaplain; Reuben Purser, Treasurer; John Sale, Recorder; Thos. Peters, Almoner; A. Appleton, Standard Bearer; Walter Holdstock, Assistant Standard Bearer; Alfred Smith, Sword Bearer; Irving H. Taylor, Capt. of Guard; Donald Grieves, Guard; G. W. Mason, Geo. C. Foster, George Gott, A. Edgeworth, Geo. Irwin, George Lindsay, J. E. D. Avignon, John Batt, E. Brener, Robert Weir, E. Hackett, D. H. Bedford.

St. Elmo Preceptory, No. 22, Stratford.—V. E. Sir Knight John E. Harding, P. Preceptor, and officers.

St. Simon of Cyrene, No. 37, Sarnia.—V. E. Sir Knight J. G. Johnston, P. Preceptor, and members marched with Windsor Preceptory.

Supreme Grand Master Whyte, of Montreal; Wm. E. Jewett, P. G. C.; Adrian; E. Sir Knight Ellis, Montreal, and M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, London, in carriages.

Schremser's Band, Detroit.

Detroit Commandery.

There were about 250 Knights in line, including the bands. The Detroit Band was 25 strong, and the Seventh Band about 40.

Hamilton Preceptory was commanded by E. Sir Knight Charles Smith and R. E. Sir Knight Hillman. They carried a magnificent banner.

The 15 Sarnia Knights marched with the Windsor Commandery. E. Sir Knight A. H. Clark, of Windsor, and V. E. Sir Knight T. G. Johnston, of Sarnia, were jointly in command. Sir Knight J. S. Edgar commanded the first platoon; Sir Knight Thos. Robinson the second platoon, and R. S. Macdonald the third platoon of the Windsor Knights.

Past Commander A. M. Seymour was in command of the officers and color guard of the Detroit Commandery. The other officers were Eminent Commander, Lou Burt; Captain-General, James Findlater, P. C.; Adjutant, Sidney R. Dixon; Commander first platoon, H. C. Cornes, S. W.; second platoon, F. L. Able; third platoon, W. H. Kessler; fourth platoon, C. J. George, J. W.; Color Bearer, Thos. G. Whittaker; Sword Bearer, F. Wallington; Warder, H. E. Hatch.

The beautiful beauscant was carried by Sir Knights L. G. Gordon, A. M. Tolmie and C. W. Moore.

The Union Jack was carried on the right of the Commandery colors, black and white, and the Stars and Stripes on the left.

The Knights arrived at the fair grounds shortly before 2 o'clock. The walk was a distance of about two miles, and had required nearly forty minutes to make, including a brief halt, while the smaller Commanderies marched past and took the lead on Queen's avenue.

An immense throng of people were gathered to welcome the gallant visitors. The great grand stands were packed and many people stood up to the ring fences. The ladies who accompanied the Knights to this city were seated together in the grand stand, and when the Detroit Commandery hove in sight they trilled and clapped their hands, while the audience gave repeated rounds of applause.

Four platoons, of twelve men each, engaged in the fancy drill. Besides there were the color bearers and officers, making about sixty in all.

Schremser's Band discoursed delightful marches while the drill proceeded. A favorite was an alternating of "Onward Christian Soldier," and "Beulah Land."

As the famous Commandery returned to the track to begin the drill they were heartily applauded; and the Knights responded with a spirited exhibition, lasting nearly three-quarters of an hour. Their strong movement, and the one which gained for them the great honor won in Boston, is the "commandery front," but the track was not wide enough to permit of its being presented in the most striking way, and it was given in

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the facing position. But all of the movements were enjoyed. The precision of each allowed of nothing else. The marching in threes, platoons, division and Commandery front was magnificent. The hollow square, with the colors in the centre, the solid square, the wheel, the "Passion Cross" and "Patriarchal Cross" were deservedly received with a storm of applause. After a sword drill, the Governor-General, accompanied by his staff, participated in the dress parade and inspection. The band played "God Save the Queen," the colors were presented, and the Knights stood with uncovered heads, while their Excellencies bowed their acknowledgments.

The Governor-General addressed a few words to the gallant Knights before they were dismissed. He desired to thank them for the highly enjoyable sight which they had afforded and he felt that he was also expressing the feelings of the large gathering assembled. He thought the Knights must have observed that the company of people who had watched their movements were not only an appreciative, but a discriminating body of observers, for while all the movements were watched with admiration and attention, the most attractive of these movements received the heartiest applause. He desired to congratulate the Commandery upon the position they occupied, not only as pioneers of this particular body, this form of institution in America, but also upon being the champions in the matter of proficiency in these exercises, and he hoped that they would long enjoy that position. This invasion of Canada on their part was highly welcome. He had had great pleasure in signing the order ratifying the invitation, and trusted it would not be their last visit. His Excellency was surprised and pleased to find their Captain-General was an Aberdonian. In all parts of the world Aberdonians were to be found doing their duty, and the Captain-General was certainly doing his duty. After referring to the healthful advantages of membership with such a body, His Excellency briefly repeated his thanks.

Eminent Commander Lou Burt responded on behalf of the Commandery, assuring their Excellencies and the people of London, of the pleasure which the Knights

Templar took in their visit and the splendid reception accorded them.

The Detroit ladies of the party were presented to Her Excellency Lady Aberdeen during the afternoon, and were entertained to a trolley ride by the Ladies' Reception Committee in the morning. In the afternoon they were the guests of Mayor Little at the fair grounds, and managed to see a great deal which was exceedingly pleasing to them. His Worship Mayor Little aided the London Templars in every possible way in making the reception and meeting most successful.

The Commandery was dismissed, and the Knights and their ladies subsequently visited various parts of the grounds and buildings. They finally re-formed, and headed by the band, visited the residence of Eminent Preceptor Carson. They subsequently re-formed and returned to the Tecumseh House for dinner.

About 8.30 o'clock a large number of citizens, including the ladies, and Detroit, Hamilton and London Sir Knights, gathered in front of the Tecumseh House. Sir Knight George C. Davis was called upon by the crowd and made a brief but telling speech, and was replied to by Eminent Commander Lou Burt, who returned the heartiest thanks of the Detroiters, for the reception accorded them, and hoped for an opportunity to reciprocate at no distant date. Sir Knight O. B. Hunt, of Detroit, made a neat speech, and the visitors then marched up Richmond street to Dundas street, thence to Clarence street, where they went direct to the Michigan Central Railway depot. A great crowd of people witnessed the parade. The visitors were accompanied by the London Knights. At the station the Detroit band played "God Save the Queen," and "The Star Spangled Banner," and with three cheers and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," the train pulled out from the depot, en route for Detroit.

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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 the United Order of the Temple and Malta; Honorary Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
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- R. E. Sir Knight William James Hughan, of Torquay, England, Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and Past Grand Constable of the Sovereign Great Priory of England.

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

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- R. E. Sir Knight R. Loveland-Loveland, London, at the Great Priory of England and Wales.
- R. E. Sir Knight (vacant) at the Great Priory of Ireland.
- M. E. Sir Knight Theodore S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at the Grand Encampment of the United States.
- R. E. Sir Knight Edward H. Williams, M. D., Melbourne, at the Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria, Australia.

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

KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

- R. E. Sir Knight James Kirkpatrick Kerr, Q. C., Toronto, Ont. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge; Past Grand H., Grand Chapter of Canada, and Past Provincial Grand Prior, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge; Past Grand Z., Grand Chapter; President of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood; Past Grand Master Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Canada; P. G. M. Grand Lodge Royal Ark Mariners; Honorary Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory Knights Templar of Canada, and Great Priory of Victoria, Australia; Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada; and Grand Chancellor Supreme Council 88° A. & A. S. R. of Canada; Past Grand Sov. Grand Council Rome and Constantine.

KNIGHTS COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE OF CANADA

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

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PRECEPTORIES ON THE ROLL
OF THE
SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

1.—HUGH DE PAYENS, PREMIER, Kingston, Ont. Warrant dated 12th February, 1824. Meets the second Monday in January, April, July, October, December, eighteenth day of March.

- V. E. Sir Kt. John Hewson, 181 King Street West, Presiding Preceptor.
 " Forshaw Day, Constable.
 " W. H. Macnee, Marshal.
 R. E. " Fleming Rowland, 160 Earl Street, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	John Kerr, Kingston	1859
R. E. "	Donald Ross, Picton	1877
R. E. "	W. D. Gordon, Fredericton, N. B.	1879
R. E. "	Fleming Rowland, Kingston	1888
R. E. "	Robt. V. Matthews, "	1884
V. E. "	S. W. Scobel, "	1885
V. E. "	Wm. Waddington, jr. "	1886-94
R. E. "	Allan McLean, "	1889-90
E. "	Wm. M. Drennan, "	1891
E. "	George Sommerville, "	1892
R. E. "	Wm. L. Hamilton, Belleville	1893
V. E. "	Henry I. Wilkinson, Kingston	1894-5

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

- V. E. Sir Kt. Chris. J. Hohl, 61 Victoria Street, Presiding Preceptor.
 " Joseph Tomlinson, Constable.
 " L. B. Montgomery, Marshal.
 " W. P. Ryrie, 54 Bay Street, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	James K. Kerr, G. C. T., Toronto	1869
M. E. "	Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London	1875
V. E. "	Thomas Sargant, Toronto	1876
R. E. "	James Bower Nixon, "	1877
R. E. "	Rich'd J. Hovenden, "	1877
V. E. "	Wm. Hamilton, jr., "	1882
R. E. "	Napoleon T. Lyon, "	1883
M. E. "	E. T. Malane, "	1885
R. E. "	Geo. S. McConkey, "	1886

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R. E.	Sir Kt.	O. S. Hillman, Hamilton	Affiliated
R. E.	"	William R. Howse, Whitby	Affiliated
V. E.	"	John Hetherington, Toronto	.....	1887
R. E.	"	James Glanville,	"	1889
R. E.	"	H. A. Collins,	"	1891
R. E.	"	Benjamin Allan	"	1892
R. E.	"	W. C. Morrison,	"	Affiliated 1876
R. E.	"	J. Ross Robertson	"	1881
R. E.	"	James Douglas	"	1884
V. E.	"	John Simpson,	"	1886
M. E.	"	Edmund E. Sheppard,	"	1887
R. E.	"	Robert L. Patterson,	"	1888
R. E.	"	Arthur A. S. Ardagh,	"	1898
R. E.	"	William Roaf,	"	1894
E.	"	Joseph King,	"	Honorary

3.—GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont. Warrant dated 8th June, 1855. Meets First Friday in every month, except July and August.

V. E. Sir Kt. Charles Smith, 15 Barton St. East, Presiding
 Preceptor.
 " Robert Irwin, Constable.
 " John McLeod, Marshal.
 " Thomas McCallum, 197 George Street, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	John W. Murton, Hamilton	.....	1867
R. E.	"	John J. Mason,	"	1877
R. E.	"	William Gibson, M. P., Beamsville	.....	1878
R. E.	"	Charles Magill, Hamilton	.....	1879
R. E.	"	John H. Stone, Toronto	.....	1882
R. E.	"	Edwin A. Dalley, Hamilton	.....	1883
V. E.	"	W. J. Field, Binghampton, N. Y.	.....	1884
R. E.	"	Thomas Hood, Hamilton	.....	1885
R. E.	"	William G. Reid,	"	1886
R. E.	"	John Malloy,	"	1887
R. E.	"	John Tunstead	"	1888
R. E.	"	O. S. Hillman, Hamilton	.....	1890
R. E.	"	Gavin Stewart, Woodstock	.....	1892
R. E.	"	Daniel J. Peace, Hamilton	.....	1898
R. E.	"	James H. Mattice,	"	1894
V. E.	"	Charles Smith,	"	1896

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

E. Sir Kt. William John Carson, P. S. Inspector, Presiding
 Preceptor.
 " A. A. Campbell, Constable.
 " Fred. E. Davis, Marshal.
 " John S. Dewar, 97 Warncliffe Road, Registrar.

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Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Alfred G. Smyth.....	1874
R. E.	" D. Burleigh Burch, Lambeth.....	1877
V. E.	" William Hawthorne, Detroit, Mich.....	1884
R. E.	" James Sutton, M. D. Clandeboye.....	1882
V. E.	" John Ferguson, London.....	1884
R. E.	" John S. Dewar, ".....	1885
R. E.	" H. C. Simpson, ".....	1885
R. E.	" Albert E. Cooper, ".....	1891
R. E.	" Arthur Carothers, ".....	1892
V. E.	" Henry Stratfold, ".....	1893
V. E.	" James B. Bishop, Hamilton.....	Affiliated
E.	" William Walls Gray, London.....	Honorary
M. E.	" Daniel Spry, ".....	Affiliated 1894
R. E.	" Joseph Dambra, ".....	1835

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

E. Sir Kt. John J. McKeil, Masonic Hall, Presiding Preceptor.

" William H. Soper, Constable.

" John L. Macdonald, Marshal.

R. E. " Alex. Ross, Oakland, N. W. A., P. O. Box 410, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	James Dempster, Halifax.....	1880
R. E.	" John W. Ruhland ".....	1886
R. E.	" Clarence J. Spike, ".....	1887-8
R. E.	" Alexander Ross, ".....	1891
E.	" Daniel H. Campbell, ".....	1892-3
R. E.	" James Halliday, ".....	1894-5

6.—KING BALDWIN, Belleville, Ont. Warrant Dated 7th June, 1861 Meets third Tuesday in each month.

R. E. Sir Kt. Samuel S. Lazier, Hotel St., Presiding Preceptor.

" Charles Parsons Hunter, Constable.

" William Webster, Marshal.

" A. McGinnis, 358 George St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Kt.	William Doctor, Belleville.....	1876
R. E.	" Samuel S. Lazier, ".....	1881
R. E.	" J. Parker Thomas, ".....	1886
V. E.	" J. P. Thompson, ".....	1889
V. E.	" J. J. Farley, M. D. ".....	1890
R. E.	" Samuel S. Lazier, ".....	1895

7.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, Montreal, Que. Warrant dated 5th December, 1863 Meets 4th Thursday in every month.

- E. Sir Kt. John B. Tresidder, Star Office, Presiding Preceptor.
 Chas. S. Ellis, Constable.
 " Joseph I. Phillips, Marshal.
 " C. A. Humphrey, 225 Laval Avenue, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt. Alexander A. Stevenson, K.C.T. Montreal..	1868-70
R. E.	" E. M. Copeland, Berthierville.....	1871
R. E.	" Isaac H. Stearns, K. C. T., Montréal.....	1873
R. E.	" G. W. Lovejoy, M. D., ".....	1876
R. E.	" John McLean, ".....	1878
R. E.	" Alexander G. Adams, K.C.T., ".....	1881
V. E.	" William S. Evans, ".....	1884
M. E.	" William H. Whyte, ".....	1890
E.	" William Hill, Winnipeg, Man.....	1891
R. E.	" Joseph Mitchell, Montreal.....	1892
R. E.	" William LeMessurier.....	1885, 1893-4-5

8.—PLANTAGENET, St. Catharines, Ont. Warrant dated 14th November, 1866. Meets second Monday January, April, July, October and December.

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

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt. Edwin Goodman, M. D., St. Catharines....	1869-84
V. E.	" Isaac P. Willson, Welland.....	1872
V. E.	" Levi Yale, St. Catharines.....	1885
V. E.	" George Burch, ".....	1891
V. E.	" J. H. Ingersoll, ".....	1892
R. E.	" Charles H. Connor, ".....	1893-4
	" Charles Burch, ".....	1895

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

- E. Sir Kt. Charles M. Thomas, Stanstead, Quebec, Presiding Preceptor.
 E. " Rev. W. F. Forsyth, Constable.
 E. " W. M. Pike, Marshal.
 R. E. " H. E. Channell, Stanstead, Quebec, Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt. Edson Kemp.....	1873
V. E.	" Charles S. Kathan, Stanstead.....	1892
R. E.	" Sylvester Lebourveau, Sherbrooke.....	1884
R. E.	" H. E. Channell, Stanstead.....	1885

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	E. Sir Kt.	W. B. Schofield, Sherbrooke.....	1887
R. E.	"	Fred D. Butterfield, Stanstead.....	1888
V. E.	"	George D. Wyman, Apple Gate, Cal.....	1886
V. E.	"	A. N. Thompson, Stanstead.....	1890
E.	"	R. C. Parsons, ".....	1891
R. E.	"	J. H. Graham (affiliated), Richmond.....	—
R. E.	"	I. H. Stearns, Montreal.....	—
V. E.	"	Wm. M. Pike, Stanstead.....	1892
V. E.	"	Alexander Ames, Sherbrooke.....	1893
V. E.	"	George L. Pinkham, Coaticooke.....	1894

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

V. E.	Sir Kt.	Hugh Macdonald, Charles St., Presiding Preceptor.
"	"	W. Marcroft, Constable.
"	"	A. B. Tom, Marshal.
E.	"	H. N. Barry, Registrar.

Preceptors.

M. E.	Sir Kt.	Henry Robertson (Honorary) Collingwood... 1869
M. E.	"	Daniel Spry (Honorary), London..... 1880
V. E.	"	Henry Lockwood, Goderich..... 1884
R. E.	"	Hugh Walker, Guelph..... 1886
V. E.	"	John A. Nelles, "..... 1888
V. E.	"	Wm. Watson, "..... 1889
R. E.	"	F. W. Randall, "..... 1891
E.	"	Robt. Gemmel, "..... 1892
E.	"	H. N. Barry, "..... 1893
V. E.	"	W. D. Tawse, "..... 1894-5

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

E.	Sir Kt.	Howard D. McLeod, 190 King St., Presiding Preceptor.
"	"	Hedley V. Cooper, Constable.
"	"	Oliver C. Draper, Marshal.
"	"	William Ezra Vroome, 160 Prince William Street, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Hon. Robt. Marshall, K.C.T., St. John, N.B. 1868
V. E.	"	James Domville, St. John, N. B. 1871
R. E.	"	Samuel F. Matthews, "..... 1875
R. E.	"	Jas. C. Hathaway, M.D. "..... 1878
E.	"	James H. Pullen, "..... 1887
R. E.	"	William Crockshank, "..... 1888
E.	"	William H. Thorne, "..... 1895

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

V. E. Sir Kt. Wm. J. Hallett, 68 Bayfield St., Presiding Preceptor.
 " John B. McPhee, Constable.
 " Warren Johnson, Marshal.
 " John M. Bothwell, 82 Owen St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

M. E.	Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London.....	1880
R. E.	" J. McLean Stevenson, Barrie.....	1882
V. E.	" Fred Wilmot, Brighton, N. Y.....	1883
M. E.	" H. Robertson, (Hon'y), Collingwood, elected.....	1884
V. E.	" John Nettleton, " " ".....	1885
V. E.	" Chas. Cameron, " " ".....	1888
V. E.	" E. R. Carpenter, " " ".....	1888
V. E.	" Wm. Downie, Vancouver, B. C.....	1888
V. E.	" Robert A. Douglas, Barrie.....	1888
R. E.	" Samuel Wesley, " " ".....	1885
R. E.	" Daniel Fraser Macwatt, Barrie.....	1885
V. E.	" Sidney J. Sanford, " " ".....	1897
V. E.	" James H. McKeggie, " " ".....	1899
R. E.	" John V. Ellis, (Honorary), St. John. N.B.....	1890
R. E.	" Hugh A. McKay, Berlin, Ont.....	1891
V. E.	" Robert Esten Fletcher, Barrie.....	1892
V. E.	" George Monkman, " " ".....	1892
V. E.	" James Choppen Morgan, M. A., Barrie.....	1892
V. E.	" Daniel W. B. Spry, St. Thomas.....	1893

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

E. Sir Kt. Algernon St. A. Smith, 38 London St., Presiding Preceptor.
 " Daniel Belleghe, Constable.
 " John Bell, Marshal.
 E. " Chas. Cameron, 502 George St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt. Rev. V. Clementi, B.A., Peterborough.....	1871
R. E.	" E. H. D. Hall, " " ".....	1879-81
E.	" Duncan Cameron, " " ".....	1888
R. E.	" Benjamin Shortly, " " ".....	1891
E.	" Charles Cameron, " " ".....	1892
V. E.	" David Spence, " " ".....	1893-4
E.	" Thomas H. Horner, " " ".....	1895

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

E. Sir Kt. Robert A. Klock, Klock's Mills, Presiding Preceptor.

“ William Henry Thomas, Constable.
 “ William Boucher, Marshal.
 “ Frank B. Chappin, 248 North Lisgar St., Sudbury, Ont., Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	John Elliott, Almonte	1885
E.	“	David Sheppard	1887
E.	“	Robert Pollock	1888
V. E.	“	John M. Munro	1889
E.	“	William Smith	1890
E.	“	Ralph Hill	1891
E.	“	John Ballantyne, Lisbon Falls, Maine, U.S.A.	1892
E.	“	John R. Barrie, Almonte	1893
V. E.	“	Wm. H. Burgess	1894
E.	“	Robert A. Klock	1895

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

V. E. Sir Kt. A. G. Henderson, Presiding Preceptor.

“ Charles King, Constable
 “ John H. Willis, Marshal.
 “ Joseph White, P. O. Box 52, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	George H. F. Dartnell, Whitby	1872
V. E.	“	C. A. Jones	1877
E.	“	John Stanton	1885
R. E.	“	W. R. Howse	1878
E.	“	Philip Taylor	1888
V. E.	“	John H. Gale	1890-91
V. E.	“	Alexander M. Ross	1892-3-4-5

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

V. E. Sir Kt. James Alex. Poulton, P. O. Box 469, Presiding Preceptor.

“ G. H. S. Kennedy, Constable.
 “ Neville B. Colcock, Marshal.
 “ John Easton, M.D., Court House Square, Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	John Dumbrille	1873-74
V. E.	“	John Easton, M.D.	1875
R. E.	“	David Taylor, Ottawa	1884
E.	“	George Gale	1885
E.	“	Thomas Kearns	1889
R. E.	“	C. H. Fitzsimmons	1890
V. E.	“	Jas. A. Poulton	1895

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

- E. Sir Kt. William F. Patterson, P.O. Drawer 76, Presiding Preceptor.
 " Wm. H. Inglis, Constable.
 " F. G. Scace, Marshal.
 " Joe. J. Inglis, 66 Clarence St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. Rev. A. W. Richardson, Brantford..... 1891-92-93
 R. E. " James G. Liddell, " 1894-95
 R. E. " F. W. Randall, Guelph, (Honorary)..... 1895

18.—PALESTINE, Port Hope, Ont. Warrant dated 31st May, 1872. Meets fourth Thursday in every month.

- E. Sir Kt. J. R. Fitzgerald, Church St., Presiding Preceptor.
 E. " L. E. Horning, Constable.
 E. " J. A. Woodhouse, Marshal.
 E. " R. C. Smith, Augusta St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

- E. Sir Kt. James Moore Irwin, Port Hope..... 1872
 V. E. " Robert Nicholls..... 1882-8-4
 E. " P. J. Lightburne, Cobourg..... 1888
 R. E. " Robert John Craig, " 1889
 E. " William Rankin, " 1890
 R. E. " W. J. Robertson, Port Hope..... 1891
 E. " J. Walker Quinlan, " 1892
 E. " Robert Deyell, " 1898
 R. E. " A. R. Hargraft, Cobourg..... 1894
 R. E. " R. C. Smith, Port Hope..... 1895

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

- E. Sir Kt. J. B. Sheehan, Presiding Preceptor.
 " F. J. Ramsey, Constable.
 " John C. Eccles, Marshal.
 " J. Edgar Croly, Broad Street, Registrar.

Preceptors.

- V. E. Sir Kt. William F. Braund, Dunnville..... 1874
 R. E. " John Parry, " 1875
 V. E. " M. C. Upper, Cayuga..... 1877
 V. E. " John Taylor, Dunnville..... 1878
 V. E. " Archibald Couper, Dunnville..... 1882
 V. E. " Samuel Cornick, " 1883
 V. E. " Thomas J. Galbraith, " 1885
 V. E. " Samuel Amsden " 1886
 V. E. " Robt. Hall, Ridgetown " 1888
 V. E. " T. L. M. Tipton, " 1893
 E. " R. F. Lattimore, " 1894
 E. " W. D. Swazie, " 1895

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

- E. Sir Kt. George W. Sulman, Garner House Block, King St., Presiding Preceptor.
 " Frederick F. Quinn, Constable.
 " Frederick Bates, Marshal.
 R. E. " Thomas C. MacNabb, 150 King St. W., Registrar.

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. Thomas C. MacNabb, Chatham.....1877-88
 R. E. " Frederick Bates, "1883-86
 V. E. " William Ball, "1887-88
 R. E. " Rev. John R. Battisby, D.D., Chatham.....1894
 " Jno. E. Johnston, "1895

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

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

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. Robert A. McKay, St. Thomas.....1880
 E. " William H. King, "1881-83
 R. E. " E. H. Raymour, Omaha, Nebraska.....1882-83
 R. E. " A. N. Pettit, Windsor, Ont.....1884-85
 R. E. " Samuel Dubber, St. Thomas.....1886-87
 E. " W. E. Idsardi, "1889
 V. E. " Luke Slater, "1890-92
 E. " N. W. Ford, "1894
 V. E. " J. G. Graham, "1895

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

- V. E. Sir Kt. John E. Harding, Q. C., Stratford, Presiding Preceptor.
 " H. Fred. Sharpe, Constable.
 " Charles Packert, Marshal.
 R. E. " J. Russell Stuart, Mornington Street, Registrar.

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. Richard Radcliffe, Goderich.....1883
 R. E. " Joseph Beck, Salford.....1884-1885
 R. E. " Charles A. Humber, Goderich.....1888-1891
 V. E. " M. Nicholson "1892
 E. " J. A. Morton, Wingham.....1894

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

- V. E. Sir Kt. R. E. Mitchell, Port Arthur, Presiding Preceptor.
- “ “ William Henry Demuth, Constable.
- “ “ James A Fraser, Marshal.
- V. E. “ William J. Clarke, Cumberland St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

- M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., London.....(Charter) 1880
- V. E. “ Thomas Sargant, Toronto..... “ 1880
- R. E. “ John Ross Robertson, “ “ 1880
- R. E. “ James Bower Nixon, “ “ 1880
- V. E. “ James Wilson, C. P. R. Toronto.. “ 1880
- V. E. “ S. Wellington Ray, Port Arthur.....1880
- V. E. “ William J. Clark, “1888
- V. E. “ Robert E. Mitchell, “-1887-1892
- V. E. “ John James Jackson “1894-5

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

- E. Sir Kt. Thomas Clouston, P. O. Box 658, Presiding Preceptor.
- “ C. H. Enderton, Constable.
- “ A. W. Chapman, Marshal.
- “ S. G. G. Thompson, P. O. Box 879, Registrar.

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. E. G. Conklin, Winnipeg1880
- R. E. “ J. Headly Bell, “1881
- R. E. “ Charles F. Forest, Morden1882-8-4
- R. E. “ James O'Connor, Winnipeg.....1885-86
- R. E. “ William G. Bell, “1887-88
- R. E. “ Thomas W. Taylor, “1889
- R. E. “ A. H. Van Etten, “1890
- R. E. “ H. S. Westbrooke, “1891
- R. E. “ James Haddock, “1892
- R. E. “ William Hall, “1893
- V. E. “ Thos. H. Billman. “1894
- E. “ M. W. Rublee, “1895

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

- E. Sir Kt. C. L. A. Kuhring, Garneau St., Presiding Preceptor.
- R. E. “ Charles Knowles, Constable.
- E. “ David S. Rickaby, Marshal.
- R. E. “ Henry Griffith, 6 Stanislaus St., Registrar.

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Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec	1882
R. E.	Henry Griffith,	"	1884
R. E.	Charles Knowles,	"	1885
E.	David S. Rickaby,	"	1886
V. E.	S. Wilson Drum,	"	1887
V. E.	Carl L. H. Kuhring,	"	1888
V. E.	Henry Walters,	"	1889-95

26.—WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont. Warrant dated 9th September, 1892. Meets first Tuesday of every month.

V. E. Sir Kt.	A. H. Clarke, 49 Victoria Ave., Presiding Preceptor.
"	Joseph S. Edgar, Constable.
"	R. McDonald, Marshal.
"	Jno. Sale, 119 Bruce Ave., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Joseph Park, Windsor	.....	1882-83
R. E.	Joseph W. Barringer, Windsor	.....	1884-91
R. E.	George Duane Adams, Detroit, Mich.	.....	1885
R. E.	Robert McGuire, Windsor	.....	1887
V. E.	Thomas Robinson,	"	1888-95
V. E.	Peter A. Craig,	"	1889
R. E.	David L. Carley,	"	1890-94

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

E. Sir Kt.	A. H. Learmont, Presiding Preceptor.
E.	D. C. Fraser, Constable.
E.	J. W. Miller, Marshal.
E.	Geo. W. Henderson, 20 King St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	L. B. Archibald, Truro, N. S.	.....	1885-6
R. E.	T. V. Cooke, Moncton, N. B.	.....	1887
R. E.	S. J. Waddell, Truro, N. S.	.....	1888
R. E.	W. E. Logan,	"	1889
R. E.	W. B. Alley,	"	1890
V. E.	John Hay,	"	1891
V. E.	H. W. Yuill,	"	1892
E.	C. F. W. Bell,	"	1893
E.	A. H. Holland,	"	1894
V. E.	George McLeod, Bible Hill, Truro.	.....	1895

28.—METROPOLITAN, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Warrant dated 1st May, 1886.

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

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

- E. Sir Kt H. B. Howson, 110 Wellington Place, Presiding
Preceptor.
" F. F. Manley, Constable.
" J. J. Cassidy, Marshal.
" Arthur Allan, 20 Sullivan St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	John Ross Robertson.	Toronto (Charter)	.....	1887
R. E.	"	George J. Bennett,	"	.....	1887
R. E.	"	George G. Rowe, M.D.	"	.....	1887-88
R. E.	"	Charles F. Mansell,	"	.....	1889
V. E.	"	C. W. Postlewaithe,	"	.....	1890
R. E.	"	F. F. Manley,	"	.....	1891
V. E.	"	Fred M. Morson,	"	.....	1892
E.	"	George S. Ryerson, M.D.	"	.....	1893
V. E.	"	John Hetherington,	"	.....	Affiliated
R. E.	"	R. J. Hovenden,	"	.....	Affiliated
R. E.	"	James Glanville,	"	.....	Affiliated
E.	"	John A. Cowan,	"	.....	1894
V. E.	"	William Walker,	"	.....	1895

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

- E. Sir Kt. C. E. Renouf, 304 Dallas Road, P.O. Box 86, Pre-
siding Preceptor.
" G. L. Milne, Constable.
" R. E. Brett, Marshal.
V. E. " W. A. Richardson, M. D., P. O. Box 49, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Alex. Roland Milne,	C. M. G. Victoria, B. C.	.....	1891
R. E.	"	Angus McKeown,	"	.....	1892-93
R. E.	"	William J. Quinlan,	"	.....	1894
V. E.	"	W. A. Richardson, M. D.,	"	.....	1895

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

- E. Sir Kt. N. J. B. Looker, P. O. Box 434, Presiding Pre-
ceptor.
" A. M. Perrin, M. D., Constable.
" H. A. Hood, Marshal.
R. E. " Geo. W. Johnson, P. O. Box 246, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Edward F. Clements,	Yarmouth	1892
R. E.	"	George W. Johnson,	"	1894
E.	"	T. V. B. Bingay,	"	1895

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32.—OTTAWA, Ottawa, Ont. Dispensation dated 24th February, 1893. Warrant dated 18th July, 1893. Meets third Wednesday of each month.

V. E. Sir Kt. A. A. Henderson, 414 Albert Street, Presiding Preceptor.
 " William Bowden, Constable.
 " W. H. G. Garrioch, Marshal.
 " T. E. Burnside, Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Kt. E. B. Butterworth, Ottawa (Charter).....1898
 R. E. " David Taylor, " "1893
 V. E. " A. A. Henderson, "1894-5

33.—CYPRUS, Calgary, Alberta, N. W. T. Dispensation dated 2nd July, 1891. Warrant dated 23rd August, 1895. Meets second Friday of each month.

E. Sir Kt. Neville James Lindsay, M. D., Stephen Ave. East, Presiding Preceptor.
 " James Walker, Constable.
 " J. R. Rankin, Marshal.
 " George Macdonald, Angus Ave. East, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. W. G. Bell, Winnipeg.....Affiliated 1894
 V. E. " R. N. Kirkpatrick.....1895

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

E. Sir Kt. Thomas E. Atkins, Thurlow and Seaton Sts., Presiding Preceptor.
 " S. J. Tunstall, Constable.
 " H. H. Watson, Marshal.
 " T. H. Sisson, 1102 Seaton St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

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

35.—PRINCE EDWARD, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Dispensation dated 12th November, 1895. Warrant dated 16th September, 1896. Meets third Wednesday of each month.

R. E. Sir Kt. R. MacNeill, M. D., Stanley Bridge, P. E. I., Presiding Preceptor.
 " Donald Darrach, Constable.
 " Thos. A. McLean, Marshal.
 " Duncan McLean, Charlottetown, Registrar.

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36.—IVANHOE, Moncton, N. B. Dispensation dated 16th November, 1895. Warrant dated 16th September, 1896. Meets first Monday of each month.

- V. E. Sir Kt. H. B. Fleming, 24 Alma St., Box 106 Moncton, Presiding Preceptor.
- “ Geo. Ackman, Constable.
- “ G. M. Jarvis, Marshal.
- “ L. B. Archibald, 71 Queen Street, Truro, N. S., Registrar.

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. L. B. Archibald, Truro.....Affiliated
- “ T. V. Cooke, Moncton.....Affiliated

37.—ST. SIMON OF CYRENE, Sarnia, Ont. Dispensation dated 9th April, 1896. Warrant dated 16th September, 1896. Meets fourth Thursday of each month.

- V. E. Sir Kt. T. G. Johnston, Christina St., Presiding Preceptor.
- “ Wm. Hall, Constable.
- “ Robt. Kerr, Marshal.
- “ F. J. Winlow, London Road, Sarnia, Registrar.

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LIST OF PRECEPTORIES BY DISTRICTS.

LONDON DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. David Leonard Carley, Windsor.

No. 4, Richard Cœur de Lion, London	County Middlesex
" 20, Kent, Chatham	" Kent
" 21, Burleigh, St. Thomas	" Elgin
" 22, St. Elmo, Stratford	" Huron
" 26, Windsor, Windsor	" Essex
" 37, St. Simon of Cyrene, Sarnia	" Lambton

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. James G. Liddell, Brantford.

No. 3, Godfrey de Bouillon, Hamilton	County Wentworth
" 8, Plantagenet, St. Catharines	" Lincoln
" 10, Victoria, Guelph	" Wellington
" 17, Odo de St. Amand, Brantford	" Brant
" 19, St. Bernard de Clairveaux, Dunnville	" Monck

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Robt. C. Smith, Port Hope, Ont.

No. 2, Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto	County York
" 12, Mount Calvary, Barrie	" Simcoe
" 14, Harington, North Bay	" Nipissing
" 15, St. John the Almoner, Whitby	" Ontario
" 18, Palestine, Port Hope	" Durham
" 23, Rhodes, Port Arthur	" Algoma
" 29, Cyrene, Toronto	" York

KINGSTON-OTTAWA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Charles Harding Fitzsimmons, Brockville, Ont.

No. 1, Hugh de Payens, Premier, Kingston	County Frontenac
" 6, King Baldwin, Belleville	" Hastings
" 12, Moore, Peterborough	" Peterborough
" 16, Gondemar, Brockville	" Grenville
" 32, Ottawa, Ottawa	" Carleton

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. William LeMessurier, 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 Kt. James H. Pullen, St. John, N.B.

No. 11, Union de Molay, St. John, N. B.	County St. John
" 36, Ivanhoe, Moncton, N. B.	" Westmorland

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. James Halliday, Halifax, N. S.

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

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Thomas W. Taylor, Winnipeg, Man.

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

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. W. J. Quinlan, Victoria, B. C.

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

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Roderick MacNeill, M. D., Stanley Bridge.

- No. 35, Prince Edward, Charlottetown, P. E. Island, ... County Queens.

RECAPITULATION.

1—London District	285	Members,	6	Preceptories
2—Hamilton District	252	"	5	"
3—Toronto District	361	"	7	"
4—Kingston-Ottawa District	156	"	5	"
5—Quebec District	94	"	3	"
6—New Brunswick District	70	"	2	"
7—Nova Scotia District	122	"	3	"
8—Manitoba District	131	"	2	"
9—British Columbia District	61	"	2	"
10—Prince Edward Island District ..	16	"	1	"
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SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

- No. 2. GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
 Alexander Wilkie.... U. M. C.10th January, 1896
- No. 3. GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.
 A. C. Garden.....6th March, 1896
 Wm. Nicholson....." "
 W. J. Grant....." "
 Wm. Panton....." "
- No. 11. UNION DE MOLAY, St. John, N. B.
 D. W. Douglas..... December, 1880
- No. 17. ODO DE ST. AMAND, Brantford, Ont.
 A. McLellan.....23rd Dec. 1895
- No. 22. ST. ELMO, Stratford, Ont.
 J. H. Benson.....3rd March, 1896
 Chas. Hamilton....." "
 John Hasham....." "
 R. H. Sharp....." "
- No. 24. ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Man.
 H. N. Williams.....10th Dec., 1895
 H. J. Raymer....." "
 John Williams....." "
 Geo. Buchanan....." "
 A. E. J. Percival....." "
 W. S. Walker....." "
 J. S. Nicholson....." "
 R. Manford....." "
 H. A. Brown....." "
 J. H. A. Hirst....." "
- No. 26. WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont.
 C. F. Cook.....3rd March, 1896
 G. W. Busch....." "
- No. 29. CYRENE, Toronto, Ont.
 Chas. Johnson.....19th April, 1895
 J. O. Orr....." "
 S. W. Baker....." "
 H. A. Yuille.....20th March, 1896
 M. J. Lepper....." "
 G. Frederick....." "
- No. 30. WESTERN GATE, Victoria, B. C.
 John Teagne.....11th February, 1896
- No. 31. YARMOUTH, Yarmouth, N. S.
 C. E. Fillnee.....27th January, 1896
 W. W. Reid....." "
 Robt. Spears....." "
 G. T. Grant....." "
 James Sellers....." "

RESTORATIONS.

- No. 2. GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
John Hanbury Parsons 14 February, 1896.
- No. 8. GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.
Chas. Packert 6th March, 1896
- No. 9. SUSSEX, Stanstead, Que.
H. L. Fuller 29th January, 1896
- No. 11. UNION DE MOLAY, St. John, N. B.
B. S. Black 26th September, 1895
H. V. Cooper 26th September, 1895
- No. 22. ST. ELMO, Stratford, Ont.
J. E. Harding 19th February, 1896
H. F. Sharpe 19th February, 1896
- No. 29. CYRÈNE, Toronto, Ont.
E. G. Mingay 19th April, 1895.
- No. 30. WESTERN GATE, Victoria, B. C.
J. L. Stamford 10th May, 1895

WITHDRAWALS.

- No. 3. GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.
Peter D. Carse 31st December, 1895
Robt. Hobson 3rd January, 1896
Simon J. Cline 7th February, 1896
- No. 7. RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, Montreal, Quebec.
J. Refern 26th December, 1895
- No. 11. UNION DE MOLAY, St. John, N. B.
R. MacNeil 26th March, 1896
T. A. McLean " "
D. Darrach " "
J. A. Messervy " "
J. J. Davies " "
H. W. Anderson " "
W. H. Butt " "
D. McLean " "
A. Bowness " "
L. Norris " "
B. Rogers " "
T. H. Bur " "
J. L. Thompson " "
D. B. McIntosh " "
- No. 12. MOUNT CALVARY, Barrie, Ont.
T. S. Bullmer 25th February, 1896
- No. 17. ODO DE ST. AMAND, Brantford, Ont.
A. W. Richardson 27th September, 1895
J. H. Craise 28th June, 1895
C. J. Leslie 26th April, 1895

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	No. 21. BURLEIGH, St. Thomas, Ont.	
	A. Ellison	November, 1895
1896.	No. 29. CYRENE, Toronto, Ont.	
	J. E. Knox	18th October, 1895
1896	W. H. H. Aikens	20th May, 1895
	H. A. Reesor	20th December, 1895
	John Hetherington	20th December, 1895
1896	R. A. Klock	17th January, 1896
	S. Horton	21st February, 1896
1895	F. W. Unitt	20th March, 1896
1895	No. 30. WESTERN GATE, Victoria, B. C.	
	J. E. Phillips	11th September, 1894
1896	No. 31. YARMOUTH, Yarmouth, N. S.	
1896	H. E. Chute	—
	No. 32. OTTAWA, Ottawa, Ont.	
1895.	R. A. Klock	5th January, 1896
	A. Jamieson, M.D.	18th March, 1896
1895	No. 37. ST. SIMON OF CYRENE, Sarnia, Ont.	
	S. Brisbin	9th April, 1896
	A. M. Clark	" "
	T. R. Inglis	" "
	Daniel W. B. Spry	" "
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IN MEMORIAM.

- No. 2.—GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
 F. J. Menet 4th April, 1895
 G. H. Thorpe 9th May, 1895
 W. A. Shepard 28th September, 1894
- No. 3.—GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.
 John Eastwood 27th August, 1895
 J. F. Holman 14th September, 1895
- No. 6.—KING BALDWIN, Belleville, Ont.
 L. H. Henderson 19th July, 1895
- No. 8.—PLANTAGENET, St. Catharines, Ont.
 H. H. Collier 15th July, 1895
- No. 9.—SUSSEX, Stanstead, Quebec.
 F. W. W. Bowen 3rd January, 1896
 G. J. Chillas 28th December, 1895
- No. 11.—UNION DE MOLAY, St. John N. B.
 H. W. Duffill 21st March, 1896
- No. 18.—PALESTINE, Port Hope, Ont.
 J. F. Clow 6th October, 1895
- No. 19.—ST. BERNARD DE CLAIRVEAUX, Dunnville, Ont.
 J. Edgar Croly 3rd June, 1895
- No. 21.—BURLEIGH, St. Thomas, Ont.
 C. V. Moulthrop 18th October, 1895
- No. 54.—ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Man.
 L. J. O'Strander 10th January, 1896
- No. 29.—CYRENE, Toronto, Ont.
 M. Macleod 24th July, 1895

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RECAPITULATION

OF THE RETURN OF PRECEPTORIES FOR THE TERM ENDED
31ST MARCH, 1896.

Preceptories established.....	89
ceded to Great Priory of Victoria, Australia...	3
Number on the roll.....	86

DEGREES CONFERRED.

	1889	1890	1891	1892	1898	1894	1895-6
Red Cross.....	64	54	109	90	211	185	218
Templar.....	82	71	107	106	208	150	218
Malta.....	54	62	90	80	194	185	210

MEMBERSHIP ROLL.

Number of members 31st March.....	1895	1896
Admitted to 31st March, 1896.....	1278	1868
Joined from other Preceptories.....	159	216
Restored.....	9	50
	4	15
	1445	1649
Withdrawn.....		45
Suspended, non-payment dues.....		40
Deaths.....		16
		-101
Members in good standing 31st March, 1896.....		1548
Increase 1895-6.....		180

PRECEPTORIES AND MEMBERSHIP BY PROVINCES.

PROVINCE.	NO. PRECEPTORIES.			NO. MEMBERS.		
	1894	1895	1896	1894	1895	1896
Alberta, N. W. T.....	1	1	1	20	22	21
British Columbia.....	1	1	2	24	26	61
Manitoba.....	1	1	1	115	118	110
New Brunswick.....	1	1	2	85	87	70
Nova Scotia.....	8	8	8	119	128	122
Ontario.....	22	22	28	896	954	1054
Quebec.....	8	8	8	84	88	94
Prince Edward Island.....	0	0	1	0	0	16
	82	82	85	1298	1868	1548

STATISTICAL RECORD.
PROVINCIAL GRAND CONCLAVE.

Year.	Preceptories.	Members.	Receipts.			Expenditure		
			£29	0s	0d	£29	0s	0d
1855.....	3	48						
1856.....	3	59						
1857.....	4		£22	0s	0d	£18	11s	8d
1858.....	4		10	8	2	4	3	9
1859.....	5		31	15	5	27	14	3
1860(no meeting)								
1861.....	6		16	12	5	18	9	9
1862.....	6		2	12	4	12	6	
1863.....	6							
1864.....	6							
1865.....	6		18	15	5	4	18	0
1866.....	6		\$67	54		\$56	39	
1867.....	7							

GRAND PRIORY FORMED 1ST MAY, 1868.

Year.	Precep's	Members			Receipts.	Expend.
		Memb's	Adm'n's	Incr'se Dec'se		
1868.....	8					
1869.....	10					
1870.....	13				\$490	\$ 254 44
1871.....	13				857	68 174 59
1872.....	17				596	9 758 28
1873.....	16				990	64 944 88
1874.....	19				762	74 685 25
1875.....	19	58	4	68	911	00 1220 78

NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY FORMED 10TH AUGUST, 1876.

Year	Precep's	Members			Receipts.	Expend.
		Memb's	Adm'n's	Incr'se Dec'se		
1876.....	19				\$785	\$ 428 80
1877.....	20	420	45		810	05 842 05
1878.....	21	587	40		874	90 846 40
1879.....	21	608	37	21	596	38 735 62
1880.....	25	636	74	28	650	51 598 14
1881.....	25	676	86	40	1089	00 1042 87
1882.....	26	710	78	34	1146	86 958 18
1883.....	26	795	105	51	912	70 757 82
1884.....	26	795	107	34	980	00 1105 55

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY FORMED 8TH JULY, 1884.

Year	Precep's	Members			Receipts.	Expend.
		Memb's	Adm'n's	Incr'se Dec'se		
1885.....	26	855	145	60	\$ 928	\$ 737 64
1886.....	28	880	102	85	848	75 937 92
1887.....	31	918	108	38	842	69 875 01
1888.....	31	990	104	72	1191	06 1004 54
1889*	28	944	85	46	981	60 1006 83
1890.....	28	990	82	46	822	00 766 02
1891.....	29	1003	86	18	1278	20 1381 72
1892.....	30	1053	151	50	1297	50 786 62
1893.....	31	1116	132	61	1071	77 1224 95
1894.....	32	1273	105	157	1807	85 909 30
1895.....	33	1368	172	95	1466	94 1228 54
1896.....	36	1543	231	180	1789	00 1021 92

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

ROLL OF PRECEPTORIES FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST JANUARY, AND INSTALLATIONS JANUARY, 1893.

NAME.	WHERE HELD.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION	NIGHT OF MEETING.	PRESIDING PRECEPTOR.	REGISTRAR.
1	Hugh de Payens, Prem.	Kingstou, Ont.	Monday in Jan., April, July, Oct.	John Hewson	
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldem, J	Toronto, Ont.	Dec. and 18th March.		

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ROLL OF PRECEPTORIES FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST JANUARY, AND INSTALLATIONS JANUARY, 1893.

NAME.	WHERE HELD.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION	NIGHT OF MEETING.	PRESIDING PRECEPTOR.	REGISTRAR.
1 Hugh de Payens, Prem.	Kingston, Ont.	11th Feb., 1824	2nd Monday in Jan. April, July, Oct. Dec. and 18th W. each month.	John Hewson.	F. Rowland
2 Geoffrey de St. Aldem, r	Toronto, Ont.	8th March, 1854	2nd Thursday of each month.	Chris. J. Hohl.	W. P. Pyrie.
3 Godfrey de Bouillon.	London, Ont.	25th Oct., 1855	1st Friday of each month.	Charles Smith.	Thos. McCallum
4 Richard Cœur de Lion.	Halifax, N. S.	17th Oct., 1858	2nd Friday of each month.	John S. Dewar.	John S. Dewar.
5 Nova Scotia.	Bellefleur, Ont.	9th June, 1861	1st Friday of each month.	John J. McKel.	A. McGinnis.
6 King.	Montreal, Que.	5th Dec., 1863	4th Thursday in Jan., Apr., July, Oct., Dec.	S. S. Lazlet.	C. A. Humphrey.
7 Richard Cœur de Lion.	St. Catharines, Ont.	14th Nov., 1866	2nd Monday in Jan., Mar., June, Sep. Dec.	John B. Tresidder.	H. I. Johnston.
8 Plantagenet.	Guelph, Ont.	30th April, 1869	3rd Monday of each month.	Charles Birch.	H. E. Channell.
9 Sussex.	St. John, N. B.	1st April, 1869	4th Thursday of each month.	Hugh McDonald.	W. N. Barry.
10 Victoria.	Battleboro, Ont.	12th April, 1870	2nd Tuesday of each month.	H. W. J. Hallet.	John E. Magoon.
11 Union de Molay.	St. John, N. B.	14th April, 1870	1st Monday in Jan., Apr., June, Sep. Dec.	A. St. A. Smith.	Chas. Cameron.
12 Moore.	North Bay, Ont.	14th April, 1871	1st Monday in Jan., Apr., June, Sep. Dec.	Robt. A. Klock.	F. Chapin.
13 St. John the Almoner.	Whitby, Ont.	8th March, 1872	2nd Tuesday in each month.	Geo. Henderson.	Joseph White.
14 Gondemar.	Branford, Ont.	3rd May, 1872	4th Thursday in each month.	Geo. Henderson.	John Easton.
15 Odo de St. Amand.	Branford, Ont.	3rd May, 1872	4th Thursday in each month.	W. F. Pattee.	John Easton.
16 Palestine.	Port Hope, Ont.	31st May, 1872	1st Friday of each month.	J. R. Fitzgerald.	R. C. Inglis.
17 K. Bernard de Clairv.	Dunnville, Ont.	16th Oct., 1872	1st Thursday in each month.	J. B. Sheehan.	R. G. W. Conolly.
18 St. Elm.	Chatham, Ont.	7th March, 1873	2nd Tuesday in each month.	Geo. W. Sulman.	Thos. C. Macnabb.
19 Rhodes.	St. Thomas, Ont.	17th Oct., 1873	4th Monday in each month.	J. G. Graham.	W. E. Idsard.
20 Albert Edward.	St. Catharines, Ont.	8th March, 1880	1st Tuesday in each month.	R. E. Mitting.	V. K. Stuart.
21 Windsor.	Pr. Arthur, Ont.	27th April, 1880	2nd Wednesday in every month.	Thos. Clouston.	S. G. Clarke.
22 Malton.	Winnipeg, Man.	27th April, 1880	2nd Wednesday in every month.	Prof. Hy. Walters.	Henry Grinith.
23 Quebec, Que.	Quebec, Que.	1st May, 1880	1st Wednesday in every month.	A. H. Clarke.	John Sale.
24 Malton.	Windsor, Ont.	9th Sept., 1881	1st Tuesday in every month.	A. H. Learment.	G. W. Henderson.
25 Cyrene.	Turo, N. S.	1st Dec., 1885	3rd Friday of every month.	C. E. Howson.	A. Allan.
26 Western Gate.	Toronto, Ont.	12th July, 1891	2nd Tuesday of every month.	N. J. B. Toole.	Geo. A. Richardson.
27 York.	Yarmouth, N. S.	28th May, 1892	4th Monday of every month.	A. A. Henderson.	T. F. B. Johnston.
28 Ottawa.	Ottawa, Ont.	24th Feb., 1894	4th Wednesday of every month.	N. J. Lindsay.	G. Macdonald.
29 Coprus.	Calgary, Alberta	2nd July, 1894	4th Thursday of every month.	R. Macell.	T. H. Sisson.
30 Prince Edward.	Vancouver, B. C.	2nd May, 1895	1st Monday of every month.	H. B. Flanagan.	Duncan McLean.
31 Ivanhoe.	Moncton, N. B.	12th Nov., 1895	3rd Wednesday of every month.	H. B. Flanagan.	F. B. Archibald.
32 St. Simon of Cyrene.	Sarnia, Ont.	.....	4th Thursday of every month.	T. G. Johnston.	F. J. Winlow.

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

FROM ITS FORMATION, 10TH AUGUST, 1876, TO 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1896,

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

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

A

- Adams, George D., Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1885.
227 Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Mich.
Adams, A. G., K. C. T., Grand Marshal, 1881, 89 Mackay Street,
Montreal, Que.
Alley, W. B., Prov. Grand Prior New Brunswick District, 1892,
Truro, N. S.
Allen, Benjamin, Grand Constable, 1894, 32 Colborne Street,
Toronto, Ont.
Ames, Alexander, Grand Pursuivant, 1893, Sherbrooke, Que.
Amsden, Samuel, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1887, Dunn-
ville, Ont.
Archibald, L. B., Prov. Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1887,
11 Queen Street Truro, N.S.
Ardagh, A. A. S., Grand Constable, 1896, 57 Yonge Street,
Toronto, Ont.
Atkins, T. E. Presiding Preceptor, 1896, Thurlow Street, Van-
couver.

B

- Ball, William, Preceptor, 1887-88, King Street, Chatham, Ont.
Ballantyne, John, Preceptor, 1892, Lisbon Falls, Maine.
Barre, John A., Preceptor, 1893, Almonte, Ont.
Barringer, J. W., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1892,
Windsor, Ont.
Barry, Harvey N., Presiding Preceptor, 1893, 66 London Road,
Guelph, Ont.
Bates, Frederick, Grand Chaplain, 1886-91, Chatham, Ont.
Battisby, D. D., Rev. John R., Grand Chaplain, 1894-5-6, Park
Street, Chatham, Ont.
Beck, Joseph, Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1887,
Salford, Ont.
Bell, C. F. W., Preceptor, 1893, Truro, N. S.
Bell, J. Headley, Grand Assistant Sub. Marshal, 1881, Winnipeg,
Man.
Bell, Wm. George, Provincial Grand Prior, Manitoba, 1887-88,
Winnipeg, Man.
Bennett, George J., Grand Registrar, 1889, 86 Melbourne Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.
Bishop, James B., Grand Sub. Marshal, 1881, Hamilton, Ont.
Billman, Thos. H., Grand Organist, 1895, James Street, Winni-
peg, Man.
Bingay, T. V. B., Presiding Preceptor, 1895, 61 William Street,
Yarmouth, N. S.

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- Braud, W. N., Grand Pursuivant, 1881, Dunnville, Ont.
 Burch, D. B., Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1878-82, Lambeth, Ont.
 Burch, Charles, Preceptor, 1895, Thorold Street, St. Catharines, Ont.
 Burch, George, Grand Pursuivant, 1891, St. Catharines, Ont.
 Burgess, W. H., Grand Organist, 1893, Ottawa, Ont.
 Butterfield, Lieut.-Col. F. D., Grand Marshal, 1889, Stanstead, Que.
 Butterworth, E. B., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1880, Cooper Street, Ottawa, Ont.
- C
- Cameron, Charles, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1880, Collingwood, Ont.
 Cameron, Charles, Preceptor, 1892, 502 George Street, Peterborough, Ont.
 Cameron, Duncan, Preceptor, 1888, Dublin Street, Peterborough, Ont.
 Campbell, Daniel H., Preceptor, 1893, 47 Argyle St., Halifax, N.S.
 Carley, David L., Provincial Prior, 1895-6, London District, Sandwich Street, Windsor, Ont.
 Carpenter, E. R., Grand Assistant Sub. Marshal, 1877, Collingwood, Ont.
 Carrothers, Arthur, Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1893, P. O. Dept., London, Ont.
 Carson, Wm. J., P. S. Inspector, Presiding Preceptor, 1896, London, Ont.
 Channel, H. A., Presiding Preceptor, 1895, Stanstead, Que.
 Channel, H. E., Grand Marshal, 1888, Stanstead, Que.
 Chambers, E. T. D., Grand Constable, 1882, Quebec, Que.
 Clarke, W. J., Grand Guard, 1883, cor. Cumberland and Arthur Streets, Port Arthur, Ont.
 Clarke, A. H., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, Grand Sub. Marshal, 1896, 49 Victoria Ave, Windsor, Ont.
 Clementi, Rev. V., Grand Chaplain, 1876-85, Aylmer Street, Peterborough, Ont.
 Clements, Edward F., Provincial Grand Prior, Nova Scotia, 1894, Collins Street, Yarmouth, N. S.
 Clouston, Thos., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, P. O. Box., 658, Winnipeg, Man.
 Collins, Harry, A., Grand Registrar, 1892, 20 Major Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Conklin, E. G., Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1881, Winnipeg, Man.
 Connor, Charles H., Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1895, Queen Street, St. Catharines, Ont.
 Cooke, T.V., Provincial Grand Prior, Nova Scotia District, 1888, Moncton, N. B.
 Cooper, Albert E., Grand Marshal, 1892, Princess Ave., London Ont.
 Copeland, E. M., Grand Sub. Prior, 1872, Room 72, 107 St James Street, Montreal, Que.
 Cornick, Samuel, Preceptor, 1883, Dunnville, Ont.

- Couper, Archibald A., Grand Pursuivant, 1882, Dunnville, Ont.
 Cowan, John A., Presiding Preceptor, 1894, Custom House,
 Toronto, Ont.
 Craig, Peter A., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1894, Windsor,
 Ont.
 Craig, Robt. J., Grand Constable, 1890, Cobourg, Ont.
 Crookshank, R. W., Deputy Grand Master, 1898, 141 Sidney
 Street, St. John, N. B.

D

- Dalley, Edwin A., Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District,
 1884, Hughson Street, Hamilton, Ont.
 Dambra, Joseph, Grand Marshal, 1896, Dundas Street, London.
 Dartnell, Judge, G. H. F., Provincial Grand Prior, Toronto
 District, 1877, Whitby, Ont.
 Dempster, James, Provincial Grand Prior, Nova Scotia District,
 1883-85, Halifax, N. S.
 Dewar, John S., Grand Registrar, 1885, "Free Press," London,
 Ont.
 Deyell, Robert, Preceptor, 1893, Walton Street, Port Hope, Ont.
 Doctor, William G., Grand Warden Regalia, 1877, Belleville,
 Ont.
 Domville, James, Grand, Captain Guard, 1894, St. John, N. B.
 Douglas, James, Grand Marshal, 1885-86, Yonge Street, Toronto,
 Ont.
 Douglas, Robert A., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 86 Dunlop Street,
 Barrie, Ont.
 Downie, William A., Grand Sub-Marshal, 1885, C. P. R., Van-
 couver, B. C.
 Drennan, William M., Preceptor, 1891, 28 Princess Street, King-
 ston, Ont.
 Drum, S. Wilson, Grand Pursuivant, 1887, Quebec, Que.
 Dubber, S. Wilson, Provincial Grand Prior London District,
 1890, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Dumbrie, John, Grand Organist, 1888, King Street, Maitland,
 Ont.

E

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

F

- Farley, J. J., M. D., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1896,
 Bridge Street E., Belleville, Ont.
 Ferguson, John, Grand Guard, 1884, London, Ont.
 Field, William J., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1884, Bing-
 hampton, N. Y.
 Fitzgerald, Jno. R., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, Church Street,
 Colborne, Ont.

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- Fitzsimmons, C. H., Provincial Prior Kingston District, 1895-6,
James Street, Brockville, Ont.
- Fleming, H. B., Grand Organist, 1896, 24 Alma Street, Moncton,
N. B.
- Fletcher, Robert Esten, Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1892, 13 High
Street, Barrie, Ont.
- Ford, N. W., Presiding Preceptor, 1894, 33 St. George Street,
St., Thomas, Ont.
- Forrest, Lieut.-Col. C. F., Provincial Grand Prior, 1893-85, Mani-
toba, Morden.
- G
- Galbraith, T. J., Grand Second Standard, Bearer, 1885, Dunn-
ville, Ont.
- Gale, John H., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1893, Whitby
Ont.
- Gale, George, Preceptor, 1893, Brockville, Ont.
- Gemmell, R., Preceptor, 1892, 75 Liverpool Street, Guelph, Ont.
- Gibson, William, M. P., Provincial Grand Prior, Hamilton Dis-
trict, 1885, Beamsville, Ont.
- Glanville, James, Prov. Grand Prior, Toronto District, 1892,
18 Cumberland Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Goodman, Edwin, M. D., Grand Sub-Marshal, St. Catharines,
Ont.
- Gordon, Lieut.-Col. W. D., Provincial Prior Ontario East, 1881,
The Barracks, Fredericton, N. B.
- Graham, J. H., LL.D., Grand Treasurer, 1869, Richmond, Que.
- Graham, J. G., Grand Sub-Marshal, 1895, 70 Elysian Street,
St. Thomas, Ont.
- Gray, W. W., Honorary Preceptor, London, Ont.
- Griffith, Henry, Provincial Grand Prior Quebec District, 1894-95
6 Stanislaus Street, Quebec, Que.
- H
- Haddock, James, Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District,
1893, Winnipeg, Man.
- Hall, E. H. D., Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1885-6
Hunter Street, Peterborough, Ont.
- Hall, Robert, Grand Sword Bearer, 1888, Ridgetown, Ont.
- Hall, William, Provincial Prior Manitoba District, 1895, Winni-
peg, Man.
- Hallet, Wm. J., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, 68 Bayfield Street,
Barrie, Ont.
- Halliday, James, Provincial Grand Prior, 1896, 229 Barrington
Street, Halifax, N. S.
- Hamilton, jr., William, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1882,
89 McDonnell Ave., Toronto, Ont.
- Hamilton, W. L., Provincial Grand Prior, 1894, P. O. Box 404,
Belleville, Ont.
- Hagraft, A. R., Grand Marshal, 1895, King and Division Streets,
Cobourg, Ont.
- Harding, John E., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1896, cor. Shrewbay
and Centre Streets, Stratford, Ont.
- Hatheway, J. C., M. D., Provincial Grand Prior, New Bruns-
wick, 1885, Westfield Co., King Street, St. John, N. B.

- Hawthorn, William, Grand Second Aide-de-Camp, 1880, Detroit, Mich.
- Hay, John, Grand Captain Guard, 1891, Truro, N. S.
- Henderson, Dr. A. A., Preceptor, 1895, 414 Albert and Bay Streets, Ottawa, Ont.
- Henderson, A. G., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, Whitby, Ont.
- Hetherington, John, Grand Captain Guard, 1887, 74 Argyle Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Hewson, John, Presiding Preceptor, 1896, 131 King Street, Kingston.
- Hill, Ralph, Preceptor, 1891, Almonte, Ont.
- Hill, William, Preceptor, 1891, care Bole & Wynne, Winnipeg, Man.
- Hillman, Oliver S., Grand Treasurer, 1892-95, 75 Hughson St. North, Hamilton, Ont.
- Holland, A. N., Presiding Preceptor, 1894, Truro, N. S.
- Hood, Thomas, Provincial Grand Prior, Hamilton District, 1886, Hamilton, Ont.
- Horner, Thomas H., Preceptor, 1895, 380 London Street, Peterborough, Ont.
- Hohl, Chris. J., Grand Director Ceremonies, 1896, 61 Victoria Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Hovenden, R. J., Provincial Grand Prior Ontario Centre, 1891, 91 King Street West, Toronto, Ont.
- Howse, W. R., Grand Constable, 1887, Hamilton, Ont.
- Howson, H. B., Presiding Preceptor, 1890; 110 Wellington Place, Toronto, Ont.
- Humber, C. A., Provincial Grand Prior, London District, 1891, Victoria Street, Goderich, Ont.
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- Idsardi, W. E., Preceptor, 1889, P. O. Box 447, St. Thomas, Ont.
- Ingersoll, J. H., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1896, St. Catharines, Ont.
- Irwin, James M., Grand First Captain Guard, 1878, Peterborough, Ont.
- J
- Jackson, John J., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1894, Port Arthur, Ont.
- Jones, Charles A., Grand First Aide-de-Camp, 1878, Oshawa, Ont.
- Johnston, George W., Grand Registrar, 1895, Main Street, Yarmouth, N. S.
- Johnston, John E., Preceptor, 1895, 87 King Street, Chatham, Ont.
- Johnston, M.D., T. G., Grand Pursuivant, Christina St., Sarnia, Ont.
- K
- Kathan, C. H., Grand Chamberlain, 1870, Rock Island, Que.
- Kearns, Thomas, Preceptor, 1889, Park Street, Brockville, Ont.
- Kemp, Edson, Grand Registrar, 1876, Stanstead, Que.

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- Kerr, John, Deputy Provincial Grand Commander, 1870, 155 Earl Street, Kingston, Ont.
 Kerr, J. Kirkpatrick, Q. C., G. C. T., Provincial Grand Prior Ontario Centre, 1876, 23 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, Ont.
 King, Joseph, Honorary Preceptor, 84 Gloucester Street, Toronto, Ont.
 King, W. H., Preceptor, 1871-93, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Kirkpatrick, R. N., Grand Guard, 1896, Angus Ave. E., Calgary, N. W. T.
 Klock, Robert A., Preceptor, 1895, Klock's Mills, Ont.
 Knowles, Charles, Grand Marshal, 1891, Quebec, Que.
 Kuhring, C. L. A., Grand Almoner, 1889, Garneau Street, Quebec, Que.

L

- Lattimore, R. F. Presiding Preceptor, 1894, Dunnville, Ont.
 Lazier, S. S., Provincial Grand Prior, Kingston District, 1883-84, Hotel Street, Belleville, Ont.
 Learmont, A. H., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, Truro, N. S.
 Lebourveau, S., Grand Marshal, 1884, Sherbrooke, Que.
 Lemessurier, William, Provincial Grand Prior, 1896, 43 Common Street, Montreal, Que. Box 306.
 Lightbourne, P. J., Preceptor, 1888, Cobourg, Ont.
 Liddell, J. G., Provincial Grand Prior, 1896, 74 Marlborough Street, Brantford, Ont.
 Lindsay, N. J., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, Stephen Ave. East, Calgary, Alberta, N. W. T.
 Lockwood, H., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1884, Goderich, Ont.
 Logan, W. E., Provincial Grand Prior, 1895, Truro, N. S.
 Lovejoy, G. W., M. D., Grand Registrar, 1890, 2428 St. Catharine Street, Montreal, Que.
 Lyon, N. T., Provincial Grand Prior, Toronto District, 1890, 141 Church Street, Toronto, Ont.

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- McConkey, George S., Grand Registrar, 1888, 27 King Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 McGuire, Robert, Grand Constable, 1891, Windsor, Ont.
 McKeggie, J. H., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1891, Dunlop Street, Barrie, Ont.
 McKeil, J. J., Presiding Preceptor, 1895, Masonic Hall, Halifax, N. S.
 McKeown, A., Grand Registrar, 1896, 811 Yale Street, Victoria, B. C.
 McLean, Allan, Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1893, The Asylum, Kingston, Ont.
 McLean, John, Grand Marshal, 1879, 42 Crescent Street, Montreal, Que.
 McLeod, H. D., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, A. R. G. Office and 190 King Street, St. John, N. B.
 McLeod, George, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1896, Bible Hill, Truro, N. S.

- Mackay, Hugh A., Provincial Grand Prior Ontario West, 1877, Berlin, Ont.
 Mackay, Robert A., Provincial Grand Prior, 1894, St. Thomas, Ont.
 MacNabb, Thomas C., Grand Registrar, 1881, King Street, Chatham, Ont.
 Macneill, M. D., Roderick, Provincial Grand Prior, 1896, Stanley Bridge, P. E. I.
 Macwatt, Daniel F., Deputy Grand Master, 1895, 3 Owen Street, Barrie, Ont.
 Macdonald, Hugh, Presiding Preceptor, 1896, Charles Street, Guelph, Ont.

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- Mansell, Chas. F., Provincial Grand Prior, 1894, 359 Berkley Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Magill, Lieut.-Col. Chas., Grand Constable, 1880, Hamilton, Ont.
 Manley, Fred. F., Grand Constable, 1893, Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute, Toronto, Ont.
 Malloy, John, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1890, Hamilton, Ont.
 Malone, Elias T., Grand Master, 1892, 621 Ontario Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Marshall, Hon. Robert, K. C. T., Provincial Grand Prior, 1893-94-95, New Brunswick, Prince William Street, St. John, N. B.
 Mason, John J., Grand Registrar, 1877, Hamilton, Ont.
 Matthews, R. V., Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1887, Kingston, Ont.
 Matthews, S. F., Prov. Grand Prior New Brunswick, 1889-91, Charlotte Street, St. John, N. B.
 Mattice, James H., Grand Registrar, 1894, "The Globe" Office, Hamilton, Ont.
 Milne, Alex. R., C.M.G., Provincial Grand Prior British Columbia, 1891-95, Victoria, B. C. H. M. Customs.
 Mitchell, Robert E., Preceptor, 1892-93, Port Arthur, Ont.
 Mitchell, Joseph, Grand Marshal, 1893, 810 St. Urbain Street, Montreal, Que. Box 1135.
 Monkman, George, Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1893, 92 Dunlop Street, Barrie, Ont.
 Morgan, James C., M. A., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1894, Barrie, Ont.
 Morrison, W. C., Grand Marshal, 1878, 16 King Street West, Toronto.
 Morson, Judge F. M., Grand Pursuivant, 1892, 5 St. Patrick Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Morton, I. A., Preceptor, 1895, Wingham, Ont.
 Munro, John McN., Grand Guard, 1893, Almonte, Ont.
 Murton, John W., Provincial Grand Prior, 1871, Hamilton, Ont.

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- Nelles, James A., Grand Captain Guard, 1888, Cork Street, Guelph, Ont.

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- Nettleton, John, Grand First Aide-de-Camp, 1879, Collingwood, Ont.
Nicholls, Robert, Grand Organist, 1881, Hagerman St., Port Hope, Ont.
Nicholson, M., Grand Guard, 1892, West Street, Goderich, Ont.
Nixon, J. Bower, Provincial Prior, Toronto District, 1882, 16 Lakeside Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

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- O'Connor, James, Provincial Grand Prior, Manitoba, 1880-1888, Winnipeg, Man.

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- Park, Joseph, Provincial Grand Prior, London District, 1889, Windsor, Ont.
Parry, John, Provincial Grand Prior, 1894, Dunville, Ont.
Parsons, R. C., Preceptor, 1891, Rock Island, Quebec.
Paterson, Wm. F., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, Drawer 76, Brantford, Ont.
Patterson, Robt. L., Grand Constable, 1889, 7 Jordan Street, Toronto, Ont.
Peace, D. J., Preceptor, 1893, 107 King Street East, Hamilton, Ont.
Pettit, A. N., Grand Constable, 1884, Windsor, Ont.
Pinkham, George L., Grand Almoner, 1894, Coaticooke, Que.
Pike, William M., Grand Almoner, 1892, Stanstead, Que.
Pollock, Robert, Preceptor, 1888, Almonte, Ont.
Postlewaithe, C. W., Grand Sub. Marshal, 1890, 508 Board of Trade Building, Deputy Harbor Master, Toronto, Ont.
Poulton, James A., Grand Captain of the Guard, 1896, P.O. Box 89, Brockville, Ont.
Pullen, James H., Provincial Grand Prior, 1896, St. John, N. B.

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- Quinlan, J. Walker, Preceptor, 1892, Walton St., Port Hope, Ont.
Quinlan, Walter J., Provincial Grand Prior, 1896, 5 Michigan St., Victoria, B. C.

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- Radcliffe, Richard, Grand Constable, 1885, Goderich, Ont.
Randall, F. W., Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1892, 8 Reeve St., Guelph, Ont.
Rankin, William, Preceptor, 1890, Cobourg, Ont.
Ray, Lieut.-Col. S. Wellington, Grand First Captain Guard, 1880, Port Arthur, Ont.
Raymour, E. H., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1886, 4018 Lafayette, Ave., Omaha, Neb.
Reid, William G., Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1883, Hamilton, Ont.
Renouf, C. E., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, 804 Dallas Road, Victoria, B. C.
Richardson, W. A., Grand Pursuivant, 1895, Jubilee Hospital, Box 49, Victoria, B. C.

- Rickaby, D. S. Preceptor, 1886, Quebec, Que.
 Roaf, William, Provincial Prior Toronto District, 1895, 28 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 Robertson, J. Ross, Provincial Grand Prior Ontario Centre, 1882, Telegram, King Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 Robertson, Henry, Q.C., Grand Master, 1891, Collingwood, Ont.
 Robertson, W. J., Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1893, John St., Port Hope, Ont.
 Robinson, Thomas, Grand Marshal, 1894, Windsor, Ont.
 Ross, Alexander, Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1893, 11 Barrington Street, Halifax, N. S.
 Ross, Andrew Miller, Grand Almoner, 1895, Whitby, Ont.
 Ross, Donald, Provincial Grand Prior Ontario East, 1879-80, Picton, Ont.
 Rowe, George G., M.D., Grand Constable, 1888, 1329 Queen St., West, Parkdale, Ont.
 Rowland, Fleming, Grand Registrar, 1883, 160 Earl Street, Kingston, Ont.
 Rublee, W. M., Preceptor, 1895, 175 Owen St., Winnipeg, Man.
 Ruhland, J. W., Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1891, Halifax, N. S.
 Ryerson, George G., M. D., M.P.P., Preceptor, 1893, 60 College Street, Toronto, Ont.
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- Sanford, Sydney James, Grand Vice Chancellor, 1890, Court House, Barrie, Ont.
 Sargant, Thomas, Grand Vice Chancellor, 1876, P. O. Box 517, 41 Avenue Road, Toronto.
 Schofield, M. B., Preceptor, 1887, Sherbrooke, Que.
 Scobell, S. W., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1888, 288 Barrie Street, Kingston, Ont.
 Sheehan, James B., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, Dunnville, Ont.
 Sheppard, Edmund E., Grand Master, 1893-94, 9 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 Sheppard, David, Preceptor, 1887, Almonte, Ont.
 Shortly, Benjamin, Provincial Grand Prior, Kingston District, 1892, George Street, Peterborough, Ont.
 Simpson, H. C., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1888, London.
 Simpson, John, Grand Guard, 1887, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.
 Simpson, William, Preceptor, 1895, 82 Adelaide Street West, Toronto.
 Slater, Luke, Grand Captain of Guard, 1890, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Smith, Algernon St. A., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, Peterborough, Ont.
 Smith, Charles, Grand Almoner, 224 Mary Street North, Hamilton, Ont.
 Smith, Robert C., Provincial Grand Prior, Augusta, Street, Port Hope, Ont.
 Smith, William, Preceptor, 1890, Almonte, Ont.
 Smith, Alfred G., Grand Registrar, 1880, London, Ont.
 Sommerville, George, Preceptor, 1892, 281 Princess Street, Kingston, Ont.

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- Spence, David, Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1895, Bethune St., Peterborough, Ont.
 Spike, Clarence J., Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia, 1889, Halifax.
 Spry, Daniel, G.C.T., Past Grand Master, 1893. Grand Chancellor, 1876-79, London, Ont.
 Spry, Daniel W. B., D. D. S., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1895, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Stanton, John, Preceptor, 1878, Whitby, Ont.
 Stearns, I. H., K.C.T., Provincial Grand Prior Quebec District, 1878-88, 27 Bellemont Street, Montreal, Que.
 Stevenson, Lieut.-Col. A. A., Provincial Grand Prior Quebec District, 1878, 122 MacKay Street, Montreal, Que.
 Stevenson, J. McL., Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1885, Barrie, Ont.
 Stewart, Gavin, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1893, Woodstock, Ont.
 Stone, J. Henry, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1883, Hamilton, Ont.
 Stratfold, Henry, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1893, London, Ont.
 Sulman, George W., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, Garner House Block, King Street, Chatham Ont.
 Sutton, James, M.D., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1883, Clandeboye, Ont.
 Swayze, Wm. D., Preceptor, 1895, Lock Street, Dunnville, Ont.

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- Tawse, Wm. Donald, Grand Guard, 1894, 33 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Taylor, David, Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1889, 204 Bridge Street, Ottawa, Ont.
 Taylor, John, Grand Chamberlain, 1879, Dunnville, Ont.
 Taylor, Philip, Preceptor, 1888, Whitby, Ont.
 Taylor, T. W., Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1890-91, Owen Street, Winnipeg, Man.
 Thorne, W. H., Grand Constable, 1895, Prince William Street, St. John, N. B.
 Thomas, J. Parker, Grand Marshal, 1887, Bridge Street West, Belleville, Ont.
 Thomas, Charles M., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, Stanstead, Que.
 Thomson, A. N., Grand Captain Guard, 1895, Stanstead, Que.
 Thompson, J. P., Preceptor, 1889, Bridge Street, Belleville, Ont.
 Tipton, T. L. M., Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1895, Dunnville, Ont.
 Tresidder, John B., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, "Star" Office, Montreal.
 Tooker, N. J. B., Presiding Preceptor, P. O. Box 484, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.
 Tunstead, John, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1889, Hamilton, Ont.

U

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

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VanEtten, Albert H., Provincial Grand Prior, 1894, Winnipeg, Man.

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Waddell, S. J., Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1890, Truro, N. S.

Waddington, jr., Wm., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1887, 322 King Street, Kingston, Ont.

Walker, Hugh, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1888, 47 Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Walker, W., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1895, 175 Dowling Avenue, Toronto.

Walters, Prof. Henry, Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1894, Ann Street, Quebec, Que.

Watson, William, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1890, 134 Quebec Street, Guelph, Ont.

Westbrook, H. S., Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1892, Winnipeg, Man.

Wesley, Samuel, Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1889, "The Advance," Dunlop Street, Barrie, Ont.

Whyte, William H., Grand Master, 1895-6, 12 Place de Armes, Montreal, Que.

Wilkinson, Henry J., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1885, 180 Wellington Street, Kingston.

Wilmot, Fred., Grand First Captain of Guard, 1888. P. O. Box 48, Brighton, N. Y.

Wilson, Isaac P., Grand Captain of Guard, 1870, Welland, Ont.

Wilson, James, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1879, C.P.R., Toronto, Ont.

Wyman, George D., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1889, Applegate, California.

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

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

Total number of Permanent Members, 800.

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ROLL OF GRAND OFFICERS, 1896-97.

M. E. Sir Kt.	William H. Whyte, Montreal, Que	Supreme Grand Master
R. E.	" D. F. Macwatt, Barrie, Ont	.....	Deputy Grand Master
M. E.	" Daniel Spry, G.C.T., London, Ont	.....	Grand Chancellor
R. E.	" Rev. J. R. Battisby, D.D., Chatham, Ont	.....	Grand Chaplain
R. E.	" Arthur A. S. Ardagh, Toronto, Ont	.....	Grand Constable
R. E.	" Joseph Dambra, London, Ont	.....	Grand Marshal
R. E.	" Oliver S. Hillman, Hamilton, Ont	.....	Grand Treasurer
R. E.	" Angus McKeown, Victoria, B.C	.....	Grand Registrar

PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

R. E. Sir Kt.	David L. Carley, Windsor, Ont	.....	London District
R. E.	" J. G. Liddell, Brantford, Ont	.....	Hamilton District
R. E.	" Robert C. Smith, Port Hope, Ont	.....	Toronto District
R. E.	" Charles H. Fitzsimmons, Brockville, Ont	.....	Kingston District
R. E.	" Wm. LeMessurier, Montreal	.....	Quebec District
R. E.	" James H. Pullen, St. John, N.B	.....	New Brunswick District
R. E.	" James Halliday, Halifax, N.S	.....	Nova Scotia District
R. E.	" Thomas W. Taylor, Winnipeg, Man	.....	Manitoba District
R. E.	" William J. Quinlan, Victoria, B.C	.....	British Columbia District
R. E.	" Roderick MacNeil, M.D., Stanley Bridge	.....	Prince Edward Island District

GRAND OFFICERS.

V. E. Sir Kt.	John E. Harding, Q.C., Stratford, Ont	.....	Grand Vice-Chancellor
V. E.	" Alfred H. Clark, Windsor, Ont	.....	Grand Sub-Marshal
V. E.	" Christopher J. Hohl, Toronto, Ont	.....	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. E.	" Charles Smith, Hamilton, Ont	.....	Grand Almoner
V. E.	" J. H. Ingersoll, St. Catharines, Ont	.....	Grand First Standard Bearer
V. E.	" George McLeod, Truro, N.S	.....	Grand Second Standard Bearer
V. E.	" John J. Farley, Belleville, Ont	.....	Grand Master's Banner Bearer
V. E.	" James A. Poulton, Brockville, Ont	.....	Grand Captain Guard
V. E.	" Henry B. Fleming, Moncton, N.B	.....	Grand Organist
V. E.	" Thomas G. Johnson, Sarnia, Ont	.....	Grand Pursuivant
V. E.	" Reginald N. Kirkpatrick, Calgary, Alberta	.....	Grand Guard

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—ELECTED.

R. E. Sir Kt.	William G. Bell	.....	Winnipeg, Man.
R. E.	" Luther B. Archibald	.....	Truro, N.S.
R. E.	" J. B. Tresidder	.....	Montreal, Que.
R. E.	" William G. Reid	.....	Hamilton, Ont.
R. E.	" George W. Johnston	.....	Yarmouth, N.S.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME GRAND MASTER

R. E. Sir Kt.	Arthur Carrothers	.....	London, Ont.
R. E.	" Charles F. Mansell	.....	Toronto, Ont.
R. E.	" David Taylor	.....	Ottawa, Ont.
R. E.	" Allan McLean	.....	Kingston, Ont.
R. E.	" Harry A. Collins	.....	Toronto, Ont.

PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTERS.

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

And all elected Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Priors.

COMMITTEES:

WARRANTS—R. A. Sir Knights Allan McLean, Chairman; A. A. S. Ardagh, Joseph Dambra and W. J. Quinlan.

AUDIT AND FINANCE—R. E. Sir Knights William G. Reid, Chairman; Daniel F. Macwatt, H. A. Collins, David L. Carley and George W. Johnston.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS—R. E. Sir Knights L. B. Archibald, Chairman; O. S. Hillman, David L. Carley and James H. Pullen.

CONDITION OF THE TEMPLAR ORDER—R. E. Sir Knights Charles F. Mansell, Chairman; Arthur Carrothers, David Taylor and J. B. Tresidder.

JURISPRUDENCE—R. E. Sir Knights Wm. G. Bell, Chairman; J. G. Liddell, W. LeMessurier and James Halliday.

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

FRATERNAL DEAD—R. E. Sir Knights Rev. John R. Battsby, D.D., Chairman; C. H. Fitzsimmons, R. C. Smith and T. W. Taylor.

SUPREME GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS—M. E. Sir Knights E. T. Malone, Chairman; E. E. Sheppard, R. E. Sir Knight Roderick MacNeil, M.D.

RITUAL—M. E. Sir Knights E. T. Malone, Chairman, Toronto; Will H. Whyte, Montreal; Daniel Spry, London; R. E. Sir Knights David L. Carley, Windsor; I. H. Stearns, Montreal; L. B. Archibald, Truro, N.S., and W. G. Bell, Winnipeg.

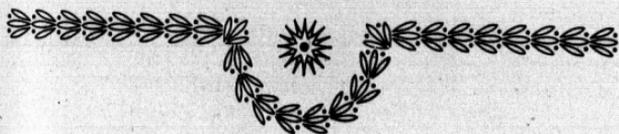
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DATE OF ORGANIZATION, WITH NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDERS AND GRAND RECORDERS, ALSO CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE, FROM THE LATEST PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED SINCE LAST REPORT.

GRAND COM- MANDERIES.	DATE OF OR- GANIZATION	DATE OF LAST MEETING	NAME AND ADDRESS OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. GRAND RECORDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.
Alabama	Dec. 1, 1867	May 8, 95	Fletcher J. Cowart, Troy	E. R. Hastings, Montgomery	George F. Moore, Montgomery
Arizona	Nov. 25, 1872	Apr. 13, 95	Ephraim J. Bennett, Phoenix	George J. Koskrunge, Tucson	Archibald J. Simpson, Prescott
Arkansas	Aug. 10, 1854	Apr. 18, 96	G. C. Hemm, Little Rock	George C. Gray, Fayetteville	George C. Gray, Fayetteville
California	Apr. 10, 1854	Apr. 18, 96	T. H. Ward, San Francisco	Wm. A. Davies, San Francisco	Wm. A. Davies, San Francisco
Colorado	M'Ch 14, 1876	June 2, 96	E. P. Shore, Colorado Springs	Ed. E. Parnale, Denver	Wm. C. O'Leary, Denver
Connecticut	Sept. 13, 1827	May 11, 96	F. H. Thomas	L. L. Johnson, Masonic Temple	Washington D. Meridan
Georgia	Apr. 25, 1837	Mar. 9, 96	W. H. Johnson, New Haven	Eli G. Birdsley, Meridan	Eli G. Birdsley, Meridan
Illinois	May 16, 1854	Apr. 17, 96	W. H. Fleming, Augusta	Samuel P. Hamilton, Savannah	Roland B. Hall, Macon
Indiana	Oct. 16, 1854	Apr. 15, 95	L. F. Foster, Uray	Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago	John C. Smith, Chicago
Iowa	May 16, 1854	July 10, 96	W. T. Arcantup, Anamosa	Wm. H. Smythe, Indianapolis	Nicholas R. Puckle, Indianapolis
Indian Territory	Aug. 29, 1868	Aug. 18, 96	T. R. Arcantup, Anamosa	L. E. Bennett, Muskogee	J. C. W. Coxe, Washington
Kansas	Dec. 10, 1868	May 14, 96	James W. Humphrey, Purcell	A. M. Callahan, Topeka	A. M. Callahan, Topeka
Kentucky	Oct. 5, 1847	May 23, 96	W. C. Homes, Paris	A. D. Coninger, Lexington	Chas. W. Woodruff, Louisville
Louisiana	Feb. 5, 1864	Feb. 14, 96	A. H. Thompson, Louisville	Richard L. Williams, New Orleans	John A. Bellows, New Orleans
Maine	May 5, 1854	May 7, 96	Matthew L. Scovell, Shreveport	Stephen Berry, Portland	Stephen Berry, Portland
Maryland	Jan. 23, 1827	Nov. 26, 95	Albro E. Chase, Portland	J. H. Miller, Brown's Wharf	F. J. S. Boggs, M. D., Baltimore
Massachusetts	May 6, 1805	Oct. 31, 95	Wm. H. Clark, Baltimore	Baltimore	Rev. H. W. Kugger, Providence, R. I.
Michigan	Jan. 16, 1857	May 21, 96	Eugene H. Richards, Boston	Benjamin W. Kowell, Lynn	John A. Gerow, Detroit
Minnesota	Oct. 28, 1865	June 24, 96	E. D. Wheeler, Manatee	Thomas George, Detroit	Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul
Mississippi	Jan. 22, 1857	Feb. 18, 96	John H. Kandall, Minneapolis	John L. Power, Jackson	E. G. Higgins, Yazoo City
Missouri	Jan. 14, 1868	Apr. 21, 96	M. Buchanan, Meridan	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis
Montana	May 22, 1860	Oct. 8, 96	J. V. McMillan, Maryland	Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha	Cornelius Hedges, Helena
Nbraska	Dec. 22, 1850	Apr. 23, 95	Edward D. Heill, Helena	Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha	W. T. Whitmarsh
New Hampshire	Aug. 21, 1871	Apr. 23, 95	James A. Tulleys, Omaha	Geo. Perley Cleaves, Concord	Albert S. Wait, Newport
New Jersey	Feb. 18, 1830	Apr. 29, 96	John Hatch, Greenland	John F. Shafter, Albany	Charles Bechtel, Trenton
New York	June 18, 1832	May 18, 96	John E. Kowe, Newark	Charles Bechtel, Trenton	Jesse B. Anthony, New York
North Carolina	May 10, 1852	May 18, 96	John A. Kowe, Newark	Frank J. Atkinson, Wilmington	John C. Chase, Wilmington
North Dakota	June 4, 1850	June 12, 96	William B. Withers, Bismark	John Nelson, Bell, Dayton	John Nelson, Bell, Dayton
Ohio	Oct. 24, 1843	Oct. 14, 96	Wm. T. Perkins, Bismark	John Nelson, Bell, Dayton	John Nelson, Bell, Dayton
Oregon	Apr. 13, 1867	Oct. 9, 95	Barton Smith, Toledo	James F. Robinson, Eugene	F. M. Hodson, Portland



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Great Priory of Canada.

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REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HENRY ROBERTSON, Chairman.

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

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present their annual report.

All the Proceedings that have been received have been carefully perused and digested, and the extracts made will give a fair idea of the progress of the Order in foreign jurisdictions, the ways and manner of promoting Templar interests, and the utterances of the eminent Sir Knights who have been chosen in the several States to preside over the destinies of the Order during the past year.

Among the numerous topics discussed will be found the following :

Enforced Membership.

The Liquor Question.

Perpetual Jurisdiction.

Life Membership.

The Ritual.

Observance of Days.

The Doctrine of the Trinity.

All of the jurisdictions make the attaining of the Chapter degrees a pre-requisite to Knighthood, and quite a number insist on a continuance of membership in both Lodge and Chapter as requisite to good standing in the Commandery. For ourselves, we have never been able to see any good reason why that rule should be made. We would leave every individual perfectly free in a matter of that kind. Some members take more interest in the Templar Order than they do in the other degrees and they are better fitted to do good service there, yet they may not feel able to continue their

payments to all the bodies, and they should certainly be allowed to serve the cause of Fraternity where they can do the best work. We do not think that the Lodge or Chapter stand in any need of our assistance. They are abundantly able to take care of themselves, and there seems to be no good cause why we should hamper ourselves unnecessarily.

The liquor question is of absorbing interest in only a few localities. In some jurisdictions, liquor sellers, liquor dealers and saloon keepers are debarred from membership; and as a general rule, rightly so. The business is certainly a degrading one, and the high ideals of the Templar Order call for extra care in the selection of proper material.

We have for many years written in strong condemnation of the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates. It is most unfair and unmasonic that a good man should be pursued all his life long by the stigma of an unfavorable ballot, cast, it may be, from some personal reason, or as sometimes happens, because a friend of the objector had been black-balled previously.

Life Membership is favored in some jurisdictions and condemned in others. Objection is made that a life member does not take as much interest in the working of the body as one who pays his dues regularly, but that argument will apply equally to all members at some period of their lives. It is also said that the payments are not made as high as they should be. In our opinion, a member should be allowed to commute his dues, provided the commutation bears a proper proportion to the sum which would in the average duration of membership be received from the member.

The Ritual of the Grand Encampment of the United States has evidently come to stay. Some mutterings of fault-finding are heard, but the general inclination seems to be to let well enough alone and not make any changes for fear of opening up the whole question again.

The observance of Christmas, Easter and Ascension Days is on the increase. It is eminently proper that these anniversaries should be observed by the Soldiers

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of the Cross with suitable ceremonies appropriate to the occasion. The only danger lies in the possible encouragement of the love of display. We deprecate the appearance of Masons or Templars in public clothed in the badges of the Order on all unnecessary occasions. We do not believe in advertising Masonry in any way. Every member should come to us "unbiassed by the impropersolicitation of friends and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives," and the desire to shine before the public in a gorgeous uniform is not a particularly worthy motive.

In reply to the statement that belief in the Doctrine of the Trinity is not required in the Templarism of the United States, it is asserted that every Templar must be a firm believer in the Christian religion, and that as the dogma of the Trinity is one of the fundamental principles of that religion, every Templar must be a believer in the Trinity. But others assert that the dogma of the Trinity is not one of the fundamental principles of the Christian religion, that there are many bodies of Christians who do not believe in the Trinity, notably the Unitarians. They are certainly believers in the religion of Christ, and we think that many of them are in the ranks of the Templars in the United States, although they could not be admitted here or under the British jurisdictions. Some eminent writers assert that Templarism is broad enough to include all Christians, of whatever denomination or creed, while others would narrow it down to Trinitarians only, and these differences of opinion will probably continue to exist.

The jurisdictions will be reviewed in the usual alphabetical order and a list of those reviewed will be found at the close of the report.

ALABAMA.

Thirty-fifth Conclave, Mobile, May 8, 1895.

Charles Wheelock, G. C.

In his address he says:—

On behalf of the Knights Templar of this Command, I greet you and welcome you to the Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery. The Templar year that has come and gone has, like a meteor, flashed across the sky.

And now, by the Providence of God, we are permitted to assemble again in Conclave, after a lapse of several years, in this beautiful city of the Sunny South, and I predict, from former experience, a hearty welcome. Peace and prosperity marks the onward march of this Command, the increase in the membership is an evidence of increased zeal and devotion to our glorious Order.

The Grand Officers detailed to make official visits made full reports of the condition of the several subordinates.

The report of the Committee on the revision of the Constitution will be acted on next session.

Frater George F. Moore, although suffering from illness, presented an interesting essay on various topics of Templar interest, in lieu of the usual extended review of the Proceedings.

Commanderies, 10; members, 376; increase, 8.

Fletcher J. Cowart, (Troy), G. C.

H. Clay Armstrong, (Montgomery), G. R.

ARIZONA.

Third Conclave, Prescott, November 13, 1895.

Alexander G. Oliver, G. C.

The Grand Commander congratulates the members upon the efficiency of the officers of the subordinate Commanderies. He was not called upon for any opinion on Templar law, nor was any complaint or grievance presented during the year.

The business transacted was entirely local.

Commanderies, 3; members, 114; increase, 11.

Ephraim J. Bennett, (Phoenix), G. C.

George J. Roskrige, (Tucson), G. R.

ARKANSAS.

Twenty-fourth Conclave, Little Rock, April 21, 1896.

George P. Taylor, G. C.

The Order is at peace within their borders, and no grievances were reported to the Grand Commander.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Be it resolved, That the office of Inspector General of this Grand Commandery be, and is hereby abolished, and that the

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duties of such officer be hereafter performed by the R. E. Grand Commander, the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, the E. Grand Generalissimo, and the E. Grand Captain General, for the year they are in office, they dividing the work by each assuming a proportion of the subordinate Commanderies to best suit their convenience.

Frater F. J. H. Rickon reports on Correspondence. In his review of Alabama we find the following remarks on parades:—

Sir George criticizes the church parades under the head of what he calls "The observance of days," and evidently is opposed to them. Now from our view of the question we think like this: We are a society founded on the Christian religion and therefore it is only right and proper that we should on stated occasions appear as a body, decorously at some church and there join in the services in a manner that at any rate would show the outside world that we practice what we preach, and perhaps no fitter days could be suggested than Christmas, Easter, or Ascension. The Commandery of which the writer has been a member has for years observed one of these days by going to church in a body in uniform, but without swords, going always by the most direct route without band or display and returning in the same manner, and the result has always been a pleasant one.

As regards the Christmas toast there can be no great harm in drinking a glass of wine to the health and prosperity of our Grand Master on that day, or any other day for that matter, and think that it is a custom that well may be continued.

Numerous extracts are given from our Proceedings of 1895.

In his review of Maine, we find the following:—

The writer thinks that the parading feature is getting to be too prominent altogether and would be glad to see it confined to "strictly" Masonic occasions, and would much rather see the Commandery "parade" on such occasions without regalia, than to see every opportunity embraced which offers the least excuse for it being termed a Masonic occasion to don our swords and feathers and march up and down the streets, but we know we are in the minority in this matter and so it will probably be for all time, but we fear it is apt to lead to too much attention being paid to the externals and not enough to the true meaning of Templarism.

Commanderies, 12; members, 510; decrease, 15.

George Thornburgh, (Little Rock), G. C.

James A. Henry, (Little Rock), G. R.

CALIFORNIA.

Thirty-eighth Conclave, San Francisco, April 23, 1896.

Edward S. Lippitt, G. C.

New Commanderies were opened at Santa Ana and Pomona.

The Grand Commander visited nearly every Commandery in the State, and was much gratified at the general improvement in the floor work and in the conferring degrees. He travelled over 6000 miles at an expense of about \$300.

After mentioning the parade at the Triennial, the Grand Commander says:—

If the parade was a grand success the meeting of the Grand Encampment was a failure. All of Tuesday was taken up by the parade. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were taken up in the organization of the Conclave and the election of officers, with a few decisions of the Committee on Jurisprudence and the fixing the place and the time of holding the next Conclave. The report of the Committee on Digest of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment was not considered, except as to Article I, relating to the constitution and formation of the Grand Encampment and subordinate Commanderies. All else went over to the Conclave to be held at Pittsburgh in 1898.

It must be apparent that the Grand Encampment, as a legislative body, cannot be a success, if held, as at present, at the triennial gathering of the Commanderies of the United States. Members of the Encampment desire to join in the festivities of the occasion, and to return with the Commanderies with which they come to the Encampment. I think the resolution adopted at this session of the Grand Encampment, that after 1898 the triennial sessions of the Grand Encampment shall be held at Washington, D. C., was eminently wise and for the highest good of the Order.

The time may have come when the idea first suggested by the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts, and urgently pressed by Sir Enoch T. Carson, the venerable correspondent of Ohio, in a memorial to the last Grand Encampment, shall be realized, and a magnificent temple shall be erected by the Order in Washington, whose dimensions and architectural beauty shall make it the peer of the national structures, worthy of the Order, and the home and shrine of devout Sir Knights throughout the ages. I pray that Sir Carson may live to see the object of his continuous solicitude realized, and when his eyes have beheld its magnificence, he may joyfully say, "now lettest thy servant depart in peace."

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Order in California is in good condition, having a substantial growth in membership and with every evidence of harmony and prosperity.

The State was divided into three departments and placed in charge of the Deputy Grand Commander, the Generalissimo and the Grand Captain-General respectively. Each Department Commander is further to divide his district for purposes of inspection and to appoint the necessary district inspectors.

The election of officers in subordinate Commanderies was changed from December to May.

Frater William A. Davies presented an excellent report on Correspondence, in which appears a courteous review of the Proceedings of Canada for 1895.

Commanderies, 37 ; members, 2941 ; increase, 58.

Trowbridge H. Ward, (San Francisco), G. C.

Thomas A. Caswell, (San Francisco), G. R.

COLORADO.

Twenty-first Conclave, Denver, June 2, 1896.

William W. Rowan, G. C.

Peace and harmony continue to prevail. Owing to the hard times and the scarcity and uncertainty of money, their membership has not increased as it should have done, but they have little to complain of, as they created 74 knights during the year. The Grand Commander made a number of visits and reports some of the Commanderies not in a very flourishing condition, whilst others are most prosperous.

It was decided to appoint an official Drill Master, to visit any Commandery required and give instruction in Templar work and tactics. His expenses and \$5 per day to be paid by the Commandery employing him.

The following resolution was adopted :—

Resolved. That the Grand Commander shall appoint a committee of three members of this Grand Commandery to revise the drill regulations, which committee shall have power to make such changes in "Grant's Tactics" as shall make them conform as nearly as practicable to the United States drill regulations; and that such changes be reported to the Grand Recorder, and when approved by the Grand Commander the

same shall be communicated to the several Commanderies in such form as to be conveniently pasted into the Tactics.

Frater Harper M. Orahood is the author of the report on Correspondence, a very condensed review of forty-two jurisdictions, including Canada for 1895.

Commanderies, 25 : members, 1651 ; increase, 3.

Eugene P. Shove, (Gunnison), G. C.

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

CONNECTICUT.

Sixty-ninth Conclave, Bridgeport. March 17, 1896.

Hugh Stirling, G. C.

He obtained from the Grand Master the following decision on the question of life membership :—

The question of continuous payment of annual dues was raised by the Commandery of which I am a member, and as it was a matter that the Grand Encampment has passed upon, I submitted the following to the Grand Master, for his decision—omitting dates and titles :

“By decision No. 2 of Past Grand Master Gobin, the payment of dues for any fixed time is inconsistent with title XIX, Section 8 of the Code.”

One of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction has had a by-law in operation for the past twenty-two years, requiring its members to pay dues for the period of ten years, and under that law some one hundred and fifty of its members are exempt. The question is, are the members who were considered exempt under that by-law to be again placed on the roll of due-paying members in the event of the passage of an amendment, which will comply with the decision referred to, and which was approved by the Grand Encampment ?

Members who have complied with such a by-law as you quote and have become exempt from the payment of dues, cannot be placed on the roll of due-paying members. When they joined the Commandery they agreed to support the by-laws of the Commandery, and said by-laws was a contract between the Commandery and the member. The member having complied with his part of the contract, the Commandery must comply with its part.

The concluding paragraphs of the address of the Grand Commander contain sentiments which are eminently sound :—

In looking over the field of Templary, we find two questions claiming particular attention in some jurisdictions, to wit: Membership in Lodge and Chapter necessary to retain good standing in the Commandery, and the liquor question.

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Happily this jurisdiction has not thus far been called upon to legislate in respect to either of these questions.

We believe that membership in a Masonic Body should be voluntary. Measures to compel affiliation is contrary to the spirit as well as to the first principle of our Ancient Craft, and the ballot should be sufficient to prevent any undesirable or unworthy person from being received into our Order, no matter what particular business he may be engaged in. The character of the man, rather than his occupation, should concern us most.

If the question of profession or occupation of a candidate is to be a qualification, it is difficult to say where the line would eventually be drawn.

The committee on apportionment do not agree with the Grand Master, if his decision, as given above, means that the by-laws of a Commandery can never be changed except by unanimous consent; and we must say that we agree with the committee. Their argument seems to be incontrovertible:—

The proposition that the status of the members of a Commandery as to each other is in the nature of a contract by which both parties are bound may be, in a measure, true; but that the by-laws are a contract, or even a part of a contract, will not, upon investigation, be found tenable. Nor is there any analogy in this question to the civil law regarding the impairment of contracts.

Upon uniting with a Commandery, each candidate promises obedience to *all* the rules and regulations of that body and also to the constitution, laws and edicts of the superior Templar Bodies. The promise is not restricted to the particular rules and laws in force at the time.

The very circumstances of the case preclude the possibility of a candidate in any Masonic Body having any prior knowledge of the laws, rules and usages of the Body; and if he had such knowledge, though only in part, and were to condition his membership that no change should thereafter be made in the laws, rules and regulations, or in the ritual or uniform, without his consent, such a proposition for membership would not receive a moment's consideration. How much less then can such a condition be inferred.

Every organization has undeniably the power to alter the laws which it has adopted for its government, and in this, each member has a voice and vote; but to require that no law should be binding upon any member without his consent would make it practically impossible to alter the law and have it of any force.

The laws of the subordinate must always be consistent with those of the superior bodies, and when changes in the latter result in conflict between them the inferior must yield.

If the individual member is to be bound only by such laws relating to payment of dues as are in force at the beginning of

his membership, or as to which he afterwards consents, then the same is true with regard to all other laws. And the same rule holds good in the relation of subordinate bodies to their superiors. This would soon result in such confusion, as new members are received, that it would soon be impossible to determine the rights and duties of any.

If, however, the decision be correct, there should be an immediate revision of the form of the obligations.

The report on Correspondence is by Frater Albert L. Eugene. Canada for 1895 receives a good notice.

Commanderies, 11 ; members, 2298 ; increase, 84.

Lyman H. Johnston, (New Haven,) G. C.

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

A memorable event in the history of Masonic Knighthood in the District of Columbia took place at Washington on the 19th January, 1896, when a Grand Commandery was formed for that jurisdiction.

The Convention called for that purpose was presided over by the Grand Master of Templars, M. E. Sir Knight W. LaRue Thomas, under whose sanction a Warrant was issued for the organization of the new body.

Representatives were present from all the five Commanderies in the District. Everything necessary was done in the most harmonious and satisfactory manner. A constitution was adopted, from which we make the following extracts :—

Sec. 1. The fee for instituting a new Commandery shall be one hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. For every Knight Templar created in any Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery there shall be paid the sum of two dollars into the treasury of the Grand Commandery.

Sec. 3. There shall be paid to the Grand Commandery in annual dues from each Subordinate Commandery the sum of fifty cents for every Sir Knight returned as a member thereof.

Sec. 4. No Subordinate Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than fifty dollars, and such fee shall be paid before the Orders are conferred.

Sec. 5. No Subordinate Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any one who is not a regular Royal Arch Mason, according to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. The rule of succession in

conferring the Orders of Knighthood shall be as follows: 1, Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross; 2, Knight Templar; and 3, Knight of Malta.

Sec. 6. All Templar communication is interdicted between any Commandery working under the general or special jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, or any member thereof, and any Commandery or member of such that may be formed, opened or holden in this District without a regular dispensation or charter.

Sec. 7. (1) It shall be deemed irregular for any Commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood, or any of them, upon any sojourner whose place of residence is within any State or Territory in which there is a Commandery at work, until the consent of the Commandery having territorial jurisdiction is first obtained. (2) In the event of the violation of this interdict, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to knightly discipline, and be required to pay over to the Commandery having jurisdiction the amount of fees received for such Orders.

The standard uniform prescribed by the Grand Encampment of the United States was adopted, except for Washington Commandery No. 1, whose members are permitted to wear the uniform in use by them before the passage of the Grand Encampment regulation of 1862.

Members may appear in uniform without special dispensation for observance of appropriate ceremonies on Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension Day.

There are five Commanderies and 1532 members.

We cordially welcome this new Grand Commandery and trust that they may have a long and prosperous career of usefulness.

Noble D. Larner, (Washington,) G. C.

I. L. Johnson, (Washington,) G. R.

ENGLAND.

A meeting of the National Great Priory of England and Wales was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, on December 13th, 1895.

The V. E. Provincial Prior for Hampshire, W. W. B. Beach, M. P., G. C. T., on the throne.

Convent General ceased to exist on the 19th July, 1895. From the report of the Council, we take the following paragraphs:—

Your Council have the honor to report that, pursuant to petitions presented to His Royal Highness on behalf of the National Great Priories of England and Wales, etc., and of Ireland, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master has been pleased to absolve the said National Great Priories from their allegiance to Convent General, and to declare that Convent General shall, from and after the 19th July, 1895, cease to exist. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has also been graciously pleased to consent to permit himself to be named Sovereign of the Order in the United Kingdom.

There is now a sum of about £270 standing to the credit of the late Convent General. This sum is entirely made up of fees of honor paid by members of the National Great Priories of England, etc., and Ireland, who have been appointed Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commanders of the Order of the Temple. Your Council, therefore, recommend that the balance remaining on hand after payment of all liabilities be divided between the two National Great Priories in proportion to the amount contributed by the members of each. Your Council also recommend that the plates for patents be kept at the printers for the use of both Great Priories. * * *

The Grand Secretary General, 88°, having reported the expulsion of a brother from the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and he being also a Knight Templar, you have been pleased to suspend him from all privileges during pleasure. * * *

Your Council has to report, with deep regret, the death, on the 28th November, of the E. Knight William Tinkler, K. C. T., who for many years filled the office of Vice-Chancellor to the great advantage of the Order.

Your Council recommend that his pension be paid to his widow in full up to Christmas.

The Great Treasurer has purchased £300 2½ per cent Consolidated Stock on behalf of the General Fund, at a cost of £319, 6s. 8d., and on behalf of the Benevolent Fund £50, at a cost of £58 4s. 5d.

St. George's Preceptory No. 6, meeting in London, having established a continued existence for upwards of one hundred years, it was resolved that a Centenary Warrant, with permission to the members to wear the Commemoration Jewel, should be granted to that Preceptory.

A revision of the statutes was presented and final action thereon deferred until the meeting in May.

A proposal to abolish the term "Sir Knight," and to substitute "Brother" therefor, was withdrawn.

At the close of the meeting, the alms were collected amounting to £3 15s. 6d.

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The next meeting was held in London on the 8th May, 1896.

The Earl of Lathom, G. C. T., on the throne.

On the dissolution of Convent General, the funds were divided, the Great Priory of England receiving £196 18s. 6d., and the Great Priory of Ireland £77 15s. 6d.

A new Preceptory was formed at Moulmein, in Burna.

The new statutes were adopted with a number of amendments. The following discussion took place on the title "Sir Knight," and will be found interesting:—

E. Knight Le Feuvre: May I be allowed to move that Statute 8 be excluded from the motion just moved by the Great Chancellor, otherwise I shall be shut out from moving the amendment of which I have given notice. The proposal now made is that the statutes be adopted with the amendments accepted by the Council. If that is passed I am afraid the amendment of which I have given notice will scarcely be in order.

The Great Sub-Prior: Very High and Eminent Great Prior, may I explain? There is no opposition to the title. The term Sir Knight will remain, but as one addressed from one Knight to another. The prefix is not a title and cannot be put upon our statutes as such; if it was we should be held up to ridicule by ourselves and neighboring countries. It is a matter of custom that Knights of the Temple address each other as Sir Knight, and there is nothing in these statutes to prevent that custom from going on, but neither Great Priory nor any private Preceptory has any power to bring it in as a title, and we do not think it right that it should be. You are not Sir Knight and you cannot be, you are a Knight of the Temple. As a matter of fact you can be described as Sir Knight in addressing each other, and the Council have not interfered with it; it will go on in the same way as it has always done. The Council have no opposition to offer to the term being used, and I think you should accept that assurance.

E. Knight De Feuvre: I shall be glad, Very High and Eminent Great Prior, to take the opinion of Great Priory on that subject.

The Acting Great Marshal (Baron de Ferrieres): When circularizing the Order how shall the circulars be addressed?

The Great Sub-Prior: In the manner they always have been.

The Acting Great Marshal. Will they be addressed as Sir Knight?

The Great Sub-Prior: Certainly. I have already said there is no alteration in that term. In sending out these statutes many slips may have been made in the first edition sent out, and one impression gained was that the prefix "Sir Knight" was

going to be done away with. We are perfectly willing to go on as we have always done. The title has never been in the statutes before.

The Acting Great Marshal (Baron de Ferrieres): I wish for information as to what is to be the course in the future. Hitherto in all circulars which have emanated from headquarters we have always been addressed as "Sir Knight," but latterly we have been addressed as "Eminent Knight."

The Great Sub-Prior: That will not be continued. The old manner will be observed, and every member of the Order will be addressed according to his position.

The Great Chancellor: May I be permitted to explain to Great Priory how we stand. Before these statutes were altered there was nothing in the statute book relating to the prefix "Sir Knight." Some of the Council thought it would be advisable to put into Rule 8 the words "other Knights are not entitled to any prefix." When we had the notice of motion of Bro. Le Feuvre and others, we considered, as Lord Euston has said, the value of their amendments, and so we determined that the words "other Knights are not entitled to any prefix" should be omitted from the statutes. That has been done. Thus they are exactly in the same position as in former years and members can address themselves as Sir Knight when they like, but it is not a legal title.

E. Knight Le Feuvre: Most High and Eminent Great Prior, unless you decide I am out of Order I will move to leave out the words "other Knights are not entitled to any prefix" in order to insert the words "other Knights shall be entitled to the prefix Sir Knight." I submit that from time immemorial we have always been "Sir Knight." For centuries the title has attached to our predecessors in this ancient and military Order and the idea that we should no longer use the old style of address is highly inconvenient, especially in an Order of Freemasonry, which like that of the Temple is essentially military. Later on, I shall have occasion to refer to the uniform which is provided for the members of our Order, and I shall propose the adoption of the same principle, which I think reasonable as regards the title of a military Order such as ours. I think our title and uniform should be fixed by our laws and regulations and should not be a matter of fashion or choice on the part of any individuals. I find I have some cause to complain in that matter. These statutes, though we are only now proposing to adopt them, are already acted upon. Our excellent friend, Sir Knight Matier, has already dropped out of his circulars the title "Sir Knight." That has been done in two circulars sent out from his office in December and January. The circular sent out in December commences "Dear Sir Knight," while the second circular, sent out in January, omits the word Knight altogether. I submit that whatever may be the decision on our part as to the omission of the words Sir Knight, which we have used for centuries, it ought at least to be retained in our official communications till we have decided to abolish it. I am told that it is only a

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matter of custom to address a member of our Order as Sir Knight. I think, however, that that objection carries little weight when we have the high authority of the practice for centuries past when the title, Sir Knight, has always been used as a style. We have only to read our Shakespeare and our Sir Walter Scott to find that we are proposing to-day to abolish what has hitherto been. At any rate, if it is a matter of tautology, I would sooner be wrong with Shakespeare and Walter Scott than right with the framers of these new statutes. I therefore propose to omit the words "other Knights are not entitled to any prefix," in order to insert the words "other Knights are entitled to the prefix Sir Knight."

E. Knight Major Richardson: I second the motion, and I am entirely in favor of Great Priory securing the continuance of the old custom.

E. Knight General Hay: Our Eminent Brother says that this title "Sir Knight" has been in use for many centuries. So no doubt it has. He has referred to Shakespeare and Sir Walter Scott, but I also read in Sir Walter Scott and in Shakespeare "how now Sir Knave?" and "what meanest thou Sir Scullion?" but they did not call one another "Sir Knave" or "Sir Scullion;" nor do we read "the Sir Scullions" did not wash the dishes, nor "the Sir Knaves" were sorely beaten. (Laughter.) Then as to the title which was used in this Order. Up to about the year 1810 the term was Sir John, Sir Robert, Sir William, or as the case may be, but afterwards this term Sir Knight was brought in. That is perfectly right, but I maintain that the address Sir "So-and-So" is not English or any other language. I think that to address a brother Knight as "Brother Knight" is infinitely more knightly than a common vocative which may be addressed to prince or pauper.

The Acting Great Marshal (Baron de Ferrieres): Unfortunately, owing to the Provincial Great Priory for Bristol being held this evening many Knights of the Province of Bristol and Gloucester are unable to attend this National Great Priory. No doubt you have heard that our Province has, if not from time immemorial, at all events for a very long time, had its own traditions in these matters, and when we were invited to join the National Great Priory we did so on condition that our ceremonies should be safeguarded and continued. Speaking generally, I think it is a pity not to have uniformity in Masonry, but it is no use talking about what is common sense, we must abide by the old state of things and it is therefore a mistake to suddenly ask us to alter them. And now when our esteemed Chancellor comes forward with a proposal to make everything which he calls common sense, it is easy to see whence these suggestions come, and it is entirely owing to him that these alterations are made. If we are to have alterations made in this way I think we shall lose faith in our legal authorities and we do not know where we shall be. I think that is a great pity. These outside degrees are small as compared with the Craft, and if we are to have our faith disturbed I think you will find that

instead of increasing our number we shall be quite the reverse, and find ourselves with fewer and fewer. I trust this Great Priory will not be persuaded to alter the existing state of things.

The Great Sub-Prior: May I say this to Great Priory. We having done away with Convent General had to have new statutes, and we drew them out. You asked for an extra six months in which to consider them. We have considered every suggestion which was made, having invited you to send in your recommendations. We made this one alteration in our original suggestions in deference to what we heard and we said there should be no alteration in the term of address, but that things should go on as they always have done. The term Sir Knight is not and cannot be a title, it is a mere term of address from man to man and from Knight to Knight.

The question then put from the throne to omit the words "other Knights are not entitled to any prefix" was agreed to *nem. con.*

On the motion to add the words proposed by E. Sir Knight Le Feuvre, "other Knights shall be entitled to the prefix Sir Knight," the Great Prior, having taken a show of hands, requested all Knights in favor of the motion to stand up in their places, and all against likewise to stand up in their places, and after counting, he declared the numbers to be:—

For the amendment	27
Against	60

Majority against 33

The motion for the amendment of Statute 8 was declared lost.

E. Knight Le Feuvre: After that decision of Great Priory, Most High and Eminent Great Prior, I desire to withdraw the other amendments which appear in my name and in that of my Province.

The Earl of Lathom, who has been Great Prior since 1877, found it necessary to resign his high office, in consequence of the pressure of his other engagements. A cordial vote of thanks was passed by Great Priory for his distinguished services. The vacancy was filled by the unanimous election of the Great Sub-Prior, the Earl of Euston.

There are 119 Preceptories on the roll, 13 of which are in London. Those outside of England are,—4 in Bengal, 2 in Burmah, 2 in China, 3 in Madras, 5 in South Africa, 2 in Australia, 2 in Ceylon and one each in Bombay, Malta, Gibraltar, Bermuda, Demarara, Barbados, and Singapore. There is no statement given of the number of members.

All communications are to be addressed to C. F. Matier, Great High Vice-Chancellor, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W. C.

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GEORGIA.

Thirty-fifth Conclave, Columbus, April 15th, 1896.
Joseph K. Orr, G. C.

The Grand Commander visited all the ten Commanderies in the State and says:

Templarism has been described as the "luxurious branch of Masonry." While we have not kept up with the marvelous growth shown in more congested centres of population, I believe that the early return of prosperity, together with the tidal wave of new blood that is pouring into Georgia, will in a few years show a large increase in our membership. I have had several enquiries from Companions who desired to form Commanderies in their respective cities; one of whom rather insisted that I exercise my prerogative and make him a Knights Templar "on sight." I was constrained to reply "there was no royal road to Templarism." In each instance I pointed out the necessary procedure, not the least important of which was, first to become a Knights Templar in the Commandery nearest to the applicant. These may materialize in the future.

The report of the Triennial Committee is a gem:—

Your committee, desiring to be brief, might report that the Triennial has come and gone, likewise your appropriation. Those who attended will have some dim recollection that it was possibly well spent; those who remained away have the cheering assurance that they were represented by fratres who freely took their part. No effort was spared to have Georgia's hospitality creditably presented. The many flattering comments that came from various sources lead us to believe our labors were not in vain. An itemized account of our expenditures is appended. This exceeds by a trifle your appropriation, but the excess being largely due to the profligacy of your committee, has been promptly subscribed. Having no desire for re-appointment or vindication, we sincerely hope you will call it square.

Of course the report was received and the committee discharged with thanks.

Fratr Roland B. Hall again reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1895 receives a cordial notice. Commanderies, 10; members, 692; increase, 9.

William H. Fleming, (Augusta,) G. C.

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

ILLINOIS.

Thirty-ninth Conclave, Chicago, October 22nd, 1895.

Henry H. Montgomery, G. C.

Two new Commanderies were formed. Forty-nine Commanderies observed Easter Day, and five Ascen-

sion Day, and three observed both. "It is gratifying to note this general interest increasing from year to year."

We quote one of the decisions of the Grand Commander :

MY DEAR SIR KNIGHT : I have your favor of the 19th inst. stating that you have engaged a Christian minister, a Knight Templar, to conduct your Easter services on Easter evening in a church in your city, and inquiring whether "it is consistent with Knighthood" that such minister on such occasion should illustrate his sermon with "magic scenes of the crucifixion, burial, resurrection and ascension of Christ,"

In reply to your question I beg to say that I do not think it would be consistent for your minister so to do. It is true the utmost personal liberty must be accorded to the Reverend Sir conducting the service, and it is also true that the service illustrated in the manner described would be entertaining and instructive not only to the Knights Templar assembled, but to the audience as well. But I cannot conceive such sermon so illustrated could be otherwise than highly suggestive of the sublime lecture always given in conferring the Order of the Temple. Would it not necessarily be that lecture itself, largely amplified? Considering that your service is to be given, or rather held, before a mixed congregation, and in a place of public worship, I think, as before stated, that "the illustrated sermon" would hardly be consistent or proper.

All the Commanderies were properly inspected and each Inspector submitted to the Grand Commander a private report of each Commandery inspected by him. The reports disclose much improvement in the condition of the subordinates, while some are deficient in the military branch.

The report on Correspondence by Frater John Corson Smith was written "under various and sometimes trying circumstances and amidst pressure of exciting scenes in foreign lands or upon tempestuous seas." During his little trip around the world in search of health, the General had many and varied experiences, but notwithstanding all the attractions of foreign travel, he yet found time to remember his *confreres* and to commune with them as of yore. He crossed the Pacific Ocean, and now knows what an earthquake in Japan is like :—

During our four weeks in Japan I have been the recipient of many courtesies at the hands of Bros. Oscar Keil, thirty-third degree, and J. Davieson, E. V. Thorn, editor of the *Box of*

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Curios, Bro. the editor of the *Japan Daily Mail*, and many other of the brethren and citizens, but more especially to Bro. John T. Griffin and daughter. The latter has been very kind to my own daughter during her severe illness. Bro. Dr. C. H. Hall, late of the U. S. N., and formerly of Danville, Illinois, has been constant in his attendance and skilful in his treatment of my dear girl. With Bro. Griffin I have wandered over the hills about the city of Yokohama and in and through its streets. Together we have visited the site of the ancient city of Kamakura, saw the great bronze Buddha or Daibutsu, spent several days in the capital city of Tokio, and visited many other places of interest.

We had four sharp earthquakes while in Yokohama, the severest of which occurred the night of January 18th, two days before we sailed, an account of which we give from the press. While this article briefly recites a few of the injuries done to buildings and persons, no language can portray the feelings of a person while the earth is rocking, reeling, thumping, and staggering for a period of *three minutes and fifteen seconds*, as we felt them that evening. Every person on the first floor of the hotel escaped into the open air, while daughter and I, together with several ladies on the second floor, had to remain, as it was almost impossible to keep one's feet. Fearing at every moment the building would be overthrown, we had to stand fast and hope for the best. The ladies were brave, and except when the house received a heavier thump or met an extra shake, there was but little screaming.

In Bombay, he visited a Chapter whose membership is composed of descendants of the ancient Persian nobility:—

Our few days in Bombay were replete with interest and pleasure. The American Consul, Dr. H. Summers, jr., and his Vice-Consul, Major S. Comfort, are from Quakertown, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, near our old home; are Freemasons, and good representatives of our government.

Accompanied by Maj Comfort, we visited "Lodge Truth No. 944, E. C.," were warmly welcomed with the grand honors of Freemasonry, and seated in the East. The usual dinner followed at which we were honored guests.

Another evening I went alone to a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the members of which were all "Parsis." Not only was I here received and welcomed with the honors of R. A. Masonry, but I was unanimously elected an honorary member of "Chapter Zoraaster, No. 138, S. C." Companion Jehangir Edalji Davar presided, the Principal Z being unavoidably absent. Companion C. D. Furdoorjie and others did everything to make my visit pleasant, and the banquet which followed, enjoyable. These two Companions, together with the Principal Z., Companion Framjee Dinshaw Petit, called upon me the next day and made my stay in Bombay a pleasing memory. Cards were brought, and a young Parsee sent to take us to the "Towers of

Silence," the place where their dead are taken to be eaten by the vultures. A word as to these "Parsis," or Parsee. They are the descendants of the ancient nobility of Persia. More ancient than the time of Cyrus and Darius, and are enthusiastic Freemasons. Although they have fire temples in which the sacred fire is never extinguished, yet they are not fire worshippers but worshippers of the one true and ever living God. The simplicity of their creed consists in three cardinal virtues, "good thoughts, good words, and good deeds." In appearance, habits, conversation and business, the men remind one of our Jewish brethren, but the Parsis ladies are in dress, manners and modesty, the counterpart of our Quaker women. I have seen no people in all India whom I am better pleased with than the Parsis.

India is really a country and the Parsis a people I would gladly revisit, but would care little to go farther east again. Calcutta and Bombay are Masonic centers, and all through India are native Lodges and Chapters under English and Scottish constitutions. In no other land east of this are there any large number of native members of the Craft. In the straits settlements there are a few Malay members, but in China I know of none, while in Japan I do know there is no native Japanese a member of our fraternity. From India west, and in Egypt particularly, is Freemasonry flourishing and held in high esteem by the natives.

At Ceylon we had received our first letters from home sixty and ninety days old, but they were good and as all contained assurance of good health of friends, we were made happy. One month later, on emerging from the jungles of India, we received a few more letters, missives of friendship, and a few newspapers. As we had read our Colombo letters while sailing up the Bay of Bengal, so we passed the time with our Calcutta letters while crossing the Arabian Sea to Aden before our entrance into the famous Red Sea.

In Egypt, he received great honor and the most kindly attention;—

Saturday, March 23, was an eventful day. In the forenoon daughter and myself again visited the Pyramids and the Sphinx. At noon we dined with Her Highness the Princess Nazli Hanem, an honor enjoyed by few Europeans, and seldom if ever by a gentleman, for the Princess is of Mohammedan faith. In the evening we were received in the home of veteran Bro. Shashine Makarius Bey, where a "grand civil Masonic reception" (one hundred brethren being present and many distinguished grand officers) was accorded me and I was welcomed to Egypt by M. W. Idris Bey Ragheb, Grand Master of Freemasons. The record reads thus: "Most Worshipful Brother John Corson Smith was most cordially and fraternally received and presented with the Jewel of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, and was elected Honorary Grand Master of the Grand Lodge." This was a clear case of being surprised and captured, and doing the best I could to thank the brethren, I took from

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my own breast the semi-centennial medal of the Grand Lodge of Illinois and placed it upon the breast of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Egypt, Bro. Idris Bey Ragheb, and having the Triennial Jewel of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois, I did the same with that, placing it upon Companion Shahine Makarius Bey.

Twice I visited Lataif Lodge and was warmly welcomed by the Worshipful Master, the brethren all joining in giving me, as Past Grand Master of Illinois and Honorary Grand Master of Egypt, the grand honors of Freemasonry. I also saw them work the degree of Entered Apprentice.

The honor conferred upon me by these Arabic brethren is a great one indeed, as the previous Honorary Grand Master was the late ex-Khedive Bro. Ismail Pasha, who died this same month, and for whom the brethren are now in deep mourning.

I also visited Grecia Lodge No. 1105, E. C. where I saw the Fellow Craft degree conferred. At "Idris" Lodge No. 48, E. C., named after the Grand Master, I saw the Master's degree conferred as well as I have ever seen anywhere. In each of these lodges I was accorded a warm and fraternal welcome.

One of the unique pleasures which awaited me was the eating of a native dinner and in the native manner. This was given me by Bro. El-Seid Mohammed Ratib Pasha. There were nine of us sat around a large silver tray; all nine, I was informed, were Royal Arch Masons. A plate, knife, and fork were accorded me, but seeing that no one else had the same, I discarded them and fell to with the rest and made my fingers do duty in getting away with the fish, kid, vegetables, turkey, rice, curries, and sweets. Why, Delmonico never served such a meal, and no dinner, save and except an occasional one in the field after a hard day's march or severe fighting, ever tasted half so sweet. There were present at this (to me) novel dinner, the host, Mahommed Ratib Pasha, Shahine Makarius Bey, Col. Dr. S. Mousally Bey, Effendi Selim Khuri, Mahmoud Bey Mohamed, Osman Bey Mustadi, Mahmood Bey Shawardi, and Mahmood Bey Azmi and myself. No wines, no coffee or tea, and only as asked for, a glass of water, did I get anything to drink. Fancy nine dignified gentlemen, including the Past Grand Master of Illinois and Honorary Grand Master of Egypt, at such a dinner, and it was fit for the gods.

Frazer Smith's review of the Proceedings of the Great Priory of Canada for 1894, was written at Colombo, Ceylon.

Commanderies, 65; members, 9355; increase, 227.

Augustus L. Webster, (Danville), G. C.

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

INDIAN TERRITORY.

We are glad to welcome the new Grand Commandery of Indian Territory. The organization took place at Muskogee, December 27th, 1895, under a Warrant for that purpose issued by the Grand Master of the United States. Representatives were present from the three Commanderies stationed at Muskogee, Purcell and McAllister. V. E. Sir Knight William H. Mayo, of St. Louis, was present as representative of the Grand Master, to institute the new body and see that everything was properly done to give them a fair start in their mission of usefulness.

The minimum fee for the degree was fixed at \$50, and every member must provide himself with a uniform within ninety days after becoming a member.

They have three Commanderies and 113 members.

Robert W. Hill, (Muskogee,) G. C.

Leo. E. Bennett, (Muskogee,) G. R.

INDIANA.

Forty-second Conclave, Indianapolis, April 15, 1896.

Walter M. Hindram, G. C.

Notwithstanding the general depression, they have had quite a healthy growth during the past year.

On the Turkish atrocities, the following was adopted:—

Whereas, it is current news that the Armenians, being Christians, are being subjected to gross inhumanity by the Turks; and

Whereas, the Order of "Knights Templar" profess to be the champions of the Christian religion, having vowed to wield the sword in its defense, and while we may not be permitted to wield our swords, yet, we can give expression to our feelings on account of the atrocities perpetrated; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our Representatives in Congress be furnished with a copy of this expression, and that they be urged to use their best endeavors, through the proper channels of our Government, to at once put a stop to the murder of Christian men, women and children of Armenia.

Frater N. R. Ruckle has an excellent report on Correspondence, and reviews Canada for 1895. His introduction is capital:—

The correspondence reports of the different jurisdictions vary in style, both in printing and preparation, corporally and spiritually. One is written where a hammock swings under a leafy oak, where the grass grows green, and the winds, blowing across the cool waters of the bay, bring a refreshing sense of coolness. Another is indited as the author winds his way around the world; some pages in the great ocean steamer between America and Asia, or in the Chinese ports, or along that coast of the Red Sea, which is said to be separated from the "other place" by a thickness of brown paper only. Several are evidently measured off on the leaves of a scratch pad; while reading others you can imagine you hear the bang of the type-writing machine. You can smell the shop in many, or sniff the printer's ink, and each bears certain thumb-marks of identity.

Some reviewers, as it were, sitting serenely on High Olympus, judge the world below without concern; others grace every page with words of courtesy and gracious titles of esteem. The writing of a review is, to many, a labor of love, and to an equal number a task of dogged perseverance. A few write for honor, many for duty; none for profit. Many bear in mind the friendships to be gained and the distinction to be earned; all write with the belief that their labors are a benefit to the Craft.

A system of judicious extracts often seems to be the favored plan; others quote only to criticise, and lie in wait for the hasty decision and the ill-considered argument. One sets out plainly the history of each conclave, delaying neither to praise or censure; the other finds on every page a topic for commendation or discussion. Again, the opening swell of sentiment of the Grand Commander's address, the pathos of his lament for those departed, or the well-arranged sentences of the peroration are irresistible temptations to fill up the pages which custom or the Grand Recorder has allotted to the reviewer.

To one reviewer all in Templarism is elevating. The good cheer and knightly greetings of the Triennial, the grand parade, the noisy and brilliant receptions, the music, the crowded streets, the old friendships renewed, the new ones established, the hearty comradeship everywhere, are an exhilaration and inspiration, and he sees the Order growing to a strength and dignity beyond compare. The other sees the "danger in the flowing bowl" and finds the "cross" and "welcome," where no one else looks for it, over the door of a saloon, and glances at every besmirched creature he sees on the streets to find among her pitiful finery a Templar charm; he feels that the world grows old and wicked, that the valiant Order is swollen with corruption and tainted with hypocrisy, and the judgment day should be close at hand.

The reports, all written by men of ability and Templar standing, cover a wide range of literary ability, and evidence different qualities of temperament and temper in the writers. As a rule, they are written in dignity and sincerity; all with a high sense of honor, and with a desire for the advancement of the best interests of the Order.

Under the heading of "General Statistics," we find the following interesting information:—

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, under the stimulus of the Triennial, makes the phenomenal gain of 1,115, the largest increase ever reported by a Grand Commandery in the Templar year, making the total membership 11,499. Pennsylvania, which was the largest Grand Jurisdiction in our report for 1895, is now second, with 10,948 members, and New York third, with 10,710. The other leading States stand as follows: Illinois fourth, 9,355; Ohio fifth, 7,914; Michigan sixth, 5,378; Iowa seventh, 4,178; Missouri eighth, 4,080; Indiana ninth, 3,394; Kansas tenth, 3,176.

Boston Commandery, of Boston, remains at the head of the list of subordinates, having 884 members; St. Bernard, of Chicago, is second, with 690; Mary, of Philadelphia, third, 666; Apollo, of Chicago, fourth, 641; Pittsburg, of Pittsburg, fifth, 638; St. John, of Boston, sixth, 591; Chicago, of Chicago, seventh, 590; Springfield, of Springfield, eighth, 570; St. John, of Philadelphia, ninth, 565; Columbia, of Washington, tenth, 564.

The influence of the Triennial is clearly shown in the gains in the New England States, where five Grand Jurisdictions show an increase of 1,591, over 23 per cent. of the increase in the United States.

In the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, five of the subordinates have over 500 members each, and the average membership in Commanderies is 256.

Pennsylvania has three Commanderies of over 500 each, and has an average membership of 149+.

Illinois has three Commanderies of over 500 each, and the membership in subordinates averages 155+.

New York has two Commanderies of 500 and over, Malta of Binghamton, 526, and Munro of Rochester, 500. The average membership is 179+.

The District of Columbia has two Commanderies of over 500 members each.

New York City has eight Commanderies, with an aggregate membership of 1,410.

Boston has three Commanderies in the city proper, with a total of 1,608 members.

Philadelphia has eight Commanderies, making in all 8,356 Templars.

Chicago has in the city limits eight Commanderies, with a membership of 2,843.

The membership in the District of Columbia is 1,454 members, in four Commanderies.

Pittsburg, the Triennial city of 1898, has four Commanderies, with 1,378 members.

Commanderies, 37; members, 3493; increase, 99.

Winfield T. Durbin, (Anderson,) G. C.

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

IOWA.

Thirty-third Conclave, Templar Park, Spirit Lake,
July 14, 1896.

Thomas B. Lacey, G. C.

In the opening of his address, the Grand Com-
mander says:—

With your work in a measure completed, it is well that you have the place for rest and recuperation; and here at the home of your Grand Commandery, where peace and quiet reign supreme, you have the best possible opportunity for healthful rest and pleasure. Many of you toil almost incessantly, allowing little or no time for recreation; your necessities may at times seem to demand it, yet it is not right that it should be so, for expended force and energy must be renewed, else the strain results in physical and mental impairment.

Our surroundings here are conducive to both health and pleasure, and the goodly number of Sir Knights and their families now gathered on our beautiful grounds is conclusive evidence that the advantages of Templar Park are fully appreciated.

Sir Knights, these grounds are yours, and this lake before you, though not yours, is subject to your pleasure, and is enticing in its beauty; enjoy yourselves.

The staff, in connection with the trustees, have endeavored to so plan the work and entertainment of this session, and your sojourn at Templar Park, that you will not only reap full enjoyment now, but derive much pleasure in the anticipation of another year's visit here.

Their growth has been satisfactory. Of the 56 Commanderies, 19 show a decrease in membership, three have just held their own, and 34 had an increase.

The improvements on Templar Park are in a good state of preservation. The new engine for raising water is doing excellent work. There is an increasing tendency among the Sir Knights of Iowa to occupy the Park for an extended season during the warm months, thereby utilizing the Park for the purpose for which it was originally intended. The social features of the Conclave were exceedingly pleasant.

Fratr J. C. W. Coxé has a very able and interesting report on Correspondence. Canada for 1895 has more than favorable mention. We doff our sombrero for his flattering notices of our work.

Commanderies, 56; members, 4343; increase, 170.

Thomas R. Ercanbrack, (Anamosa,) G. C.

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

KANSAS.

Twenty-seventh Conclave, Lawrence, May 12, 1896.
Robert E. Torrington, G. C.

The opening remarks in his annual address are worthy of more than a passing glance:—

To me, it has seemed that one of the sublime forces of this age of wonders is Templar Masonry, which is exerting its elevating influence in every department of our life. Amidst the strife of sects, and the din of theological controversy, the Knight Templar has shown his loyalty to God by his efforts for man's improvement, and as humble worshipers at the shrine of the once despised, but now risen and ascended Nazarene, we have lovingly shown our appreciation of that masterly heroism which lives in the best thought and inspires the sweetest charity of our age. While changes may be taking place in theories of social life and methods of political government, we, as Knights of the Holy Temple, have but one grand object before us, the exaltation of the Redeemer of the world, and the larger currency of those truths which broaden human thought and sweeten human life.

We have not invented a single new art, but we have elevated all art. We have not discovered any method by which to photograph hidden objects in the dark recesses of the human body, but we have cast rays of purer, brighter living into darkened lives, and the world understands its secret forces better in brilliant rays of Templar Masonry. As Knights Templar, we represent an institution which has been a source of hope and comfort to millions in the days gone, which has inspired men with higher purposes and given them victory over selfishness and sin, and thus to-day is one of the brightest object-lessons before the world to teach the exalted principles of fraternity, courtesy, and beneficence.

In these higher orders of Masonry we have built a fire which has lighted up many dark experiences, has generated the genial warmth of friendship, and has moderated the cold temperature of misfortune and trouble. It seems to me to-day that one of the leading objects of an annual conclave like this should be to gather around this fire and receive the comfort, hope and peace which spring from loyalty to truth and an unswerving devotion to each others' interests in the spirit of friendship and brotherly love, as well as knightly courtesy and good will. It is in the light of these sentiments that I greet you to-day, at the beginning of this annual conclave.

The Grand Commander inspected most of the subordinates. The reports indicate an average prosperity, and in many cases, an interest in the work far above the average.

On the Armenian trouble, the Grand Commander says:

There comes up to us a long, despairing cry from the persecuted Christians of Armenia, whose situation is appalling in this advanced age of Christian civilization. As of old, the cruel Turk is visiting a war of extermination against the followers of the Cross, and the outrages perpetrated are almost beyond comprehension, while Christian nations stand by and simply protest, without a single stroke to stop this shame and disgrace to the age. Let the united voices of our 100,000 chivalric Knights reach the halls of legislation and the executive of this nation, to cause this blot on humanity to cease at whatever cost, and if necessary the swords of half a million of new crusaders will leap from their scabbards to assist the work. Already the Grand Commandery of Louisiana has sent up their remonstrance to Congress and the President, to use the power of this great nation in this cause.

The new Grand Commanderies of District of Columbia and Indian Territory were recognized.

An appropriation of \$300 was made for distribution among the members of the several drill corps attending the annual Conclaves.

The annual dues were increased from fifty to seventy-five cents, the increase to be set aside as a triennial fund.

On the subject of uniforms, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this committee be instructed to inform themselves as to the details of the uniforms now worn in the various subordinate Commanderies, and submit the results thereof in such form as to show the prevailing details, and that said committee be further instructed to submit at the next annual conclave the specifications of such a standard uniform as will the nearest conform to the details now existing, to the end that the adoption of a standard uniform may involve the least possible expense to Sir Knights already equipped.

A special committee was appointed to draft a memorial to the President of the United States, requesting him to use his friendly offices with the Sultan of Turkey in behalf of the Armenian Christians.

The Grand Recorder reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1895 has an excellent notice with numerous extracts.

Commanderies. 44; members, 3247; increase, 71.

William C. Holmes, (Parsons,) G. C.

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

KENTUCKY.

Forty-ninth Conclave, Richmond, May 27, 1896.
Samuel H. Stone, G. C.

The growth of the Order, especially in the central part of the State, has been healthful and great.

The Grand Commander decided that a Commandery had not the right to vote any one of its members a free member, and thereby exempt him from the payment of dues. Also, that a Commandery could not donate part of the fee for the degrees back to the candidate towards his uniform.

He made a number of official visits and thus reports:—

I am glad to report that I found the zeal for the Order increasing in every part of the State where I have been for the last twelve months; and I predict that, as has already occurred in several instances, the Commanderies which have lain dormant for some time will now take on new life and be of real benefit to the Order.

No requests have been made for the establishment of new Commanderies, and I am glad to make that statement, as I consider the multiplication of Commanderies has been one of the main reasons for the present unfortunate condition into which several of our Commanderies have lapsed; and I would earnestly recommend to the Grand Commandery that, in these cases where no work has been done, and no meetings held, such action should be taken as would either infuse new life into the Commanderies, or compel the forfeiture of their charters, as a dead Commandery is a great deal worse than none.

Their Masonic Home is in splendid condition and the usual good work going on. The Grand Commander says:—

I hope the Grand Commandery will, upon all possible occasions, remember this magnificent charity. Undoubtedly Kentucky Masons have gained more reputations from the fact of the institution of this Home than from any other thing.

The Committee on Work says that the prospects are very flattering for the future.

Frater Charles R. Woodruff presented his twenty-third report on Correspondence. Canada for 1895 has a good notice. On the work of the Grand Encampment, he says:—

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this great occasion is not at all complimentary to the numbers there present, from whom much better things were demanded and expected in the practice of diligence, as well as in the discharge of duty. Let us hope that the Pittsburg Triennial will greatly improve in these essential particulars.

Commanderies, 25 ; members, 1931 ; increase, 19.

Reginald H. Thompson, (Louisville,) G. C.

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

LOUISIANA.

Thirty-third Conclave, New Orleans, Feb. 14, 1896.

M. L. Scovell, Acting G. C.

The Grand Commander, Charles F. Buck, was detained on business in Congress. In his address, he says :—

The Commanderies of this jurisdiction have been fairly prosperous. Twenty-eight worthy Companions knelt at the base of the "triangle" and were advanced to the honors of Knighthood. Some of the great bodies may smile at this; but we know that, all things considered, it is good work with us.

That peace and harmony prevail may be best inferred from the fact that no points of law or dispute have been submitted to me, the solution of which would merit the dignity of a "decision" or "ruling."

The Treasury is also in good condition.

The following preamble and resolutions were submitted by Frater L. H. Gardiner, and adopted :—

Whereas, The Turk and Moslem is sacrificing the Christian in Armenia. Discount the reports of the press by fifty per cent. and you still have to contemplate the unquestioned fact of the murder of thousands upon thousands of men, women and children slaughtered, their homes burned, and with all the accompanying ferocity of outrages not to be named, and then the shameful spectacle of a modern Christian civilization, represented by "the powers," giving strength to this Turk by a studied diplomatic inactivity or non-interference;

And whereas, As Knights Templar, we have sworn to wield our swords in defence of the Christian religion. The holiest traditions come down to us of this self-same conflict between Turk and Christian; and the well-informed Templar has but to review the history of his Order to have his blood stirred to a boiling indignation in view of the Armenian atrocities;

And whereas, Templar Masonry is a farce if it fails to follow up and enforce the principles upon which its existence is based. We may not physically wield the sword, but we may, and we can use an influence adjunct to the sword, in these words:

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Louisiana, hereby extends its sincere sympathy to the suffering and persecuted Christian of Armenia.

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery requests the Louisiana Representatives in Congress to favor such aid as may be possible by the United States to the Armenians.

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery views with regret and sorrow the indifference of the civilized powers, and more particularly that of our own country, to the horrors of the Armenian massacre.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted immediately to the Louisiana Members of Congress, to the President of the United States, and also without delay to the R. E. Grand Master of Templars of the United States.

Frater J. Q. A. Fellows reports on Correspondence and notices Canada for 1895.

Commanderies, 4 ; members, 328 ; increase, 14.

M. L. Scovell, (Shreveport,) G. C.

Richard Lambert, (New Orleans,) G. R.

MAINE.

Forty-fifth Conclave, Portland, May 7, 1896.

Frederick S. Walls, G. C.

On the state of the Order, he says :—

During the year just closing, with one exception, no severe affliction has visited our jurisdiction, and I am pleased to say that I believe it to have been a year of more than average progress and prosperity to our Order. * * *

This visit closed my work of inspection of Commanderies for the year. In connection with this part of my official work, I am pleased to say that the records of the several Commanderies inspected were without exception models of neatness and accuracy. The treasuries are in a healthy condition, in every case having a balance on the right side, the dues being promptly and cheerfully paid.

The ritualistic work in general is excellent, but I feel impelled by a sense of duty to criticise the rather clumsy and unmilitary manner in which the sword is used in the opening and closing ceremonies, as also in the work. I call your attention to this matter with the hope that something may be done at this conclave to direct the attention of the several Commanderies to the desirability of a speedy and thorough reform in this particular.

The following very graceful recognition of the new Grand Commanderies was adopted :—

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Maine extends a welcoming hand to the four new sisters who have joined our

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circle within the year, the stately maid from the District of Columbia, fair Florida from the land of flowers, and the two wildwood maidens from Indian Territory and Oklahoma; and with her hand she brings tender greetings and loving wishes for a bright and glorious career to each of them.

The Grand Recorder presented his twenty-first annual report on Correspondence. Canada for 1895 receives due mention.

Commanderies, 19; members, 3067; increase, 163.

Albert E. Chase, (Portland,) G. C.

Stephen Berry, (Portland,) G. R.

MARYLAND.

Twenty-fifth Conclave, Baltimore, Nov. 26, 1895.

William H. Martin, G. C.

Notwithstanding the prevailing business depression and financial hardship, the Order of the Temple has prospered in Maryland. Two new Commanderies were formed. The members are complying with the rules as to uniform.

The following resolutions were passed:—

Resolved, That a committee of three, consisting of the R. E. Grand Commander, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, and the E. Grand Generalissimo, be appointed to select a design for a "Coat of Arms" for this Grand Commandery.

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of the Line of Knights, be appointed to procure a Grand Commandery Banner, not to exceed \$800 in cost, on one side of which the "Coat of Arms" as adopted by this Grand Commandery shall be represented.

Frater Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas presented his nineteenth report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of forty-four Grand Templar bodies, including Canada for 1895.

Commanderies, 12; members, 1087; increase, 90.

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

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

MASSACHUSETTS.

Eighty-ninth Conclave, Boston, Oct. 31, 1895.

Samuel C. Lawrence, G. C.

His address opens as follows:—

The close of the eighty-ninth year of its existence finds this Grand Commandery in the enjoyment of great prosperity, with the promise of increased usefulness and honor in the advancing years. After a term of official experience which has necessarily brought me into nearer contact than ever before with the subordinate bodies of the jurisdiction, and into a better knowledge of their interior work, I can bear sincere testimony to their zeal and devotion and to the value of the influences, moral and social, which go out from them; and I am more and more impressed with the importance of the place which Templarism occupies as an auxiliary branch of the great and beneficent Institution of Masonry. An organization like this, which holds up before its members a high ideal of justice and honor, kindness and courtesy, and all those gentler graces and charities which sweeten and enable human intercourse, has no occasion to apologize for its existence; its daily record is its best justification.

The Commanderies were all visited and inspected by the officers of the Grand Commandery. The inspecting officers gave very favorable reports of the condition of the bodies. An excellent spirit prevails among the members and their affairs are generally wisely and prudently administered. In membership, this jurisdiction outranks all others.

On the Triennial, Frater Lawrence says:—

The recent Triennial Conclave held in this city, with all the stirring incidents which attended it, has left behind it impressions which will never fade from our memories. The presence of the Grand Encampment awoke to new life that feeling of loyal attachment which the Knights Templars of this jurisdiction have always entertained for the great governing body of the Order; and in the magnificent array of Templar chivalry, as the imposing column passed through the streets of the city, we proudly realized, as never before the strength and dignity of the Order, and the high character of its membership; for fine as was the parade, the steady march of the column and the rare precision of military movement, in nothing did it excite more general admiration than in its personnel—presenting to the view some of the noblest types of American manhood; never was ideal republican citizenship better or more fully represented.

The contributions from forty-five Commanderies were \$49,330, and the profits realized from the official Souvenir and receipts from other sources were \$29,787.23, making the total receipts, \$79,087.23. The expenses of the Grand Parade, Receptions and Entertainment of the Grand Encampment, visiting Knights and Ladies, were \$67,026.40, leaving a balance on hand of \$12,060.83. This balance was disposed of by returning to the Com-

manderies all sums paid by them over twenty per cent. of their contributions and the rest paid into the treasury of the Grand Commandery.

Besides the Proceedings proper, this volume contains a full account of the Triennial Conclave celebration, with a large number of views of the procession and places of interest and decorations. The speeches at the banquet are given in full, and a large amount of other matter relating to this unparalleled demonstration forms very interesting reading. We regret that we have no space for further extracts.

The report on Correspondence is by Frates Henry W. Rugg and P. Voorhees Finch, and contains a good notice of Canada for 1894.

Commanderies, 45; members, 11,499; increase, 1117.

Eugene H. Richards, (Boston,) G. C.

Benjamin W. Rowell, (Boston,) G. R.

MICHIGAN.

Fortieth Conclave, Grand Rapids, May 19, 1896.

William E. Jewett, G. C.

Prosperity prevails. The Triennial Conclave is pronounced a great success and a most enjoyable occasion. Detroit Commandery, No. 1, carried off the honors at the exhibition drill with her usual ease and perfection of movement. The Grand Commander visited a number of subordinates and recommends an annual inspection of all. His address closes with the following beautiful sentiments:—

For life is a thoroughfare. The lights and shadows of the trees along the way fall athwart the pilgrim, and he sees the green fields and crystal waters on either side; or it may be the rocks and mountains or quagmires of adversity and trouble, but the kindly sympathy, the cheering presence of his fellow pilgrims bound to him by a common tie, casts a warmer, brighter glow upon the landscape, and softens the rugged aspect of the frowning cliffs. Yes, life is a thoroughfare, but the way closes not at the tomb; that is but a station reached in the twilight. The dawn opens up to the amazed vision of the traveler the limitless continuance of it in the realm "where the rainbow never fades, where the stars will be spread out before us like islands that slumber on the ocean, and where the beings that pass before us like shadows will stay in our presence forever." If then, the associations of Templarism, shall have made more

smooth and beautiful this pilgrimage of life, if they shall have developed in our breasts a finer grain of magnanimity, or a less selfish regard for personal rights; if then, in the smallest degree, the lessons of the altar, the triangle, or the sepulchre shall have influenced us to a higher and better life, to a broader charity, and a more tender devotion to the weak and humble, to a greater fidelity to trust and a more abiding faith in our "once crucified but now risen Lord," they will not have been learned in vain.

"A nobler work we need not seek,
With God our Helper, and our watchword—Peace,
Tolling and laboring, until labor cease;
And filled is all the outline of the maker's plan,
The Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man."

Past Grand Commander O. L. Spaulding presented the following regarding their Masonic Home:—

Whereas, A plan has been agreed upon respecting the management and support of the Masonic Home, which is in substance as follows:

The Home is to be deeded to seven trustees, hereafter to be agreed upon, to hold the title, in trust, for its perpetual maintenance as a Masonic Home.

The management is to be vested in a Board of Control, to be selected by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, the Grand Commandery, and, perhaps, by the Consistory. Upon consummation of these plans, the present Board of Trustees is to retire and surrender the management to the Board of Control so selected.

The support of the Home is to be by voluntary contributions. An appeal to the Fraternity has already been sent out, and responses are being received.

Be it therefore, *Resolved*, That three Knights Templar be appointed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander to represent the Grand Commandery upon such board, provisionally, to serve respectively for one, two and three years from the time when they enter upon their duties; and be it further

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolution be presented to the Grand Commandery, with a request that they be adopted, and that Sirs Spaulding, Moore and Wheeler be appointed a committee to present the same to that body.

After an explanation as to the purposes and desires of the committee, Sir O. L. Spaulding offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery accepts the trust tendered it by the Masonic Home, in its communication of the 19th inst., and authorizes the R. E. Grand Commander to appoint three members of the Board of Management as requested, provided this matter is concurred in by the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of the State.

The Grand Commander was empowered to direct

the other members of the Grand Council to inspect such Commanderies, as he cannot well visit himself.

In his review of Georgia, the Grand Recorder has the following on life membership:—

To this we add that in so far as life membership or exemption of dues is concerned, each jurisdiction should do as it pleases; but we must insist that such exemption must be confined to the jurisdiction enacting the same, nor be suffered to come in conflict with the rule of other jurisdictions "where such life memberships or exempts" may seek to affiliate. This is a matter strictly domestic to locality, and relieving a member of the burden of dues should not make him a burden to other places, or subject him to the danger of a black-ball when seeking to affiliate elsewhere.

Canada for 1895 receives favorable attention.

Commanderies, 44; members, 5457; increase, 84.

Edward D. Wheeler, (Manistee,) G. C.

John A. Gerow, (Detroit,) G. R.

MINNESOTA.

Thirty-first Conclave, Stillwater, June 24, 1896.

Harry E. Whitney, G. C.

The Grand Commander refused in all cases to grant dispensations waving time were the reason offered was simply that the candidate was in a hurry to get through. On the condition of the Order, he gives the following information:—

It has been my pleasure to visit in an official capacity all the Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction, and to officially inspect every Commandery except my home Commandery, which was assigned to V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, J. H. Randall. In nineteen of twenty-five visitations I have been accompanied by either the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Generalissimo, or by both. Wherever work was presented I am happy to say that it was rendered by each and every one in a manner so impressive and nearly faultless that it was plainly evident that the officers not only knew the ritual, but had carefully considered its portent and the best manner in which its lessons could be impressed upon the minds of the candidates. Where no work was presented, the time was occupied in nearly every case in the exemplification of the ceremony of opening in full form, manual of the sword, and drill in tactics of the asylums, which I trust may in the future bear fruit and reap benefits in many ways. In several Commanderies outside the larger cities little or no work has been done the past year, owing in great part to the financial depression which has been felt

throughout our State. Yet as a whole a good amount of work has been done, and the growth of the Order has been sure and steady. I have found the records in every Commandery neatly and accurately kept, and the financial condition in every instance sound.

The inspection of the subordinates was so thorough and complete as to result in a large degree in arousing a greater earnestness and zeal in the work throughout the jurisdiction.

The new Grand Commanderies of the District of Columbia, Indian Territory and Florida were recognized and representatives exchanged.

In the report on Correspondence by the Grand Recorder, Canada for 1895 has a full notice, with numerous extracts. What possessed the printer last year to attempt to correct our spelling, we do not know, but he has this time been forcibly informed that *Frater* is correct.

Commanderies, 25; members, 2411; increase, 77.

John H. Randall, (Minneapolis,) G. C.

Thomas Montgomery, (St. Paul,) G. R.

MISSOURI.

Thirty-fifth Conclave, Springfield, April 21, 1896.

Leslie Orear, G. C.

The address of the Grand Commander bears evidence of great ability and thorough devotion to the Order. In his opening he says:—

It is not my purpose to sermonize on the teachings of these Valiant and Magnanimous Orders, or upon our duties as Knights Templar, yet I cannot refrain from adding my testimony to the fact that he who has attained these noble Orders in his search for Masonic light is brought to a realizing sense; that without the influence of Christian teaching a Mason's moral and social edifice is incomplete. The Order of the Temple, therefore, bears an intimate and inseparable relationship to the ancient guild, and we should find our chiefest pleasure in pointing the newly-made apprentice to the realization symbolized by the Templar's Cross.

It is gratifying to me to report that the growth of the Order in this State for the past year has exceeded our expectations.

Nearly every Commandery has shown an improved condition both in the number of its members and the increase of interest in its affairs.

Peace and harmony continue to prevail throughout our borders, and so far as I am advised, there is nothing to retard our progress or prevent us from doing those good deeds which, alike, form our duty and our pleasure.

In his notice of the meeting of the Grand Encampment, we find the following:—

I may be further indulged in saying, that if it is the settled policy of this Grand Body to keep open house at each recurring Triennial Conclave, (the wisdom of which I seriously question), that some provision should be made by law whereby your Triennial Committee could be supplied with ample funds for that purpose, without having to depend upon the uncertainty of raising them by subscriptions in the several Commanderies. To say the least, it places this Grand Body in an attitude towards its subordinates which neither they nor it can regard with satisfaction, and the practice should be abandoned as not tending to enlarge the dignity of the Grand Commandery.

We also copy one of his decisions, as being of interest to this jurisdiction:—

The Eminent Commander of Ascalon No. 16, stationed at St. Louis, was requested by Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory No. 2, stationed at Toronto, under the Jurisdiction of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, to confer the Orders of Malta and Red Cross upon a Sir Knight who had been regularly installed as a Knight Templar in that Preceptory, and pending the completion of the work upon him, had removed to the city of St. Louis. The Eminent Commander being in doubt as to what course he should pursue in the premises, submitted to me the question whether he should proceed with the work, as requested by Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory No. 2. I entertained no doubt as to his right to communicate the Order of the Red Cross to the visiting Sir Knight, first being satisfied that he had been regularly installed as a Knight Templar, but the ceremonies pertaining to the Order of the Temple in the Dominion of Canada and the various Commanderies in the United States of America are slightly at variance, and not being fully advised as to the status of one who has received the "Inception, Consecration and Installation Ceremonies" in the Preceptory, I submitted the question to the M. E. Grand Master, asking him to define the status of such an one. He was pleased to say: That the status of the Sir Knight was that of a foreign Knight Templar, regularly created, and that there is no impediment in the way of Ascalon Commandery No. 16 completing the work as an act of courtesy.

Their Masonic Home continues its good work and deserves all the commendation that a good work should receive:—

This institution appeals to every refined and ennobling sentiment that makes up the truly good man and Christian Knight.

It would seem to be superfluous work for me to speak at length upon our duties as Knights Templars, and the blessedness of the privilege which we enjoy in bestowing fostering care upon the pride and glory of Missouri Masonry—the Home—which it hath pleased God to put in our hearts to build. These duties and privileges are so well understood and appreciated by our brethren that we are enabled to point to this Temple of Love as evidencing the fact that our professions are not in vain, and our vows to stand forth as true soldiers of the cross are not quickly forgotten.

When we reflect that the children of our Companions in Arms, who have fallen, are here sheltered from helpless orphanage, and with tender solicitude are fitted for the active duties of life, our hearts glow with satisfaction that we have been instruments for good.

I take this opportunity to urge upon every member of this Grand Body that he visit the Home whenever he can do so; see the bright, smiling faces that fly to greet you upon your coming, and hear them sing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," upon your going; the irresistible sweetness of the scene will forever dispel any doubt you may have entertained that the Masons of this great Empire State will provide for this Home. There are now in the Home eighty-two children, eleven old brothers, nine widows, and three other worthy inmates, making a total of one hundred and five.

Since the report to the Grand Lodge one old lady has died.

The chapel lately erected supplies a long-felt want, and the Sunday services are largely attended by the Masons of St. Louis and their families.

The Sanatorium fund has not reached the amount which the Board of Directors felt would justify its expenditure in that direction, and the wisdom of the Board in this behalf cannot be doubted for a moment. The sum collected for the purpose of erecting a Sanatorium is only \$8,583.85, which will not be sufficient to furnish such a Sanatorium as would satisfy the Fraternity in this State, or such as would meet the requirements that first suggested action in that direction.

It is safe to leave the completion of this work to the generous impulses of the Masons of this State, and ere long the fond hopes of the brethren will be realized.

Comparison with the reports of other institutions of like character shows that the expenditures in our Home are reduced to a minimum, and the one hundred and five persons who are thus cared for by us are so classified and arranged under the direction of the Superintendent and the Home Board, that no envy, jealousy or discord are suffered to mar the good fellowship which prevails.

May our Heavenly Father continue to inspire the members of these Orders to yet nobler deeds of pure beneficence in the practical charity which has thus become our joy and pride.

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There are now 105 inmates in the Home, and the Grand Commandery voted \$500 to its Hospital and Sanatorium fund. The balance of the Triennial fund, (\$260.22), was ordered to be paid over for the same purpose.

Frater William H. Mayo presented his nineteenth report on Correspondence. He is to be felicitated on his election as Grand Recorder of the United States. Canada for 1895 has favorable mention.

Commanderies, 57; members, 4234; increase, 204.

Ira V. McMillan, (Maryville,) G. C.

William H. Mayo, (St. Louis,) G. R.

MONTANA.

Eighth Conclave, Helena, Oct. 8, 1895.

Michael C. Riley, G. C.

The opening paragraphs of the address of the Grand Commander are full of hope and bright prospects for the future:—

In welcoming you to our Eighth Annual Conclave, allow me to do so by expressing the confident hope that our Order, and Masonry in general, in Montana is entering upon what promises the most prosperous era of its existence. Our prosperity is inseparably associated with the material welfare of our commonwealth. The clouds of adversity and despondency that for weary months have hung heavy over our horizon are lifting and vanishing before the sunshine of reviving and returning prosperity. This assurance comes with no uncertain sound from every department of industry, the mine, the smelter, the ranch and range, and the busy marts of trade, relaxing the heavy and absorbing struggle for existence and giving wing to new-born hopes and strength, to confidence in the wealth of our surrounding resources.

Such periods of depression as those through which we have passed, serve well to teach us humility, and show the frail foundation upon which the fabric of our worldly prosperity rests. They serve further to bring out the reserved forces and sometimes latent virtues of hearts invited by the sacred ties of brotherhood yearning for sympathy and finding strength in seeking to assist others.

Let us learn in the school of adversity how to deserve and enjoy prosperity. Let us practice what we admire and approve in others and see to it that the world is made better in every way for our having lived in it.

Within our own jurisdiction little has transpired that demands special notice. That your executive officer has not been

called upon to adjust a single complaint, speaks volumes of praise for the wisdom of your rulers in the past and the peace and harmony resulting, where each considers a brother's welfare as his own.

It was made the duty of the Grand Commander to inspect each of the Subordinate Commanderies yearly, and embody the results of his inspection in his annual address. The sum of \$100 was set apart to pay the expenses of such inspection.

The Deputy Grand Commander, not being a resident of Montana, was declared ineligible for office in the Grand Commandery.

In his review of Massachusetts, the Grand Recorder justly points out the higher aims that should actuate the Templars:—

We confess that we have a somewhat broader, if not more correct, conception of the purposes of these correspondence reports. We should like to see the influence and energies of our valiant and magnanimous Order directed to the accomplishment of purposes that shall be durable, creditable and beneficent. It is not a small or unworthy purpose to cultivate the amenities of social intercourse, but it seems to us we can undertake and accomplish much more without neglecting these.

Are we wrong in holding that the name and traditions that our Order has adopted lay us under some obligation to adopt the mission of the early Templars? Do not the outrages perpetrated continually under Turkish misrule upon the more or less christian subjects of that effigy of an empire, at least call for an emphatic remonstrance from universal christendom? For ourselves we are in favor of such a remonstrance that it would be heard, and heard without much delay.

And again under the head of Michigan:—

In his very complimentary notice of Montana he has done us more than justice, but himself great injustice in characterizing our scheme for the redemption of Palestine as "too chimerical for the present age." We feel like exclaiming, "Oh ye of little faith."

What's the matter with the present age that such an enterprise is not suited to its hand. Has any other age in ancient or modern times seen as much of this work going on as we have seen in our day? See how Asia and Africa have been parceled out and occupied by the great powers of Europe in the name of Christian civilization. Indeed, it is not necessary to go away from this continent or outside the borders of the United States to see the same thing being done. Are the barbarities practiced by the Indians in this country or the slave traders in Africa any worse than those sanctioned by the present Turkish Government

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in Bulgaria, and more recently in Armenia? Has it not been demonstrated over and again that Turkey has neither the disposition or ability to perform the functions of a civilized government. Its pledges and provisions of reform are not made in good faith, and are kept no longer or further than duress extends. There is no such thing as security of person or property or religious toleration anywhere under Turkish rule. Limb after limb has been cut off from the diseased and dying body of the once vast Turkish Empire, for reasons no better, or half as good, as exist to-day for releasing Palestine from its palsied and polluting grasp.

We believe that if the Templars of this country were to make an united appeal to the Christian sentiment throughout the world to bring that question to the notice of their respective governments, they could secure the delivery of Palestine in a short time and without bloodshed.

No! Sir Gerow, there is nothing chimerical in the scheme. Fifty years more of such progress as the world has seen in the last half of the nineteenth century will see not only Palestine redeemed, but all Asia Minor and the valley of the Euphrates. The great tide of barbarism and fanaticism that a few centuries since overran Eastern Asia, and has since been stagnating and sending up its poisonous exhalations, is about to be overwhelmed by a return tide of Western civilization and energy which will reclaim and restore what was lost and add the life-giving and wealth producing agencies of machinery, steam and electricity. Railroads will supplant caravans, irrigation restore fertility, and machinery multiply the products of labor.

The command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is incumbent on nations as well as individuals, and the gospel to be preached includes everything necessary to regeneration.

It is about as you say, Brother, when I get on this subject I hardly know how to stop.

We also copy Frater Hedges' clever sketch of some of the transactions of the Grand Encampment:—

Tuesday, August 27. was the day of the grand parade, the nominal purpose of which is to escort the Grand Master from his headquarters to the asylum. The purpose is lost sight of in the grand display of thousands of plumed Knights in solid ranks miles in extent, with banners waving and scores of bands discoursing enlivening music. From first to last there was a packed mass of humanity on either side, admiring and applauding. Being in the unfortunate thirteenth division, we could see but little of the parade, and were tired out, hungry and thirsty before the order to move reached us in the latter part of the afternoon, and it was six o'clock before we were through. The delay at Denver was bad enough, but in Boston it was positively distressing to have to wait seven mortal hours for the orders to move. By that time all supplies of refreshments were apparently exhausted and those who needed them most got nothing.

We were told that we would all be in line by 11 a. m. and so made no provision for a lunch even, and where we were nothing was to be had. If we attend another Triennial and join the parade, we shall propose to change ends with the procession. Perhaps it served us right for being caught out in that way. It won't happen again.

Wednesday was spent in getting rested and ready for work. Thursday was broken up by the election of officers. Friday we expected that the revision of the constitution would be acted on, but it soon appeared, that some had come there loaded with speeches and would not be choked off. About two paragraphs of the report were touched, when it became apparent that the task was hopeless, and it was postponed till the next Triennial. But what better prospect can there be then, if similar conditions prevail. Either the work must be left to the committee and their work be voted on as a whole without debate, or a special session must be held and continued until discussion exhausts itself.

Triennials as now conducted are not favorable for serious, steady deliberation.

We were unduly anxious over the effort of New York to disfranchise the smaller jurisdictions. When brought to a test it had no support.

The hot, sultry weather made every one ready to vote for an October day in which to hold the next Encampment.

Commanderies, 8; members, 324; decrease, 13.

Edward D. Neill, (Helena,) G. C.

Cornelius Hedges, (Helena,) G. R.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Thirty-sixth Conclave, Concord, Sept. 24, 1895.

Daniel C. Roberts, G. C.

Peace and prosperity have marked the year, and there has been much to kindle enthusiasm for the Order. The Grand Commander visited several of the Commanderies and found the average of what is accomplished very high, and the average of faithful endeavor higher still. On the subject of uniform, the Grand Commander says:—

It seems to me that if any Sir Knights appear in public in uniform, full dress or fatigue, a necessary, indeed an indispensable feature of it must be black clothes, including black shoes. It has been objected that for an undress occasion, the poorer Sir Knights should not be required to be at the expense of a black undress suit. There are two answers to this. First, if I am too poor to have many suits, I am most likely to have my plain suit generally available. It is in fact the rich or well-to-do who

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Second, if a Sir Knight wants to go to a picnic and wear colored clothes, he ought to be welcome at the picnic but ought not to get himself up in the incongruity of Templar uniform; "a marching Commandery in pied clothing would not be a creditable exhibition." As to the expense of being properly habited, some one has well said that Templary is a luxury. That is true, and before one indulges in the luxury, it should be fairly weighed in one's conscience, whether one can afford it, or is willing to make a sacrifice of other luxuries for the sake of this one.

The business transacted was entirely local in interest. Two subordinates received permission to continue to wear their old uniforms, which they had in use prior to the regulation of the Grand Commandery of 1893.

Frater Albert S. Wait reviews our Proceedings of 1894. On the subject of the Shrine, he says:—

We know nothing of this Order of the Mystic Shrine, of its principles or organization; but, if it is true, as stated by Grand Commander Sumner of California, that its book of authority is the Koran, we cannot refrain from asking the question, how can a Knight Templar consistently allow himself to be identified with it, or how can the law of our Order consistently permit its members to become members of such a body? We do not question that a Mohammendan can properly be admitted to the degrees of symbolic masonry; but how an Order founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues, can permit its members to become identified with an organization whose fundamental law is the Koran, is what we are unable to understand.

We also quote part of his description of the Triennial of the Grand Encampment:—

This august body of our Order assembled at Boston for the purposes of its twenty-sixth triennial Conclave, on Tuesday, the 27th day of August of the present year, and continued in session until late in the afternoon of Friday the 30th. The interest evinced in the anticipated meeting by the entire membership in the northeastern states, and especially throughout New England, from the time it became known that the Conclave was to be held in Boston, it is well known, has hardly a parallel in that attaching to any former social event in their masonic or civil history. The incidents attending the assembling of the Sir Knights, and the social intercourse during the week of the Conclave, are fresh in the memory of all in attendance and need not be recounted for their information. All the Grand Templar jurisdictions of the continent were represented, Canada sending some of her distinguished Sir Knights to give expression to the fraternal interests she takes in whatever concerns the welfare

and progress of the united Order, and the membership of New England was literally poured into the metropolitan city. The reception the members received and their entertainment during the week by the Sir Knights of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and especially of Boston, was beyond praise. The preparations were elaborate beyond precedent, and the hospitality extended will not cease to be the theme of praise till the present generation shall have passed away, and then its memory will live in the records of the Order as an example to be emulated, though not surpassed.

The escort of the Grand Encampment to its place of meeting in the Masonic Temple was a pageant the like of which had not before been witnessed in New England, if indeed in this or any country. It consisted of all the Commanderies, grand and subordinate, in attendance, forming a line of several miles in extent, and as it proceeded along its line of march it received the enthusiastic ovation of thousands on thousands of men and women who crowded the entire distance, from the margins of the travelled way even to the tops of the buildings on either side.

Commanderies, 10; members, 1993; increase, 140.
 Rev. Daniel C. Roberts, D.D., (Concord,) G. C.
 George P. Cleaves, (Concord,) G. R.

NEW JERSEY.

Thirty-eighth Conclave, Trenton, May 12, 1896.
 Edward Milla, G. C.

The Grand Commander had a busy year. He personally visited all the subordinates, and the interest displayed by the Sir Knights at these meetings exceeded all that he had witnessed during his official life. A new Commandery was formed at Metuchen.

The charter of Cœur de Lion Commandery No. 8, stationed at New Brunswick, N. J., was declared forfeited for insubordination, by the adoption of the following report:—

After listening to the comprehensive and searching address of the R. E. Grand Commander regarding the contumacious Commandery, it seems superfluous to add more than to approve his recommendation that the Warrant of Cœur de Lion Commandery be declared forfeited. What a sad commentary upon the perversity of men who obstinately refused to do a little act of Knightly courtesy of issuing Dimits, but prefer the ignoble notoriety of vain contention with superior authority. The prolix and tedious appeal to the Grand Encampment was ridiculed and ignored; but the conspirators are still "stubborn to justice" (as Shakespeare puts it), and afterwards dared to hold clandestine

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meetings. But happily not all the members of this defunct Commandery foolishly follow the lead of those who have wrought this wrong. These faithful ones belong to us, and we hope they will raise their fallen standard, and resume their places in our ranks as worthy and obedient Templars.

The committee feel that it is futile to attempt to reform defiant violators of solemn vows, and that extreme measures should be taken with the guilty, and an end put to this farce, so that it shall not come up again. They are joined to their idols. The Golden Rule is misunderstood. They cannot put themselves in the place of another, and enter into his feelings and view things from another's standpoint. This is the foundation upon which human rights are recognized, that freedom is extended, that the duties of sympathy and helpfulness are made manifest. The more frequently we leave the narrow sphere of our own selfish interests and project our conceptions into those of others, the more easy and natural will it become for us to be generous, charitable and sympathetic, and loyal Knights of the Cross.

The report on Correspondence is by Freres Charles Bechtel and Peter McGill. Our Proceedings for 1895 are reviewed.

Commanderies, 16; members, 1736; increase, 117.

Robert Dingwell, (Newark,) G. C.

Charles Bechtel, (Trenton,) G. R.

NEW YORK.

Eighty-second Conclave, Niagara Falls, Sept. 10, 1895.

James W. Bowden, G. C.

Under the head of "dispensations" he says:—

To judge by the number of petitions which I have received for permission to ballot within the prescribed time laid down by the statutes and regulations, I am led to the belief that this has been a year of great prosperity. Possibly the stimulus of the session of the Grand Encampment may have led to more than ordinary activity among the local Commanderies of this jurisdiction and has caused capitular Masons to knock at the door of our asylum. I have issued 801 permissions for this purpose, and, as my predecessor remarked in his address that the greatest amount of clerical work falling to the lot of the Grand Commander was the issuance of dispensations, I believe that I have earned the full measure of credit in not neglecting this important matter. I have also granted twenty-three permits for Commanderies to appear in public, and regret that I was obliged to, in two cases, deny the permission. I have also granted three dispensations for the election of officers in different Commanderies, which elections could not be held at the time designated.

There is nothing in the local transactions calling for special mention.

Frater Jesse B. Anthony reports on Correspondence and gives our Proceedings of 1894 a good notice. We copy some of his statistical information:—

Based upon the tables, we deduce the following points of interest. In numerical standing the Grand Commanderies take rank in the following order:—

Pennsylvania (April 30, 1894)	10,594
New York (May 1, 1894)	10,420
Massachusetts and Rhode Island (Sept. 30, 1894)	10,384
Illinois	9,109
Ohio	7,566
Michigan	5,378
Iowa	4,116
Missouri	4,080
Indiana	3,894
Kansas	3,176

Grand Commanderies which have Commanderies of the largest membership:—

Massachusetts—Boston No. 2, Boston	783
Illinois—St. Bernard No. 35, Chicago	693
Pennsylvania—Mary No. 36, Philadelphia	615
Pennsylvania—Pittsburg No. 1, Pittsburg	615
New York—Monroe No. 12, Rochester	512
Connecticut—Washington No. 1, Hartford	491
Colorado—Colorado No. 1, Denver	446
Ohio—Oriental No. 12, Cleveland	443
Minnesota—Zion No. 2, Minneapolis	346
Missouri—St. Aldemar No. 18, St. Louis	327
Kentucky—De Molay No. 12, Louisville	327

The average of membership to each Commandery is graded as follows:—

Massachusetts and Rhode Island	280
Connecticut	210
New Hampshire	185
New York	177
Maine	146
Pennsylvania	145
Illinois	142
Ohio	140
Vermont	140

The total membership shows an increase the past year of 2,865, equal to 2.82 per cent.

The additions from new work show a gain of 5.83 per cent.

The losses by demission and for non-payment of dues aggregate 3.18 per cent., against 3.20 per cent. last year's report.

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United States is in the ratio of 106,026 to 788,051; equal to 1 to 6.91.

The proportion of Knights Templar to Royal Arch Masons in the United States is in the ratio of 102,026 to 189,488; equal to 1 to 1.79.

Commanderies, 58; members, 10,710; increase, 322.

Horace A. Noble, (Buffalo), G. C.

John F. Shafer, (Albany), G. R.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Sixteenth Conclave, Newbern, May 13, 1896.

W. S. Liddell, G. C.

The advance in Templarism is along all the lines. The work done in connection with their system of Grand Visitations was heartily commended.

The cuffs were restored as a part of the uniform.

The new Grand Commanderies were recognized.

In the notice of Canada for 1895 by Frater John C. Chase, we find the following:—

The report of the Deputy Grand Master and the Provincial Priors fill 82 pages, and show a generally satisfactory state of affairs. The correspondence relating to the absorption of the Scotch Encampments is quite extensive and it is unfortunate that it did not bring about the desired result. A resolution was adopted permitting the Preceptories to confer the Red Cross Degree, according to the Ritual adopted by Great Priory, or by the one adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States at the 1892 Triennial Conclave. Wonder if some of our dissatisfied Sir Knights would be pleased to reciprocate?

Commanderies, 11; members, 347; decrease, 1.

William B. Withers, (Raleigh), G. C.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Seventh Conclave, Fargo, June 12, 1896.

Clarence A. Hale, G. C.

The report of the Grand Recorder gives the following information as to the condition and prospects of the Order in North Dakota:—

Doubtless you are anxious to know how Templarism has prospered during the past year in our Grand Jurisdiction. While no great prosperity has been the lot of our Grand Commandery, yet the growth has been healthy and substantial.

Last year forty-seven were knighted; this year, thirty-one. Last year our admissions were four; this year, eight. Last year our total increase was thirty-seven; this year, twenty-five. Last year our total membership was 402; (although synopsis of returns give it four hundred and six, an error of four owing to improper returns in former years) this year, four hundred and twenty-seven.

All Commanderies have done work in conferring the orders, except Tancred and Wi-ha-ha. Auvergne No. 2, and Grand Forks No. 3, have knighted ten each, and admitted three each.

The report of our Grand Commandery Jan. 1st, 1890, shows that the Grand Commandery of North Dakota at the time of its organization had one hundred and eighty members. Our membership now being four hundred and twenty-seven, we have increased during the past five years two hundred and forty-seven members—not a bad showing when we consider the small number of Commanderies and the number of Chapter Masons to draw from. Our present Chapter membership is seven hundred and ninety-eight, so that twenty-eight more than one-half of Chapter Masons are Knights Templar, a showing, I venture to say, not to be excelled by any Grand Jurisdiction in the United States, although I make this assertion without verification from figures, but simply as I have judged from looking over statistics. If I be far off, some eagle eyed reporter on correspondence will call the turn on me, and next year we shall have accurate information upon this subject.

Commanderies, 7; members, 427; increase, 25.

William T. Perkins, (Bismarck,) G. C.

Frank J. Thompson, (Fargo,) G. R.

OHIO.

Fifty-third Conclave, Columbus, Oct. 2, 1895.

John A. Warner, G. C.

Their prosperity has been remarkable. The Grand Commander made several official visits and found the different Commanderies in a happy and thriving condition, although the lack of inspections for the past three years is quite apparent.

A new Commandery was authorized at East Liverpool.

The prominent feature of these Proceedings is the elaborate report on Correspondence by Frater Enoch T. Carson, covering over 160 pages and reviewing forty Grand bodies. Leaving out the memorial tablets, the number of pages of matter which had to be read and considered was 6076. This is the twentieth annual

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report of Frater Carson. Canada for 1894 receives a most courteous notice of eight pages. Numerous extracts are given from the address of Grand Master Sheppard, and his exposition of the position of the Templar Order is heartily commended.

Frater Carson thinks that "an abridgement of the Red Cross by a Commandery, if it could be done without violating the law, would be a Christian virtue at any time," or words to that effect.

He submits the following interesting paper on Androgynous Freemasonry, "in order to vindicate and maintain the dignity and purity of our venerable Order":—

In our report for 1892, under Connecticut, we gave our views at some length in regard to androgynal Freemasonry. We stated nothing in that paper that we now want to recall, notwithstanding one of our learned juvenile critics styles our article as "crude" and "coming from an old foggy existing only by the lights of the past, and they almost put out by the rush of modern thought and invention." We don't know our critic's age, but we must presume, however, from the flippant manner in which he writes of "hoary-headed" correspondents and "old fogies in Masonry," that he does not himself come under the disgraceful ban of being classed as a "hoary-headed" veteran in Freemasonry. We therefore assume that he is a young man—a very young man, full of the "*rush of modern thought and invention*." We hope that our young (?) critic may live in age to where we are today—in our seventy-fourth year,—and that providence may deal with him as it has with us ("*Laus Deo*"), better than we deserve, as we think; that he may enjoy his mental faculties as reasonably well, as we hope we do; that then he may be able to eat well, drink well, sleep well, and when he looks back, as we do now, on fifty years of active Masonic life, that he may have no occasion to recall any event in his own Masonic life or acts that may give him pain.

As we don't propose to allow ourselves to be used as an advertising medium to enhance in any way the notoriety of any one who may be seeking fame by getting up an issue with us, we omit a name. We say this because our vealy correspondent informs us that the only fame we have as a Masonic correspondent has been acquired by our quarreling with Brother DeLap, of Mississippi. With this prelude, we shall now proceed to say something more about androgynal Freemasonry, leaving our vealy critic to Brother DeLap, of Mississippi, for dissection.

We think there are many good reasons why androgynal Masonry should not be encouraged, patronized, or countenanced by the Masonic Order.

A so-called Masonic *secret society*, composed indiscrimi-

minately of males and females, is not creditable to the dignity and credit of the Masonic Order. There are reasons which it appears to us should be apparent to any Mason who thoughtfully and seriously considers the matter. An association of males and females meeting in *secret*, the profane, knowing nothing about them, will nevertheless form their own conclusions, when they see a young or old unmarried woman or a widow attending the lodge or assembly *alone*, or *accompanied* by a married man whose wife, not being a member, is at home. Scandal may come—is sure to come. We give an imaginary domestic scene. A man, whose wife is not a member of the Order, has united himself with an androgynal assembly, under whatever name it may be, and returns home very late at night. His wife addressing him, says: "Why, husband, what kept you so late to-night?"

HUSBAND.—"Well, the Widow Bedot, or Miss Brazen, was at the lodge without company and I offered my services to see her home—you know she is a *sister*, and I could not do less; and it is two miles from here, hence I am so late."

WIFE.—"Well, husband, so long as you made your excuse for being out late at nights occasionally that you were detained at the lodge because important business matters were coming before it, I did not complain; but now, when it comes to attending a women's and men's lodge, where those creatures Mrs. A. and Misses B. and C. are members, whom you know I don't like, and then you to accompany any of them home, as your wife, I think it is time for me to draw the line. Don't talk to me about *sister* and such stuff! I know nothing about what goes on in your *secret assemblies*. I have this evening, however, while you were away, been reading something about the history of androgynal Masonry from its beginning, thanks to your Brother—, whom you have told me was good Masonic authority. He kindly loaned me quite a library of manuscripts and printed books on the subject of androgynal Masonry."

"Now, my dear husband, you have always told me that Masonry was the same all over the world, you have said that while there were differences in the ceremonial to some extent in different countries, yet they were substantially the same. And when this female lodge was organized and you became a member of it, you wanted me to join it with you; you remember, you claimed that it was Masonic, that it originated in France more than one hundred years ago, etc. Then when some objection was raised against it by Masons because it claimed to be Masonic, you referred me to Mr. Macoy's *Ritual of the Eastern Star*, (18). I found that it claimed that organizations bearing an imperfect resemblance to Freemasonry in its forms and ceremonies, for the admission of females as members, were first established in France about the year 1780. This female Masonry took the name of Adoptive Masonry, etc. The Masonry of Adoption did not at once and in its beginning assume that peculiarly imitative form of Freemasonry which it subsequently presented, nor was it recognized as having any con-

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nection with the Masonic Order until more than thirty years after its first introduction. Its progress there, like its efforts here, were slow and gradual. One of the earliest of these societies was established in 1743, at Paris, under the title of the '*Ordre des Felicitaires*,' which we may translate the 'Order of Perfect Happiness' (No 3 at head of this article). Mr. Pike, in his book 'Masonry of adoption' (14), says, 'Masonry of adoption is the title given to a series of degrees for women, arranged in France somewhere about the year 1765, and which were administered regularly under the patronage of the Grand Orient of France for many years.'

"To get the true history of the origin and objects of a society, we should go to the beginning; a stream is purest at its source. In going through these manuscripts and printed books (1-16), I have found a wonderful sameness in them, as you say about your Freemasonry; while there are differences in various countries in the world, yet Freemasonry is substantially the same, so I find in androgynal Freemasonry the ceremonies vary in different countries and times, but they are substantially the same. Therefore we may accept what is contained in the manuscripts I refer to—the Mopses (1), the Antrophile (2), Les Quatregrades (4), Dies Freimaureerei im Fischbeinrocke (5), L'Adoption au la Maconnerie des Femmes (6), Freemasonry for the ladies (9)—the same as the 'ancient landmarks' of female Masonry of whatever country, including Macoy (13) and Pike (14)

"Turning to the ceremonial of the Antrophile (3), I find the following obligation into the first degree:

'I make this solemn protest (vow) before you, my brothers and sisters, who unreservedly confide to me your mysteries, that I will never reveal, under any pretext or in any manner whatever, any of the secrets that may be confided to me, nor anything that may pass in the Fleet (the nautical name, assumed by the organization); and I consent, that if I violate or betray my vow, to be given up to the most terrible fury of the sailors (the members so called).'

"Then in '*Les Quatregrades, etc.*' (4), the following obligation:

'I promise on my honor, in the presence of this Honorable Assembly, never to reveal the secrets of Masonry which are about to be confided to me; never to make them known to any person in any manner, under the penalty of being dishonored before Masons and of being treated as a perjured person, and may the Exterminating Angel strike me with his avenging blade; and may a spark of that fire which comes from on high touch my soul, purify it, and enlighten me in the sentiments of virtue.'

"The obligation in the first English publication, 'Freemasonry for the Ladies' [9] is as follows:

"In the presence of the Creator of all things and of those who are at my initiation, and by the honor which is the distinguishing characteristic of a woman of virtue, I promise to keep strictly and truly the secret of Masons and Masonry, under

penalty of being excluded from my friends and companions here and of paradise hererfter.'

"Mr. Macoy, in the 'Ritual of the Eastern Star' [18], has the following vow :

"You will carefully preserve in sacred and inviolable secrecy and under no circumstances improperly divulge any of the signs, passes, or secrets belonging to the Order of the Eastern Star, etc. * * * Do you to all these pledges solemnly covenant your honor as a woman?"

"In the French Adoptive Rite, the Lodge was allegorically divided into the four quarters of the globe, Asia, Europe, Africa, America. The grand symbols and allegorical ceremonies were founded upon the fall of Adam and Eve, their expulsion from the Garden of Eden, the building of the Tower of Babel, Noah's flood, and Jacob's dream. All of these were dramatically or scenically represented or illustrated in the ceremonial of the degrees, generally five of them.

"One of the most prominent emblems of the Order was a lady's garter, on which was inscribed the legend, 'Virtue and Silence.' As preliminary to the ceremony, the candidate was deprived of a garter, which was given to the Master L'Adoption au Maçonnerie des Femmes [6]; then in the obligation the following.

"Je promets de plus et m'engage de coucher cette nuit avec . . . (Lci le Venerable s'arrete au instant) la jarretiere de l'Ordre qu'il lui remet; sur cette jarretiere, qui est de peau blanche sont escrit VIRTU ET SILENCE.'

"The Introducator, going to the Chamber of Reflexin, demands of the candidate the ribbon (garter) from her left leg.—*Les Quatregrades, etc.* [4].

"In the ceremony the following;

"Alors le Venerable prend la jarretiere de l'Ordre, qui est sur l'Autel, et lui dit, Ma Soeur, le viola le Symbole, cette jarretiere mysterieuse ne doit etre connue que d'un Macon; permettez que je vous la mette; si l'on vous a fait promettre de concher cette nuit avec, c'est pour vous apprendre que la Vertu et le Silence ne doivent jamais aban donner les Maconnes en tel tems at tels lieux que ce pui'sse etre.'

"Husbands how much of these ancient landmarks of female Freemasonry have you retained? I see here in this book [15] an engraving—a very suggestive one, too—showing that the garter is still a very prominent emblem of the Order, that it enters largely into the ceremonial of modern Adoptive Masonry; at least it is so in Paris, whence it all came."

HUSBAND.—"My dear wife, I am unprepared to answer your arguments to-night. I admit that your array of facts somewhat staggers me, but I will see Brother——; he is thoroughly informed in regard to female Masonry, and probably he can give me something in reply to what you urge."

WIFE.—"I am quite ashamed of you to-night, when you say

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that you want to appeal to Brother ——. You know, for you have told me so many times, that in his Masonry he is on the make—that's the very word you used. You are an educated gentleman, he is an ignoramus; you told me so. Instead of consulting him or Sister ——, who want to use Freemasonry for revenue, why don't you, my dear husband, consult history, classic history, even in the dead languages, which I know you are competent of doing, instead of calling upon Brother 'Ignoramus'? I am afraid, my dear husband, that you have forgotten what you gave me as an explanation years ago as to why women were excluded from Freemasonry. I must remind you of what you then said: Women are excluded from Freemasonry because any *secret* organization admitting males and females alike is subject, and justly, too, to ugly criticism—nay, more, scandal—from the profane, however pure the organization and its membership may be. Then you read me from some classic Greek and Latin authors something about the disgusting, abominable, immoral atrocities that were carried on in those religious androgynal secret societies. Then, dear husband, you said and read and I accepted it, too, as good logic and good morals, that the founders of Freemasonry, in order to preserve the Order from the danger of androgynal secret meetings, which had been so disgusting and disgraceful in Greece and Rome, had wisely provided that only men should be eligible for initiation into Masonry, this to preserve the institution from the horrible scandal which had attached—truthfully, too—to every secret society (they were all of that character) that had preceded it which admitted both males and females. You added that one of the first and most indispensable ceremonials of your Order was a ceremonial or test guard, to see that no woman should be introduced in the lodge. I accepted what you said then as the best and most satisfactory explanation I had ever heard as to why women are excluded from Freemasonry. I believe so to-night, therefore I am opposed to female Freemasonry."

The hour was late, or perhaps early, for having accompanied the sisters home, and then listening to the foregoing lecture from his "profane" wife, we can easily imagine that the night was far spent.

We fully endorse all that the "profane" wife has said in the foregoing. She gives the best argument that can possibly be presented why women were and are excluded from the secret assemblies of Freemasons. It was a wise provision by its founders, and had it not been so in the beginning, Freemasonry would now only be known to library antiquaries, who would find it stowed away in literature among the gross and immoral androgynal organizations of ancient Greece and Rome.

In addition to what the wife gives in the foregoing, we wish to add the following ceremony—the "Chain of Union" at the close of a Lodge of Adoption in Europe. This is an imitation, excepting the kissing, from the impressive closing ceremony in some of the high grades of Masonry.

"Circulate the fraternal kiss on the five points, and sing, Let us embrace each other forever!"

Androgynal Freemasonry has been a trade speculation in all countries, especially this. It was gotten up to sell, and to furnish male and female tramps with material to gull the ignorant male or female, and thoughtless Masons who forget the dignity of their Order and that Masonry excludes females, and for the reason that genuine, old-fashioned, non-revenue-yielding Freemasonry regards woman and her honor as an ancient landmark which it is not in the power of any man or body of men to set aside. She should be held above suspicion; therefore she must not be hoodwinked into a so-called Masonic secret association, when the profane may say something ugly as to what goes on in their secret assemblies. For particulars, the profane say, read about similar societies in ancient Greece and Rome, and perhaps in our own day in France.

We have no objections whatever to women organizing themselves into *secret societies* of any kind, Masonic or by whatever other name they may choose to take, as we men do, but we do protest and contend against any *secret* organization claiming to be Masonic in any sense of the word, if it admits into its *secret* Conclaves both males and females. We regard any such organization as diametrically contrary to the principles of the Masonic Order.

Our juvenile critics may try to brush us aside by saying that we are hoary-headed, etc.; we know, however, that we are not so hoary-headed as the founders of the Masonic Order were, who so wisely provided that woman should be excluded from Masonry.

We also quote this description of the business part of the Triennial:—

Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock. Met; minutes of the previous day read (?). A motion was made that the hours for meeting, etc., should be: Meet at 10 a. m., recess 12 m., meet again at 2 p. m., recess at 6 p. m. Very good. We adjourned at 12 m., not having done much, *if anything* (?) we don't know what. At 2 p. m. we met again. Nothing appearing at 2.45, "Our Hugh" said a motion to adjourn would be in order, which was promptly made, and the Grand Body adjourned to Thursday morning, 10 a. m.

This motion to *adjourn* was undoubtedly "out of order" and should have been so ruled, as the Grand Body had named the hours the day before. The Grand Body could have "called off" and so remained, if necessary, until 6 o'clock arrived that day, the hour fixed for adjournment. These hours from say 3 to 6 p. m. on that day might have been, they ought to have been, possibly would have been, important to the business of the Conclave.

Third day. Reading of and *trying to arrange* minutes to conform to what had actually occurred, though nothing very important had yet been presented. The important pending

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matter was the proposed amendment to the Constitution and Code of Statutes, all of which was in print and every member had a copy, but for some reason it was not presented. We adjourned. Here ended the *third* day of the session, really nothing of importance yet presented or passed upon.

Friday morning. The body met. Minutes read (?) and adjusted in some way which will be shown in the printed proceedings. The proposed amended Constitution and Code of Statutes was presented by the committee having it in charge. It was discussed, criticised and amended as far as we went, and to what extent amended or adopted we don't pretend to say. Our readers must see the printed report of the Grand Encampment for what was done. We have full confidence, however, that the printed proceedings of this Triennial Conclave will give a truthful statement of what was done and what was *not* done at the Conclave.

The fact is that the business part of the Conclave was far from being creditable to the Order. We did but little. Why should the body have adjourned on Friday, when so much business was pending before it, especially the further consideration of the amended Constitution and Code of Statutes? We as representatives of our several Grand Commanderies, were attending the Triennial in Boston. Was it not for the *business* of the Order that we were there, and was not the grand pageant on Tuesday a *mere incident* to the occasion? Ought we not, as the representatives of the business and legislative part of the national body, to have remained in session until every *pending* matter before the body was disposed of? There was no excuse for our adjourning on Friday. We should have remained in session as long as it was necessary to close the *business* that was before us. We didn't do it, and we think that we failed to fulfill our duty to the bodies that sent us there.

We were there as a permanent member; were not sent by nor our expenses paid by our Grand Commandery. With all respect to our associates, we cannot but say that the Knight Templar pageant in Boston was the grandest that has ever occurred in the history of Masonic Templary, but as a business assembly the twenty-sixth Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States was the most perfect failure of any in its history—it was a blank.

We hope and pray for a very great improvement at Pittsburg in 1898. We trust that the representatives will come prepared to stay over Saturday and all the following week, if it is necessary, to transact and dispose of the business that may come before it and ought to be disposed of at that Conclave. That is what they will be sent there to do, and our admonition to them is do your duty! We didn't do it at our last Conclave.

Finally, we leave this subject to our Brother DeLap, of Mississippi. He can do it more justice than we can. We say

to him, Now go in; we, the Grand Encampment, deserve any ugly reprimand or criticism you may be inclined to make.

Commanderies, 54; members, 7914; increase, 348.

John P. McCune, (Columbus,) G. C.

John N. Bell, (Dayton,) G. R.

OREGON.

Ninth Conclave, Albany, Oct. 10, 1895.

Philip S. Malcolm, G. C.

His opening remarks are capital:—

Sir Knights:—Tradition says that as the soul of our martyred Grand Master, Jacques de Molay, was about to wing its flight, he summoned the cowardly and treacherous king, Philip the Fair, and the cruel, rapacious and infamous pope, Clement V., to meet him before the judgment seat. The thought occurs to me that when they three stand before the Great Judge of all, behind the array of armed warriors who will be there to testify to the truth and purity of our murdered Grand Master, will be the host of American freemen, who since his day have enlisted under the banner of the-cross—not to fight as he did on the tented field, but in the walks of everyday life; not for the redemption of the Holy Sepulchre, but for free thought, free speech and free conscience, and the right of man to worship as his conscience dictates. Do not think, Sir Knights, because we enjoy this inestimable privilege now that we are secure in its enjoyment in perpetuity. The same dark power that crushed the military strength of our Order, would, if it could, crush those who in this age fight only for the good of mankind. There can be no despotism without ignorance and superstition. Teach man to be conscious of his rights, and he will value them and respect those of his fellow men. Make him to see that the law of love, as promulgated by Him under whose banner we are enlisted, is the supreme law, governing all others. Templarism in this day should be a vital force in every community, expressed in the good action of its members, in deeds of charity and pure beneficence. So shall it justify to the world its existence, and not be regarded as a society whose members have no higher aim than to parade in public wearing swords and feathers. I would have the fratres of this jurisdiction admired for their manliness, respected for their integrity, and loved for the good they do their fellow men. So shall they be true followers of the cross.

A library of reports of Grand Commanderies was ordered to be established at Portland, in charge of Oregon Commandery No. 1.

The following resolutions were passed:—

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery appropriate the sum of \$25.00 toward the purchase of a suitable banner to be known as the drill corps banner, the same to be competed for

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annually by the drill corps of the various Commanderies, and to be held by the drill corps to whom it is awarded until it shall be awarded to another drill corps for superior drill at a subsequent competition. And be it further

Resolved. That the Grand Recorder solicit from each Commandery in this state further sums for the purchase of the banner until the sum of not less than \$100.00 shall be secured, when the banner, with suitable devices, shall be purchased under the supervision of the R. E. Grand Commander and the E. Grand Recorder. * * *

Resolved. That the drill corps banner provided for by resolution heretofore adopted, if purchased before the next annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, be awarded to the custody of the drill corps of De Molay Commandery No. 5, to be held by said corps subject to the provisions of said resolution. * * *

Resolved. That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Commander to select a design for a Grand Commandery badge, a suitable number of which shall be procured for the use of the members of the Order within this jurisdiction, and that the Grand Recorder be authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the amount deemed necessary for that purpose, and that badges be furnished at actual cost to members.

Canada for 1894 receives due attention at the hands of Frater J. M. Hudson, with the following slight criticism:—

The Committee on Address congratulated the Supreme Grand Master upon the success of his administration and upon the prosperity of "Knight Templarism." We rejoice with them, but wish they would never use that expression again when speaking of the valiant and magnanimous orders of the Temple. If they represent nothing but an "ism" they are not worth preserving, but should be entombed along with "Knownothing-ism."

We notice, however, that he does not make a similar objection when reviewing the New York Grand Recorder's essay on "The Supreme Ideal of Templarism."

On the use of the National Flag in Templar parades, Frater Hodson says:—

No objection from this quarter, only we would prefer not making any legal requirement of the kind. Let the emblem of liberty float freely over every foot of our territory and over every American citizen no matter where his business or pleasure calls him; but the banners of the Order are entirely separate from the thought of civil or political power, are emblems of different principles; and while in no way opposed, yet the thoughts brought to the contemplative mind by their display are altogether different from the stirring patriotism and political

enthusiasm aroused by the graceful flutter of the stars and stripes. Let us not make haste to "improve" on the methods by which we have certainly prospered beyond the experience of any other Order; nobody doubts the thorough loyalty of every true Templar.

Commanderies, 6; members, 404; increase, 21.

B. E. Lippincott, (Portland,) G. C.

James F. Robinson, (Eugene,) G. R.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Forty-third Conclave, Scranton, May 26, 1896.

Edward B. Spencer, G. C.

The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, U. S., M. E. Warren LaRue Thomas, was received and welcomed with all the honors.

The healthy growth of many years has caused this body to assume the fairest proportions and the most enduring vitality. It retains all the freshness of youth and all the vigor of mature age. The past year presents no exception to the honorable career which has always distinguished it. Harmonious co-operation on the part of the officers and members of the Order, and zealous devotion to the principles it represents, have characterized all their transactions.

On the Armenian persecution, the Grand Commander says:—

Suffering humanity in any form may confidently appeal to the generous impulses of a Knight Templar's heart, but when suffering is endured in the service of Immanuel and is the result of violence and persecution in the hands of the enemies of the Christian faith, the traditions of our Order demand a firm and united protest against the wrong.

Templar Knighthood originated in the desire to defend the truth and protect the weak. The scene of its earliest exploits was the land of the Orient, which had given birth to the Saviour, and witnessed His humiliation and His triumph. The Knights of Jerusalem in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries were the organized defence of Christ's followers, and the scourge of His enemies. To-day, not far from the spot where the service was rendered, a simple people, honest and devout in their Christian life, having preserved their ancestral home and the integrity of their faith for centuries, are crushed and almost annihilated under the bloody hand of the destroyer. The Moslem still holds sway as he did in the early days of the Holy City and of devout pilgrims. Political power and a corrupt ecclesiasticism unite to

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aid this scheme of infamy. We are reminded of the era of persecution which overwhelmed our ancient fratres of the Order of the Temple, when the last Grand Master under the old regime perished at the stake. Let us with our sympathies, our offerings and our prayers remember poor bleeding Armenia.

A new Commandery was authorized at Shamokin.

From the report of the Committee on the next Triennial at Pittsburg in 1898, it appears that the estimate of their expense for the entertainment of the Grand Encampment and visitors on that occasion is from \$90,000 to \$100,000. What a monstrous waste of money! This enormous sum will be absolutely dissipated in useless extravagance. Surely it is time to call a halt in this matter. Just think of the hundreds of widows and orphans who could be relieved from their distress by all that money.

The following resolution was passed:—

Whereas it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that the American flag is an appropriate emblem to be borne by Knights Templar of the United States in parade, therefore,

Resolved, That permission be given to subordinate Commanderies in any parade which they may lawfully make to carry a silk flag of our country, of authentic design and such size as the R. E. Grand Commander may designate, and that any rule or regulation of this jurisdiction to the contrary thereof be and is hereby repealed.

Frater Lee S. Smith presented an excellent report on Correspondence, in which occurs the following very seasonable and sensible comment on the proceedings at the Triennial:—

The reception tendered by the Boston Knights, as well as by the various Grand and Subordinate Commanderies, was everything that could be asked or expected, but, to our mind, went beyond the proper limits of what should be the entertainment expected of and extended by, an organization "founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues." In this we can only refer to the general presence in headquarters of intoxicating liquors. We had hoped, after the agitation that has been given to this subject throughout nearly all the jurisdictions for several years past, that things might have been different. Even if any attention had been paid to the Alabama resolutions seeking to suppress the display of Templar banners and emblems by saloons, the free diffusion of liquors by the members of the Order made such action seem a farce.

It does seem strange to us that such a body of men as compose the Order of Knights Templar, and taking the vows that they do, cannot assemble and be entertained without set-

ting such a poor example, not only to the members of the Order, but such an exhibition to the world. Although California led to a great extent in the agitation of this subject, yet one or more of her subordinate Commanderies went to Boston "with a carload of California wines"—as the Associated Press announced it, and while there, not being content with the free use of it in their headquarters, had it put up in bottles which they gave away to every visitor, thus lending our Order to the advertisement of manufacturers and dealers in intoxicating drink. Will any candid, honest, Knight Templar say that this was right or consistent?

Some jurisdictions have legislated against the admission of saloon-keepers to the Order, and yet the Order at large sanctions the turning of our headquarters into saloons and making free saloonkeepers of our own members, to our mind a much more dangerous innovation. Many men who would not be seen entering a saloon would use the same dangerous drinks when openly and freely offered and indorsed by the Order.

We have frequently said that the worst enemies of our Order are within the organization, and such conduct emphasizes that statement. God and the world judge us by our lives and acts, and not by our professions.

Some years since we took a trip up the lakes with a camping party, composed of ladies and gentlemen. On our return voyage a number of the young people of the party were sitting on deck discussing dancing, amusements, etc., as relating to Christian duties. During the conversation a strange man who was sitting by apologized for taking part in the conversation, and then relieved himself of the rankest skeptical doctrine, most of it a rehash of some of Ingersoll's bambast, who, by picking supposed flaws in Divine revelation, seeks to undermine and unsettle the faith of mankind, without offering a substitute, and all this noble missionary work he does for "fifty cents at the door."

But we digress. Shortly after the man began speaking we noticed that he wore a Templar cross. We purposely let him unwind himself pretty fully, when we asked him if he really believed all he was saying. He turned upon us with an angry expression and asked, "What do you mean?" We quietly said that we meant just what we said; did he really believe what he claimed he did? And added, "Because if you do you had better be consistent and remove that emblem from your watch chain; there is a wide gap between your professions and your announced belief."

Suffice it that he had not another word to say, but slipped away, and we could not again find him, although we tried to do so. We think there are none but will acknowledge his inconsistency. Was it worse in that case than in the other referred to?

We are not now, nor never have been, cranks on the temperance question, but so long as our Grand Commandery places us upon the wall to announce the approach to our citadel of

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friend or foe, so long shall we cry out when we see danger menacing our stronghold.

And now what of the sessions of the Grand Encampment? Four days were consumed. What was accomplished by this great legislative body of our Order? Some one has humorously remarked that "it is better to make haste slowly." If such is the policy of the Grand Encampment, then we think the Twenty-sixth Triennial Conclave was a grand success, for we must say in all justice that to our mind little was accomplished.

Canada for 1895 has a good notice.

Commanderies, 73; members, 11,218; increase, 275.

Samuel S. Yohe, (Easton,) G. C.

Mont. H. Smith, (Philadelphia,) G. R.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Thirteenth Conclave, Huron, June 12, 1896.

Frank A. Brown, G. C.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery be requested to open the Grand Commandery at its next Annual Conclave in full form.

Resolved, That the eminent Commanders of the several Subordinate Commanderies be and are hereby ordered to use the full form for opening and closing as per Ritual at not less than two of their regular Conclaves during the coming Templar year, and that the Grand Recorder notify each Eminent Commander of this order.

Whereas, As it is of vital importance that this Grand Commandery keep in touch with the Grand Commanderies of the several jurisdictions of the United States, and as this can best be accomplished through active and zealous representatives of the Grand Commanderies; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the list of Representatives as now constituted, be revised by dropping all Representatives who have not been present at, or who fail to make a report to, this Grand Commandery within two years in succession, and that the Right Eminent Grand Commander be requested to recommend such Sir Knights as Representatives as will give the duties pertaining to their office their careful attention.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that it would be not only helpful to the members of the Grand Body, but also indirectly to the members of the various Commanderies of this jurisdiction, if the Grand Commander would arrange for the Grand Commandery to exemplify one or more of the Degrees of Knighthood during the Annual Conclave at Mitchell, in 1897.

Frater Samuel H. Jumper reports on Correspond-

ence. Our Proceedings do not appear to have been received.

Commanderies, 11 ; members, 718 ; decrease, 38.

James J. Casselman, (Huron.) G. C.

George A. Pettigrew, (Flandreau.) G. R.

TENNESSEE.

Thirty-fourth Conclave, Jackson, May 14, 1896.

Orion L. Hurlbut, G. C.

From his excellent address we make the following extracts—

The past Templar year has been a continuation of the period of waiting for better times, begun three years ago ; and, while a high standard of qualification for membership has been maintained throughout our jurisdiction, and I have only to refer you to the several reports of our Grand Visitors to prove the moral strength of our Commanderies, in point of numbers we have barely held our own.

This period of waiting has not been without its advantages. There is a strength that is born of waiting that is more stable than that of rapid, pushing progress, and I feel that this strength is ours, and that when the dawn of a new era of prosperity, already brightening the eastern sky, becomes bright day, that we shall resume our forward movement with tried and tested columns, bearing our banner—the Banner of the Cross—onward and upward toward the summit of our ambition, the final approval of the Great Captain of our Salvation.

The complaint of this Grand Commandery against the Grand Commandery of Virginia, referred to the Grand Encampment for final adjudication at our last Conclave, was presented in form and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report, by Sir Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, was adopted.

The report, after reciting the conditions and deciding that "the Statutes of the Grand Encampment make the question of jurisdiction to depend upon 'residence,' and not upon 'citizenship' or the right to vote," arrives at this conclusion: "The Committee finds that Johnson Commandery acted in entire good faith, and was in error only in its construction of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment. Under these circumstances, the Committee recommend that this body, having given an authoritative decision of the question involved, make no further order in the premises, feeling perfectly confident that a Knightly arrangement of the matter may be safely left to the Grand Commanderies of Virginia and Tennessee, or their respective executive officers."

The Grand Commander very properly refused to grant a dispensation to confer the Order of the Temple on a Sunday.

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There are eighty-three orphans and seventeen widows in their Masonic Home, and there are forty-three applications for admission on file.

On the Temperance question the following resolutions were adopted:—

1. The Grand Commandery of Tennessee declares the business of manufacturing for sale as a beverage, or selling spirituous or malt liquors as a beverage, to be contrary to the teachings of our Order, and that any Knight Templar engaging in said business, either as principal or employee, does so in wilful disregard of his duty and obligation as a Knight Templar.

2. Should there be a Knight Templar in this jurisdiction, either affiliated or unaffiliated, who is engaged in said business, it should be the duty of the Commandery to which he belongs, or within whose jurisdiction he resides, to issue notice at once requiring said Knight to discontinue said business within six months. If he shall fail to do so, the Commandery shall prefer charges, and upon conviction, said Templar shall be suspended or expelled.

3. After the promulgation of these Statutes, should a member of any Commandery in the State of Tennessee, or any unaffiliated Templar in this jurisdiction, engage in said business, as principal or employee, it shall be the duty of the Commandery to which he belongs, or under whose jurisdiction he may reside, to prefer charges against him, and upon conviction, he shall be suspended or expelled.

4. It shall be the duty of Subordinate Commanderies to strictly enforce these Statutes, under the penalty of a forfeiture of Charter.

The new Grand Commanderies of District of Columbia, Indian Territory and Florida were recognized.

The Grand Recorder presented a capital report on Correspondence. He thinks that all the esoterics of the Lodge and Chapter should be eliminated from the ceremonies of the Commandery. That is our system, and it works well, and we have no trouble about holding Masonic communication with a brother suspended for n. p. d.

Our Proceedings for 1895 receive due mention.

In his review of Maryland, Frater Foster says:—

He reports that "the Ritual adopted at Denver, Colorado, in 1891, meets with universal approval in Maryland;" but regrets to observe "a disposition, when time was pressing, to defer the conferring of the Order of Malta until a more convenient season, or until a class of several was ready to receive it. This is clearly wrong. The Order of Knight Templar in-

cludes the ceremony of Knight of Malta, and they should be conferred at one and the same time."

Now, right there this writer begs leave to differ. When the Order of the Temple is properly conferred (and it is sacrilege to do it in any other way); when the pilgrim has been taken, step by step, from the chamber of reflection to the awful solemnities of the closing scene, and word by word and gesture by gesture there has been unfolded to him, in the grand ritual of the Temple, a drama of overpowering pathos, and the climax is reached; and the curtain drops we want no anti-climax. If we had our way we would hurry the candidate from his knees to his chamber, there to be left alone with God—to think, and think, and try to comprehend the great step he has taken in becoming a Knight Templar. Teach him the sword business and other necessary information *any time*, but not then. It is monstrous to follow the Order of the Temple on the same night with *anything*. As for the Order of Malta, confer it the next week, or month, or year, if it *must* be conferred; but far better return to the practice of former years—communicate the essentials and let it go.

Commanderies, 15; members, 1096; increase, 25.

Robert W. Haynes, (Jackson,) G. C.

Wilbur F. Foster, (Nashville,) G. R.

VERMONT.

Fifty-fourth Conclave, Burlington, June 9, 1896.

Silas W. Cummings, G. C.

The largely increased membership, with the continuance of peace and harmony in their subordinate Commanderies and their happy relations with sister jurisdictions, are subjects for sincere congratulations.

The observance of Christmas, Easter and Ascension Days with appropriate ceremonies was more general this year than ever before.

The Grand Commander recounts his official visits and then says:—

The result of my observations from visiting and inspecting each Commandery in this jurisdiction, briefly stated, are as follows:

The highest degree of efficiency is found in those Commanderies where the strictest discipline is maintained and military bearing is enforced.

The memorizing of the Ritual being first thoroughly accomplished, which I have found in most Commanderies, I would strongly recommend and urge upon each Eminent Commander the great importance of more frequent drills; and don't be afraid

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of being called a martinet, because you exact strict discipline, while the Commandery is at work in its Asylum as well as when on duty in public.

To the members of our subordinate Commanderies I would appeal to for a larger attendance on your regular stated Conclaves.

It is a duty you owe to yourselves and your officers, even if it requires the overcoming of inertia, or, at times, a sacrifice of personal comfort.

The new Grand Commanderies of Florida, Indian Territory and District of Columbia were recognized.

Fratr Kittredge Haskins reports on Correspondence.

Canada for 1855 has a good notice.

In his review of Iowa we find the following:—

Among the decisions promulgated and approved by the Grand Commandery was the following:

A companion presented his petition for the orders of Knighthood to a Commandery in Minnesota, where he then resided, and was by it elected, but came away before receiving the orders. Twenty years afterwards, being a resident of Iowa, he applied for the orders to and was elected by the Commandery at his residence. Before proceeding further the question arose as to its right to confer the orders, and was referred to me. I decided that the consent of the Minnesota Commandery must be first obtained, which consent must be unanimous and by ballot.

This is enforcing the doctrine of "perpetual jurisdiction" with a vengeance. Vermont never believed in it, nor don't now. What a farce! Twenty years since he resided in Minnesota, and twenty years a resident of Iowa. Which Commandery could best judge of his present worthiness? Supposing the Commandery in Minnesota had become extinct. In that event the applicant must be regarded as an "outlaw," however worthy, and the doors of every Templar Asylum in the land must be closed against him. We say, away with such nonsense.

He agrees with some others as to the uncongenial combination of pleasure and business in the Grand Encampment:—

Aside from the speech-making, but little business was done the first day by the Encampment. With the many excursions, visiting and banquets that followed during the week, the Grand Encampment did but a small part of the legislative work they were convened to do, and many of the important matters that should have been disposed of were carried over to the next Triennial at Pittsburg in 1898. We were there as a permanent member of that Grand Body, and we plead guilty to the charge, so often made, that the Grand Encampment of 1895, in a legis-

lative point of view, was a sad failure. On the whole, however, it may be just as well, for there is much truth in the saying that there is more danger in too much, than in too little legislation.

Commanderies, 10 ; members, 1458 ; increase, 62.

Robert J. Wright, (Newport,) G. C.

Warren G. Reynolds, (Burlington,) G. R.

VICTORIA.

We have private advices that the Great Priory of Victoria, Australia, will not publish their Proceedings this year.

The Annual Assembly was held at Melbourne on May 1, 1896.

Templar matters are still very quiet, but they are making steady and substantial progress.

The term, of office of Grand Representatives to other Grand Bodies was limited to three years.

Edwin L. Oldfield, (Melbourne,) Supreme Grand Master.

J. C. Kennedy, (Melbourne,) Grand Chancellor.

VIRGINIA.

Seventy-third Conclave, Richmond, Nov. 14, 1895.

J. Parke Corbin, G. C.

There are twenty-seven inmates at their Masonic Home.

An association has been formed to erect a suitable Memorial to the memory of their lamented and beloved Grand Recorder, William B. Isaacs, whose death we noticed last year.

A special appropriation of \$200 was made to the Committee on Educational interests of the Masonic Home, for the benefit of the Home Library.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

Resolved. That the annual dues to the Grand Commandery be increased to one dollar per annum, twenty-five cents of which shall be appropriated to the educational fund of the Masonic Home. * * *

Resolved. That the Eminent Commanders of the several subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction, be requested and earnestly desired to prepare or have prepared a sketch of

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the full history of their Commanderies, and forward the same to the Grand Commandery, and report at the next annual Assembly. * * *

Resolved, That the rule of the Grand Encampment of the U. S., in the election of officers, viz., to ballot for same without nominations, be and the same is hereby adopted as the mode by which the Grand Commandery of Virginia will be governed in future, in the election of its officers.

Resolved, That the several subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction be and are hereby directed to observe the same rule in all future elections of their respective officers.

Commanderies, 20 ; members, 1457 ; increase, 92.

Jóhn T. Parham, (Petersburg,) G. C.

James B. Blanks, (Petersburg,) G. R.

WASHINGTON.

Eighth Conclave, Seattle, June 7, 1895.

George N. Alexander, G. C.

Notwithstanding that the hard times are still with them, their membership has increased and peace and harmony prevail in their ranks.

A question of jurisdiction arose with the Grand Commandery of New York and was amicably settled. The candidate had falsely stated his residence and he was promptly expelled, and the fee for the degrees was remitted by the Commandery in New York to the Commandery in Washington.

The following was adopted :—

Resolved, That the following be added to all petitions for the orders: "He is not engaged in any manner in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors."

The Grand Recorder reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1894.

Commanderies, 9 ; members, 585 ; increase, 2.

Horace W. Tyler, (Spokane,) G. C.

Yancey C. Blalock, (Walla' Walla,) G. R.

1896.

Ninth Conclave, Seattle, June 3, 1896.

Horace W. Tyler, G. C.

The Grand Commander delivered a practical ad-

dress, containing several valuable suggestions. His labors during the year were light, but pleasant.

The business transacted was entirely routine in character, and calls for no special comment.

A proposition to compel every applicant for the degrees to have a regulation Knights Templar coat before receiving the Order of the Temple, was negatived.

In his review of Ohio, the Grand Recorder has the following on the Eastern Star:—

We infer our worthy Sir Knight must have received a severe curtain lecture from some "female Mason" or mayhap have been refused admission into their "venerable order." We are proud to say we are a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and as their principles and teachings are taken from the Holy Bible we fail to see anything "derogatory to the venerable, dignified Order of Freemasonry" and strenuously object to being called, a tramp Mason by a "crank" who chooses to sit in judgment upon the members of the Order of which he knows almost nothing. We fail to see anything derogatory to anyone associating themselves with the wives, sisters, mothers or daughters of Masons, especially when such association is for the purpose of promoting "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, Kindness and Forbearance." We are willing our "worthy and venerable" frater should have his opinions and state them, but when he calls us such names and consigns us to such oblivion, woman-like, we will have something to say, and almost wonder if our Brother ever had mother, wife, sister or daughter.

Canada for 1895 has due mention.

Commanderies, 9; members, 592; increase, 7.

George E. Dickson, (Ellensburg,) G. C.

Yancey C. Blalock, (Walla Walla,) G. R.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Twenty-second Conclave, Charleston, May 13, 1896.

W. H. H. Holswade, G. C.

On the state of the Order he says:—

Most gratifying reports have been received from most of the several Commanderies; large numbers have been added to the rolls, and, notwithstanding the continued business depression of the country, I am pleased to congratulate the Order that peace, tranquility and prosperity are assured throughout our jurisdiction.

The only element productive of discord, and the one prolific source of anxiety to the officers of the several Commanderies, is the apparent indifference and neglect on the part of so many

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otherwise good and loyal Sir Knights in failing or refusing to comply with the requirements of this Grand Commandery in respect to uniforms. To enforce this edict or resolution, reasonable as it is, and necessary beyond question for appearance in public, will result, in many instances, the necessity for discipline. If I have not overestimated this source of disaffection, I would suggest that this question be referred to a committee, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the matter, and if deemed necessary, make suitable recommendations thereon.

A proposal to reduce the Grand Commandery dues to seventy-five cents per capita per annum was lost.

Frater Albert B. White has an excellent report on Correspondence, in which our Proceedings for 1895 are accorded courteous notice.

Commanderies, 11; members, 878; increase, 97.

John C. Riheldaffer, (Wheeling,) G. C.

Robert C. Dunnington, (Fairmont,) G. R.

WISCONSIN.

Thirty-seventh Conclave, Milwaukee, Oct. 8, 1895.

Eugene S. Elliott, G. C.

The Grand Commander divided the State into six districts, with a rendezvous in each district, to which all the Commanderies were summoned for the purpose of exemplifying the work. After giving the details, the Grand Commander adds:—

With the exceptions hereinbefore noted, the various meetings were held as planned. Some of the work was excellent, much was good, and some decidedly poor, but I deem it best to avoid particular comparison, as the scheme was new to all and some Commanderies labored under the disadvantage of having in their official corps officers unequal to the duties imposed upon them. If the plan is continued, as I trust it will be, Commanderies will doubtless scrutinize carefully the competency of aspirants to office and particularly to the offices of Eminent Commander, Captain-General, Senior and Junior Warden. There are no better men in any organization than are to be found on the roll of our Commanderies. Generally speaking, the rank and file are all right; able and willing to respond to any reasonable call. Where defects exist the responsibility must rest upon the officers, which is simply another mode of stating the old maxim, that "an army of sheep commanded by a lion is more to be dreaded than an army of lions led by a sheep."

Each rendezvous was attended by a representative delegation of Templar ladies, but not to the number that was de-

sired. Sir Knights, I cannot too strongly urge this feature upon your attention. In feminine influence Temple Masonry has a force for good that is all powerful. It should no longer be ignored. In ancient times, woman turned to the Templars for protection, we need not blush to-day to call upon the women for help. Not for any militant qualities which we may assume they possess, but for that gentle, yet vivifying influence which ennobles whatever it touches, and which is an inspiration for everything pure and beautiful and good. At our feasts, at our assemblages, upon our Templar excursions, let us no longer neglect this powerful influence. We can have it with us, for the ethics of Templar Masonry appeal strongly to the sentiment of the best of the sex. Let us use it for the good of our Order and for the maintenance of those elevated principles we are sworn to uphold.

I doubt whether the district rendezvous have not accomplished all, and possibly more, than such reunions as the Grand Conclave of 1894. The time and expense of attendance being limited in each case to a single day, the constituent Commanderies were able to attend with a much larger delegation than would otherwise have been possible. The work of competing Commanderies enabled them to note their own defects, and the influence of such a gathering was more evenly and widely distributed throughout the state. Such rendezvous are, in my opinion, in every respect, superior to our old system of inspection, and when the constituent Commanderies understand that their presence and exemplification at their rendezvous is a part of their annual duty, and, so understanding, get thoroughly down to the business of preparation, the result must be a proficiency in work and tactics far beyond anything heretofore seen. I recommend the adoption of an edict making the establishment of such rendezvous a part of the stated duty of the Grand Commander.

His recommendation was endorsed by the Grand Commandery by the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, By the Grand Commandery, that the Right Eminent Grand Commander be, and is hereby authorized and instructed to continue, for the ensuing year, the system of inspections by District Rendezvous of the several Commanderies of the state, and that such assemblies be organized, and the state districted in such manner as may to the Grand Commander seem best to accomplish such inspection.

The revision of the Tactics was completed, approved and promulgated.

Frater William C. Swain presented his thirteenth report on Correspondence. It is an excellent compilation, and full of good points, terse and appropriate

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comments, and sound Masonic views. Canada for 1894 receives kindly mention.

Commanderies, 26; members, 2849; increase, 131.

George H. Hopper, (Racine,) G. C.

John W. Laffin, (Milwaukee,) G. R.

WYOMING.

Ninth Conclave, Rawlins, May 20, 1896.

Frank M. Foote, G. C.

The year has been one of tranquility, and the labors of the Grand Commander were light on account of the true Knightly spirit manifested by the members of the Order.

The statutes were amended by the addition of the following clause to the duties of the Recorder of the Commandery:—

To furnish to the Grand Recorder with his annual report, for the use of the Committee on Necrology, all data respecting deceased Sir Knights that he can obtain, to enable such committee to give a brief sketch of the life and Masonic and Templar history of such deceased members.

Commanderies, 5; members, 262; increase, 14.

Adrian J. Parshall, (Cheyenne,) G. C.

John C. Baird, (Cheyenne,) G. R.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, U. S.

Twenty-Sixth Triennial Conclave, Boston, August 27, 1895.

Hugh McCurdy, G. M.

The following decision of the Grand Master appears to be a plain statement that belief in the doctrine of the Trinity is not required for admission to Templarism in the United States:—

QUESTION—Can a Unitarian become a Templar?

ANSWER—Any Companion Royal Arch Mason in good standing may petition a Commandery for the Orders, and having signed such a petition, as the law of the Grand Encampment requires, he can not be further questioned on the subject of his faith. No Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, has the right to add new requirements.

New Grand Commanderies were formed in Arizona and Florida.

Eight new Commanderies were organized as follows:—Two each in New Mexico, Florida and Indian Territory, and one each in Idaho and Oklahoma. One was also formed in Mexico, but was afterwards cancelled:—

September 1st, 1893, I issued my dispensation to Sir Knight Richard R. Chism, as Eminent Commander, and fifteen others, to form and open a Commandery named Popocatepetl Commandery No. 1, of the Federal District of Mexico, stationed at Mexico City, Mex. The petitioners were of our own blood and kindred, and produced documentary evidence of their good standing, either by dimit or certificates from their several Commanderies. I had every reason to believe that a Commandery could be maintained there, and one ought to be established; thus believing, I granted my dispensation. Another reason which was considered by me in granting a dispensation, was the fact that large numbers of our Fratres annually visit Mexico, and they should have a rendezvous or Asylum where they could go if needs be.

For some time the Commandery was prosperous and the Fratres happy and proud of their Templar home, but an apple of discord was thrown into the Asylum and inharmonies took root, when I at once revoked my dispensation, which has been deposited with the Grand Recorder, likewise a record of the work done by the Commandery.

The correspondence with Scotland is thus detailed:—

At the last Conclave of this Grand Body it was recommended that the Grand Master obtain from the Grand Encampment of the Temple of Malta of Scotland, a copy of its constitution and all possible information in reference to said Body, its standing, jurisdiction, etc., and to lay the same before this Grand Body at its next Triennial Conclave. (Proceedings 1892, p. 136.)

Immediately upon the printing of our Proceedings, I caused to be sent to said Grand Body, through our Grand Recorder, a copy of the same, with a Knightly and courteous letter, under the seal of our Grand Body, calling special attention to our action, and requesting an answer.

The following answer, received July 15th, 1895, explains why no answer was sooner received to our communication, and is all the information received:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE TEMPLE OF MALTA FOR SCOTLAND,
OFFICE OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE,

15 New Bridge St., AYR, June 17th, 1895.

William B. Isaacs, Esq., Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment,
U.S.A.:—

VERY EMINENT SIR AND DEAR FRATER,—Having just had occasion to overhaul the correspondence of our late Foreign

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Secretary, Frater T. L. Shaw, I find there a communication from you dated November 6th. 1893, addressed to Frater P. Spence, M. E. Grand Master of the Temple in Scotland, etc., exchange of representatives of amity between our Grand Encampments, but no indication as to whether said communication had been answered or not. I am, therefore, instructed by the M. E. Grand Master to write you upon the subject, giving the information you desire. I find from the Proceedings of the Twenty-fifth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, U. S. A., page 49, that your then M. E. Grand Master, Frater Gobin, acknowledged that the Grand Encampment of the Temple of Malta in Scotland was, and is, an independent body. He could also with safety have added that it was the oldest Knight Templar governing body in the world, and the fact of it being the last to abandon the ancient method of government which made the Encampment rule all grades beyond the first three, has been the cause of Frater Gobin, your late M. E. Grand Master, to misunderstand its present position. To make this plain to you it will be necessary for me to refer back to the old Scottish Masonic nomenclature, where, under the term "Blue Masonry," much more was included than the first three degrees, as "Red Masonry" did more than the Royal Arch, and "Black Masonry" more than the Knights Templar. Of the first three degrees, the Grand Lodge, since its institution in 1736, has been the sole undisputed head. Of the other degrees of Blue Masonry, as of those further advanced who repudiated all connection or knowledge in 1800, those degrees became the property of Templar Encampments, then first formed as separate organizations, and so continued until 1878 (in spite of the fact that a Grand Royal Arch Chapter had been formed in 1818), when the Grand Encampment resigned all control over, or claim to, any degree save the purely chivalric ones. The result of this renunciation was the formation of the Early Grand Royal Arch Chapter, with which the Grand Encampment wrought in amity until the two Grand Chapters united on the 11th of last month, as you will see from the report in this month's *Scottish Freemason*, which I send you per same mail as this, so that, now, not even the shadow of the connection which had before existed between the Grand Encampment and subordinate grades remains unbroken, except in so far as it is still required that an aspirant for the honor of Knighthood must be a Royal Arch Mason in good standing. This explanation will, I hope, dispose of the fear expressed on page 50, of your report, that in the working of this Grand Encampment the "Masonic pyramid is inverted."

As to the report of your Committee on Temple Jurisprudence, page 186, I regret that so little is known in America of our ancient Grand Encampment, the more so as we in Scotland have always considered American and Scottish Templars to be near akin to each other, and as the only existing representatives of the Masonic Knights Templar of the last century. I trust, however, that the present correspondence will be the means of making us better known to each other, and to that end I send you a

copy of our statutes, which are bound in one volume, with the laws of the "Early Grand Royal Arch Chapter" (which, as I have already sent you, is now united with the "Supreme Grand Chapter," and are therefore obsolete) and those of the "Scottish Grand Council of Rites," with which the Grand Encampment stands in relations of amity, but with which it has no official connection.

I also send you a proof copy of the diploma issued by the Grand Encampment, that you may see the degrees wrought under it; a copy of the Scottish Freemasons' Calendar, containing a list of Grand Officers, and a copy of our Ritual, from which is now selected the numbering of the degrees as part of a rite, the chivalric grades standing alone, as you will perceive from the diploma.

Trusting, dear Frater, that these explanations may be the means of bringing the American and Scottish Knights into close connection and fellowship, I remain,

Yours in arms,

M. McB. THOMSON, P. G. M., K. G. C.,

Grand Representative of the Order of the Temple of Malta in Scotland.

M. E. Grand Master's Address: Major P. Spence, Airdrie, Scotland.

The address of the Grand Master abounds in felicitous expressions and noble maxims, and we need make no apology for copying entire his refined and brilliant conclusion:—

We have, Sir Knights, a noble Order of historic names. We have a record of growth of which we may be justly proud.

In 1816, when this Grand Body was formed, there were only eight Commanderies—or Encampments, as they were then called—only 500 Knights Templar in the United States. Now, we have a membership of 110,000; forty Grand Commanderies, having under their immediate jurisdiction 950 Subordinate Commanderies. Besides these, there are under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body thirty Subordinate Commanderies. Our Asylums are erected in every State and Territory, save Alaska. And this Grand Encampment has also established an Asylum and erected a Temple and Shrine in Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.

Surely our Order has not yet reached the fullness of its glory and helpfulness, and its course must continue upward and onward in fellowship and harmony with the age and the lofty principles of Him whom we all acknowledge as our Lord and Master, Immanuel—God with us. This is our watchword. With Him we must be ever moving onward to better things. Templarism teaches us, as its first and last lesson, that we are to be like Him. That what He is to men, we are to be to men.

His command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," Templarism interprets as a command to be a god to one's fellow

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man. Love means God. This world needs not dollars, it needs genius, but, vastly more, it needs men who are gods to the human life about them. The world needs men who manifest God to the human life around them; not as a shadow, not simply by prayer and creeds, but as the Incarnate Son of God manifested Him in the gentle ministry of kindly deeds.

"When I was in Sogd," writes an Arabian geographer, "I saw a great building, like a palace, the gates of which were open and fixed back to the wall with large nails. I asked the reason, and was told that the house had not been shut night or day for a hundred years. Strangers may present themselves at any hour, and in whatever number; the master has amply provided for the reception of men and their animals, and is never happier than when they tarry for some time." Such palaces by the wayside in desert places of this life has Templarism builded for hungry, weary pilgrims. Of such palaces the white tents, which the weary pilgrim finds by the wayside as he makes his pilgrimage, are the symbol and the promise. The doors of this great building of many mansions are closed neither by night or day. The Master has amply provided for the reception of those who need rest and refreshment. The true Templar has no arithmetic by which he counts the cost or the inconvenience of receiving strangers; the soul of his better quality thrusts back the unseasonable economy into the vaults of life, and says, "I will obey God, and the sacrifice and the fire He will provide. 'Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee.' The brave soul of the Knight of St. John, the modern hospitaler, rates itself too highly to value itself by silver and gold. These it may not give; but what it hath it gives, and all that it hath. It gives itself; its own worth lends a better grace to the humble tent, the cake of barley meal and the cup of cold water. These lessons are one. The Knightly soul does not ask for bread and raiment, for ease, nor feasts; the essence of greatness is the perception that virtue is enough. Poverty is its ornament. The spirit of man is the great light which illumines tents, fields, shops, homes, asylums. That place is most illumined where dwells the noblest minds. The depth of our living—this is the splendor of our table, this the rich drapery of human life, this the more than regal decoration of our homes.

"Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee those forty years in the wilderness," said Moses to the Israelites, "and He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger and fed thee with manna that He might make thee to know that man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," repeated the Son of Man in the wilderness of His temptation. "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee," repeats the Templar, as he takes the weary pilgrim by the hand and leads him into his wayside palace of rest and refreshment, of bread and water. The Sir Knight thus gives himself to his weary, hungry Brother. These words of Moses, the Son of Man, and the Templar hospitaler, have one

and the same signification ; man lives not by bread only, but by the Godlike life of his fellow men. Bread and water, silver and gold, never can satisfy ; these have only a partial influence over living men. These enter only into the outer court. The influence of a noble soul is alone irresistible ; this alone takes possession of a Brother's inmost soul. The pilgrim enters into the wayside tent, not for rest and refreshment of body, not for anything that bread or water, silver or gold, may do for him, but for the hand-touch and soul-touch and the companionship of a noble soul. This is the lesson ; see to it that thyself is here, and art and nature, hope and friends, angels and the Supreme Being shall not be absent from the chamber where thou sittest.

The brave Epaminandos needs not Olympus upon which to die, needs not the Syrian sunshine. What matters the room where the true man sits, the fare he eats, the clothes he wears, the grave he lies in ? What matters the place of Moses' sepulchre, the birth-place of Lincoln, the streets trodden by the feet of Milton, the little Bethelhem, the obscure Nazareth, the wretched poverty and loneliness of the Son of Man ? Common souls pay with what they do ; noble souls with what they are. While we accumulate silver and gold, and build homes, and call them after our names, let us not forget that the only accumulation that will defy the corruption of the moth, the corroding of the rust, is that which we are building in the lives of our fellow men as they toil on in their pilgrimage here. Among the Israelites he was called blessed for generations who, passing through the desert place, made of it a well for thirsty camels and weary travelers. There are many desert places in this life, many weary pilgrims. Templarism is here because the weary, the hungry and thirsty are here. Shall we not dig in life's desert places wells which shall be life-springs for thirsty lips ? Shall we not build tents white by the wayside—true, large and noble souls which shall be the bread of life, the words of God Immanuel—for hungry, weary men ? Templarism is in this world because the world needs Templarism. We are all weary pilgrims. How fiercely beats the heat of the sun, the violence of the storm, upon many a life ! What a pity that in this land which God has so blessed with bread enough for every one, what a pity that any should be hungry ; what a thousand pities that in this nation, upon which He has so poured His benediction of sympathy and peace, men, women and children should be to-day hungry and thirsty for kindness and sympathy. May God hasten the time, even in this life, when it shall be said that they shall hunger and thirst no more, neither shall the sun light upon them, nor any heat, for the God-man shall feed them, He shall lead them unto fountains of living waters, He shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. This is the mission of Templarism.

The three heroes of King David broke the ranks of the Philistines to bring their thirsty king a cup of cold water ; the widow gave the hungry prophet her last handful of meal. The Mohammedan, who lived in a city, built amid a wide, hot plain, made a wayside booth a few miles out on the highway, and

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daily went to fill a vase of water there for fainting travelers, as they approached; and once a life was saved by the cup of cold water. Brothers, souls to these we are to be. We are Templars that we may the better make the desert places of life blossom with such acts of Brotherhood—of Angelhood.

Our mission is not that of the ancient Knight, to rescue the tomb of our divine Lord from desecration, but so to live His life before men that their souls shall become filled with the spirit of the everlasting Brother.

We are to be called Knights—not of the old, but of the new chivalry. The essence of this chivalry is to care for the little ones. Its command to every Knight is, use your power to bless the little ones. The widows and orphans, the aged and infirm, the poor, the tired man in the shop, the overworked woman in the kitchen—these are our little ones, these all challenge our chivalry. To rescue manhood and womanhood from their graves; honor, virtue and chivalry from their sepulchre—this the duty-call to the modern Knight, a work far nobler this than that which summoned our ancient Frates to battlefields or toilsome journeys. Our mission is to give

“An arm of aid to the weak,
A friendly hand to the friendless,
Kind words so short to speak,
But whose echo is endless.

The world is wide, these things are small,
They may be nothing—but they are all.”

Again, Sir Knights, I welcome you to this Triennial Conclave. I congratulate you upon the esteemed privilege of assembling in this historic city. Let us be profoundly thankful for the past, hopeful for the future. If the past has done its best for us, then are we prepared to receive the good things in store for us. The golden age of Templarism is not in the past, but in the future. Faithful sentinels upon the watch-tower of Knighthood, what of the night? What of the morn? You are here to answer these questions. Ponder well your words, weigh well your actions. Let all the ends you aim at be your country's, your God's, and Truth's.

And now, my fratres, standing as I now do for the last time in this relation in your presence, about to surrender forever the exalted position which for years it was my high ambition to occupy, if you have found anything in me, personal, mercenary, selfish, unworthy the noble Templar deal, forgive it, forget it. If in me you have found devotion to a lofty purpose, imitate it, better it. With profound gratitude to Almighty God for His tender mercies; with a God bless you for each and every one of my loyal associates for their faithful service, and a God speed you for him who shall succeed me, I retire. I say good-bye with a patriotic, a private and individual joy, with a consciousness compared with which all human words of praise are but as the light dust of the balance. In the words of Lowell, “The sunset of life casts a radiant light upon the past, and makes the western windows of those homes of fancy we have left forever tremble with the reflected glow of sacred regret.”

But this one thing we do: forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Him who is our divine model—our Immanuel."

Sir Knight Lucien C. Paige, the veteran Knight Templar of Massachusetts, has been a member of the Order for seventy-one years. He was introduced in due form and gave some account of his long experience.

The delegates from the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, M. E. Supreme Grand Master W. H. Whyte, and M. E. Past Supreme Grand Master E. T. Malone, were received with all the honor due to distinguished visitors, to which they responded "in a felicitous manner."

A new edition of 1,200 copies of the Ritual of the Order of Malta was ordered to be printed and distributed, and on this subject the following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That the communications of the Essentials of the Order of Knights of Malta in connection with, and at the time of conferring the Order of the Temple upon a candidate, shall be deemed a substantial compliance with the resolution relative to conferring the orders and signing the By-Laws adopted at the last Triennial Conclave. (Proceedings 1892, page 162.)

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Encampment that there is no occasion for any change in the Ritual of the Order of Malta, and that the Committee on Ritual be discharged from further consideration of this matter.

Sir Knight Theodore S. Parvin, of Iowa, the Grand Representative of the Great Priory of Canada, submitted an excellent report, from which we take the following:—

The day can not be very far distant when one journeying from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Gulf to the Arctic regions, will find everywhere the Order of the Temple builded upon a common foundation, and in its superstructure presenting the common characteristics of our faith as exemplified in the practice of our ceremonial rites and in the laws which govern Templary, wheresoever established. Though marching under different national flags, the Beauseant will lead them both in every public display made by the Order, such as was presented in the grand pageant we witnessed with such pride a few days ago in this city.

I am glad that our Canadian fratres have been with us on this occasion, and I am sure that they will bear home with them to the Great Priory of which they are honored members, a pleasing account of their visit and of their courteous and knightly reception on the part of the Templars of the United

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States in Grand Encampment assembled. And as the years come and go, the fraternal and courteous relation existing between the two national Grand Bodies will become the more strengthened with time and familiar intercourse and association across the border.

The future of Templar Masonry in North America is promising and the Great Priory of Canada will ever rejoice with you in its success and prosperity.

A complete revision of the constitution and statutes was submitted by the committee appointed for that purpose. The first article was amended and adopted and the rest held over.

There are 990 Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, having a total membership of 106,670, being an increase in membership since 1892 of 13,879.

The following are the present officers:—

Warren LaRue Thomas, M. E. Grand Master, Maysville, Ky.
Reuben Hedley Lloyd, R. E. Deputy Grand Master, San Francisco, Cal.

Henry B. Stoddard, V. E. Grand Generalissimo, Bryan, Texas.
George M. Moulton, V. E. Grand Captain General, Chicago, Ill.
Henry W. Rugg, V. E. Grand Senior Warden, Providence, R. I.
Wm. B. Melish, V. E. Grand Junior Warden, Cincinnati, O.
H. Wales Lines, V. E. Grand Treasurer, Meriden, Conn.
William Henry Mayo, V. E. Grand Recorder, St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. Cornelius L. Twing, V. E. Grand Prelate, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Thos. O. Morris, V. E. Grand Standard Bearer, Nashville, Tenn.
Edgar S. Dudley, V. E. Grand Sword Bearer, (Captain U. S. Army), Columbus, Ohio.

Joseph A. Locke, V. E. Grand Warder, Portland, Me.

Frank H. Thos., V. E. Grand Captain Guard, Washington, D. C.

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED.

Alabama	1895	Michigan.....	1896
Arizona	1895	Minnesota	1896
Arkansas	1896	Missouri	1896
California	1896	Montana	1895
Colorado	1896	New Hampshire	1895
Connecticut.....	1896	New Jersey	1896
District of Columbia.....	1896	New York	1895
England	1896	North Carolina.....	1896
General Gr. Chapter, U. S.	1895	North Dakota.....	1896
Georgia	1896	Ohio	1895
Illinois	1895	Oregon	1895
Indiana	1895	Pennsylvania	1896
Indian Territory	1895	South Dakota.....	1895
Iowa	1896	Tennessee	1896
Kansas	1896	Vermont	1896
Kentucky	1896	Washington.....	1895-96
Louisiana	1896	West Virginia.....	1896
Maine	1896	Wisconsin	1895
Maryland	1895	Wyoming.....	1896
Massachusetts.....	1895		

PROCEEDINGS NOT RECEIVED.

Mississippi, Nebraska, Texas.

CONCLUSION.

" When men exalt their views to Heav'n's high will,
With steady aim their duty to fulfill,
The mind expands, its strength appears,
Growing with their growing years.
Mounting the apex of Masonic skill,
Be this the earnest purpose of our lives,
Success must crown the man who nobly tries."

All which is courteously submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

COLLINGWOOD, Ontario, Canada,
September 15, 1896.