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SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY

OF CANADA

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR 1900 → 1903

AT THE

17th Annual Assembly

HELD IN THE

Masonic Hall, City of Kingston, Ont.,

Wednesday and Thursday, September 5th and 6th, A. D. 1900,
A. O. 782.

M. E. Sir Kt. J. V. ELLIS, Supreme Grand Master, Saint John, N.B.

M. E. Sir Kt. WILL. H. WHYTE, Grand Chancellor, Montreal, Que.

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SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

PROCEEDINGS 17th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Assembly of the SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA, of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Kingston, Province of Ontario, on the 5th and 6th days of September, A. D. 1900, A. M. 5900, A.O. 782.

PRESENT:

M. E. Sir Kt. John Valentine Ellis, Supreme Grand Master.
On the Throne.

GREAT OFFICERS.

R. E. Sir Kt. David Leonard Carley, Windsor, Ont., Deputy
Grand Master.
M. Em. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Montreal.... Grand Chancellor
R. " " " William Bowden, Ottawa..... Grand Constable
R. " " " E. G. Swift, Windsor..... as Grand Marshal

PROVINCIAL GRAND PRIORS.

R. Em. Sir Kt. John Hooper, Hamilton..... Hamilton District
R. " " " A. St. A. Smith, Peterboro..... Kingston "
R. " " " J. B. Tresidder, Montreal..... Quebec "

GRAND OFFICERS.

Em. Sir Kt. W. H. G. Garrioch, Ottawa..... as Grand Vice-
Chancellor
V. " " " W. T. McLaurin, Montreal.. Grand Sub-Marshal
V. " " " W. J. Renton, Kingston..... Grand Director of
Ceremonies.
V. " " " Spencer Love, Toronto..... as Grand Almoner
N. J. B. Tooker, Yarmouth.. Grand 1st Standard
Bearer.

V.	Em.	Sir Kt.	J. I. Phillips, Montreal..	as 2nd Grand Standard Bearer.
V.	"	"	Joseph King...	Grand Master's Banner Bearer.
V.	"	"	A. M. Stewart, Windsor...	Grand Captain of the Guard.
"	"	"	T. M. Davis, Hamilton..	as Grand Sword Bearer.
R.	"	"	A. A. Campbell, London...	as Grand Pursuivant
"	"	"	E. H. Ball, Kingston.....	as Grand Guard

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—ELECTED.

R.	Em.	Sir Kt.	Chas. F. Mansell.....	Toronto, Ont.
R.	"	"	W. G. Reid	Hamilton, Ont.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—APPOINTED.

R.	Em.	Sir Kt.	Wm. Gibson.....	Beamsville, Ont.
R.	"	"	Allan McLean	Kingston.
R.	"	"	L. B. Archibald	Truro, N.S.
R.	"	"	H. A. Collins	Toronto, Ont.

PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTERS.

M.	E.	Sir Kt.	Will. H. Whyte.....	Montreal, Que.
M.	E.	"	D. F. MacWatt.. ..	Sarnia, Ont.

OPENING OF GREAT PRIORY.

The Sir Knights being called to order and arranged under their respective banners, the Right Eminent the Deputy Grand Master directed the escort to be formed for the reception of the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master. Richard Coeur de Lion No. 7, acting escort to the Supreme Grand Master, then retired and escorted Most Eminent Sir Knight John Valentine Ellis to the Great Priory, and the Arch of Steel being formed, the Supreme Grand Master, attended by the Grand Chancellor, was received by the Deputy Grand Master, conducted to the dais, and saluted by the Sir Knights. Having taken his seat, the Supreme Grand Master directed the muster roll to be called, and ascertaining that a constitutional number of Preceptories were represented, the Seventeenth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was then opened in **ample form** at 2.45 p.m., a blessing from the Most High being invoked upon the proceedings.

CIVIC WELCOME TO KINGSTON.

It having been announced that His Worship the Mayor, J. A. Minnes, Esq., was in attendance to welcome the Sovereign Great Priory to the City of Kingston, the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master suspended the session for a short time.

The Sir Knights standing to attention, the Mayor entered the hall accompanied by V. Em. Sir Knights W. J. Renton, Presiding Preceptor of Hugh de Payens Preceptory, H. J. Wilkinson and J. Hewton, Past Preceptors. V. Em. Sir Knight Renton, in a few well-chosen words, introduced the Mayor, who was cordially invited by the Supreme Grand Master to take a seat on the Dais. His Worship then officially welcomed Sovereign Great Priory to Kingston, as follows:—

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

It gives me the greatest possible pleasure to extend to you a most sincere and cordial welcome to the good old Limestone City, and to assure you that the citizens of Kingston appreciate the honor done their city in your selecting it as the place of your assembly for 1900. I sincerely trust your visit may be a pleasant one, that the deliberations of your noble Order may be for its permanent good and that you may form many warm and enduring friendships. I have had a great many pleasant duties to perform in this my official year as Mayor of Kingston, but none I can assure you Most Eminent Sir, more pleasant than this one, viz., of extending to you the greetings of Kingston's citizens. I trust you will carry away with you a favorable impression of Kingston. It is not a great metropolis, but Eminent Sir, we can boast of having contributed our quota to the growth of this fair Canada of Ours. For 40 years this constituency was represented in Parliament by that distinguished and late lamented statesman Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, the Father of Confederation. On the wall of this lodge room you may see the apron of that distinguished Brother who, I may say, was a member of the Ancient Saint John's Lodge No. 3, G. R. C. I might refer also with considerable pride to many other eminent men whom Kingston has produced. I may refer to our Educational Institutions, such as the Royal Military College and Queen's University. Over 100 graduates of the Royal Military College are now holding Imperial commissions. Some in India, some in the fortresses of the Mediterranean and South Africa, doing duty for Queen and Empire, perpetuating British laws and

British liberties and endeavouring to keep undimmed and untarnished the splendor of British traditions. I might mention here that that now famous engineer, Lt.-Col. Girouard, was a graduate of the Royal Military College. There are other things connected with the Limestone City which may prove of interest to you, its traditions and history, its picturesqueness and natural beauty situated as we are at the foot of Lake Ontario and at the entrance to the Thousand Islands, and Eminent Sir, while, as I said before, we are not great commercially, yet sir, our foundation is sure, built as we are on the limestone.

I congratulate our local Preceptory on this the celebration of their centenary. This city is rich in Masonic history. In 1894 the Ancient Saint John's Lodge No. 3 celebrated its centenary; in 1897 the Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter its centenary, and to-day my best wishes go out to the Preceptory on attaining its hundredth year. May the Great Architect of the Universe pour his blessings on your Order and may it continue to prosper. I again bid you welcome Most Eminent Sir and Fratres. I have given orders to the Chief of Police to have the entire force shackled, so the freedom of the city is yours. May your visit be a pleasant one indeed. I thank you most sincerely for your kindly welcome to your Conclave.

The address was received with much applause by the Fratres, and the Supreme Grand Master in reply stated that he found it quite impossible to answer the eloquent and admirable speech of Mayor Minnes. He heartily accepted on behalf of the members of Sovereign Great Priory the very kind words and assurances of welcome to the Limestone City. He was sure that every member present would be pleased to see that the Masonic Fraternity in Kingston cherished the memory of the late Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, who had years ago been a member and an officer in Hugh de Payens Preceptory No. 1. He had no doubt the Fratres would all carry away many kindly remembrances of Kingston, not as a limestone city, but as a very hospitable and historic city, where man's lot is a happy one. He was certain every one would retain many happy recollections of a pleasant and enjoyable visit.

His Worship the Mayor having retired, the Supreme Grand Master declared the duties of the Sovereign Great Priory resumed.

WELCOME BY HUGH DE PAYENS PREMIER NO. I.

Very Em. Sir Knight W. J. Renton requested permission, on behalf of Hugh de Payens Preceptory, Premier, No. 1, to welcome Sovereign Great Priory, and then gave a Knightly and courteous welcome which was received by the Sir Knights with enthusiasm:

Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master:

As presiding Preceptor of Hugh de Payens Premier Preceptory No. 1, I extend to you, the officers and members of Sovereign Great Priory a most fraternal and hearty welcome on this occasion of your coming among us for the purpose of holding your annual meeting and also to celebrate Hugh de Payens' One Hundredth Anniversary. Our Limestone City, rich in historic associations and beautifully situated at the junction of Lake Ontario and the river St. Lawrence, is built upon what was formerly the site of Cataraqui, where the brave and sagacious Count de Frontenac established a fur depot and trading post. Prior to the close of the American War of Independence a party of United Empire Loyalists who had abandoned their possessions and left their homes in the United States rather than forswear their allegiance to Great Britain, here established the first permanent British settlement of Kingston. The loyalty which so markedly distinguished those pioneers is, when ever occasion calls for it, just as ardent and unswerving to-day as in the times of our illustrious predecessors. While we are justly proud of our ancestors and of being the citizens of no mean city we are delighted to know that the differences which at that time unhappily existed between our forebears and the great, enterprising and progressive Republic to the south of us have since disappeared, let us hope and pray never to again arise between men and brethren of the same blood and origin. For the cordial relations subsisting between our Dominion and our southern neighbours it may not be presumptuous to say that Knight Templarism may have promoted in some slight degree at least that harmony, peace and concord which characterize us in our business, social and national intercourse. Knight Templarism for nearly nine centuries has been doing battle for Truth and Right, for victory of good over evil, ever working to ameliorate the condition of our fellowmen, endeavouring to give the world over, freedom of speech, civil and religious liberty, but above all meekly, humbly and earnestly striving in season and out of season to propagate the teachings and imitate the life and work of Him who is the foundation stone of our Order, our adorable Saviour Jesus Christ. When we call to mind the talismanic words "*in hoc signo vinces*" I think I am not claiming too much for Templarism when I say that it has contributed in no slight degree to the happy state of affairs that exists between Anglo Saxons wherever dispersed over the globe.

As already intimated you are here to help us celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of Hugh de Payen Preceptory, but at the same time you will commemorate the centenary of Knight Templarism in Canada, ours being the first Preceptory instituted.

In silent reverence we recall the names of some of our departed Frateres who, while here, ranked high in every activity of life as well as in the Order we all love. To mention is to honour such men as W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, Permanent Grand Master and the originator of the movement for revivifying Knight Templarism in Canada; Dr. James A. Henderson, Grand Master, both of the Temple and Grand Lodge of Canada; Thos. D. Harington, Thos. G. Ridout, W. B. Simpson, Geo. Duggan, Sir Jno. A. Macdonald, Sir Allan McNab, Geo. F. LeSure, Col. Fairclough, who died in the African service; Col. Gordon, now serving in the African campaign; Cols. Fitzgibbon and Lazure, R. W. Barron, Jno. B. Wood, H. M. Wright, Saml. D. Fowler, T. B. Harman, Dr. Francis Richardson, Jno. G. Howard, William G. Storms, Robert Gaskin, W. H. Herchmer and Jno. A. Wilson, whose parting from us severed strong earthly ties but left fragrant memories.

It is not without feelings of pride that we here name our Venerable Frater John Kerr still with us and probably the oldest Past Preceptor in the Dominion. Death has been very busy in our ranks recently, for within the past two years four of our most energetic Workers have been taken from us. In the death of Fleming Rowland, William L. Hamilton, William Waddington and Joseph Fortescue, Hugh de Payens lost men who always exemplified the true Templar spirit and the Frateres mourn true friends.

We have invited Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory of Montreal to act as escort to the Grand Master, and to receive the visiting Frateres on their arrival. They have also kindly consented to take the management of the procession. We shall do all in our power to make your stay with us pleasant, and cordially invite the members of Great Priory and their wives to a trip among our Islands, world-famed for their beauty and unsurpassed for their excellence.

On behalf of the Kingston Templars I receive you with open arms, extending the right hand of fellowship to you collectively and individually, and trust your stay among us may be both pleasant and profitable, and that your deliberations may rebound with advantage to our beloved Order and instruction and benefit to our members.

The Supreme Grand Master in a few eloquent words thanked V. Em. Sir Knight Renton and the Frateres of Kingston for their courteous and kindly welcome. It was a great pleasure to meet in their own historic city those who had borne the heat and burden

of the day in the interests of Templarism, and he trusted that each and every member would do the best he could to carry out the principles of the Order.

Em. Sir Knight W. Campbell asked permission for Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory to retire. The Supreme Grand Master granted the request and thanked the Preceptory for their courtesy in acting as an escort to him from Montreal to Kingston. He had spent a very pleasant time with them the previous day upon their visit to the meeting of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York at Rochester, and his thanks were likewise due for their services at this Session. They were to be congratulated upon their Knightly enthusiasm in the interests of the Order. Em. Sir Knight Campbell thanked the Grand Master for his complimentary remarks and stated that the services of No. 7 were always at the disposal of Great Priory and the Order of the Temple.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Preceptories presented their report before the election of officers at the second day's session as follows:—

Your Credential Committee beg leave to report that there are thirty-eight Preceptories on the Roll of Great Priory, Eleven are represented by their regular officers, sixteen represented by proxy and eleven not represented. There are thirty-six Preceptors present not presiding officers, making a total vote of 117 entitled to be cast at this assembly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. G. REID, Chairman.

JOHN HOOPER.

H. J. WILKINSON.

MASONIC HALL.

KINGSTON, September 5th, 1900.

The Preceptories represented are as follows, and the following Knights are present and entitled to seats in the Sovereign Great Priory:—

- No. 1. HUGH DE PAYENS, PREMIER, KINGSTON, ONTARIO.
 V. E. Sir Kt. W. J. Renton..... Presiding Preceptor.
 " W. B. Skinner..... Constable
 " W. S. R. Murch..... Marshal

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R. E.	Sir Kt. Allan McLean.....	Preceptor
V. E.	" H. J. Wilkinson.....	"
V. E.	" John Hewton.....	"
E.	" W. H. Macnee.....	"
No. 2. GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, TORONTO, ONTARIO.		
V. E.	Sir Kt. W. P. Ryrie.....	Preceptor
E.	" Spencer Love.....	Preceptor
R. E.	" B. Allan.....	"
R. E.	" J. Tomlinson.....	"
R. E.	" H. A. Collins.....	"
V. E.	" Joseph King.....	"
No. 3. GODFREY DE BOUILLON, HAMILTON, ONTARIO.		
E.	Sir Kt. James Hooper.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	" Wm. Robinson.....	Constable
"	" Fred. Walters.....	Marshal
R. E.	" John Hooper.....	Preceptor
R. E.	" W. G. Reid.....	"
R. E.	" Wm. Gibson.....	"
R. E.	" O S. Hillman.....	"
E.	" T. M. Davis.....	"
No. 3A. ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.		
M. E.	Sir Kt. John V. Ellis.....	S.G.M. and Preceptor
No. 4. RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, LONDON, ONTARIO.		
R. E.	" A. A. Campbell.....	Preceptor
No. 5. NOVA SCOTIA, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.		
M. E.	Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte.....	Proxy
No. 7. RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, MONTREAL, P.Q.		
E.	Sir Kt. Wm. Campbell.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	" D. A. Young.....	Constable
"	" T. A. Emmans.....	Marshal
M. E.	" Will. H. Whyte, Montreal.....	Preceptor
R. E.	" J. B. Tressider.....	"
R. E.	" W. M. Lemessurier.....	"
R. E.	" Lt. Col. A. H. Gilmour.....	"
V. E.	" J. I. Phillips.....	"
V. E.	" W. T. McLaurin.....	"
No. 8. PLANTAGENET, ST. CATHERINES, ONTARIO.		
E.	Sir Kt. Chas. Burch.....	Preceptor
No. 9. SUSSEX, SHERBROOKE, QUEBEC.		
R. E.	Sir Kt. H. E. Channell.....	Preceptor
No. 12. MOUNT CALVARY, BARRIE, ONTARIO.		
M. E.	Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt.....	Preceptor

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- No. 13. MOORE, PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO.
 Sir Kt. John Beattie.....Constable
 " D. N. Carmichael.....Marshal
 R. E. " A. St. A. Smith.....Preceptor
- No. 16. GONDEMAR, BROCKVILLE, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. E. R. Stayner.....Presiding Preceptor
 R. E. " C. H. Fitzsimmons.....Preceptor
- No. 18. PALESTINE, PORT HOPE, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. J. R. Fitzgerald.....Preceptor
- No. 19. ST. BERNARD DE CLAIRVEAUX, DUNNVILLE, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. John Hooper.....Proxy
- No. 21. BURLEIGH, ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. S. Dubber.....Preceptor
- No. 22. ST. ELMO, STRATFORD, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. Wm. McKellar.....Presiding Preceptor
- No. 24. ALBERT EDWARD, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.
 E. Sir Kt. T. M. Davis.....Proxy
- No. 25. WILLIAM DE LA MORE THE MARTYR, QUEBEC.
 V. E. Sir Kt. Carl. L. A. Kuhring.....Preceptor
- No. 26. WINDSOR, WINDSOR, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. E. G. Swift.....Presiding Preceptor
 R. E. " D. L. Carley.....Preceptor
 V. E. " A. M. Stewart....."
- No. 27. MALTA, TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA.
 R. E. Sir Kt. L. B. Archibald.....Preceptor
- No. 29. CYRENE, TORONTO, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Charles F. Mansell.....Preceptor
 R. E. " Geo. J. Bennett....."
- No. 31. YARMOUTH, YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA.
 V. E. Sir Kt. N. J. B. Tooker.....Preceptor
 E. " Arthur Rogers....."
- No. 32. OTTAWA, OTTAWA, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. W. H. G. Garrioch.....Presiding Preceptor
 R. E. " Wm. Bowden.....Preceptor
- No. 33. CYPRUS, CALGARY, ALBERTA, N. W. T.
 V. E. Sir Kt. W. T. McLaurin, Montreal.....Proxy

No. 35. PRINCE EDWARD, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.
M. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte..... Proxy

No. 37. ST. SIMON OF CYRENE, SARNIA, ONTARIO.
E. Sir Kt. Robert Kerr..... Presiding Preceptor

No. 38. ROSSLAND, ROSSLAND, B. C.
R. E. Sir Kt. Ben Allan..... Proxy.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. G. Reid, and

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

REGRETS FOR NON-ATTENDANCE.

Letters and telegrams were received from M. Em. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, R. Em. Sir Knights Wm. Roaf, J. S. Dewar, J. H. Mattice, Dr. T. J. Johnston, Dr. D. Darrach, Dr. S. J. Tunstal, D. W. B. Spry, D. H. Campbell, C. H. Enderton and G. W. Johnston.

ADMISSION OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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

READING MINUTES.

The Grand Chancellor commenced reading the recorded minutes of the proceedings of the Sixteenth Annual Assembly, when it was moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, and

RESOLVED,—That as the minutes of the proceedings of the Sovereign Great Priory at its Sixteenth Annual Assembly, held in the city of Windsor, Ont., on the 19th and 20th days of September, 1899, 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 Knight John V. Ellis, Supreme Grand Master, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

In the last year of the century, Frates, we meet in this old historic city of our Dominion to hold the seventeenth session of the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple in Canada. We greet each other as members of one great brotherhood, assembled under the banner of the Cross in the name of Him who gave up His life for the redemption of man. As by word and sign we welcome each other in this assembly let it be in the spirit of Christian fellowship, the result of a knowledge of our human equality and of our appreciation of the obligations which we owe to each other if we properly apply the teachings of our blessed Lord and Master who has revealed Himself to us as the Great Captain of our salvation, who gave up His life that we might all enjoy happy immortality.

Our meeting here this year is not a mere ordinary event or a coincidence. We have come deliberately because this year marks a century in the history and growth of the Order of the Temple in Canada. It is in a sense for us a centennial year. The oldest document of which we have knowledge so far as the Order in this Dominion is concerned is dated A.D. 1800, and was issued, according to Frater J. Ross Robertson whose historical researches have been so minute and so valuable, of date 31st October, 1800, to Christopher Danby, a prominent Mason at that time in this division or district of Canada. It was signed by Frederick Hershfeldt, as Grand Master, and John McGill, Recorder. I am told that this document is still in existence. Certainly a copy can be obtained and should be published with the Proceedings of this Annual Assembly. Its interest of it to us is in the proof which it affords that the Order was in actual existence in this country a hundred years ago. And it is also evidence

of the beginning of a movement to separate the government of the Order of the Temple from the control to which it was subject by its association with the Craft lodges. Hershfeldt was an active citizen of, and for some time a prominent Mason in Kingston. It is quite possible that the authority which he gave to Christopher Danby was to enable him to create Knights Templars in the Niagara district where he lived and in which he was a very active Craftsman in connection with the Athol Grand Lodge.

The next Kingston authority is a dispensation issued on the 10th of March, 1823, to a member of Knights Templars resident at Kingston. This dispensation was followed by a warrant, dated 12th February, 1824, and signed Zeba M. Phillips, Grand Master. Phillips was a very active Craftsman and his biography is inseparably connected with the early history of Freemasonry in what is now the Province of Ontario. He is referred to in many places in Robertson's history. In all probability the persons who got this authority from Phillips were dubbed in the organization of which Hershfeldt was Grand Master, and which was attached to Lodge No. 6, Kingston. The name given to the body thus created was the St. John Encampment, No. 1, and this is pretty conclusive evidence that there was not at that time any other Templar body in Ontario, under what may be called a regular authority. But even this was only a local or colonial authority and would not be called regular according to the standard of these times. It rested largely upon the respect for it of those who received it. Hershfeldt was a Loyalist, and when he came to Canada from the revolted colonies, or from England where he appears to have been for some time, had probably all the Degrees of the system known at that time, and was, as I have said, head of the Knights Templars who were attached to Lodge No. 6 under the provincial authority. In 1854 the late Colonel McLeod Moore found in Kingston two of the original members of the St. John Encampment No. 1,

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established under the Phillips warrant. The body itself had gone out of existence. They sent their dormant authority such as it was to the Grand Conclave in England, and procured a new warrant dated 1st March, 1854, the name being changed to Hugh de Payens. There is considerable justification for the belief, therefore, that we have in this City of Kingston a hundred years of the Order in some organized form—with, of course, intermissions in which there were no meetings—outside of the assumed authority of the ordinary Charter of the Craft Lodge. The Hugh de Payens—our Premier Preceptory—goes back to the days of St. John Encampment, and that Encampment organized in 1823 had in all likelihood members who were created Knights in the Hershfeldt body. It may be interesting to mention that John Willis, who appears on the Kingston records of 1827, was one of the prime movers in the founding of the "Encampment of St. John" in 1854, now on our registry at St. John, N.B., and was its first Lieutenant-Commander. He died in 1874. There is, I am told, a record of a meeting in Halifax in 1798. The Masons in possession of the Order, attached to some Lodge, met under cover or color of the Lodge warrant and transacted whatever business they had to do, including the reception of members and the issuance of certificates. At that date they called their meeting an Encampment. I have with me a photographic copy of the certificate as a Knight Templar of Thomas Sandall, one of the founders of the City of St. John. It is as follows :

IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY AND UNDIVIDED
TRINITY. FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOSTES.

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that our trusty and well beloved Brother Sir THOMAS SANDALL was Installed and Dubb'd a Sir Knight of the Most Noble and Right Worshipful Order of Sir Knights of Templars—he having with Fortitude and due Honor justly supported the amazing Trials attending his admission. He first having been Entered, Passed and Raised, was a Pass'd Master and Royal Arch Excellent Mason.

We therefore recommend him as a Worthy, Valiant and Honest Brother.

Given under our hands and seal at OUR ENCAMPMENT on Staten Island, this 1st day of June, 1783.

CHARLES CARDIFF,
Secretary.

PETER TAYLOR, G. M.
JOHN SCOTT, C. G.
JAMES HARVEY, Gsmo.

But I also have here what is of quite as much interest as the certificate of this ancient Frater. I have with me, and am wearing at this moment his badge as a Templar, the distinctive apron which a hundred years ago distinguished the Templar from the Master Mason or the Royal Arch Mason. This apron was lent to me by Frater Sandall's family for this interesting occasion. The great grandson of "Brother Sir Thomas Sandall" is now Chamberlain or Treasurer of the City of St. John, and is a member of the Order in the Encampment of which I am also a member. There is little doubt, indeed none whatever, that when Thomas Sandall went to St. John from Staten Island, New York, he had in his possession this apron, which is now at least one hundred and seventeen years old. I think it may be argued that the Knights Templars took up separate form and a *quasi*, if not real, organization of their own, but attached to the Craft Lodges, earlier than did the Royal Arch Masons. For example, knighthood was conferred upon Thomas Sandall in an Encampment with officers and seal of its own, a distinct organization. But his Royal Arch certificate is issued, not by an independent or special organization of Royal Arch Masons, but by the Master, Wardens, and Secretary of Moriah Lodge, No. 133 on the Registry of Scotland, held in the 22nd Regiment of Foot, and certified that Thomas Sandall, being a regular registered Master Mason of Lodge No. 134—registry not stated—having "passed the Chair was by us raised to the Sublime Degree of a Royal Arch Excellent Mason," and the seal of Mount Moriah Lodge is attached to this, with the date Staten Island, 1st day of June, 1783,

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just one week earlier than the date of the Knights Templar certificate. John Scott, who signed the Knights Templar certificate as C. G., was at this time Master of Moriah Lodge. Charles Cardiff was Secretary of both Lodges. In a sense I may have departed somewhat from my subject, but I desire to show that early in our history on this continent Encampments were specially and separately organized, and that there is, therefore, corroborative testimony to the existence of an organization here in Kingston in 1800. The first officer of the Encampment was then called Grand Master, G. M., as the Sandall certificate shows, and when Hershfeldt signed the authority to Danby as Grand Master he probably did so as the head of an ordinary body of Knights Templars meeting as an Encampment and attached to, or semi-detached from, one of the old Kingston Lodges. Before I pass from this subject I might observe that we have now had forty-six years of well defined government in Canada according to the modern practises of the Order. We had first, in 1855, the Provincial Grand Conclave under English authority, which lasted until 1867. From 1868 until 1875 the Grand Priory with enlarged powers; from 1877 until 1884 the National Great Priory under the Convent General of England and Ireland, and since 1885 this supreme governing body. With the existing system of government and administration, with no doubtful or clashing authority, we may be satisfied that the affairs of the Order will be managed under sure guarantees of permanency, and we may look to the future with pleasurable anticipation of peace and prosperity.

WAR.

Since our last Assembly the nation has entered upon a difficult war in South Africa, and our Dominion drew the sword, on behalf of the mother country, in support of the cherished principles of British freedom. My first dispensation as your Grand Master was in favor of a Companion to receive the Orders in less than

the constitutional period before his departure to the battlefield. Our Fratres of the Encampment of St. John mourn the death of one of their members, Capt. Charles F. Harrison, who died in hospital while in the service of his country, and to the homes of many of our members the stern reality of war has been brought by the death of relatives or friends. As a society with affiliations in many lands we refrain from discussing party or national questions, even though we rejoice as citizens at the success of the armies of our Empire. As men interested in the cause of suffering humanity we shall rejoice when Peace spreads abroad her wings and the sounds of War are heard no more.

THE TEMPLAR DEAD.

While thinking and talking of the past, and anticipating the future, we must not overlook the present, and my first reference is to those who, having finished their earthly pilgrimage, are we trust enjoying the peace and rest of Paradise.

The only deaths reported of members of Great Priory are the Rt. Eminent and Reverend Sir Vincent Clementi, who died October 16, 1899. For several years Frater Clementi was an active member and acceptably discharged the duties of Grand Chaplain from 1876 to 1885 in the National Great Priory when attached to the Convent General.

Rt. Eminent Sir Knight R. E. Mackay, of St. Thomas, who was Provincial Prior of the London district in 1834, died at St. Thomas, 23rd December, 1899.

The death is also announced of V. Eminent Sir Knight John M. Munro, at Almonte, Grand Guard in 1893.

VISITS.

During the year I have been present at meetings of the Harington Preceptory, No. 14, North Bay; of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, No. 2, Toronto; of Moore,

No. 13, Peterboro; of Gondemar, No. 16, Brockville; of Cyrene, No. 29, Toronto; and Ottawa, No. 32, Ottawa. I went with Windsor Preceptory, No. 26, on a visit to Ann Arbor, Michigan, on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the Grand Commandery of the state. Meetings of the Encampment of St. John, No. 3a, I have attended regularly while in St. John, and I was indebted to this my mother Preceptory for a most cordial and hearty reception of a public character after returning home on my election to the honorable and responsible position which your favor bestowed on me last year. The visit to Ann Arbor, Michigan, with Windsor Preceptory was made very largely that I might show Rt. Eminent Sir Eugene P. Robertson, Grand Commander of that state that Canadian Knights Templars through their official head heartily appreciated the many courtesies shown us last year at our Annual Meeting at Windsor, by himself and by the Frates of the two Detroit Commanderies and of the Ann Arbor Commandery. It was a great pleasure to be accompanied by our Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Eminent Sir D. L. Carley, and by the Provincial Prior Rt. Eminent Sir D. W. B. Spry, and by V. Eminent Sir A. M. Stewart, Grand Captain of the Guard, as representing this Great Priory. From the Grand Commandery led by Rt. Eminent Sir Eugene P. Robertson and by Rt. Eminent Sir Philip Van Zile, who succeeded him as Grand Commander, we received a most courteous and hearty welcome, while all the arrangements made for our comfort by the Ann Arbor Commandery, Sir William H. Guerin, Commander, were of the most hospitable character. It was a great pleasure to meet many of the oldest Knights Templars in Michigan, among them Sir Hugh McCurdy, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States. In all the proceedings of the day, public and private, the Canadian Frates had special place and consideration and we cannot soon forget the kindness shown us. Side by side were carried the flags of our respective countries, symbols of order, justice and equity. I was delighted

with the fine appearance made by the Windsor Preceptory, and the public appreciation of their presence by the citizens and Fratres at Ann Arbor was most gratifying. The visit was satisfactory to our Michigan Knights; the Grand Commandery passed a vote expressive of their appreciation of our presence and Frater Robertson has since written me a kind fraternal letter expressive of his appreciation of our share in the proceedings of that interesting day.

It gave me great pleasure to be able to accompany Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 7 on a visit which it made to Monroe Commandery, K. T., at Rochester, N.Y., during the session at that place of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York. From the Monroe Commandery we received a courteous reception and many Knightly courtesies, as did the ladies who were of the party. Sir Charles H. Armatage gave the Grand Chancellor, M. E. Sir William H. Whyte and myself every possible attention and we had the pleasure of reviewing with him from the saluting point the five thousand Knights, representing many Commanderies of New York State, which had assembled to do honor to the Grand Commandery. All of the proceedings were of the most agreeable character, and we left Rochester greatly impressed with the warm hospitality of Monroe Commandery and with the fraternal kindness of the Grand Commander of New York and his staff of officers. It was no small satisfaction to witness the cordial reception given our Canadian Preceptory along the entire line of the march.

It is not necessary to go into details respecting the other visits which I have mentioned; but I may say that I saw the Order of the Red Cross conferred in Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto, with splendid effect; the important sections of the Order of the Temple impressively given in Cyrene, No. 29, Toronto, the whole ceremonial of the Order of the Temple well conferred in Moore, No. 13, Peterboro. At Gondemar, No. 16, Brockville, there was no postulant, but Eminent Pre-

ceptor Stayner and his associates amply displayed their skill and capacity in the more important portion of the Order of the Temple, and I was particularly impressed not only with their capability but with the admirable and really magnificent setting of their Preceptory. They were good enough to invite the present officers of the Royal Arch Chapters in that town to meet me at the banquet table and I heartily enjoyed the companionship. At Peterboro the fratres renewed their former kindness and made my visit very pleasant; and this is true of the other Preceptories which I visited. In the Ottawa Preceptory I had a fraternal conversation with the fratres on affairs generally. At my request they made arrangements to illustrate the ceremonial of the Order of the Temple, but by an unfortunate error I was not present at the meeting at which this was done. The Provincial Prior, Sir A. St. A. Smith, was, and that was considerable compensation to the Ottawa fratres. The visit to North Bay was made in the winter, but the coldness of the season was not felt in the warmth of our reception. Our Grand Chancellor was also in attendance, as were the Provincial Prior Rt. Eminent Sir J. B. McPhee and Past Preceptor Sir J. Hallet, of Barrie. We met quite a number of Knights, many from a distance, and in that region distance means something, and under some disadvantages all of the Orders were conferred upon several candidates, so that quite an impetus was given to this Preceptory, while we learned something of the difficulties under which the Order is carried on in places so far from large centres of population. I think we all left North Bay delighted with our visit and cherishing kind thoughts of our fratres there. I asked Most Eminent Frater MacWatt to officially visit Windsor Preceptory as my special representative, a request with which he courteously complied in April last. On the night of his visitation the Order of the Red Cross was well conferred for the first time by the officers of the year, and he was much gratified with the general condition of this spirited body.

The Rt. Eminent Deputy Grand Master visited with great effect the Preceptory at Port Arthur and has done us most valuable service there. His own report on this visit will be of much interest.

REVISION OF THE STATUTES.

At last meeting of Great Priory a resolution was adopted providing for a committee for the revision of the constitution. Under that resolution I appointed M. Eminent Fratres MacWatt and Whyte, R. Eminent Fratres Carley, Campbell, of London, Mansell, of Toronto, Walker, of St. John, and myself. The committee met in Toronto, Fratres MacWatt, Mansell, Whyte and Ellis being present. The statutes were gone over carefully and several alterations and amendments, but none of them very radical, were agreed to. The revision has been printed and distributed, so that it may be conveniently acted upon at this session.

REPRESENTATION IN GREAT PRIORY.

In accordance with the terms of the resolution of last year, offered by M. Eminent Sir E. T. Malone, Past Supreme Grand Master, for the appointment of a special committee to consider the system of representation in Great Priory—which resolution is recorded at page 59 of our printed proceedings—I appointed the following: Fratres MacWatt, Malone, William Gibson, Dewar, Tresidder, Archibald and Trueman. It is possible that the work of the committee on revision of the constitution may cover a portion at least of this committee.

RITUAL.

Under the resolution of last year I appointed a committee of revision; and Fratres MacWatt, Cowan, the Grand Chancellor, and Mansell met at Toronto. I also attended the meeting of this committee and we carefully discussed the whole subject, giving thoughtful consideration to the views and opinions

of Frater Cowan, who has made the subject a special study. But the committee will submit no report at this session except a request for continuance. The verbal statement on the matter which will be made by the Grand Chancellor will suffice for the present. In the meantime I respectfully urge upon Preceptors and officers of Preceptories that they labor diligently to bring to perfection in its actual use the excellent ritual which we now have. Its full effectiveness can only be displayed by study and diligence on their part.

BY-LAWS.

I have approved of a set of by-laws for St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory, No. 37, of Sarnia, and also of changes in the by-laws of Hugh de Payens, No. 1, Kingston; Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 7, Montreal, and Nova Scotia, No. 5, of Halifax. It would be wise for Preceptories in preparing their by-laws not to incorporate in them any of the provisions of the statutes. These last are accessible to all of the Fratres at trifling cost. The statutes cannot be changed by a Preceptory but the by-laws may. Incorporation of the statutes in the by-laws does not, of course, give power to change them, but it may confuse the minds of some upon the subject. The best reason, however, for not doing so is that the statutes forbid it.

DISPENSATIONS.

Among the requests made to me was one for a dispensation for a Preceptory by which an emergency meeting at which officers had been elected should be declared a regular meeting. This I had to decline, as the statutes do not confer any such power on the Grand Master, nor does it leave him free to act on his judgment. What are regular meetings and what emergency meetings are particularly defined by the statutes, and the Grand Master must, as well as every other frater, obey the law.

With some reluctance I declined to issue a dispensation to enable a Preceptory to appear in public in order to inter a Frater with funeral rites. I did so because Great Priory itself has not, up to this time, contemplated the burial of a frater as a member of the Order. If it had, some ritual or form would have been prepared or provided. It is true there are ceremonials for the burial of members of the Order in other jurisdictions and, no doubt, the old Templars had particular interment customs of their own, but the Great Priory has not taken action in the matter. Again, it appeared in this instance that while the Frater, on whose behalf the application was made, continued his membership in a Preceptory he had ceased connection with his Craft Lodge, and could not, therefore, be buried by the Masonic Fraternity. Of itself this might not be a reason why a Templar should not be buried by the Order of the Temple if provision was made for it, but it may be a reason why there should be no such provision. Burial of the dead with Masonic ceremony is a practise hallowed by time and appeals to us in many ways; it better be left to the Masonic Craft and not usurped in any way by us. On the other hand in view of our connection with Freemasonry I would not refuse authority to a Preceptory to appear in public as an escort to a Lodge, or in any position which might be assigned to it at a funeral, by and under the auspices of a Lodge if the person to be interred died in full connection with this Order. To do this is an old custom and was followed in York, now Toronto, as far back as 1805 and probably before.

The dispensations which I have issued are as follows:

October 20, 1899. Prince Edward, No. 35, Charlottetown, to accept and confer the orders in shorter time than allowed by the statutes upon an officer of the contingent leaving for South Africa.

December 19, 1899. Burleigh, No. 21, St. Thomas, to elect officers on date other than provided for in their by-laws.

January 15, 1900. Hugh de Payens, No. 1, Kingston, to elect and install officers in January owing to want of quorum at December meeting.

February 9, 1900. King Baldwin, No. 6, Belleville, to permit presiding Preceptor to hold office longer than the term provided for by the statutes

February 10, 1900. Victoria, No. 10, Guelph, to elect and install officers in January owing to want of quorum at December meeting.

March 3, 1900. Columbia, No. 34, Vancouver, to make a serving Frater.

March 3, 1900. Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 4, London, to hold meetings without charter, its charter being destroyed by fire.

April 13, 1900. Sussex. No. 9, Stanstead, Que., to remove the Preceptory to Sherbrooke, Que.

May 19, 1900. Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 7, Montreal, to appear in public in uniform in Sherbrooke.

June 19, 1900. Encampment of St. John, No. 3a, St. John, to appear in public in uniform as an escort to Grand Lodge.

July 17, 1900. Ottawa, No. 32, Ottawa. To make a serving Brother.

PRECEPTORIES.

The warrant for Rossland Preceptory, authorized at last session of Great Priory was duly prepared and issued and this new Preceptory was regularly instituted by R. Eminent Sir W. J. Quinlan and stands No 38 on our roll. Rossland is in a growing section of British Columbia and the Preceptory there should have an excellent field in which to illustrate the working and the teaching of the Order.

Sussex Preceptory has been removed from Stanstead to Sherbrooke, and our roll in that respect should be corrected. The arrangements for the transfer were

effectively managed by and through the Grand Chancellor and, R. Em. Sir H. E. Channell, and the first meeting at Sherbrooke on Her Majesty's birthday of the present year was enlivened by the presence of the Fratres of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, of Montreal, under Eminent Preceptor Campbell, who went out about thirty strong, and of a contingent from North Star Commandery, of Lancaster, N.H. There was a parade of members of the Order, new officers were installed by R. Eminent Frater Lemesurier, and a number of new members were admitted. Eminent Sir. F. G. Butterfield, the Preceptor, and his officers will, no doubt, leave nothing undone on their part to prove that Great Priory acted wisely in regard to this transfer; and it is to be hoped that our tried friends at Stanstead will still maintain their interest in this old Preceptory. Richard Cœur de Lion No. 7 did good service in this matter.

RETURNS.

The returns, which were not all in when this address was written, will shew a net increase of over one hundred members. The receipts will be slightly in excess of the receipts of last year, and the expenditure has been kept within the limits of the appropriation. The statement of the Grand Chancellor will give the exact figures.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

A number of Fratres and some Preceptories kindly remembered me on Christmas day and sent me hearty greetings. For their thoughtful consideration and their kind expression of it I felt deeply grateful. There is pleasure in the thought that over this entire land friends and fratres bear the Grand Master in their brotherly thoughts on that great social and religious festival.

A WORD OF COUNSEL.

May I impress upon Preceptories, as my predecessors have done in many ways, the importance of having their returns prepared in time. They are due at the

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Grand Chancery on 10th July, and they are for a period long anterior to that. It is not fair to the executive officers of Sovereign Great Priory to keep them until a few days before this meeting. It causes worry and uncertainty, to say the very least.

FRATERNAL MENTION.

With great regret I was compelled to decline courteous invitations sent to me during the past winter by the Massachusetts Union of Past Commanders of that State to attend their monthly dinners. It was impossible for me to find a couple of days to spare for any of these pleasant meetings, and I was courteously compelled to send a negative reply to the regular reminders which Eminent Sir Charles E. Pierce, the secretary of the Union, so kindly sent me.

It is a great pleasure to bear testimony to the cheerful readiness with which the Grand Chancellor discharged the duties of his office, and it is a great pleasure to say that my official relations with him were ever of a pleasant personal character.

OBSERVATIONS.

I addressed letters to all of our Provincial Priors asking them to give me their views generally on matters connected with the Order with special reference to any matters which requires correction. Six of them were good enough to send me replies, and five of them dealt directly with the subjects which I brought under their notice. Among suggestions made to me were the desirability of opening Preceptories promptly at the hour for which they were called; of having young and active men placed in office; of having all officers prompt in attendance and well instructed in the ritual; of systematic collection of dues; of having the term of Provincial Priors commence and expire at the same times as those of the offices in the subordinats Preceptories; of having the date of the Annual Assembly of Great

Priory fixed by law. One thing was impressed upon my mind by this correspondence and that was that at least one-half of the number of our Provincial Priors were prompt in the performance of duty and had carefully thought over many subjects connected with the prosperity of the Order. A great deal depends upon the Provincial Prior. He can advise, stimulate and warn. He should not merely point the way, but lead. It should be a sacred duty to visit, at least once in the year, all the Preceptories in his district. I question very much if a frater who has not a reasonable hope that he can do this, should accept the office; and the office should not be bestowed with the idea that it is merely giving some frater an honor or a title. I have endeavored diligently by correspondence, by personal enquiry, by visitation as far as I could, to get a comprehensive idea of the general condition of the Order in Canada, what its requirements are, and what may be done through Great Priory to stimulate its growth. I cannot say that I have reached any definite conclusion, although I have enlarged my knowledge of conditions. But I may say that I think we ought not to show any feverish anxiety to open new Preceptories except in growing centres. There was a time some years ago when a few fratres in possession of the Order could confer it upon others without any great regard for form or ceremony. That time has passed. The man of intellectual taste, of orderly habits, of refined nature, seeks not merely possession of the Order, but his ideas and his education move him to demand that a Knightly Order in all its manner and surroundings shall meet his ideal of what Knighthood means. Forms, practises, ceremonials to be effective must be well carried out, and those who undertake to do this should do it earnestly and thoroughly or it cannot be done satisfactorily. An enthusiastic frater, or two or three in some place, may get a Preceptory instituted, and as long as they are active and energetic, and able to give time to the institution, it will flourish. Something happens which removes them, and their places

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cannot easily be filled. Their successors have not their enthusiasm or their methods. The jurisdiction is small ; of six new men who enter there may not be one willing to take the place of the faithful devotees who have gone out. Apathy and indifference set in ; the Preceptory, once renowned for its capacity and energy, falls into a state of lethargy. Those who were satisfied to look on in the bright days, but to do nothing, become dissatisfied. Few attend meetings, and night after night passes by and no quorum is to be had, or at least a competent quorum is lacking. This is not a correct description of many of our subordinates, but it may be of a few. These are not, however, conditions which should exist in any, and the way to dispense with these conditions is for the fratres to earnestly set themselves to overcome them. One energetic and faithful member who will earnestly throw himself into the work in some ~~too~~ quiet Preceptory will awaken it into activity. No one should complain of others until he is satisfied that he has exhausted himself. We have skilled members in every part of the country almost any one of whom would go any distance to assist some Preceptory which needs assistance. The call need only to be extended to them. The Fratres who hear this, or who read it, may think that I am describing general conditions. Not at all. The greater number of our Preceptories are full of life and activity, and those especially where the population is increasing are in good hands. But everywhere promptitude, good management, attention to details, habits of order will tell. This is in a large sense a military order, and all the qualities that make for success in a military organization will make for success with us. Let us not, however, show impatience or petulance in respect of Preceptories which are not as efficient as we wish them to be ; we may not know all their difficulties. Cheerful and hopeful words of encouragement are better than stern condemnation. Where there are two or three faithful fratres there is room for hope ; and we owe something to our fellow-soldier whose heart is as warm as

ours, but whose field of operation is so limited that he scarcely knows in what way action may take the place of inertia. Another observation which I would make is this: We depend for our material for our soldier-knights on the Craft of Freemasons. Therefore we should be active in and attentive to all of our duties in that society, both in Lodge and Chapter. The Lodge usually will have ample workers, yet our presence there is gratifying. Do not let us do what we are too apt to do, neglect the Royal Arch Chapter, which deserves our attention both for its own sake and because it is our immediate nursery. On the whole as an Order we are doing well. We grow steadily in numbers, and the financial position of Great Priory improves year by year. Thirty years ago we had thirteen Preceptories, now we have three times that number. It is substantial progress, and it is a numerical progress that is accompanied by excellence and even elegance in our ceremonials which were never dreamed of by the Knights of a generation ago. Let us remember, too, that the Order of the Temple is an Order with high ideals. It appeals to the best feelings of our nature in its invitation to contemplate the great mystery of human existence in the sure and certain hope of a happy hereafter. It invites us to toil and labor for humanity, and to generous hospitality to the faithful of our own Brotherhood. No longer, indeed, are we called upon to go with sword in hand to succor the weary pilgrim or to give him shelter in the House of the Temple. In many other ways this age and time provides for the needy and the sufferer; but foremost we should be as men, as citizens, as patriots, in all good works which aim to improve the condition of our fellow men, giving good direction to the noblest aspirations of the age for the uplifting of humanity, leading as far as we can with voice and pen and purse in all the truly chivalric enterprises of the era which seeks to make as much of heaven as it is possible out of this earth, so that pain, anguish, suffering and sorrow may be alle-

viated and softened, and the pilgrimage of earthly existence may be made easier by reason of our fraternal sympathy with all who are our brothers and companions in the journey.

≠ John V. Ellis

Supreme Grand Master.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. J. B. Tresidder, 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.

St. JOHN, N.B., October 28th, 1899.

SIR KNIGHTS,—Sovereign Great Priory has done me the honor to place me at the head of the Order of the Temple in Canada. I feel deeply the great kindness shown me, as well as the responsibility which this high position imposes. I have not the advantage which my predecessors in office had of the personal acquaintance of a large number of the Fratres throughout the Dominion, but it will be my aim before the year expires to overcome in part that disadvantage. In the meantime I fraternally ask of all assistance in strengthening this great organization, by attendance at the meetings of the Preceptory to which you belong, by fraternal intercourse with members of other Preceptories, and by hearty sympathy with the Grand Officers in their endeavors faithfully to discharge the duties entrusted to them. The warm spirit of brotherhood which has brought us together in this society may be chilled by neglect, but it will be nourished and increased by the courteous and kindly interchange of good fellowship.

OFFICERS OF GREAT PRIORY.

Of all the officers of Great Priory—those elected and those appointed—I ask that the positions which they occupy may move them to the earnest discharge of duty. Nothing will more encourage the Fratres than the active presence among them of those who have been entrusted with the management of our general affairs. The acceptance of important office should be a pledge that the duties will be faithfully performed.

PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

The Provincial Priors not only represent the Grand Master in their districts, but they are the representatives of the force and authority of Great Priory itself. They should be—and I have no doubt they will be—earnest, vigilant, attentive, inspiring the Preceptories by their presence and advice, admonishing them (if that should be necessary), and ever helping them to the accomplishment of the fraternal purposes of the organization. The ordinary routine requires an official visit annually from the Provincial Prior to each Preceptory in his district, but I am quite safe in saying that Preceptories do not desire to limit these visits, and the presence of the Provincial Prior is ever an encouragement to the Knights. In the district in which the Provincial Prior can throw himself with vigor in the discharge of duty, there will not only be efficient Preceptories, but all the duties which the rules and precepts of the Order impose will be faithfully performed.

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PRESIDING PRECEPTORS.

Useful as will be the work done by Grand Officers and Provincial Priors, it is upon the Eminent Preceptors, each in his own sphere, that the effectiveness of the Order depends. Promptitude, zeal, kindness with knowledge and moderation in the exercise of authority should be the characteristics of every Preceptor; and by the exercise of these the Preceptories will be brought to a state of efficiency. The aim should ever be to have a well equipped organization. In some localities this is much easier than in others. But where the Preceptor is determined he can easily inspire all of the members to so manage affairs that the Preceptory will be a delightful place of meeting, and all the surroundings will urge the brotherhood to the exercise of the good deeds that grow out of warm fraternal intercommunion.

Aside from the practice of our Knightly professions the constitution, laws and customs of the Order provide certain regulations which should be observed. I do not desire to go into details in regard to these; but I must impress upon Fratres that our Annual Meetings at London, Hamilton, Montreal and Windsor have shown that there are both pleasure and satisfaction to be derived from the existence of properly uniformed and well-drilled bodies; and, while it is not necessary to enter upon argument as to the necessity of these for the prosperity of the society, there is no doubt at all that they give great satisfaction and conduce to its growth.

With the steady progress which the Order of the Temple is making, we must all be gratified, but let us Fratres, by our individual lives and actions, in public and in private, strive to make the lessons, which have been impressed upon us through all the teaching of the Order, of advantage not to ourselves alone but to the country to which we belong and to the humanity of which we are a part.

Our next Annual Session is to be held at the historic city of Kingston, and the interest of the meeting will be increased by the fact that the year is an interesting one in our history. We should endeavor to make the Session a memorable one, not only in numbers, but in the strength which comes from the influence of harmony and unity.

Wishing to all to whom these letters may come great prosperity,

I remain, fraternally yours,

†JOHN V. ELLIS,

Supreme Grand Master.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REPORT,

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

At the annual meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory, held in Windsor on September 17th and 18th, 1899, I was elected Deputy Grand Master, for which I desire to express my thanks to the Sir Knights for the honor they conferred upon me.

The few official duties which I have been called upon to perform, have been of the most pleasant character.

On the second Tuesday in January I paid an official visit to Windsor Preceptory No 26, and assisted by R. Em. Sir Kt. A. H. Clarke, installed the officers for the ensuing year.

In April I received a communication from the Supreme Grand Master inviting me to accompany him on a proposed visit to the Grand Commandery of Michigan, to be held on the 15th of May in the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan. I gladly complied with his wishes, and, together with the other members of his staff, we were escorted by the Windsor Preceptory, headed by their newly organized pipe and drum bands, to Ann Arbor, where we were met by the Grand Commander and the officers of the Grand Commandery of Michigan. After the opening of the Grand Commandery, the Supreme Grand Master and his staff were given a most cordial and knightly welcome.

In reply to the words of welcome delivered by R. Em. Sir Kt. Robinson, the Grand Commander, our Grand Master made a very eloquent speech, which met with a hearty reception, and was afterwards frequently commented upon. This interchange of visits cannot but be of great benefit to the Order.

Early in July I received a letter from the Supreme Grand Master stating that Rhodes Preceptory at Port Arthur had a number of candidates for the Templar

degrees, but, owing to the Preceptory having lost so many of its officers and members by removal, it was found necessary to ask for assistance in conferring the Orders, and he wished me to make the trip to Port Arthur and assist them in the work. I complied with his request, and on July 30th we met in the rooms of the Masonic Temple, and assisted by Em. Sir Knights S. W. Ray, W. J. Clarke, Robert E. Mitchell and several Sir Knights, conferred all the Orders on eight candidates.

The new members are a fine class of young men, who have promised to take an active interest in the work, and I trust that my visit may assist in infusing new life into the Preceptory. Special praise is due to Em. Sir Knights Ray, Clarke and Mitchell for what they have done for Rhodes Preceptory in actually keeping alive its Charter, and I feel sure they will be amply rewarded, as from present appearances the Preceptory is going to have a period of great prosperity. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Sir Knights of Port Arthur for the attentions shown me in various ways, and especially for the fishing trip up the far-famed Nipegon River.

On June 30th I was advised by the Grand Chancellor that the Grand Master had appointed me a member of the committee on the revision of the statutes, and a few days later I received notice that the committee would meet in Toronto on July 7th, but owing to the trip arranged to Port Arthur, I was unable to be present. This I regret very much, as there were several clauses in the statutes that I should like to have brought to the attention of the committee.

Fraternally submitted,

D. L. CARLEY,

D. G. M.

PETITIONS, APPEALS, ETC.

Documents in the matter of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory No. 2, of Toronto, *versus* Thomas Sargent, were received and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

PROVINCIAL PRIORS' REPORTS.

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 1.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

SIR KNIGHTS—I have the honor to present my report on the condition of the several Preceptories under my jurisdiction in London District No. 1.

Accompanying this general report I transmit, on the printed forms furnished, more complete details.

PRECEPTORY OF INSTRUCTION.

Acting on the suggestion contained in the report of the Grand Council (p. 67, 1899 Proceedings) I early made an effort to hold a Preceptory of Instruction. Arrangements were got under way for the holding of such a meeting at Chatham on Good Friday, March 13, 1900, but I regret to say that I failed to meet with the encouragement desired from *all* the Preceptories. For this reason, as well as certain obstacles arising solely in my own Preceptory, but a few weeks before, I was compelled to abandon the date and various circumstances prevented the selection of another.

KENT PRECEPTORY No. 20, Chatham.—Official visit Jan. 19. On this occasion there was a good attendance. I installed the officers for the year, assisted by R. Em. Sir Knights T. C. Macnabb, F. Bates, Em. Sir Knights A. S. Thornton and G. W. Sulman. My predecessor, R. Em. Sir Kt. A. H. Clarke, last year reported thus:—"This Preceptory has displayed a great deal of enthusiasm and is fairly on the way to becoming one of the most prosperous Preceptories in this district." I desire to reiterate this report.

As a member of this Preceptory, and having attended every regular meeting as well as every practice and rehearsal held during the year, I am in a position to know exactly its position. Em. Sir Kt. Ed. Worth, Presiding Preceptor, is an enthusiastic Templar. Although he resides at Kent Bridge, some 13 miles distant, he never misses a meeting. He is a thorough ritualist and the same may be said of all his officers. Rehearsals are held every Friday night and, as a result, the degree staffs have attained that measure of perfection, in the Templar and Malta degrees, as to leave little room for criticism.

R. Em. Sir Knights Thos. C. Macnabb and F. Bates still maintain the same deep interest in the Order as heretofore. Their wise counsel and good advice and assistance are always to be had. R. Em. Sir Kt. Macnabb has filled the office as Registrar of Kent Preceptory for some 23 years. His books are exceptionally neat, and well kept. The members recently presented him with a handsome jewel in recognition of his efforts in keeping the Banner of the Temple afloat in Chatham. Em. Sir Kt. Thornton and others pay close attention to Kent Preceptory.

The prospects are of the best. The finances are in a most satisfactory condition. The new members admitted during the year are quite as enthusiastic, and as regular attendants, as the older enthusiasts. This Preceptory is now on a sure footing. Uniforms are gradually being procured, I am pleased to state.

RICHARD CŒUR DE LION No. 4 London.—Official visit March 9, 1900. This Preceptory suffered a heavy loss in the fire which destroyed the Masonic Temple in February, when all their paraphernalia and several complete uniforms were destroyed. Unfortunately there was but a small insurance. This meeting was held in a lodge room in the east end of the city, where the accommodation was not of the best. I was warmly welcomed by the presiding Preceptor, Em. Sir Kt F.

G. Andrews, being introduced by R. Em. Sir Knights J. S. Dewar and Jos. Dambra. Considerable time was devoted to the transaction of necessary business. The presiding Preceptor was desirous of exemplifying the Red Cross degree (the regular candidate not being present), but owing to the lateness of the hour when this order was reached, the unsuitability of the room and the poor ventilation, at my request, this was deferred. The opening and closing ceremonies were quite satisfactory.

As might be expected this Preceptory is considerably handicapped by the loss of its paraphernalia, but with the old time energy which characterizes the London Knights it should soon be in a flourishing condition. The books are well kept, but the finances are not healthy and there are considerable dues in arrears.

The meeting was followed by the annual banquet in commemoration of those "glorious martyrs of a glorious order." This social event was a very pleasing termination to my official visit. Appropriate toasts were proposed and fitting replies made. The tenor of the speeches lead me to hope that none of the enthusiasm would be allowed to wane.

R. Em. Sir Knights Dewar, Campbell, Dambra, Carson and other well known Templars were present.

WINDSOR PRECEPTORY No. 20, Windsor.—Official visit April 24, 1900. On this occasion M. Em. Sir Knight His Honor Judge D. F. Macwatt, of Sarnia, P. G. M. was present, and Sir Kt. Geo. Massey, of Chatham, accompanied me on this visit. I was introduced with the usual formalities by R. Em. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, D. G. M., and Em. Sir Kt. J. S. Edgar.

The Past Grand Master having also been received in a manner due his rank, Em. Sir Kt. Swift and his staff then opened a council of the illustrious Order of the Red Cross, when that degree was conferred in a faultless manner.

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Windsor Preceptory holds a proud position in this district, and it sets a fitting example to all subordinate bodies within the jurisdiction of Great Priory. The degree work is always excellently done, while on a street parade it presents a striking appearance. The members are uniformed and carry out the tactics with military precision. Em. Sir Kt. Swift is a most enthusiastic Templar, and this remark may be made concerning every member of Windsor Preceptory. Weekly drills and rehearsals are held and the only result therefrom must, of necessity, be efficient work. The attendance is always good. The books are well kept; the finances are in a healthy state, though the amount of dues in arrears is larger than it should be. R. Em. Sir Kt. Carley's enthusiasm appears to have been infectious, as every Knight is thoroughly interested in the Order. V. Em. Sir Kt. A. M. Stewart, Grand Captain of the Guard, and R. Em. Sir Kt. A. H. Clarke, P. P. P., were present.

A delightful hour was spent in the banquetting hall, where speech, song and story whiled away the time, after ample justice had been done to recherche refreshments.

ST. SIMON OF CYRENE No. 37, Sarnia.—Official visit April 26th, 1900. On the occasion of this visit there were several of the Knights from across the border present, including Em. Sir Kt. John Rudge, Em. Commander of Port Huron Commandery No. 7, of Port Huron, Mich., and his staff. The attendance all told numbered 35. Em. Sir Kt. Robt. Kerr, P. P., conferred the Order of the Temple upon a candidate. His work in the Consecration degree was most impressive. He is ably supported by his staff. Unfortunately the Em. Knight who usually gives the Novice and Installation degrees was not present, and these were not done by the substitute with that smoothness which characterizes excellent work. The Marshal and Sub-Marshal did their parts well.

This Preceptory has paid apparently close attention to the tactics. The floor work I have not seen better performed anywhere.

The finances are in good shape and the Registrar's books neatly and properly kept. Good progress has been made during the year.

Since the visit of the Provincial Prior last year this Preceptory has fallen into line and adopted the black plumes. They still wear red belts, but I am assured that the regulation belt will soon be adopted, and the uniform will then conform to the requirements of the statutes throughout the district.

I had the pleasure of the company of Sir Kt. George Massey, of Chatham, on this visit.

ST. ELMO PRECEPTORY No. 22, Stratford.—Official visit June 8, 1900. Important business unexpectedly presented itself just before the time set for my official inspection of Saint Elmo, and I was compelled to remain in Chatham. R. Em. Sir Kt. A. A. Campbell, of London, was good enough to proceed to Stratford by the afternoon train and make the inspection for me. R. Em. Sir Kt. Jos. Dambra accompanied him.

Sir Kt. Campbell's report to me of his visit was most gratifying. He was pleasantly received and entertained. The Temple degree was conferred upon three candidates, Em. Sir Kt. W. J. Mooney taking the Novice and Installation parts and V. Em. Sir Kt. J. Russell Stuart the Consecration. R. Em. Sir Kt. Campbell speaks very highly of the work of these Knights and the subordinate officers. I quote from his letter:—"The work was particularly well done and what I consider good work. If all Preceptories in the district would show up equally as well in this respect you could make a very encouraging report to Great Priory."

The presiding Preceptor is reported as opening and closing the Preceptory in good shape. The books and finances are satisfactory. Excellent progress has been made during the year, and there has been increased interest in Knight Templarism. This Preceptory has not adopted the uniform yet. This may come with the present enthusiasm.

BULEIGH PRECEPTORY No. 21, St. Thomas.— Official visit June 27, 1900. The reports of my predecessors for some years back on Burleigh Preceptory have not been good. Financially this Preceptory is sound and has not an excessive amount of unpaid dues.

I regret that I am not in a position to report any more favorably than did R. Em. Sir Kt. Clarke, the Provincial Prior, in 1899. The prospects appear to be bright. The members present at this meeting spoke most hopefully, and I am lead to believe that Burleigh Preceptory will yet show better results.

My visit was postponed at the request of the officers until this date, as a candidate was expected for the Red Cross degree, but at the last minute he disappointed the presiding Preceptor and did not attend. I thus did not see any degree work. There were eleven Knights present. Two candidates have been admitted during the year, and the degrees, I am informed, were conferred upon them. This shows some life.

A recent boom in Royal Arch Masonry has produced some available material and good reports from this Preceptory may yet be had. There are candidates in waiting, and the officers hope to admit several in the fall.

The membership of Burleigh Preceptory is 44, yet the average attendance is given at "about 6." A large number are railroad men, and their duties call them out of the city. This accounts in some measure for the small attendance. I am of the opinion, however, that if more enthusiasm were displayed, the young Crafts-

men encouraged, and regular drills and rehearsals held by the officers and members, there would be but one result—success. Meeting once a month and then going through the work in a haphazard manner is not the way to interest the newcomer, or the older members. I pointed out to the Preceptory the benefit of rehearsals and drills; urged the officers to pay close attention to the Temple degree—get it up properly, and then take up another. With a few enthusiastic Templars a live Preceptory would soon be an established fact in St. Thomas.

R. Em. Kt. Robt. A. Mackay, Past Grand Provincial Prior, and a member of this Preceptory, has crossed "the valley of the shadows." His presence is much missed by the Knights of Burleigh Preceptory. The last time he sat in the Preceptory he was taken suddenly ill, was removed to his home, and passed away in a few days. He was a leading Templar and a highly respected citizen.

PILGRIMAGE TO ANN ARBOR, MICH.

On May 15th I had the pleasure of accompanying the Supreme Grand Master, as one of his staff, when he paid a fraternal visit to the Grand Commandery of Michigan. Windsor Preceptory formed the escort to the Grand Master. The Grand Master doubtless will refer to this delightful visit in his address. Em. Sir Kt. A. S. Thornton, Sir Kt. Geo. Massey, of Chatham, and myself were the guests of Windsor Preceptory, on the trip. Their courtesy was much appreciated by us all.

CONCLUSION.

My term of office has about expired, and I again desire to express my appreciation of the honor done me, in being chosen Provincial Prior of the London District. I am happy to say that peace and harmony have reigned throughout my jurisdiction, and my tenure of office has been gratifying in the extreme.

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On the whole I feel justified in saying that the year has been one of progress. With one exception, the expenses incurred on my visits were paid by the Preceptory inspected.

To R. Em. Sir Knights D. L. Carley, of Windsor, and Thos. C. Macnabb, of Chatham, I am indebted for friendly counsel, advice and assistance.

Fraternally submitted,

‡ DANIEL W. B. SPRY,
Provincial Grand Prior.

CHATHAM, Ont., July 2nd, 1900.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—I have the honor of presenting to you my official report of the Hamilton District, and take great pleasure in so doing. I look back with many pleasant thoughts to the evenings spent with the many courteous Sir Knights of my district. At every place I visited they seemed to vie with each other as to who could use me the most kindly. I found, with very few exceptions, that every Preceptory had all the paraphernalia for working the several degrees. Where there is anything lacking, they have promised to obtain it. I regret to notice that in some of the Preceptories there is a tendency to get through the chair, as quickly as possible, and then drop out. In some places they look upon the presiding Preceptor to work all the degrees. I find in my own Preceptory that the Past Em. Preceptors form classes for the different degrees, which I think is a very good idea. I think it is a means of making the Sir Knights attend better when they have something to do. I have been very ably assisted in my visits by a number of the Sir Knights of my own Mother Preceptory, Godfrey de Bouillon No. 3. I shall never forget the many kindnesses they have shown to me.

GODFREY DE BOUILLON PRECEPTORY No. 3, Hamilton.—I visited this Preceptory Dec. 1st, 1899. Being a member of this Preceptory I was present at a great many of its assemblies, and have seen all the degrees conferred. They work all the orders, and they are all exemplified in a very impressive manner. At the January meeting, assisted by R. E. Sir Knights Malloy and Smith, I installed the officers elect. This Preceptory has a great many enthusiastic members, who are using their utmost endeavors for the advancement of Knights Templarism in this district. They have shown this by accompanying me on my visits to the different Preceptories throughout the district. They are having a very prosperous year, and are adding some splendid material.

PLANTAGENET PRECEPTORY No. 8, St. Catharines —I visited this Preceptory April 9th, 1900. I was accompanied on this visit by R. E. Sir Knights O. S. Hillman, W. G. Reid and J. H. Mattice, E. Sir Knights T. M. Davis and James Hooper and Sir Knights Fred Walter and James Lyon. I am very pleased to report that this Preceptory is in a flourishing condition. They have \$150 in the bank and have considerable stock in new Masonic Hall Association. The Malta degree was conferred on one candidate, and it was done in a very creditable manner indeed. They have a splendid hall, and everything is kept in first-class order. The Fratres who accompanied me shall never forget the kindness shown to them, as well as myself, during our visit.

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY No. 10, Guelph.—I paid my official visit to this Preceptory May 15th, 1900. I was accompanied on this visit by R. E. Sir Knights O. S. Hillman, W. G. Reid, J. H. Mattice, Em. Sir Kt. T. M. Davis, Sir Kt. Fred Walter, Jno. T. McLeod, Andrew D. Bain, James Lyon. I am pleased to be able to state that this Preceptory is having much prosperity this year. They worked the Red Cross, and it was very well done indeed. The Hamilton Fratres

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worked the Templar and Malta degrees. They had six candidates, and they were a credit to the Preceptory. I have since been informed by presiding Preceptor J. R. McDowell that they will have another class of eight or ten in October. After a hard night's work we were right royally entertained by them in their new and spacious banqueting hall. The Fratres who accompanied me, as well as myself, shall always remember the kind treatment we received from the Sir Knights of Victoria.

ODO DE ST. AMAND PRECEPTORY No. 17, Brantford.—After a great deal of correspondence I finally arranged for a special assembly of this Preceptory on June 8th, 1900. I was accompanied on this visit by Em. Sir Kt. T. M. Davis. They had no meetings during the months of March, April and May. There was no business done at this visit, I gave them a good talk, and had a very pleasant visit indeed. I found they were in very good shape financially. They have a very fine hall and all the paraphernalia for working the Red Cross and Templar degrees, but have no paraphernalia for working the Malta. They promised me to get it as soon as possible. I have had several very interesting letters recently from their Registrar, Sir Kt. Joe J. Inglis, and have every confidence that you will hear encouraging reports from this Preceptory ere long. Em. Sir Kt. Davis and myself were very kindly entertained by the Sir Knights after the meeting and carried away many kind recollections of our Fratres in Brantford.

ST. BERNARD DE CLAIRVEAUX PRECEPTORY No. 19, Dunnville.—I visited this Preceptory officially Aug. 2nd, 1900. I was accompanied on this visit by R. Em. Sir Knight J. H. Mattice, Em. Sir Knights T. M. Davis, Jas. Hooper, Sir Kt. Jas. Lydn. The reason I was so late in paying my official visit to this Preceptory was that some of the principal officers were away from home. They worked no degrees, but I am informed that they work all the degrees and do them exceed-

ingly well. I find that they have splendid material in this Preceptory, but have lacked interest in the meetings for some time.

I think our visit will show good results, as we had a very sociable and instructive meeting. After the Preceptory was closed according to form, we were very kindly entertained in the banqueting hall, and the Sir Knights who accompanied me, as well as myself, shall never forget our kind reception in Dunnville. And now, in conclusion, I take this opportunity of thanking the members of Great Priory and the Sir Knights of this district for honoring me, in appointing me to the office of Provincial Prior, and for the many acts of kindness bestowed on me while in discharge of the duties of my office.

† JNO. HOOPER,

Provincial Grand Prior, Hamilton District.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—I have the honor to submit the Annual Report from Toronto District.

I regret to inform you that while I believe, from the different sources of information available, that Knight Templarism is, or appears to be, flourishing in this district, that as far as the present Provincial Prior is concerned it has been badly neglected.

During my term of office only one Preceptory, other than my own, has been visited by me. This regrettable state of affairs has been brought about by circumstances (explained by me to the Grand Master) that were beyond my power to alter, and my only hope is that the energy and activity of my illustrious predecessors and of those who will follow me, will prevent the bad effects of my term in office from lasting any length of time.

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I was fortunate enough to be able to visit Harrington Preceptory No. 14 at North Bay at an Emergent Assembly, called for the purpose of conferring degrees on the 24th of February, 1900, and saw six candidates put through the various Orders. Although the weather was extremely cold and stormy there was a very fair turn out of the Sir Knights belonging to the Preceptory, quite a few of whom came over fifty miles in order to attend. At this meeting I had the honor of meeting the Grand Master and Grand Chancellor, who had travelled this long distance to speed the cause, and their presence did much to help and encourage the Fratres of this rather out of the way Preceptory, who gave us a very pleasant time. In this visit V. Em. Sir Kt. Hallet, of Barrie, was kind enough to accompany me.

I attended, of course, all the meetings of my Mother Preceptory, Mount Calvary No. 12, but paid an official visit on the 27th February, when three candidates were put through all the degrees.

I regret exceedingly that I was utterly unable to visit any other than the Preceptories named, but from letters received and from the circulars issued by the different Preceptories, I judge that, perhaps with the exception of "Rhodes" No. 23 at Port Arthur, the Preceptories in this district are flourishing and doing good work; especially those in Toronto. Geoffrey de St. Aldemar No. 2 and Cyrene No. 29, the Sir Knights of which Preceptories have done and are continuing to do splendid service for Knight Templarism in this district.

† JOHN B. MCPHEE,

Provincial Grand Prior, Toronto District.

KINGSTON-OTTAWA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—I beg respectfully to submit my second report as Provincial Prior of the Kingston-Ottawa District.

Owing to the want of time I have only been able to visit three out of the five Preceptories in this district. The three that I had the pleasure of visiting I am proud to report are in very good shape, and the work that I saw was very much about the average.

KING BALDWIN PRECEPTORY No. 6, Belleville—I had the honor of visiting the above Preceptory for the first time on the 15th May, and had great pleasure in seeing the "Consecration" ceremony and also the Malta degree worked by the presiding Preceptor, R. Em. Sir Kt. S. S. Lazier, in a most efficient manner, ably assisted by his officers. This Preceptory is well equipped as to paraphernalia for the proper conferring of the different degrees. I notice that the outstanding dues are rather heavy, amounting to over \$100. Eleven members being in arrears more than two years; with this exception this Preceptory is well conducted in every particular and is a credit to the district.

OTTAWA PRECEPTORY No. 32, Ottawa—I visited this Preceptory on the 16th May and was very much pleased to see the "Consecration" ceremony exemplified in a very impressive manner by the presiding Preceptor, Em. Sir Kt. W. H. G. Garrioch. As I stated in my last report this Preceptory is well furnished and has a very complete paraphernalia. Dues are well paid and carry a good insurance.

MOORE PRECEPTORY No. 13, Peterborough—I had the pleasure of visiting Moore Preceptory on the 5th June when the Red Cross was conferred on three candidates by the presiding Preceptor, Em. Sir Kt. W. H. Walkey, in a very creditable manner. I also visited again at the July assembly when the Templar degree was conferred in full by the presiding Preceptor. The pleasure of this meeting was enhanced by a visit from the Most Em. the Supreme Grand Master, who we are glad to welcome at any time. The books of this Preceptory are well kept, dues were paid and furniture, &c., insured. The prospects of this Preceptory are brighter than they have been for years and I look for a substantial increase of membership in the near future.

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HUGH DE PAYENS PRECEPTORY No. 1, Kingston—
I regret to say that I was not able to visit this Preceptory, although I made several attempts to do so, either the time did not suit them, and when they would have me come I could not make it convenient to go owing to business engagements. I understand that they have had no candidates for several years, and it is very hard for them to get a quorum owing to a great number of their members being commercial travellers. It is to be hoped that the meeting of Great Priory in Kingston this year will be the means of infusing new life into this old-time Preceptory.

GONDEMAR PRECEPTORY No. 16, Brockville—I was sorry I was not able to visit this Preceptory this year, but from what I saw last year I am satisfied that it is well run, and that when work presents itself the presiding Preceptor and his officers will be quite equal to the occasion.

Before closing my report I wish to thank the Sir Knights of the Kingston-Ottawa District for the kind and hospitable way they have received me on all occasions.

† A. ST. A. SMITH,

Provincial Grand Prior, Kingston-Ottawa District.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—In presenting to this Grand Body a report of the condition of Knights Templarism in the Province of Quebec, I beg to assure its members that, although there are but three Preceptories under my supervision, it nevertheless is a great source of satisfaction to me to be in a position to make a most favorable report of two, and to be able to look forward to an almost immediate improvement in the condition and strength of a third. The two to which I refer, are Richard Cœur de Lion No. 7, of Montreal, which I visited officially on the occasion of its first meeting in January, and installed the officers for the ensuing year.

The welcome that was then accorded your representative was of the most loyal character. This Preceptory has at the present moment on its list of membership, as will appear in the returns, 88, 52 of whom have already demonstrated their interest in the Order by securing a complete uniform, which enables them to make a most creditable appearance on occasions when they appear in public.

The officers are enthusiastic, and pull well together in their efforts for the welfare of their Preceptory. The work of conferring the different orders is well done, and makes their meetings interesting and instructive. The prospects of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory are bright indeed, and it will, I feel confident, continue for many years to be one of the best and strongest supports of this Sovereign Great Priory.

This Preceptory mourns the death of one of its most popular members, the late Sir Knight W. Barclay Stevens, favorably known to most of you. I feel sure the sympathies of Sovereign Great Priory will go out to those near and dear ones, who are left to feel the great loss they have sustained in the persons of his widow and children.

The other Preceptory, to which I have alluded, as being in a most prosperous condition, is Sussex No. 9, late of Stanstead, and now of Sherbrooke, the request for a change in the location of which I was pleased to recommend for the favorable consideration of the Supreme Grand Master, who, after carefully acquainting himself with the conditions and circumstances connected therewith, gave his assent thereto, and this Great Priory will be pleased to learn that the result already fully justifies the change of location. The first, or initial meeting, in the new home of this Preceptory will prove a memorable one in the history of Knights Templarism in the Province of Quebec. No less than 17 received on that occasion all the orders, the work of conferring which was most ably done by Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 7, who at con-

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siderable expense and loss of time, made a pilgrimage from Montreal for the purpose, taking with them all the necessary paraphernalia. Needless to say the trouble taken by them and the interest they manifested on this occasion for the good of the Order, met with a full measure of appreciation at the hands of not only the old members of Sussex Preceptory, but also of the new members, who are from among the best class of citizens in the Eastern Townships, and most of whom rank high, not only socially, but in their commercial sphere.

The appearance of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory marching through the streets of Sherbrooke, headed by the Pipers band, created a most favorable impression, and, no doubt, has had much to do with the fact that 10 or 12 propositions for admission into the Order, has since been received by this Preceptory.

All success to Sussex No. 9 in its new home.

The third Preceptory in this district is William de la More, the Martyre of Quebec, which has suffered a slight decrease in its roll of membership, due entirely, or almost so, to Fratres leaving the jurisdiction of this Preceptory. However, from late reports from officers and members, I am hopeful that this temporary loss will be more than made up within the next few months. The enthusiasm of the officers and members of the other two Preceptories referred to above, is proving an excellent example to William de la More, which I am sure they will not be slow to follow. I confidently look forward to our having a strong Preceptory in the old and historic city of Quebec before many years will have elapsed.

In concluding this somewhat brief report, I beg leave to continue the excellent example of my predecessors, and avail myself of this opportunity to thank those who placed me in the exalted position of Provincial Grand Prior for Quebec District, and also to thank all who have rendered me aid and valuable advice during my term of office.

† JOHN B. TRESIDDER,
Provincial Grand Prior, Quebec District.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—I respectfully beg to submit herewith as Provincial Grand Prior for the New Brunswick District my report for the past year.

I have pleasure in stating that both from personal observation and enquiry Knight Templarism still maintains its position as an important institution in this district.

ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN No. 3A, St. John, N.B.—This Preceptory, of which I am proud to say I have the honor of being a member for a great many years, still continues to occupy the leading position as a Preceptory, not only in this district but throughout the Maritime Provinces.

On the 10th of January last I paid this Preceptory an official visit for the purpose of installing its officers for the year 1900. A large gathering of the Sir Knights was present, including the Most Eminent Sir Knight Dr. John V. Ellis, M.P., Supreme Grand Master, who is one of the oldest members of this Preceptory. I met with a hearty reception from the officers and members. Assisted by the R. E. Sir Kt. Thomas Walker, M.D., I installed the officers for the first time according to the Installation Ceremonies laid down in the new ritual of the Sovereign Great Priory, and which were favorably commented upon by those present. This Preceptory will begin to adopt this ritual in 1901, they having been allowed in the meantime since coming under the banners of Great Priory to use the Scottish Ritual. The Noble and Eminent Commander Sir Kt. W. B. Wallace and his officers are amongst the most active members of the fraternity in this section of the Dominion, and good results are expected from their work. The membership of this Preceptory is 142. The assemblies are well attended and the working of the several degrees well done; and it is both pleasurable and profitable to visit the Fratres of this

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Preceptory when in session. The paraphernalia is complete and well maintained. The majority of the members are uniformed, and their neat and commodious armoury carefully looked after. One of the strong features connected with this Preceptory is the regular attendance of many of the Preceptors, who unselfishly devote their time to the welfare of the Preceptory and who gladly assist the N. and E. Commander in the conferring of the degrees of the Order of the Red Cross, Temple and Malta as the case may be, or any other work, when called upon to do so. I may add, in conclusion, it is not only a pleasure but a privilege to belong to an institution composed of the class of Sir Knights who constitute their membership.

UNION DE MOLAY No. 11, St. John, N.B.—This Preceptory is endeavoring to make a fresh start in its history, and many of the members feel that they would like to see it occupy a position similar to which it held some years ago. I find, however, there are many of the Sir Knights belonging to Union De Molay who ought to, but who do not, give that time and assistance to the Preceptory which they should, and which would not only be beneficial and helpful to it, but which is so essential in keeping a Preceptory in a thorough normal condition.

On the 25th of January last I paid an official visit to this Preceptory, and assisted by Sir Knight W. B. Wallace, Noble and Eminent Commander, and Sir Kt. Geo. B. Hegan, Lieut. Commander of St. John No. 3A, I installed the officers for the current year. Em. Sir Kt. Dodge, who was installed presiding Preceptor, is an excellent ritualist, and with the staff of officers selected Union De Molay should come to the front and occupy its proper place in the list of Preceptories of Great Priory.

Their paraphernalia is complete and many of the Sir Knights are uniformed. For some time past the question of union with St. John Encampment No. 3A has been under consideration, and we are of the opin-

ion that if the union was consummated St. John City would not only have the leading Preceptory of Great Priory in point of numbers, but one of the foremost Preceptories of the Knightly Order in the Dominion.

IVANHOE No. 36, Moncton, N.B.—This Preceptory, which was organized in 1895, still continues to hold its own, notwithstanding the fact that many of its members belong to the Government railway service and are liable to be transferred to other places at any time, as was the case with V. Em. Sir Kt. G. W. Jarvis and whose loss was felt by the Preceptory, he being an excellent ritualist and one who evinced a deep interest in the welfare of the Order. The new quarters occupied by the Sir Knights of Ivanhoe have greatly facilitated matters in regard to working the ritual of the Order. A convenient armory was provided in the new hall, which was badly needed.

The attendance of the conclave is good and a manifest interest is taken in the Knightly Order of the Temple. On the 2nd of January last I paid an official visit to Ivanhoe Preceptory and installed the officers for 1900. The Em. Preceptor, Sir Kt. Edward Tweedie, is one of the ablest ritualists we have in this part of the Dominion, and although getting along in years is still foremost in giving light to the uninformed.

The Preceptors render him very material assistance, and we are looking for still more prosperous times for this Preceptory. All the paraphernalia and uniforms of the Sir Knights is in keeping with the regulations of the Sovereign Great Priory.

THE ENCAMPMENT OF ST. STEPHEN, N.B., still retains its charter under the Chapter General of Scotland, but we trust that ere long this noble band of Sir Knights of the border will see their way clear to come under the banners of Great Priory, where they will receive a hearty welcome, and assist in the grand work of the Knightly Order of the Temple in this great and growing Dominion of ours.

† GEORGE ACKMAN,
Provincial Grand Prior, New Brunswick.

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NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—I regret that the long illness and death of a beloved daughter has prevented me from visiting the Preceptories in the jurisdiction, and I assure you the failure to do so has been a great disappointment to me.

I had arranged to pay an official visit to each of the Preceptories, but was, for the reason given, unable to carry out my intentions.

The past year has been an uneventful one. Some progress has been made in the various Preceptories and I am glad to say the material has been of the very best.

The utmost harmony prevails in the district, consequently I have not been called upon to settle any disputes or give a decision.

In closing this brief report permit me to thank the members of Great Priory and the Sir Knights of the district for the honor conferred in appointing me Provincial Prior for Nova Scotia, and to again express my sincere regret that my term of office has not been productive of better results.

‡ D. H. CAMPBELL,

Provincial Grand Prior, Nova Scotia District.

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

EMINENT SIR KNIGHTS—As Provincial Prior for Manitoba District, I beg to submit my report for the year 1900.

CYPRESS PRECEPTORY No. 33, Calgary, Alberta— I regret that my engagements have not permitted my visiting this Preceptory. From the announcement of work giving in the notices of meetings which have been regularly mailed me and the information received from some prominent members whom I have met during the year, I believe the Preceptory is prosperous, and keeping up its reputation for good work.

ALBERT EDWARD PRECEPTORY No. 24, Winnipeg—I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this Preceptory, of which I have the honor of being a member. I have attended most, if not all, the meetings and witnessed the conferring of all the degrees, and am happy to report the excellent manner in which the work is performed. All the officers are skilled in their duties, faithful and attentive. E. Preceptor Sir Kt. Robert Magness is enthusiastic in his efforts to restore the Preceptory to its former prosperous condition, and a revival of interest is apparent. Arrangements are now being made for uniforming most of the members.

(Although not as much advancement as could have been hoped for has been made, Knight Templarism has made progress in this district during the past year and the outlook for the coming year contains much promise.

Before closing I wish to thank the Most Em. the Supreme Grand Master for the confidence he has shown by honoring me with the appointment of Provincial Prior for the district.

‡ CHARLES H. ENDERTON,
Provincial Grand Prior, Manitoba District.

WINNIPEG, Man., August 24th, 1900.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

SIR KNIGHTS—I beg to submit to you a brief report of the standing and condition of the several Preceptories in this district.

On January 25th I visited Columbia Preceptory No. 34, Vancouver. Good attendance. Red Cross degree exemplified; very well done. On this occasion I installed the officers for the year. The outlook for this Preceptory is favorable.

In February last I visited Rossland Preceptory. Owing to their rooms having been destroyed by fire some time before I was unable to meet them in an

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assembly but held an informal gathering, where their affairs and future prospects were carefully gone into. This Preceptory is in very good condition. All the members uniformed and most enthusiastic and with a general desire to promote the interests of the Order.

In July I visited Western Gate Preceptory No. 30, Victoria. Attendance was meagre. Did not see any work. Books and financial standing very good. Strong hopes are entertained for the obtaining of good working Knights. Two petitions being presented on this occasion.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Owing to the great distance from headquarters we find it very difficult in British Columbia to understand thoroughly those many little matters of detail which are so essential to the proper working of the Preceptories. I would strongly urge the advisability of a visit from some prominent officer who would be able to give us definite information on these and other matters. Such a visit would be most acceptable, and a cordial and hearty welcome awaits the visitor.

In closing, permit me to thank Great Priory for the honor conferred upon me and to express the pleasure I have taken in performing the duties of this office.

† SIMON J. TUNSTALL.

Provincial Grand Prior, British Columbia District.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

SIR KNIGHTS—Knight Templarism in this the baby Province of the Dominion has steadily progressed during the past year.

PRINCE EDWARD PRECEPTORY No. 35 has held ten regular assemblies and one special, the latter under Dispensation of the Supreme Grand Master to confer the Order of the Temple on Major Weeks, who went with the Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick Contingent to South Africa. The Red Cross has been

conferred on four candidates, the Order of the Temple and Knight of Malta on two. The work is well done, dignified, precise and in full.

Uniforms and paraphernalia are being gradually procured. Though the membership is small the Sir Knights of this Preceptory are not lacking in enthusiasm and devotion, and we hope at no distant day to see a sister Preceptory organized in Summerside, where several of the members reside. Another favorable prospect is the large accession of new and young members to the city lodges.

We have had the pleasure of extending Knightly courtesies to only two or three visiting Sir Knights, but even that was an incentive and encouragement to the members—how much more had we a visit from the Supreme Grand Master or other great officers. We look forward to such a pleasure during the coming year.

† D. DARRACH.

Provincial Prior P. E. Island District.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. William Gibson, and

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

GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory:

We meet this year in the City of Kingston on ground of much historic interest to the Templars of Canada, for this city has the honor of holding the first recorded date for a charter or separate warrant for conferring the Order of the Temple, previously this order having been worked under some craft warrant. The Supreme Grand Master will refer to the historical facts of this "Centennial Warrant," but as Grand Chancellor I deemed Sovereign Great Priory might be pleased to know of the financial and numerical advance of the

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Order in Canada during the past century. Of the charter of 1800 as well as that of 1824 which succeeded it, there is now few financial facts or minutes extant; but the records are fairly well preserved since the revival in Kingston of the Order in 1854 by the late Grand Master Col. W. McLeod Moore.

From 1854 to 1867 the Order was under a body named the Provincial Grand Conclave under warrant from England. The Order increased during these thirteen years from three to seven Preceptories. From 1868 to 1875 the Order was governed by a Grand Priory and the subordinates increased during that time to nineteen. In 1876 another change took place and the National Great Priory was formed in conjunction with the Grand Conclave of England and Ireland. This lasted until 1884, during which time the Preceptories increased from nineteen to twenty-six and the membership from 400 to 800. In 1885 the Sovereign Great Priory was formed, and the increase to this present year being twelve Preceptories added, a total of thirty-eight.

During this time three Preceptories were also formed in Victoria, Australia, which shortly afterwards withdrew to form a Great Priory in Victoria. The membership during this time increased from 856 in 1885 to 2,009 to date, the greatest number of admissions in any one year being 328 in 1897. The membership during all these years have yearly shown an increase, with one exception, 1889, when the withdrawal of the three Australian Preceptories caused a reduction in the roll of forty-six.

The receipts under the Provincial Grand Priory ran from \$50 to \$100 per annum. The Grand Priory increased from \$430 in 1870 to \$911. National Great Priory during its nine years of existence averaged \$750 annually, while Sovereign Great Priory receipts during its sixteen years have averaged \$1,160, the last five averaging \$1,650. This record likewise showing that the monetary affairs of Great Priory had a corresponding prosperity.

With reference to the work of the Chancery for the past year the correspondence has as usual been voluminous but pleasant.

In accordance with my suggestions of last year, while having new blanks printed for the annual returns, I had extra copies run off so that I could supply each Preceptory with a bound copy of blanks sufficient to duplicate ten years returns.

I forwarded a copy to each Preceptory with a circular as follows, which explained the reason for so doing :

DEAR SIR KNIGHT :

" I am sending you by express a bound volume of duplicate Blank Returns to Great Priory, for the records of your Preceptory. This book of returns was decided on at last meeting of Great Priory, and is intended to contain the records for the ensuing ten years. Each Registrar will enter therein an exact copy of his annual return each year, and thus keep a complete record, so that in the event of a change of Registrars there will be no difficulty in turning up to the previous year and bringing forward the proper number of members, etc., etc. The new Registrar will thus have a guide to follow.

There have been errors and omissions yearly in many of the returns sent in to the Grand Chancellor, and this record should obviate any difficulty of that kind in the future."

I am in hopes this will prevent numerous errors and consequently much correspondence and many alterations between the Grand Chancellor and the Registrars.

Although the returns are due on the 15th July, I regret again to state that quite a number of the Registrars delayed in sending in their returns until the past few days. It makes it exceedingly awkward as I am unable to make my report until the last moment. The Grand Treasurer being in an equally annoying position.

In accordance with Resolution of Great Priory I had a charter prepared and forwarded to Rossland Preceptory at Rossland, under which on the 10th day of February the officers were installed by R. E. Sir Kt. W. J. Quinlan, and the Preceptory formally constituted.

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As stated in my last report I had had much correspondence over the removal of Sussex No. 9 of Stanstead to Sherbrooke. This was finally effected on the 24th May through dispensation of the Grand Master, and Richard Cœur de Lion of Montreal journeyed to Sherbrooke and conferred the Orders on seventeen candidates. I understand that many more applications have been received since, so that the prospects are extremely bright for this old Preceptory to again become a live and active member of the Order. R. Em. Sir Kt. H. E. Channell of Stanstead, whose active interest kept Sussex alive for some years past, gave valuable service in effecting the transfer.

Eleven dispensations, granted by the Supreme Grand Master, were issued from this office, and changes in the By-laws of four Preceptories forwarded to the Grand Master for his approval.

I annex detailed statement of cash received under its various headings and the tabular statement of the membership to June 30th, 1900. The roll stands as follows:—

MEMBERSHIP.

ADMISSIONS.		
Returns June 30th, 1899		1894
Admitted to June 30th, 1900		194
Affiliated " " "		13
Restored " " "		6
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Less errors in returns of last year		8
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Total		2099

DEDUCTIONS.		
Died	28	
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Withdrawn	34	
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Total		2009

29 Preceptories show an increase of	142
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Five Preceptories received no candidates.

I received during the year the sum of \$1,660.75, which was duly deposited in the Molsons Bank. The expenditure per warrants Nos. 103 to 124 as per Treasurer's detailed statement being \$1,456.45, or within \$8.55 of the amount voted last year by Great Priory.

Two Preceptories owe for dues not yet forwarded \$92. The balance on hand in the bank is \$2,615.70.

The returns thus show a substantial increase in both membership and finances.

I had much pleasure in visiting "Harington" of North Bay in company with the Supreme Grand Master in February last, and in attending a meeting of the Statutes and Ritual Committee in Toronto on the 7th July. The Statutes were revised, and by instructions of the Committee I received tenders for printing and had them set up in type ready for this meeting and copies forwarded to each Preceptory and Grand Officer, so that the changes made could be noted. I also accompanied Richard Cœur de Lion of Montreal to Sherbrooke, and assisted at the transfer of the "Sussex" Preceptory from Stanstead and installation of candidates, and together with the Grand Master and thirty members of Richard Cœur de Lion of Montreal received courteous and knightly attention and hospitality from Monroe Commandery of Rochester, N.Y., and the Acting Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York State at their annual conclave, held on the 4th instant at Rochester.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Chancellor.

M. E.
the Sovereign

To Cash received

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1	Hugh de Pav...
2	Geoffrey de S...
3	Geoffrey de B...
4	Encampment
5	Richard Cœur
6	Nova Scotia
7	King Baldwin
8	Richard Cœur
9	Plantagenet
10	Sussex
11	Victoria
12	Union de Mol...
13	Mount Calvary
14	Moore
15	Harington
16	John the A...
17	Scondemar
18	Edo de St. Am...
19	Palestine
20	St. Bernard de
21	Cent
22	Burleigh
23	Elmo
24	Rhodes
25	Albert Edward
26	William de la M...
27	Windsor
28	Malta
29	Cyrene
30	Western Gate
31	Farmouth
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33	Cyprus
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ANNUAL CASH STATEMENT.

*M. E. Sir Knight Will H. Whyte, Grand Chancellor, in account with
the Sovereign Great Priory, from 30th June, 1899, to 30th June, 1900.*

To Cash received from Preceptories :

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	Annual Fees.	Certificates.	Dispensa- tions.	Ceremonies.	Statutes.	Tactics.	Total.	Bal. in Ledger
1	Hugh de Pavens Premier	Kingston, Ont	\$10.50	....	....	....	....	....	11.50	....
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldemar	Toronto, Ont	88.50	14.00	....	....	....	....	107.50	....
3	Geoffrey de Bouillon	Hamilton, Ont	81.50	30.00	....	....	5.00	....	113.50	....
4	Encampment of St. John	St. John, N.B.	80.50	28.00	1.00	....	2.00	....	111.50	....
5	Richard Cœur de Lion	London, Ont	52.50	....	....	....	....	....	52.50	....
6	Nova Scotia	Halifax, N.S.	32.50	7.00	....	....	....	....	39.50	....
7	King Baldwin	Belleville Ont	....	....	1.00	....	....	....	1.00	50.50
8	Richard Cœur de Lion	Montreal, Que	64.00	33.00	1.00	....	1.00	....	99.00	....
9	Plantagenet	St. Catharines, Ont	29.50	6.00	....	2.00	....	50	38.00	....
10	Sussex	Stanstead, Que.	16.50	36.00	....	....	5.00	....	102.00	....
11	Victoria	Guelph, Ont	44.50	....	....	....	....	....	2.00	....
12	Union de Molay	St. John, N.B.	26.50	14.00	....	2.00	....	....	41.50	....
13	Mount Calvary	Barrie, Ont.	35.50	6.00	....	....	....	....	40.50	....
14	St. George	Peterborough, Ont	22.00	....	....	2.00	....	....	43.50	....
15	Barington	North Bay, Ont.	28.50	12.00	....	....	....	....	22.00	....
16	St. John the Almoner	Whitby, Ont.	13.00	2.00	....	....	....	....	40.50	....
17	Condemar	Brockville, Ont.	18.00	5.00	....	....	....	....	15.00	....
18	Do de St. Amand	Brantford, Ont.	15.00	....	....	....	....	....	21.00	....
19	Edo de Saint	Port Hope, Ont.	27.50	2.00	....	....	2.00	....	15.00	....
20	St. Bernard de Clairveaux	Dunville, Ont.	16.50	....	....	....	....	....	31.50	....
21	Kent	Chatham, Ont	21.50	6.00	....	4.00	....	....	32.50	....
22	Burleigh	St. Thomas, Ont.	22.00	4.00	1.00	....	....	....	31.50	....
23	St. Elmo	Stratford, Ont	35.00	10.00	....	4.00	....	....	28.00	....
24	Rhodes	Port Arthur, Ont	12.50	16.00	....	....	....	....	42.00	....
25	Albert Edward	Winnipeg, Man.	48.50	12.00	....	....	....	....	28.50	....
26	William de la More	Quebec, Que	5.50	....	....	....	....	....	60.50	....
27	Windsor	Windsor, Ont.	38.50	....	....	....	....	....	5.50	....
28	Malta	Truro, N.S.	35.50	26.00	....	4.00	....	....	40.50	....
29	Cyrene	Toronto, Ont.	42.50	3.00	....	....	3.00	....	65.50	....
30	Western Gate	Victoria, B.C.	25.50	6.00	....	....	....	....	48.50	....
31	Yarmouth	Yarmouth, N.S.	15.50	....	....	2.00	....	....	48.00	....
32	Ottawa	Ottawa, Ont	18.00	....	....	....	....	....	17.50	....
33	Cyprus	Calgary, Alberta	18.00	15.00	....	2.00	....	....	35.00	....
34	Columbia	Vancouver, B.C.	33.00	18.00	1.00	....	3.00	....	55.00	....
35	Prince Edward	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	17.50	4.00	1.00	....	....	....	22.50	....
36	Vanhoë	Moncton, N.B.	18.50	2.00	....	2.00	....	....	22.50	....
37	St. Simon of Cyrene	Sarnia, Ont.	29.50	18.00	....	....	2.00	....	49.50	....
38	Rossland	Rossland, B.C.	21.00	18.00	10.00	49.00
39	Interest		44.75
			1193.50	353.00	17.00	31.00	18.00	3.50	1660.75	

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By paid Grand Treasurer..... \$1660.75

RECAPITULATION.

Annual Fees.....	1193.50
Great Priory Certificates.....	353.00
Dispensations and Charters.....	17.00
Ceremonies.....	31.00
Drill Manuals.....	3.50
Statutes.....	18.00
Bank Interest.....	44.75
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TABULAR STATEMENT OF PRECEPTORIES FROM JUNE 30TH, 1899, TO JUNE 30TH, 1900.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	Average Attendance.	No Meet-ings Held.	DEGREES CONFERRED.				Installed.	Joined.	Restored.	Died.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Members		Increase.	Decrease.	
					Red Cross.	Temp. lar.	Males.	June 30, '99.							June 30, '00.				
1	Hugh de Poyens Premier	Kingston, Ont.	7	3	6	3	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	23	1	1	
2	Geoffrey de R. Aldemar	Toronto, Ont.	27	11	6	14	15	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	150	163	13	1	
3	Edwin R. Hamilton	Hamilton, Ont.	20	14	14	10	12	14	5	2	1	1	1	1	4	130	135	5	1
3a	Encampment of St. John	St. John, N. B.	35	12	14	10	12	14	2	1	1	1	1	1	133	142	9	0	
4	Richard Cœur de Lion	Halifax, N. S.	16	12	4	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	103	105	2	1	
5	Nova Scotia	Belleville, Ont.	15	8	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	57	59	2	1	
6	King Baldwin	Montreal, Que.	19	21	16	16	16	16	4	1	1	1	1	1	58	64	6	1	
7	Richard Cœur de Lion	St. Catharines, Ont.	13	13	4	18	18	18	2	1	1	1	1	1	41	38	3	1	
8	St. Augustin	Stantstead, Que.	8	10	13	18	18	18	2	1	1	1	1	1	33	47	14	1	
9	Victoria	St. Joseph, N. B.	13	8	7	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	32	39	7	1	
10	Union de Molay	Barrie, Ont.	12	6	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	39	6	1	
11	Moore	Peterborough, Ont.	8	14	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	64	65	1	1	
12	St. Joseph	North Bay, Ont.	10	13	6	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	34	4	1	
13	Moore	Whitby, Ont.	8	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	45	16	1	
14	St. Joseph	Rockyville, Ont.	10	12	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	30	1	1	
15	Gondama, Almoner	Port Hope, Ont.	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	30	1	1	
16	Olo de St. Amand	St. Bernard de Clairveaux	10	9	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	51	2	1	
17	Palatine	Dunnville, Ont.	9	13	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	33	1	1	
18	St. Bernard de Clairveaux	Chatham, Ont.	9	13	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	37	3	1	
19	St. Joseph	St. Thomas, Ont.	7	11	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	37	3	1	
20	St. Joseph	Stratford, Ont.	12	15	6	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	37	3	1	
21	St. Elmo	West Arthur, Ont.	14	13	6	7	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	37	3	1	
22	Rhodes	Quebec, Que.	14	13	6	7	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	37	3	1	
23	Albert Edward	Quebec, Que.	14	13	6	7	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	37	3	1	
24	William de la More	Quebec, Que.	14	13	6	7	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	37	3	1	
25	Albert Edward	Quebec, Que.	14	13	6	7	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	37	3	1	
26	Windsor	Windsor, Ont.	11	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	90	86	4	1	
27	Malta	Truro, N. S.	11	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	11	2	1	
28	Windsor	Toronto, Ont.	21	12	12	13	15	13	2	1	1	1	1	1	72	73	1	1	
29	Windsor	Toronto, Ont.	21	10	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	68	45	23	1	
30	Windsor	Victoria, B. C.	6	6	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	33	13	1	
31	Windsor	Vernon, B. C.	9	15	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	33	13	1	
32	Ottawa	Ottawa, N. S.	19	10	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	20	8	1	
33	Cyprus	Calgary, Alberta	19	10	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	34	3	1	
34	Columbia	Vancouver, B. C.	8	12	4	3	7	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	30	7	1	
35	Prince Edward	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	10	11	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	46	9	1	
36	St. Simon of Cyrene	Moncton, N. B.	12	12	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	56	8	1	
37	Rossland	Rossland, Ont.	13	16	6	8	9	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	45	47	2	1	
38	Rossland	Rossland, Ont.	13	16	6	8	9	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	45	47	2	1	

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Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. O. S. Hillman, and

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

The Committees of Grand Council then presented their reports as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS.

R. E. Sir Kt. H. A. Collins, Chairman, reported that nothing had come before them since last session of Great Priory.

REPORT OF AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the M. E. the Supreme Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

The Committee on Audit and Finance having made a thorough examination of the books, vouchers, bank certificates and other papers of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer, have much pleasure in reporting as to their correctness.

We again desire to call attention to the improved financial position of this Great Priory, as may be observed by the following statement of receipts and expenditures :

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand Sept. 14th, 1899	\$2411 40
Annual Fees	1193 50
Certificates, Ceremonies and Tactics.....	387 50
Statutes.....	18 00
Dispensations.....	7 00
Charters.....	10 00
Interest.....	44 75
Total.....	\$4072 15
Expenditure as per detailed statement of Treasurer.....	1456 45
Balance.....	\$2615 70

Showing an increased balance of \$204.30 over that of last year. To this may be added outstanding dues of \$92.50.

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The estimated amount made by your Committee for current expenses for last year has been expended to within eight dollars below the total amount so estimated, thus showing how very carefully the Grand Chancellor keeps the expenditure down to the amounts voted and considered by the members of Great Priory.

Your Committee respectfully recommend the following appropriations to meet expenses for the fiscal year 1900-1901 :

Printing Proceedings.....	\$ 200 00.
Certificates.....	100 00
Chairman of Foreign Correspondence.....	50 00
Postage, telegrams, etc.....	70 00
Printing Grand Master's address and report of the Grand Chancellor.....	20 00
Printing List of Grand Officers.....	10 00
Past Grand Master's Jewel.....	50 00
Grand Master's Expenses, 1899-1900.....	125 00
Grand Chancellor.....	400 00
Stationery.....	30 00
Total.....	\$1055 00

In addition to the above estimate your Committee would recommend that the sum of two hundred dollars be set aside towards the cost of Printing the Statutes of Sovereign Great Priory, and the expenses of the Committee in connection with the same.

*Your Committee take pleasure in bringing to the attention of Great Priory that the cost of printing the Statutes will not add to the total expenditure as compared with last year, as our estimated expenditure is fully over two hundred dollars less than the previous year.

Your Committee in closing their report desire to congratulate Sovereign Great Priory on its continued success which is in no small degree due to the able and careful attention given to its business by M. E. Sir Knight W. H. Whyte, Grand Chancellor, and R. E. Sir Knight Hillman, Grand Treasurer.

Faternally submitted.

+ WM. GIBSON, *Chairman*.
 + JOHN B. TRESIDDER.

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ADDITIONAL REPORT.

In view of the position of the local Preceptory, and inasmuch as they have prepared an elaborate programme for the entertainment of Great Priory and the ladies accompanying them, your Committee would respectfully recommend that the sum of \$200 be paid to aid them in this connection.

† WM. GIBSON, *Chairman.*

† JOHN B. TRESIDDER.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Gibson, and

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

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL.

To the M. E. the Supreme Grand Master, Officers and Members of Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

In the matter of

Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory No. 2,

vs

Sir Kt. Thomas Sargant.

The Grand Council, through its Committee on Grievances and Appeals, begs to report upon the above matter which has been before them, as follows:—That Great Priory at its last communication (see G. P. proceedings 1899, page 63) ordered that Sir Kt. Thomas Sargant be summoned before this meeting of Great Priory to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Templar Order for unknighthly conduct. Evidence having been given that proper notice was sent to Sir Kt. Thomas Sargant, and he having made default, your Grand Council recommends that the said Thomas Sargant be expelled from the Knight Templar Order under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

† WILLIAM ROAF, *Chairman.*

† ALLAN MCLEAN.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Allan McLean, and

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

The Supreme Grand Master in accordance with the resolution just adopted then declared Thomas Sargant expelled from the Order of the Temple.

REVISION OF THE STATUTES.

Most Eminent Sir Knight D. F. Macwatt, Chairman of the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, then requested that the report of the Committee be now taken up and dealt with.

Printed copies of the Revision having been mailed to each Preceptory and Grand Officer, were then distributed to the members present, and each statute or section considered and passed upon.

It was then moved by M. Em. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Charles F. Mansell, and

RESOLVED—That the Revision of the Statutes as now read be adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Notices of motion from last session amending certain sections of the previous statutes were, by consent, presented during the reading of the revision, and on being put to the assembly declared lost, viz. :

By Em. Sir Kt. Spencer Love amending late statute 49 regarding Life Membership, and by Em. Sir Kt. T. M. Davis amending late statute 61.

Amendment to late statute 70 by Richard Cœur de Lion No. 4 was declared dropped.

R. Em. Sir Kt. G. J. Bennett then stated that as Great Priory had expressed itself against Life Membership he would move, and it was accordingly

RESOLVED—That Life Membership be not permitted by the by-laws of a Preceptory in the future.

It was agreed that a clause to this effect be inserted in the statutes.

On the Grand Chancellor's request the Committee of Revision was continued until after the publication of the statutes.

It was moved by R. Em. Sir Kt. H. A. Collins, seconded by R. Em. Sir Kt. John Hooper, and

CARRIED—That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes for their painstaking labors in preparing and presenting their report.

M. Em. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, Chairman of Special Committee on Representation in Great Priory, presented the following report, which, on motion, was declared carried :

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

FRATRES :—The Special Committee appointed at last Annual Assembly to consider the system of representation in Great Priory begs to report that as the matter has been fully considered and dealt with by the Committee on the revision of the Statutes, no action is required by this Committee.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

† D. F. MACWATT,

Chairman.

The hour of 6.30 having arrived, by command of the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, Great Priory was called from labor to refreshment, to assemble at eight o'clock in the evening.

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EVENING SESSION.

Sovereign Great Priory resumed labor at 8 o'clock p.m., Grand Officers as at afternoon session.

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Most Em. Sir Knight Will H. Whyte, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, presented his report.

[See Appendix.]

Moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. E. Sir Knight Will H. Whyte, and

RESOLVED—That the report on Fraternal Correspondence be received and printed with the proceedings of Great Priory.

**PRESENTATION OF JEWEL TO MOST EMINENT SIR
KNIGHT JUDGE D. F. MACWATT, PAST
SUPREME GRAND MASTER.**

The Supreme Grand Master in courteous and happy terms stated the great pleasure he had, in presenting on behalf of Sovereign Great Priory a Past Supreme Grand Master's Jewel to Most Em. Frater Macwatt, in recognition of his service as Presiding Officer of this Grand Body. He alluded to the interest evinced for many years by the Most Eminent Sir Knight in the Order of the Temple and the affairs of Great Priory, and hoped he would long be spared to wear this Jewel in token of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the Order.

The recipient replied thanking Great Priory for the gift and the Grand Master for his kindly words. He would ever wear it with much pleasure and pride, and assured the Sir Knights that his services, as they had been in the past, would ever be at the disposal of his friends and Frateres of the Order of the Temple in Canada.

R. Em. Sir Knight J. B. Tresidder stated that owing to the very warm weather, as well as to permit the members to take part in entertainments being offered by the Sir Knights of Kingston to the visitors and their ladies, he would move that Sovereign Great Priory do now adjourn to meet at ten o'clock next morning.—Carried.

Thursday, September 6th.

Sovereign Great Priory resumed labor at ten o'clock, M. E. Sir Knight J. V. Ellis, Supreme Grand Master, presiding.

The remaining Committees of Grand Council then presented their reports as follows :

ON THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

The Grand Council through its Committee on the condition of the Order of the Temple have had presented to them for examination the reports of the Provincial Priors of the following districts, viz. :—London, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, British Columbia and Prince Edward Island.

LONDON DISTRICT NO. I.

The report made by the Provincial Prior of this District is certainly gratifying. All the Preceptories, with the exception of one, are in a healthy condition and working well and harmoniously. The Ritual is exemplified in a perfect manner and every attention paid to detail, also to the drill and tactics. The Provincial Prior visited all the Preceptories in his District with the exception of St Elmo No. 22, Stratford. This Preceptory was visited by R. E. Sir Knight A. A. Campbell, of London, in his stead. Your Council regret that the Preceptory of Instruction arranged for Good Friday, by the Provincial Prior, was unavoidably postponed, but trust the coming Provincial Prior will meet with more encouragement from the Preceptories and be able to hold one, if not two Preceptories of Instruction, before his year of office expires. Burleigh Preceptory No. 21, St. Thomas, we regret to find, is still in a weak condition. Enthusiasm is wanting. Your Council would strongly recommend that the Provincial Prior give special attention to this Preceptory and endeavour to create more enthusiasm amongst its members. We regret to learn that Richard Cœur de

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Lion Preceptory No. 4, London, suffered so severely by the burning of the Masonic Temple, but hope they will soon be in a flourishing condition again. We must congratulate the Provincial Prior on the very able report he has presented, he has well attended to his duties and responsibilities. The total membership in this District is 359.

HAMILTON DISTRICT NO. 2.

The Provincial Prior of this District reports that he has visited all the Preceptories under his charge and was received in a very courteous manner. Godfrey de Bouillon, Plantagenet and Victoria Preceptories are in a flourishing condition and render the Ritual in a careful and impressive manner. Odo de St. Amand and St. Bernard de Clairveaux Preceptories are not doing so well, lacking interest in the meetings. Your Council would recommend that the Provincial Prior look after these two Preceptories and impress upon their officers the necessity of holding regular monthly assemblies and to endeavour to put some more life into them. The total membership in this District is 284.

TORONTO DISTRICT NO. 3.

The report from the Provincial Prior of this District is very meagre, he having visited only two out of the seven Preceptories he was elected to take charge of. He visited Harrington Preceptory and saw six candidates put through all the degrees, but the work was done by officers from outside Preceptories, so that Great Priory has no report of the efficiency of the regular offices of the Preceptory. The membership appears to be composed of non-residents and railway employes, so that great difficulty is experienced in obtaining quorums at their regular meetings. The six candidates referred to are not railway men, so this may help the Preceptory somewhat. The prospects, however, do not appear very bright or encouraging. The Provincial Prior visited Mount Calvary Preceptory and

saw three candidates put through all the degrees, but none of the work was done by the regular presiding Preceptor. He reports that the prospects for next year look brighter and more enthusiasm is likely to prevail. The Preceptories Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, St. John the Almoner, Palestine, Rhodes and Cyrene were not visited. This is much to be regretted. The Toronto District is an important one and Great Priory has a right to expect from the Provincial Prior of this District a full report of the state and condition of the Order under his charge. He is the representative of the Grand Master, and as such should be alive to the various responsibilities assumed by him on accepting office. The office was not created for the purpose of merely conferring rank, and if the Frater elected by the District cannot give the proper care and time that is required of him it would be better for him to decline the honour than to improperly fulfil his obligations.

KINGSTON—OTTAWA DISTRICT NO. 4.

The report from this District shows that the Provincial Prior visited three out of the five Preceptories in the District and reports that the work submitted for his inspection was very much above the average. King Baldwin, Ottawa and Moore Preceptories were visited and reported to be in a flourishing condition. Hugh de Payens and Gondemar Preceptories were not visited. Hugh de Payens were unable to have meetings at the dates selected by the Provincial Prior, who reports that no candidates have been taken in for several years. Your Council are in hopes that the meeting of Great Priory in Kingston, on this the Centennial of Knights Templarism in Canada, may kindle afresh the fire of enthusiasm in the hearts of the Frateres of the Premier Preceptory, that they will put their shoulders to the wheel and raise the banners of Templarism to wave triumphantly once more over Hugh de Payens Preceptory No. 1.

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QUEBEC DISTRICT NO. 5.

It is with pleasure we read the enthusiastic report presented by the Provincial Prior of this District and also to know that removing Sussex Preceptory from Stanstead to Sherbrooke has resulted so favourably for the good of the Order, and, that Preceptory, in particular. The prospects in Quebec District are second to none. Richard Cœur de Lion still maintains the high position it has gained for accuracy in exemplifying the degrees, proficiency in drill and tactics, and general enthusiasm in the cause of the Order. The net addition to their membership is large the past year, being 17, the greatest net increase of any Preceptory under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. Sussex Preceptory, Sherbrooke, has taken a new lease of life upon its removal, and from being in a dormant condition bids fair to be one of the best Preceptories on the roll, the increase of membership since its removal being 14. William de la More the Martyr Preceptory is not doing so well, but the Provincial Prior looks forward to better times coming for this Preceptory.

NEW BRUNSWICK NO. 6.

The Provincial Prior of this District reports that Knight Templarism still maintains its position as an important institution in this District. The Preceptories are flourishing and gaining in numbers and that the outlook is bright and promising. The Encampment of St. Stephen still retains its charter under the Chapter General of Scotland, but we trust before long they will see their way clear to come under the banners of Great Priory, where they will receive a hearty welcome.

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT NO. 7.

The Provincial Prior reports that owing to death in his family he has been unable to visit the three Preceptories under his charge. He reports that progress has been made in the various Preceptories and that peace and harmony prevail. Your Council are sure

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that the sympathy of Great Priory will be extended to R. E. Sir Knight D. H. Campbell in the loss he has sustained by the death of his beloved daughter.

MANITOBA DISTRICT NO. 8.

From the report of the Provincial Prior of this District we learn that, although not as much advancement as could be hoped for has been made, Knight Templarism has made progress in this District the past year, and that the outlook is promising. He visited Albert Edward Preceptory and reports the work performed in an excellent manner. Arrangements are being made to uniform most of the members. Cyprus Preceptory was not visited.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT NO 9.

The Provincial Prior reports that he has visited the three Preceptories in his jurisdiction and reports them in good condition and prospects for the future bright. He strongly urges the advisability of a visit from some prominent officer of Great Priory who could give the Western Sir Knights information on matters of detail that they are not sure about. Such a visit would be most acceptable and a cordial and hearty welcome awaits the visitor. Your Council learns with regret of the loss sustained by Rossland Preceptory owing to their rooms being destroyed by fire, but trust they have by this time found available quarters. Your Council also notice that this, the youngest Preceptory on the roll of Great Priory, having purchased uniforms, are wearing white plumes in *chapeaux*, when the statutes call for black plumes, and would direct the Provincial Prior's attention to this irregularity.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT NO. 10.

The Provincial Prior reports that the meetings of this Preceptory are kept up with regularity during the year. Attendance small, but a large proportion of the members reside 40 miles away. Your Council regret to learn of the continued illness of Dr. MacLeod, the

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Constable of Prince Edward Preceptory, but trust he will soon be restored to good health and be able to look after the interest of the Preceptory in his wonted manner.

IN CONCLUSION.

Your Grand Council are pleased to report that the increased membership for the past year is 123, making a total membership on the roll of Great Priory of 2,009. The Preceptories showing the greatest net increase are Richard Cœur de Lion, Montreal, 17; Sussex, Sherbrooke, 14; Malta, Truro, 10; Encampment of St. John, 9; Columbia, Vancouver, 9; Rossland, 8. Godfrey de Bouillon, of Hamilton, can also be noted among those who made large additions to their membership, but unfortunately owing to deaths, withdrawals and cutting off a lot of dead wood their net increase is not as large as those mentioned. We congratulate these Preceptories on the good work they are doing.

The grim reaper Death has gathered in 28 of our members during the past year. Their places are vacant, we shall have them with us in our deliberations no more.

Your Council would direct the attention of Provincial Priors to the fact that in some of the Preceptories the white mantle is not worn at the assemblies. The statutes make it obligatory; the white mantle must be worn.

Year after year Provincial Priors report that certain Preceptories are weak and that enthusiasm is wanting. It is much to be regretted that this state of affairs should continue to exist. Your Council would strongly urge that these Preceptories be well looked after by the Provincial Prior and that every effort be made by him to awaken these Preceptories from the lethargy into which they have fallen.

Your Council trust that Preceptories of Instruction will be held in each District this year; these are necessary to ensure perfect and uniform working of the Ritual.

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Your Council would recommend to Provincial Priors the necessity of impressing upon all the Preceptories under their charge the absolute necessity of having proper insurance placed upon their effects and paraphernalia, as so many Preceptories have lost heavily lately through being burnt out, by not having adequate insurance.

All of which is courteously and fraternally submitted.

‡ CHAS. F. MANSELL,
Chairman.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. C. F. Mansell, and

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

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, see folio 145.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

During the past year the Great Captain of our Salvation has been pleased to call to their eternal rest the following well-known and beloved Em. Sir Knights, members of Great Priory :—Rt. Em. Sir Kt. the Rev. Vincent Clementi, Grand Chaplain from 1875 to 1885 ; Rt. Em. Sir Kt. R. A. Mackay, of St. Thomas ; V. Em. Sir Kt. John M. Munro, Grand Guard 1893, also 25 Sir Knights, making a total of 28 deaths. Among the latter number, worthy of especial mention, is the name of Sir Knight Captain Charles F. Harrison, of the Encampment of St. John, who in response to the call of his Sovereign, yielded his life in South Africa.

Your Committee, considering that the Supreme Grand Master has already referred in fitting terms to the departed Fratres, deem it unnecessary to say any-

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thing further, and recommend that memorial tablets be placed in the printed proceedings in memory of the Sir Knights named.

On behalf of Committee,

† C. H. FITZSIMMONS.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. C. H. Fitzsimmons, and

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

REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Council congratulates the Grand Master on the prosperity Great Priory is enjoying. They also congratulate him on his very instructive and interesting address, containing as it does so much valuable information on the early history of the Order in Canada.

The Grand Council heartily endorse the sentiments of the Grand Master with reference to those of our Fratres who drew their sword in defence of their sovereign and their country, and would recommend that the name of Sir Knight Charles F. Harrison of the Encampment of St. John, N.B., who died in hospital in South Africa, be placed in a memorial tablet in the proceedings of Great Priory, as a token of our appreciation of his services to his country. While Templarism knows no political distinctions, nor geographical boundaries, your Grand Council rejoices in the success of the British forces in South Africa, and will welcome the hour when peace is proclaimed, and our own "bravest and best" have returned to their Canadian homes.

The Grand Master is to be commended for the number of visits that he has made, and we feel sure that the different Preceptories have been greatly encouraged and stimulated thereby. We note with particular pleasure the hearty welcome extended to him

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on the occasion of his visit to the Grand Commandery of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and the Grand Commandery of New York at Rochester. There is no doubt that the fraternal interchange of visits of this kind has done much in strengthening the feelings of friendship between the Frateres of both countries.

The Grand Master in reporting his approval of the By-Laws of several Preceptories has drawn attention to a practise which should be carefully noted in the future by other Preceptories about to make a change in theirs, and that is not to incorporate any of the statutes or its sections into Preceptory By-Laws.

The Grand Council approve of the dispensations issued by the Grand Master as reported in his address, the circumstances governing each case having been satisfactorily explained.

The refusal of a dispensation for a Preceptory to appear in public for the purpose of interring a Frater with burial rites, meets with our approval, as Great Priory has no authorized burial service. As to whether Great Priory should adopt a burial service of its own, is a question open to discussion, as there have been instances where Preceptories have been placed in an embarrassing position by the refusal of the Lodge to bury Sir Knights who were in good standing in their Lodges.

The Grand Council are pleased to notice that the warrant for Rossland Preceptory, authorized at the last session of Great Priory, was duly issued, and this Preceptory is now regularly instituted and enrolled as a member of Great Priory. We predict that this Preceptory will be of great benefit to the Order in the western part of the jurisdiction.

The Grand Council note with satisfaction that the removal of Sussex Preceptory No. 9 from Stanstead to Sherbrooke has been satisfactorily effected, and join with the Grand Master in hoping that our tried friends at Stanstead will still maintain their interest in this

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Preceptory. Much credit is due the Grand Chancellor, to Em. Preceptor Campbell, and the Fratres of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory of Montreal for their interest and zeal in assisting in the transfer, and especially to R. Em. Sir Kt. H. E. Channell, whose long and active interest kept this old Preceptory alive, and we feel sure that the enthusiasm infused will have a marked effect not only on this Preceptory, but to the Order in that part of the Province of Quebec.

The observations made by the Grand Master on the replies to his letters addressed to his Provincial Priors asking for suggestions on matters affecting the welfare of the Order, are timely and to the point.

In conclusion, the Grand Council would express their hearty appreciation of the valuable services rendered the Order by the Grand Master, and wish him long life, honor and prosperity.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. L. CARLEY,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. C. F. Mansell, and

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

It was moved by R. E. Sir Kt. A. A. Campbell, and seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. W. G. Reid,

That as the question of changing the Ritual of Great Priory was being used as an excuse by Presiding Officers of subordinate Preceptories for not properly exemplifying the ceremonies of the Orders, the Committee on Ritual be discharged—Carried.

OLD PARCHMENT CERTIFICATE.

The Grand Chancellor stated that he had been handed by one of the oldest and most regular attendants at Great Priory, R. Em. Sir Kt. Allan McLean, of Kingston, an old parchment certificate of his late father's, of date 15th day of December, 1819, issued to

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. E. the Grand Master appointed R. E. Sir Knights L. B. Archibald, E. G. Swift and W. T. McLaurin, scrutineers of the ballot.

After nominations, the following Great Officers were declared duly elected for the ensuing year :

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| R. E. | Sir Kt. John V. Ellis, St. John, N.B.... | Supreme Grand Master |
| R. E. | " David L. Carley, Windsor, Ont.... | Deputy Grand Master |
| M. E. | " Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Que..... | Grand Chancellor |
| R. E. | " Rev. A. W. Richardson, Kingston, Ont. | Grand Chaplain |
| R. E. | " John Hewton, Kingston, Ont..... | Grand Constable |
| R. E. | " Spencer Love, Toronto, Ont..... | Grand Marshal |
| R. E. | " Oliver S. Hillman, Hamilton, Ont.... | Grand Treasurer |
| R. E. | " W. T. McLaurin, Montreal, Que..... | Grand Registrar |

The following Eminent 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.

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| R. E. | Sir Kt. A. M. Stewart, Windsor, Ont..... | London District |
| R. E. | " Chas. Burch, St. Catharines, Ont..... | Hamilton District |
| R. E. | " Wm. P. Ryrie, Toronto, Ont..... | Toronto District |
| R. E. | " Wm. Bowden, Ottawa, Ont..... | Kingston District |
| R. E. | " H. E. Channell, Stanstead, Que..... | Quebec District |
| R. E. | " Frank L. Tufts, St. John, N.B.. | New Brunswick District |
| R. E. | " T. V. B. Bingay, Yarmouth, N.S.. | Nova Scotia District |
| R. E. | " Geo. Macdonald, M.D., Calgary, Ont. | Manitoba District |
| R. E. | " W. J. Quinlan, M.D., Nelson, B.C. | British Col. District |
| R. E. | " Donald Darrach, M.D., Kensington, P. E. I. | P. E. 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 :

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| V. E. | Sir Kt. Wm. Campbell, Montreal, Que.. | Grand Vice-Chancellor |
| V. E. | " A. S. Thornton, Chatham, Ont.... | Grand Sub-Marshal |
| V. E. | " Robert Kerr, Sarnia, Ont. | Grand Dir. of Ceremonies |
| V. E. | " Wm. Black, Halifax, N.S. | Grand Almoner |
| V. E. | " Chas. Cameron, Peterboro, Ont. | Grand 1st St'ard Bearer |
| V. E. | " J. E. Masters, Moncton, N. B. | Grand 2nd Standard Bearer |
| V. E. | " S. R. Stayner, Brockville, Ont. | Gd Master's Banner Bearer |
| V. E. | " T. M. Davis, Hamilton, Ont. | Grand Captain Guard |
| V. E. | " T. A. McLean, Charlottetown, P. E. I. | Grand Sword Bearer |
| V. E. | " H. H. Watson, Vancouver, B. C. | Grand Organist |
| V. E. | " A. W. Chapman, Winnipeg, Man. | Grand Pursuivant |
| V. E. | " J. R. Fitzgerald, Colborne, Ont. | Grand Guard |

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GRAND COUNCIL.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—ELECTED.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Charles F. Mansell.....	Toronto, Ont.
R. E.	"	Wm. Gibson.....	Beamsville, Ont.
R. E.	"	J. B. Tresidder.....	Montreal, P. Q.
R. E.	"	Wm. G. Reid.....	Hamilton, Ont.
R. E.	"	Wm. Roaf.....	Toronto, Ont.

MEMBERS OF GRAND COUNCIL—APPOINTED BY SUPREME GRAND MASTER.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Thos. Walker, M.D.....	St. John, N.B.
R. E.	"	L. B. Archibald.....	Truro, N.S.
R. E.	"	H. A. Collins.....	Toronto, Ont.
R. E.	"	A. A. Campbell.....	London, Ont.
R. E.	"	G. J. Bennett.....	Toronto, Ont.

PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTERS.

M. E.	Sir Kt.	Henry Robertson, Q.C.....	Collingwood, Ont.
M. E.	"	E. T. Malone, Q.C.....	Toronto, Ont.
M. E.	"	Edmund E. Sheppard.....	Toronto, Ont.
M. E.	"	Will H. Whyte.....	Montreal, Que.
M. E.	"	Judge D. F. MacWatt.....	Sarnia, Ont.

And all elected Great Officers and Provincial Grand Priors.

PLACE OF MEETING.

Upon nominations being asked for next place of meeting a discussion arose regarding date, the second Wednesday in September and the second and fourth Wednesdays in August being advocated. Then the City of St. Catharines, in Ontario, and City of St. John, in New Brunswick, were nominated, the vote finally standing in favor of St. Catharines and the second week in August.

R. Em. Sir Kt. Wm. Gibson then pointed out reasons why meeting at St. Catharines might not be the right place to hold a large meeting next year and that Great Priory as a compliment to the Grand Master should have decided on St. John for next year.

A vote of reconsideration was then proposed and carried on motion of Em. Sir Knight Swift, seconded by R. Em. Sir Kt. Wm. Gibson.

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It was then moved that the annual assembly of Great Priory be held at the City of St. John, N.B., date to be left with the Supreme Grand Master, and in amendment that the place of assembly be the City of St. Catharines and the date fourth Wednesday in August.

The vote being counted the Grand Master declared the motion in favor of the City of St. John carried.

THANKS TO HUGH DE PAYENS.

It was moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Geo. J. Bennett, seconded by R. Em. Sir Kt. W. G. Reid, and

RESOLVED—That the congratulations of Sovereign Great Priory be tendered to Hugh de Payens Premier Preceptory upon the Centennial of the Order of the Temple in Kingston, and likewise hearty thanks for courtesies and kind attention given to the members of Great Priory and their ladies and for the enjoyable programme of entertainment and sail through the renowned One Thousand Islands which they had so kindly provided. As their numbers were few it was all the more appreciated.

INSTALLATION.

The Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, assisted by Past Grand Master Will H. Whyte, then installed the officers for the ensuing year :

R. Em. Sir Knight	Rev. A. W. Richardson.....	Grand Chaplain
R. Em. "	John Hewton.....	Grand Constable
R. Em. "	W. T. McLaurin.....	Grand Registrar
R. Em. "	A. M. Stewart.....	Grand Provincial Prior
R. Em. "	W. P. Ryrie.....	Grand Provincial Prior
R. Em. "	Wm. Bowden.....	Grand Provincial Prior
R. Em. "	H. E. Channell.....	Grand Provincial Prior

The Supreme Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer being re-elected, were duly proclaimed in office.

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The Supreme Grand Master directed that those absent should be installed in the Preceptories of which they are members.



The business of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of Canada being concluded, it was closed in **Ample Form** at 12.30 o'clock, p.m.

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Supreme Grand Master.

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Grand Chancellor.

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ADDENDA.

The Knights Templar Assemble

KINGSTON IS HONORED.

A Centennial Mark in the History of the Old
and Famous Order of the Temple.

The annual convention of the Knights Templar of the Dominion of Canada was opened in this city, Wednesday, September the 5th, in the Masonic Hall, and representatives from the large majority of the various Preceptories located between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans were registered during the morning by Chairman Reid and his Credential Committee.

Kingston was honored this year because it marks the one hundredth anniversary of the formation in Canada of the first Preceptory or Encampment, as it was then styled, of Masonic Knights Templar, formed in Kingston, Canada West, in the year 1800.

The first contingent arrived about four o'clock this morning. It was the Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 7 of Montreal, and they lost no time in making their presence in the city known, as they came headed by the baggage and drum band of the 5th regiment Royal Scots of Montreal in kilts and tartan. They arrived from Rochester, N.Y., on the steamer Toronto, where they had the previous day participated in the annual conclave and parade of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, and had received an enthusiastic welcome and many enconiums for their splendid set up

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and unique band. They were under command of Em. Sir Kt. Wm. Campbell, and were accompanied by Most Eminent Sir Knights John V. Ellis of St. John, N.B., the Supreme Grand Master, and Will H. Whyte of Montreal, Past Grand Master and Grand Chancellor. The unusual sound of the skirl of the bagpipes through the streets at such an early hour awoke many from their slumbers. At noon other Preceptories and delegates arrived by the incoming trains from both east and west. At different points of the city appropriate decorations emblematic of the Order were in evidence. The members of Hugh de Payens Premier Preceptory No. 1 of Kingston, assisted by the Montreal Preceptory with their band, received and escorted the uniformed Preceptories to their headquarters, among them Godfrey de Bouillon No. 3 of Hamilton, who, coming down in goodly numbers, made a fine appearance. The Executive and other Committees met in the parlors of the British-American Hotel and prepared during the morning the reports and business of the session.

Sovereign Great Priory assembled at two o'clock p. m. in the Masonic Hall, Richard Cœur de Lion No. 7 and their band acting as escort from the hotel to the Hall, to the Supreme Grand Master. They received a hearty official welcome to the city from His Worship Mayor Minnes, and an equally warm and fraternal one from Em. Sir Kt. W. J. Kenton on behalf of the Kingston Knights.

A large number of ladies accompanied the Knights from the West and from Montreal. These, as well as those Knights not delegates to the Great Priory, were driven around the city in various directions. The Royal Military College across at Barriefield was a point of interest, for upwards of a hundred of Canada's sons, graduates of this college, are now upholding flag and Empire in South Africa. Great Priory held a short session in the evening and adjourned to allow the members to take part in some of the entertainments provided. In the Frontenac Hotel a large progressive

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH.

Thursday morning Great Priory resumed its session at ten o'clock. For the non-participants trolley cars were in attendance and many of the Knights and their ladies were taken for a ride to Portsmouth to visit the renowned "Kingston Penitentiary," upon invitation of Warden Platt, where, within the massive walls of the big penal institution, are confined hundreds of convicts whose lives and time are spent in the vast workshops that are of such interest to all visitors. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Warden Platt for his kindness by the visitors upon leaving.

During the morning, by kind permission of the Eminent Preceptor of the Montreal Preceptory, the Royal Scots pipe band paid a visit, accompanied by many of the Knights to "Rockwood Hospital for the Insane," and rendered a number of selections to the inmates, many of whom appeared to highly enjoy the music. In the afternoon a parade was held, the band of the 14th Princess of Wales Rifles of Kingston heading the procession, which though not as large as has been usually held the past few years at these annual sessions, presented an exceedingly neat and fine appearance. The lines were formed at the Frontenac Hotel, the procession marching up Princess street along Clergy to the Queen's Park, around the park, returning by King street to the dock; quite a long march, so the Knights thought, as it was an exceedingly warm and muggy day, the participants presenting a very moist and heated appearance upon reaching the lake front. A rest of a few minutes and one of the Folger Bros. fine handsome steamers moved alongside and the Knights and their ladies filed on board and soon the party were sailing among the beautiful scenery of the world-famed "One Thousand Islands" of the St. Lawrence. Once fairly afloat a delightful breeze sprung

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up, and under a clear sky the steamer glided in and out through the intricate channel as far down as Alexandria Bay on the American side. A short stop of a few minutes and the bow was turned across to the Canadian side of the St. Lawrence and the return journey made up that channel. The 14th Battalion Band and the Montrealer's Scottish Pipe Band enlivened the trip with many pleasant and popular selections, while one of the pipers entertained the party by dancing hornpipes, the Highland fling, the sword dance and other characteristic Scotch dances. A *recherche* supper was served on board and the steamer quietly moored alongside its wharf about nine o'clock in the evening; A full moon lending its silver rays to the enjoyment of a most delightful sail. Before landing a hearty vote of thanks and enthusiastic cheers were given to Hugh de Payens Preceptory for their magnificent hospitality and most enjoyable entertaining. It was admitted by every one that the Knights of Kingston, although few in numbers, were most princely entertainers, and the visit of the Great Priory to the old "Limestone City" one that would long be remembered by those having the good fortune to attend. The ladies were as enthusiastic as were the Frates. Richard Cœur de Lion of Montreal, in two Pullman sleepers, left by special train over the Kingston and Pembroke Railway at eleven o'clock and a large number of the Knights went down to the depot to see them off. Many of the remaining Frates leaving by the midnight trains over the Grand Trunk Railway.

It was, indeed, two red letter days in the annals of old Hugh de Payens Preceptory.

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ROLL OF OFFICERS, 1900-1901.

M. E. Sir Kt. Hon. John V. Ellis, St. John, N.B. Supreme Grand Master

GREAT OFFICERS.

R. E. Sir Kt. David L. Carley, Windsor, Ont. Deputy Grand Master
 M. E. " Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Que. Grand Chancellor
 R. E. " Rev. A. W. Richardson, Kingston, Ont. Grand Chaplain
 R. E. " John Hewton, Kingston, Ont. Grand Constable
 R. E. " Spencer Love, Toronto, Ont. Grand Marshal
 R. E. " Oliver S. Hillman, Hamilton, Ont. Grand Treasurer
 R. E. " W. T. McLaurin, Montreal, Que. Grand Registrar

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R. E. Sir Kt. A. M. Stewart, Windsor, Ont. London District
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 R. E. " Wm. P. Ryrie, Toronto, Ont. Toronto District
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 V. E. " H. H. Watson, Vancouver, B.C. Grand Organist
 V. E. " A. W. Chapman, Winnipeg, Man. Grand Pursuivant
 V. E. " J. R. Fitzgerald, Colborne, Ont. Grand Guard

GRAND COUNCIL.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—ELECTED.

R. E. Sir Kt. Charles F. Mansell. Toronto, Ont.
 R. E. " Wm. Gibson. Beamsville, Ont.
 R. E. " J. B. Tresidder. Montreal, P. Q.
 R. E. " Wm. G. Reid. Hamilton, Ont.
 R. E. " Wm Koaf. Toronto, Ont.

MEMBERS OF GRAND COUNCIL—APPOINTED BY SUPREME GRAND MASTER.

R. E. Sir Kt. Thos. Walker, M.D. St. John, N. B.
 R. E. " L. B. Archibald. Truro, N.S.
 R. E. " H. A. Collins. Toronto, Ont.
 R. E. " A. A. Campbell. London, Ont.
 R. E. " G. J. Bennett. Toronto, Ont.

PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTERS.

M. E. Sir Kt. Henry Robertson, Q. C. Collingwood, Ont.
 M. E. " E. T. Malone, Q. C. Toronto, Ont.
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COMMITTEES.

WARRANTS.—R. E. Sir Knights H. A. Collins, Chairman; John Hewton, A. M. Stewart.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.—R. E. Sir Knights Wm. Gibson, Chairman; J. B. Tresidder, Wm. Bowden, W. P. Ryrie.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.—R. E. Sir Knights Wm. Roaf, Chairman; O. S. Hillman, A. A. Campbell, F. L. Tufts.

CONDITION OF THE TEMPLAR ORDER.—R. E. Sir Knights C. F. Mansell, Chairman; G. J. Bennett, W. T. McLaurin, T. V. B. Bingay.

JURISPRUDENCE.—M. E. Sir Knight Judge D. F. MacWatt, Chairman; R. E. Sir Knights Thos. Walker, M. D., H. E. Channell, S. Love.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.—M. E. Sir Knight Will H. Whyte, Chairman; R. E. Sir Knights W. J. Quinlan, M. D., D. Darrach, M. D.

FRATERNAL DEAD.—R. E. Sir Knights L. B. Archibald, Chairman; Rev. A. W. Richardson, C. Burch, G. Macdonald, M. D.

SUPREME GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.—R. E. Sir Knight D. L. Carley, Chairman; M. E. Sir Knights E. T. Malone, E. E. Sheppard, H. Robertson.

CREDENTIALS.—R. E. Sir Knight W. G. Reid, Chairman.

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

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REPRESENTATIVES

AT THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

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

FROM THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

- R. E. Sir Knight R. Loveland-Loveland, London, at the Great Priory of England and Wales.
- R. E. Sir Knight Sir Charles A. Cameron, C.B., G.C.T., at the Great Priory of Ireland.
- R. E. Sir Knight Theodore S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at the Grand Encampment of the United States.
- M. E. Sir Knight Edward H. Williams, M.D., Melbourne, at the Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria, Australia.

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

KNIGHT 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 of Canada; Past Grand H., Grand Chapter of Canada, and Past Provincial Grand Prior, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

KNIGHTS COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

- R. E. Sir Knight A. A. Stevenson, Montreal, P.Q., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Past Provincial Grand Prior of Quebec, Great Priory 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 of Quebec; Sovereign Grand Commander A. & A. S. Rite of Canada; Past Provincial Grand Prior of Quebec, Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight Hon. Robert Marshall, St. John, N.B., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, Past M. P. Grand Master Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, and Past Provincial Grand Prior of New Brunswick, Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight A. G. Adams, Montreal, Que., Past Grand Senior Warden Grand Lodge of Quebec; Past Grand Superintendent Montreal district, Grand Chapter of Quebec, and Past Grand Marshal, Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight E. H. D. Hall, Peterborough, Ont., Past District Deputy Grand Master, Ontario District, Grand Lodge of Canada; Past Grand Registrar, Grand Chapter of Canada; Past Provincial Grand Prior, Kingston District, 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 first Friday in each month.

V. E. Sir Kt. W. J. Renton,
 330 University Avenue..... Presiding Preceptor
 " Wm. B. Skinner..... Constable
 " W. S. R. Murch..... Marshal
 " Robert Hendry, 122 Johnston Street..... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. John Kerr, Kingston..... 1859
 R. E. " Donald Ross, Picton..... 1877
 R. E. " Lt.-Col. W. D. Gordon, Montreal, Que..... 1879
 R. E. " Robt. V. Matthews, Kingston..... 1884
 R. E. " Allan McLean, "..... 1889
 E. " George Sommerville, "..... 1892
 V. E. " Henry J. Wilkinson, "..... 1894
 R. E. " John Hewton, "..... 1896
 E. " Walter H. Macnee, "..... 1898
 V. E. " W. J. Renton, "..... 1899

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

E. Sir Kt. J. W. Jones, 22 Adelaide St. West, Presiding Preceptor
 " Francis Blackburn..... Constable
 " J. H. McKinnon..... Marshal
 " Walter H. Blight, 51 Richmond West..... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. James K. Kerr, G.C.T., Toronto..... 1869
 R. E. " James Bower Nixon, "..... 1877
 R. E. " Rich'd J. Hovenden, "..... 1878
 R. E. " John Ross Robertson, "..... 1881
 R. E. " Napoleon T. Lyon, "..... 1883
 M. E. " James Douglass, "..... 1884
 M. E. " E. T. Malone, "..... 1885
 R. E. " Geo. S. McConkey, "..... 1886

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V. E.	Sir Kt.	John Hetherington, London.....	1887
R. E.	"	John Simpson, Niagara, affiliated.....	1886
M. E.	"	Edmund E. Sheppard, Toronto, affiliated.....	1887
R. E.	"	Robt. L. Patterson, ".....	1888
R. E.	"	James Glanville, ".....	1889
R. E.	"	H A. Collins, ".....	1891
R. E.	"	Benjamin Allen, ".....	1892
R. E.	"	Arthur A. S. Ardagh, ".....	1893
R. E.	"	Wm. Roaf, ".....	1894
R. E.	"	William Simpson, ".....	1895
V. E.	"	Joseph King, ".....	Honorary
V. E.	"	Chris. J. Hohl, ".....	1896
R. E.	"	Joseph Tomlinson, ".....	1897
R. E.	"	W. P. Ryrie, ".....	1898
R. E.	"	Spencer Love, ".....	1899

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

E. Sir Kt.	James Hooper, 103 Erie Avenue..	Presiding Preceptor
"	W. H. Robinson.....	Constable
"	Fred Walter.....	Marshal
"	Thomas McCallum, 197 George Street.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	John J. Mason, Hamilton.....	1877
R. E.	"	William Gibson, Beamsville.....	1878
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, ".....	1890
R. E.	"	Gavin Stewart, Woodstock.....	1892
E.	"	Daniel J. Peace, Hamilton.....	1893
R. E.	"	James H. Mattice, ".....	1894
R. E.	"	Charles Smith, ".....	1895
R. E.	"	John Hooper, ".....	1898
V. E.	"	T. M. Davis.....	1899

No. 3a.—ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, St. John, N.B. Instituted 1856. Meets on the second Wednesday in each month.

E. Sir Kt.	Wm. B. Wallace, 94 Prince William Street,	N. & E. Commander
"	Geo. B. Hegan.....	Lieut.-Commander
"	Andrew McNichol.....	Mareschal
"	Joseph A. Magilton, 85 Germain St.....	Registrar

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Past Commanders.

M. E. Sr Kt.	John Valentine Ellis, St. John	1868
E.	James Gordon Forbes, "	1875
R. E.	Thomas Amos Gossoe, "	1876
E.	Trueman Wing Wisdom, St. John	1878
R. E.	Thomas Walker, M.D., "	1885
E.	W. H. B. Sadlier, "	1889
R. E.	F. L. Tufts, "	1890
R. E.	John A. Watson, "	1891
R. E.	Arthur I. Trueman, "	1896
V. E.	A. R. Campbell, "	1898
E.	Geo. Blake, "	1899

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

E. Sir Kt.	F. A. Andrewes	Presiding Preceptor
"	W. H. Escott	Constable
"	John Graham	Marshal
"	W. T. Stenberg	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Alfred G. Smyth, London	1874
R. E.	D. Burleigh Burch, Lambeth	1877
R. E.	James Sutton, M. D., Clandeboye	1882
V. E.	William Hawthorne, Detroit, Michigan	1884
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 Carrothers, "	1892
V. E.	Henry Stratfold, "	1893
V. E.	James B. Bishop, Hamilton	Affiliated
E.	William Walls Gray, London	Honorary
R. E.	Joseph Dambra, "	1895
R. E.	W. J. Carson, "	1896
R. E.	A. A. Campbell, "	1897
E.	Frank E. Davis, "	1898
E.	W. T. Stenberg, "	1899

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

E. Sir Kt.	C. I. Donovan, 69 Maynard Street,	Presiding Preceptor
"	R. G. Merlin	Constable
"	G. M. Acklom	Marshal
R. E.	D. H. Campbell, 47 Argyle Street	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	James Dempster, Halifax	1880
R. E.	John W. Ruhland, "	1886
R. E.	Alexander Ross, "	1891

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V. E.	Sir Kt.	Daniel H. Campbell, Halifax	1892
R. E.	"	James Halliday, "	1894
E.	"	William Crowe, "	1897
V. E.	"	William M. Black, "	1898
E.	"	M. McF. Hall, "	1899

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

R. E.	Sir Kt.	S. S. Lazier, Victoria Ave	Presiding Preceptor
"	"	Wm. Webster	Constable
"	"	Jas. A. Phillips	Marshal
"	"	A. McGinnis 358 George Street	Registrar

Preceptors.

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

7.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, Montreal, Que. Warrant dated 5th December, 1863. Meets fourth Thursday in each month, excepting June, July and August.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	Wm. Campbell, 117 Union Ave.	Presiding Preceptor
"	"	D. A. Young	Constable
"	"	T. A. Emmans	Marshal
"	"	F. C. Manhire, Box 763	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Lt.-Col. A. A. Stevenson, K.C.T., Montreal,	1868-70
R. E.	"	Isaac H. Stearns, K.C.T., Montreal	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
R. E.	"	Wm. M. LeMessurier,	1885
M. E.	"	William H. Whyte,	1890
E.	"	William Hill, Winnipeg, Man	1891
R. E.	"	Joseph Mitchell, Montreal	1892
R. E.	"	John B. Tresidder,	1896
V. E.	"	Joseph I. Phillips	1898
R. E.	"	W. T. McLaurin,	1899
R. E.	"	Lt.-Col. A. H. Gilmour, Stanbridge	Affiliated

8.—PLANTAGENET, St. Catharines, Ont. Warrant dated 14th November, 1866. Meets second Monday in each month.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	Levi Yale, Box 1028	Presiding Preceptor
"	"	F. J. Stevenson	Constable
"	"	Jas. A. Grobb	Marshal
"	"	H. J. Johnston, 97 King Street	Registrar

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V. E.	Sir Kt.	Edwin Goodman, M.D., St. Catharines.....	1869
V. E.	"	Isaac P. Wilson, Welland.....	1872
V. E.	"	Levi Yale, St. Catharines.....	1885
V. E.	"	J. B. Bishop, St. Catharines.....	Affiliated
V. E.	"	George Burch, ".....	1890
V. E.	"	J. H. Ingersoll, ".....	1892
R. E.	"	Charles H. Connor ".....	1893
R. E.	"	Charles Burch, ".....	1895
V. E.	"	John W. Coy, ".....	1897
V. E.	"	John A. Marquis, ".....	1898

9.—SUSSEX, Sherbrooke, Que. Warrant dated 25th May, 1867.
Meets fourth Thursday of each month.

E. Sir Kt.	Lt.-Col. F. G. Butterfield.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	Dr. H. Spencer.....	Constable
"	Dr. C. H. Stevenson.....	Marshal
"	A. G. Sjolander, Sherbrooke, P. Q.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	Charles H. Kathan, Stanstead.....	1882
R. E.	"	H. E. Channell, Stanstead.....	1885
E.	"	M. B. Schofield, California.....	1887
R. E.	"	Fred. Butterfield, Stanstead.....	1888
V. E.	"	George D. Wyman, Applegate, Cal.....	1889
V. E.	"	A. N. Thomson, Stanstead.....	1890
E.	"	R. C. Parsons, ".....	1891
R. E.	"	I. H. Stearns, Montreal.....	1892
V. E.	"	Wm. M. Pike, Stanstead.....	1893
V. E.	"	Alexander Ames, Sherbrooke.....	1893
V. E.	"	George L. Pinkham, Coaticook.....	1894
E.	"	Charles M. Thomas, Stanstead.....	1896

10.—VICTORIA, Guelph, Ont. Warrant dated the 10th April, 1869.
Meets third Tuesday in every month.

E. Sir Kt.	J. R. McDowell, Box 491.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	R. E. Waugh.....	Constable
"	W. A. Clark.....	Marshal
E.	Hugh Macdonald, Box 223.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

M. E.	Sir Kt.	Henry Robertson (Honorary), Collingwood.....	1869
V. E.	"	Henry Lockwood, Goderich.....	1884
R. E.	"	Hugh Walker, Guelph.....	1886
V. E.	"	J. A. Nelles, ".....	1888
V. E.	"	Wm. Watson, ".....	1889
E.	"	Robert Gemmel, ".....	1892
E.	"	H. N. Barry, ".....	1893
R. E.	"	W. D. Tawse, ".....	1894
E.	"	Hugh Macdonald, Guelph.....	1896
R. E.	"	A. Oelschlagler, Berlin.....	1898
E.	"	R. Howie, Guelph.....	1899

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

- E. Sir Kt. Alfred Dodge, 47 Pitt Street.... Presiding Preceptor
 " Fred. H. C. Miles Constable
 " Fred. A. Jones Marshal
 " Arthur G. Boyne, 84 Germain..... Registrar

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. Hon. Robt. Marshall, K.C. U., St. John, N.B.,... 1868
 V. E. " Lt.-Col. James Domville, St. John, N.B..... 1871
 R. E. " Samuel F. Matthews, " 1875
 R. E. " William H. Thorne, " 1895
 V. E. " Howard D. McLeod, " 1896
 E. " Wm. Ezra Vroom, " (Honorary) 1896
 V. E. " LeBaron, Wilson, " 1898
 E. " Frank Am's Godsoe, " 1899

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

- E. Sir Kt. George G. Smith, P. O. Box 226, Presiding Preceptor
 " F. M. Montgomery..... Constable
 " Alexander Milne..... Marshal
 " Warren Johnson, P.O. Box 109..... Registrar

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. J. McLean Stevenson, Barrie..... 1882
 V. E. " Fred. Wilmot, Brighton, N.Y..... 1883
 V. E. " Chas. Cameron (hon'y) Collingwood, elected... 1883
 V. E. " E. R. Carpenter " " 1883
 R. E. " Wm. Downie, Vancouver, B.C..... 1883
 V. E. " Robt. A. Douglas, Barrie..... 1883
 M. E. " H. Robertson, (hon'y) Collingwood, elected... 1884
 V. E. " John Nettleton, " " 1885
 R. E. " Samuel Weslev, Barrie..... 1885
 M. E. " Daniel Fraser Macwatt, Sarnia 1886
 V. E. " Sydney J. Sanford, Barrie..... 1887
 V. E. " James H. McKeggie, Barrie..... 1889
 M. E. " John V. Ellis (Honorary), St. John, N.B..... 1890
 R. E. " Hugh A. McKay, Berlin, Ont..... 1891
 V. E. " George Monkman, Barrie..... 1893
 V. E. " James Coppen Morgan, M. A., Barrie..... 1894
 R. E. " Daniel W. B. Spry, Chatham..... 1895
 V. E. " Wm. J. Hallet, Barrie..... 1896
 R. E. " John B. McPhie, Barrie..... 1898
 E. " Warren Johnson, " 1899

13.—MOORE, Peterborough, Ont. Warrant dated 27th May, 1870. Meets first Tuesday in the month.

- E. Sir Kt. W. H. Walkey, 47 Benson Ave., Presiding Preceptor
 " D. N. Carmichael..... Constable
 " John Beatty..... Marshal
 V. E. " Chas. Cameron, P.O. Box 277..... Registrar

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R. E. Sir Kt.	E. H. D. Hall, Peterborough.....	1879
R. E.	Benjamin Shortly, Peterborough.....	1891
V. F.	Charles Cameron, ".....	1892
V. F.	David Spence, ".....	1893
R. E.	Thomas H. Horner ".....	1895
R. E.	A. St. A. Smith, ".....	1896
E.	W. H. Walker, ".....	1899

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

E. Sir Kt.	Wm. H. Thomas, North Bay... Presiding Preceptor
"	Wm. Boucher Constable
"	Geo. Hay..... Marshal
"	W. Hewitt, Main Street, North Bay..... Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Kt.	John Elliott, Almonte.....	1885
E.	David Sheppard, Almonte.....	1887
E.	Robert Pollock, ".....	1888
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, Ottawa.....	1894
R. E.	Robert A. Klock, Hull.....	1895
E.	Wm. H. Thomas, North Bay.....	1897

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

E. Sir Kt.	Joseph White, P.O. Box 52.... Presiding Preceptor
"	Jas. H. Nicholson..... Constable
"	Fred. Hatch..... Marshal
V. E.	John H. Gale, Port Whitby..... Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Kt.	C. A. Jones, Whitby.....	1877
E.	John Stanton, Whitby.....	1879
R. E.	W. R. Howse, Hamilton.....	1885
E.	Philip Taylor, Whitby.....	1889
V. E.	John H. Gale, ".....	1890
V. E.	Alex. M. Ross, ".....	1892
E.	A. G. Henderson, ".....	1896
E.	Charles King, ".....	1899

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

V. E. Sir Kt.	S. R. Stayner, P.O. Box 521.... Presiding Preceptor
"	R. C. R. Shepherd..... Constable
"	Wm. J. Curie..... Marshal
V. E.	John Easton, M.D., P.O. Box 147..... Registrar

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V. E.	Sir Kt.	John Dumbrille, Maitland.....	1873
V. E.	"	John Easton, M.D., Brockville.....	1875
E.	"	George Gale, ".....	1885
R. E.	"	C. H. Fitzsimmons, ".....	1890
V. E.	"	James A. Poulton, ".....	1895
V. E.	"	Thomas A. Stayner, ".....	1897
V. E.	"	George Johnson, ".....	1898
E.	"	William Walton Wood, ".....	1899

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

E. Sir Kt.	Herbert Reed.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	John S. Gray.....	Constable
"	Wm. R. McCormack.....	Marshal
"	Joe J. Inglis, 66 Clarence Street.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

E. Sir Kt.	W. F. Patterson, Brantford.....	1896
V. E.	W. H. Inglis, ".....	1897
E.	P. H. Cox, Paris.....	1898
E.	J. H. Spence, Brantford.....	1899

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

E. Sir Kt.	H. A. Ward, Walton Street.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	J. W. Odell.....	Constable
"	E. J. W. Burton.....	Marshal
"	W. G. Coulter, 29 William Street.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	Robert Nicholls, Port Hope.....	1882
E.	"	P. J. Lightburne, Cobourg.....	1888
R. E.	"	Robert John Craig, ".....	1889
E.	"	William Rankin, Napanee.....	1890
R. E.	"	W. J. Robertson, Port Hope.....	1891
E.	"	J. Walker Quinlan, ".....	1892
E.	"	Robert Deyell, ".....	1893
R. E.	"	A. R. Hargraft, Toronto.....	1894
R. E.	"	R. C. Smith, Port Hope.....	1895
V. E.	"	J. R. Fitzgerald, Colborne.....	1896
E.	"	L. E. Horning, Toronto.....	1897
V. E.	"	A. J. Hewson, Cobourg.....	1899
E.	"	James Might, Port Hope.....	Affiliated

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

E. Sir Kt.	G. D. Robertson.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	Richard H. Harrison.....	Constable
"	Geo. S. Middaugh.....	Marshal
V. E.	John C. Eccles.....	Registrar

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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, Dunville	1882
V. E.	"	Thos. J. Galbraith, "	1885
V. E.	"	Samuel Amsden, "	1886
V. E.	"	Robert Hall, Ridgetown	1888
V. E.	"	T. L. M. Tipton, Dunville	1893
E.	"	R. F. Lattimore, "	1894
E.	"	W. D. Swazie, "	1895
E.	"	J. B. Sheehan, "	1896
E.	"	F. J. Ramsey, "	1897
V. E.	"	John C. Eccles, "	1898
E.	"	R. G. W. Conolly, "	1899

20.—KENT, Chatham, Ont. Warrant dated 7th August, 1877.
Meets third Friday of each month.

E.	Sir Kt.	Edward Worth, Kent Bridge ...	Presiding Preceptor
	"	Herbert Fisher	Constable
	"	George Massey	Marshal
R. E.	"	Thos. C. MacNabb, 150 King Street West.	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Thomas C. McNabb, Chatham	1877
R. E.	"	Frederick Bates, "	1883
V. E.	"	William Ball, "	1887
R. E.	"	Rev. J. R. Battisby, D.D., Chatham	1894
E.	"	John E. Johnston, "	1895
E.	"	Geo. W. Sulman, "	1896
R. E.	"	D. W. B. Spry, "	1898
V. E.	"	A. S. Thornton, "	1899

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

E.	Sir Kt.	H. Roe, P.O. Box 801	Presiding Preceptor
	"	J. J. Teetzel	Constable
	"	Geo. Cockram	Marshal
V. E.	"	W. E. Idsardi, P.O. Box 447	Registrar

Preceptors.

E.	Sir Kt.	William H. King, St. Thomas	1881
R. E.	"	A. N. Petit, Windsor, Ont. ...	1884
R. E.	"	Samuel Dubber, St. Thomas	1886
V. E.	"	W. E. Idsardi, St. Thomas	1889
V. E.	"	Luke Slater, "	1890
V. E.	"	J. G. Graham, "	1895
E.	"	H. Roe, "	1899

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22.—**St. ELMO, Stratford, Ont.** Warrant dated 18th March, 1880.
Meets second Friday in every month.

- E. Sir Kt. W. McKellar..... Presiding Preceptor
 " R. M. Cassels..... Constable
 " Charles Bews..... Marshal
 V. E. " J. Russell Stuart, Box 603..... Registrar

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. Richard Radcliffe, Goderich..... 1883
 R. E. " Joseph Beck, Salford..... 1884
 R. E. " Charles A. Humber, Goderich..... 1888
 V. E. " M. Nicholson, "..... 1892
 E. " J. A. Morton, Wingham..... 1894
 V. E. " Judge John E. Harding, Lindsay..... 1896
 E. " H. Fred Sharp, St. Marys..... 1897
 V. E. " J. Russell Stuart, Stratford..... 1898
 E. " W. J. Mooney, "..... 1899

23.—**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
 V. E. " William J. Clarke, Cumberland Street.... Registrar

Preceptors.

- V. E. Sir Kt. S. Wellington Ray, Port Arthur..... 1880
 V. E. " William J. Clark, "..... 1883
 V. E. " Robert E. Mitchell, "..... 1887
 V. E. " John James Jackson, "..... 1894

24.—**ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Manitoba.** Warrant dated 27th
April, 1890. Meets second Tuesday of each month.

- E. Sir Kt. Robert Magness, Box 1205..... Presiding Preceptor
 " W. M. Bentley..... Constable
 " A. Schmidt..... Marshal
 " W. J. Farley, Masonic Temple..... Registrar

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. E. G. Conklin, Winnipeg..... 1880
 R. E. " Jas. O'Connor, "..... 1885
 R. E. " William G. Bell, "..... 1887
 R. E. " Thos. W. Taylor, "..... 1889
 R. E. " H. S. Westbrooke, "..... 1891
 R. E. " James Haddock, Dawson City..... 1892
 R. E. " William Hall, Winnipeg..... 1893
 V. E. " Thos. H. Billman, "..... 1894
 V. E. " M. W. Rublee, "..... 1895
 E. " Thomas Clouston, "..... 1896
 R. E. " C. H. Enderton, "..... 1897
 V. E. " A. W. Chapman, "..... 1898
 E. " J. W. Harris, "..... 1899

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

E. Sir Kt.	Ed. A. Evans, P.O. Box 1117...	Presiding Preceptor
R. E.	" R. M. Stocking.....	Constable
E.	" Chas. Knowles.....	Marshal
E.	" J. P. Hicks, 2 Burton Street.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	E. T. D. Chambers, Que.....	1882
R. E.	" Henry Griffith, ".....	1884
R. E.	" Charles Knowles, ".....	1885
E.	" David S. Rickaby, ".....	1886
V. E.	" Carl L. A. Kuhring, ".....	1888
E.	" James P. Hicks, ".....	1898
E.	" E. A. Evans, ".....	1899

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

E. Sir Kt.	E. G. Swift, Walkerville.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	" S. Buchanan.....	Constable
"	" Rev. J. C. Tolmie.....	Marshal
"	" John Sale, P.O. Box 585.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Joseph W. Barringer, Windsor.....	1884
R. E.	" George Duane Adams, Columbus, Ohio.....	1885
R. E.	" Robert McGuire, Windsor.....	1887
R. E.	" Thomas Robinson, Seaforth.....	1888
V. E.	" Peter A. Craig, Windsor.....	1889
R. E.	" David L. Carley, ".....	1890
V. E.	" Frank S. Armstrong, Detroit.....	1892
R. E.	" A. H. Clarke, Windsor.....	1896
E.	" J. S. Edgar, ".....	1898
R. E.	" A. M. Stewart, ".....	1899

27.—MALTA, Truro, N.S. Warrant dated 1st September, 1885. Meets second Monday of every month.

E. Sir Kt.	F. W. McElhinney, P.O. Box 217,.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	" Enoch Phillips.....	Constable
"	" John Logan.....	Marshal
R. E.	" L. B. Archibald, 71 Queen St., Truro, N.S.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	L. B. Archibald, Truro, N.S.....	1885
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

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V. E.	Sir Kt. Geo. McLeod, Bible Hill, Truro.....	1895
E.	" A. H. Learmont, Truro.....	1896
R. E.	" Hon. D. C. Fraser, New Glasgow.....	1897
V. E.	" G. W. Henderson, Truro.....	1898
E.	" John Stanfield. ".....	1899

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

E. Sir Kt.	Geo. I. Riddell, 194 Bloor Street W. Presiding Preceptor
"	Aubrey White..... Constable
"	J. G. Wilson..... Marshal
"	F. W. Flett, 502 W. Queen Street..... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	John Ross Robertson, Toronto (Charter).....	1887
R. E.	" Geo. J. Bennett, ".....	1887
R. E.	" Geo. G. Rowe, M.D., ".....	1887
R. E.	" Charles F. Mansell, ".....	1889
R. E.	" C. W. Postlewaithe, ".....	1890
R. E.	" H. D. Stilson, Bennington, Vt. (Honorary).....	1890
R. E.	" Wm. Jas. Hughan, Torquay, Eng. (Honorary).....	1890
R. E.	" F. F. Manley, Toronto.....	1891
V. E.	" Fred. M. Morson, Toronto.....	1891
E.	" Geo. S. Ryerson, M.D., Toronto.....	1893
V. E.	" John Hetherington, ".....	Affiliated
R. E.	" James Glanville, ".....	Affiliated
V. E.	" John A. Cowan, ".....	1894
V. E.	" William Walker, ".....	1895
R. E.	" H. B. Howson, ".....	1896
E.	" J. J. Cassidy, ".....	1897
V. E.	" E. C. Davies, ".....	1898
E.	" A. L. Malone, ".....	1899

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.	W. L. Challoner, Gov't St.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	G. S. McTavish.....	Constable
"	G. M. Perdue.....	Marshal
"	W. Upton Runnalls, P.O. Box 626.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Alex. Roland Milne, C.M.G., Victoria, B.C.....	1891
R. E.	" Angus McKeown, ".....	1892
R. E.	" William J. Quinlan, Nelson, B.C.....	1894
V. E.	" W. A. Richardson, M.D., Dawson, N.W.T.....	1895
V. E.	" C. E. Renouf, Victoria, B.C.....	1896
R. E.	" R. E. Brett, ".....	1897
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31.—YARMOUTH, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Dispensation dated 1st March, 1892. Warrant dated 19th July, 1892. Meets fourth Monday of every month.

- E. Sir Kt. A. J. McCallum, P.O. Box 295.. Presiding Preceptor
 " T. R. Jolly..... Constable
 " George Bates..... Marshal
 R. E. " Geo. W. Johnson, P.O. Box 246 Registrar

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. Edward F. Clements, Yarmouth 1892
 R. E. " Geo. W. Johnson, " 1894
 R. E. " T. V. B. Bingay, " 1895
 V. E. " N. J. B. Tooker, " 1896
 V. E. " A. M. Perrin, M.D., " 1897
 E. " Arthur Rogers, " 1898
 E. " Henry A. Hood, " 1899

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

- E. Sir Kt. W. H. G. Garrioch, 55 Sparks St., Presiding Preceptor
 " W. A. Bangs Constable
 " Charles Cook Marshal
 " T. E. Burnside, care McKay Milling Co... Registrar

Preceptors.

- V. E. Sir Kt. E. B. Butterworth, Ottawa (Charter)..... 1893
 R. E. " David Taylor, " 1893
 M. E. " E. T. Malone, Toronto (Honorary) 1893
 V. E. " A. A. Henderson, Ottawa 1895
 R. E. " R. A. Klock, Aylmer.....
 R. E. " William Bowden..... 1897

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

- E. Sir Kt. A. W. R. Markley Presiding Preceptor
 " C. A. Blick..... Constable
 " C. A. W. Whitehead Marshal
 V. E. " E. Nelson Brown, P.O. Box 186 Registrar

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. W. G. Bell, Winnipeg Affiliated 1894
 V. E. " R. N. Kirkpatrick, Calgary 1895
 R. E. " Neville J. Lindsay, M.D., Atlin..... 1896
 E. " James Walker, Calgary 1897
 V. E. " E. Nelson Brown, Calgary 1898
 R. E. " Geo. Macdonald, M.D., Calgary 1899

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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. Robert Kerr, Front Street..... Presiding Preceptor
 " W. D. Hall..... Constable
 " John Chester Marshal
 " James Woods, P.O. Box 705, Sarnia Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. T. G. Johnston, M.D., M.P., Sarnia..... 1896
 V. E. " Robert Kerr, Sarnia..... 1899

38—ROSSLAND, Rossland, B.C. Dispensation dated 5th January, 1899. Warrant dated. Meets second Saturday in each month.

E. Sir Kt. Horace J. Raymer, Rossland.. Presiding Preceptor
 " Geo. A. Mitchell..... Constable
 " M. A. Green..... Marshal
 " Wm. Harp, P.O. Box 122, Rossland..... Registrar

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LIST OF PRECEPTORIES BY DISTRICTS.

LONDON DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. A. M. Stewart, Windsor.

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

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Chas. Burch, St. Catharines.

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. W. P. Ryrie, Toronto.

No. 2.	Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto....	County York.
" 12.	Mount Calvary, Barrie	" Simcoe
" 14.	Harrington, 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. Wm. Bowden, Ottawa.

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

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. H. E. Channell, Stanstead.

No. 7.	Richard Cœur de Lion, Montreal.....	County Hochelaga
" 9.	Sussex, Sherbrooke.....	" Sherbrooke
" 25.	Wm. de la More the Martyr, Quebec.	" Quebec

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Kt. Frank L. Tufts, St. John.

No. 3a.	Encampment of St. John.....	County St. John
" 11.	Union de Molay, St. John.....	" "
" 36.	Ivanhoe, Moncton	" Westmorland

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NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. T. V. B. Bingay, Yarmouth.
 No. 5. Nova Scotia, Halifax.....County Halifax
 " 27. Malta, Truro....." Colchester
 " 31. Yarmouth, Yarmouth....." Yarmouth

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Geo. Macdopald, M.D., Calgary,
 Alberta.
 No. 24. Albert Edward, Winnipeg.....County Selkirk
 " 33. Cyprus, Calgary, Alberta.....Northw't Territory

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. W. J. Quinlan, M.D., Nelson, B.C.
 No. 30. Western Gate, Victoria.....County Victoria
 " 34. Columbia, Vancouver....." Burrard
 " 38. Rossland, Rossland....." Kootenay

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Donald Darrach, M.D.,
 Kensington.
 No. 35. Prince Edward, Charlottetown, P. E. I....County Queen.

RECAPITULATION.

	PRECEPTORIES.	MEMBERS.	INCREASE.
1—London District.....	6	360	3
2—Hamilton District.....	5	288	16
3—Toronto District.....	7	438	19
4—Kingston-Ottawa District.....	5	183	4
5—Quebec District.....	3	146	29
6—New Brunswick District.....	3	216	12
7—Nova Scotia District.....	3	133	12
8—Manitoba District.....	2	116	4
9—British Columbia District.....	3	102	20
10—Prince Edward Island District.....	1	27	4
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ROLL OF PRECEPTORIES FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST JANUARY, AND INSTALLATIONS, JANUARY, 1900.

NO.	NAME.	WHERE HELD.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	PRECEPTOR.	REGISTRAR.
1	Hugh de Payens Prem.	Kingston, Ont.	17th Feb., 1854	1st Friday of each month	W. J. Renon	Robt. Hendry.
2	Cedrety de St. Aldemr.	Toronto, Ont.	8th March, 1854	2nd Friday of each month	J. Wesley Jones	Walter M. Maginn.
3	Richard Cœur de Lion.	Hamilton, Ont.	24th Oct., 1855	1st Friday of each month	James H. Wallace	Joseph Maginn.
4	St. John N. B.	St. John, N. B.	1856	Wed. and Friday of each month	F. A. Andrews	W. T. Stenbreg.
5	Nova Scotia	Halifax, N. S.	24th May, 1856	1st Friday of each month	C. J. Donovan	D. H. Campbell.
6	King Baldwin	Belleisle, Ont.	9th June, 1857	1st Tuesday of each month	W. C. Caser	F. McGinnis.
7	Richard Cœur de Lion.	Montreal, Que.	5th Dec., 1863	4th Thursday of each month	W. C. Campbell	F. C. Lanbire.
8	Phoenicet.	St. Catharines, O.	14th Nov., 1866	4th Monday of each month	Levi Yale	H. C. Jolander.
9	Sussex.	Windsor, Que.	30th May, 1869	4th Tuesday of each month	F. G. Bitterfield	A. G. Stander.
10	Victoria	Windsor, Que.	30th May, 1869	4th Tuesday of each month	J. R. McDowell	Hugh Macdonald.
11	Union de Molay	St. John, N. B.	1st March, 1869	4th Tuesday of each month	Geo. O. Smith	A. G. Boye.
12	Mont Calvary	Barrie, Ont.	12th April, 1869	4th Tuesday of each month	W. H. Thomas	Chas. Warren Johnson.
13	Hoore	Peterboro, Ont.	26th May, 1870	1st Tuesday of each month	W. H. Thomas	Wm. Hewitt.
14	St. John the Almo.	North Bay, Ont.	14th April, 1872	4th Tuesday of each month	Joseph White	John H. Gales.
15	Godemar	Brookville, Ont.	8th March, 1872	4th Tuesday of each month	Joseph White	John H. Gales.
16	St. John the Almo.	Brookville, Ont.	8th March, 1872	4th Tuesday of each month	Joseph White	John H. Gales.
17	St. John the Almo.	Brookville, Ont.	8th March, 1872	4th Tuesday of each month	Joseph White	John H. Gales.
18	Odde de St. Amand	Port Hope, Ont.	31st May, 1872	4th Friday of each month	H. R. Keed	John Easton.
19	Faestine	Port Hope, Ont.	31st May, 1872	4th Friday of each month	H. R. Keed	John Easton.
20	St. Bernard de Clair X.	Dunville, Ont.	16th Oct., 1872	1st Friday of each month	Geo. D. Robertson	J. C. Eckler.
21	Burleigh	St. Thomas, Ont.	7th March, 1876	4th Monday of each month	Edward Worth	J. C. Macnabb.
22	St. Elmo	St. Thomas, Ont.	8th March, 1876	4th Monday of each month	H. Roe	W. E. Isard.
23	Rhodes	Pt. Arthur, Ont.	9th March, 1880	1st Wednesday of each month	M. Keller	J. Russell Stuart.
24	Albert Edward	Winnipeg, Man.	27th April, 1880	1st Wednesday of each month	R. E. Mitchell	W. J. Clarke.
25	St. Jean de la More	Quebec, Que.	1st May, 1880	4th Wednesday of each month	Robt. Marston	W. J. Clarke.
26	Windward	Quebec, Que.	9th Sept., 1880	1st Tuesday of each month	E. A. Evans	James P. Hicks.
27	Malta	Trois Rivières, Que.	9th Sept., 1880	1st Tuesday of each month	E. A. Evans	James P. Hicks.
28	Western Gate	Trois Rivières, Que.	9th Sept., 1880	1st Tuesday of each month	E. A. Evans	James P. Hicks.
29	Cyrene	Trois Rivières, Que.	9th Sept., 1880	1st Tuesday of each month	E. A. Evans	James P. Hicks.
30	Western Gate	Trois Rivières, Que.	9th Sept., 1880	1st Tuesday of each month	E. A. Evans	James P. Hicks.
31	Carmouth	Trois Rivières, Que.	9th Sept., 1880	1st Tuesday of each month	E. A. Evans	James P. Hicks.
32	Ottawa	Yarmouth, N. S.	1st March, 1881	1st Monday of each month	F. W. McElhinney	L. B. Archibald.
33	Yarmouth	Yarmouth, N. S.	1st March, 1881	1st Monday of each month	F. W. McElhinney	L. B. Archibald.
34	Yarmouth	Yarmouth, N. S.	1st March, 1881	1st Monday of each month	F. W. McElhinney	L. B. Archibald.
35	Princess Edward	Yarmouth, N. S.	1st March, 1881	1st Monday of each month	F. W. McElhinney	L. B. Archibald.
36	Princess Edward	Yarmouth, N. S.	1st March, 1881	1st Monday of each month	F. W. McElhinney	L. B. Archibald.
37	Princess Edward	Yarmouth, N. S.	1st March, 1881	1st Monday of each month	F. W. McElhinney	L. B. Archibald.
38	Princess Edward	Yarmouth, N. S.	1st March, 1881	1st Monday of each month	F. W. McElhinney	L. B. Archibald.
39	Princess Edward	Yarmouth, N. S.	1st March, 1881	1st Monday of each month	F. W. McElhinney	L. B. Archibald.
40	Princess Edward	Yarmouth, N. S.	1st March, 1881	1st Monday of each month	F. W. McElhinney	L. B. Archibald.

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RECAPITULATION

OF THE RETURN OF PRECEPTORIES FOR THE TERM ENDING
30TH JUNE, 1900.

Preceptories established.....	40
" affiliated.....	1
" ceded to Great Priory of Victoria, Australia.....	3
Number on the roll.....	38

MEMBERSHIP ROLL.

Number of members 30th June, 1899.....	1894
Admitted to 30th June, 1900.....	194
Joined from other Preceptories.....	13
Restored.....	6
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Less errors in returns of last year.....	8
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Withdrawn.....	34
Suspended non-payment dues.....	28
Deaths.....	28
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Members in good standing, 30th June, 1900.....	2009
Net increase.....	123

PRECEPTORIES AND MEMBERSHIP BY PROVINCES.

PROVINCE.	NO. PRECEPTORIES:				NO. MEMBERS.					
	1895	1896	1897	1898	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
Alberta, N. W. T.	1	1	1	1	22	21	23	23	27	30
British Columbia	1	2	2	3	26	61	62	63	82	102
Manitoba.....	1	1	1	1	118	110	100	103	93	86
New Brunswick	1	2	3	3	37	70	207	200	204	216
Nova Scotia.....	3	3	3	3	123	122	123	117	121	133
Ontario.....	22	23	23	23	954	1054	1126	1195	1227	1269
Quebec.....	3	3	3	3	88	94	101	107	117	146
Prince Edward Id	0	1	1	1	0	16	22	24	23	27
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1892 4th Thursday of each month.
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1900 4th Thursday of each month.

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STATISTICAL RECORD.
PROVINCIAL GRAND CONCLAVE.

Year.	Preceptories.	Members.	Receipts.	Expenditure.
			£29 0s 0d	£29 0s 0d
1855.....	3	48		
1856.....	3	50		
1857.....	4		22 0 0	13 11 3
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1859.....	5		31 15 5	27 14 3
1860 (no meeting)				
1861.....	6		16 12 5	13 9 9
1862.....	6		2 12 4	12 6
1863.....	6			
1864.....	6			
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GRAND PRIORY FORMED 1ST MAY, 1868.

Year.	Precep's	Mem'b's	Adm's	Incr'se	Dec'se	Receipts.	Expend.
1868.....	8						
1869.....	10						
1870.....	13					\$ 430 42	\$ 254 44
1871.....	13					357 68	174 59
1872.....	17					596 09	753 28
1873.....	16					990 64	944 68
1874.....	19					762 74	635 25
1875.....	19	58	4	63		911 00	1220 73

NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY FORMED 10TH AUGUST, 1867.

Year.	Precep's	Mem'b's	Adm's	Incr'se	Dec'se	Receipts.	Expend.
1868.....	19					\$ 735 53	\$ 428 30
1877.....	20	420	45			310 05	842 05
1878.....	21	587	40			374 90	346 40
1879.....	21	608	37	21		596 33	735 62
1880.....	25	636	74	28		650 51	593 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	787 82
1884.....	26	795	107	34		930 00	1105 55

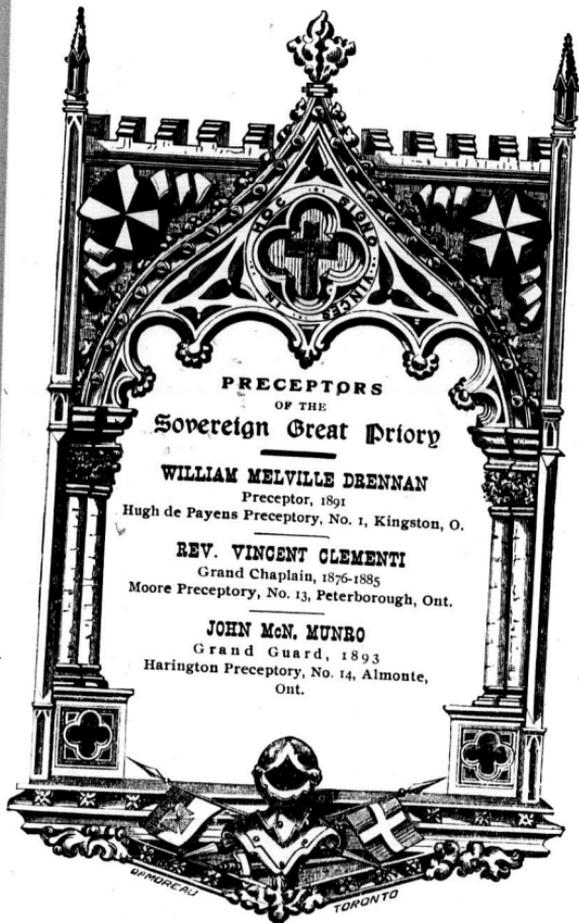
SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY FORMED 8TH JULY, 1884.

Year.	Precep's	Mem'b's	Adm's	Incr'se	Dec'se	Receipts.	Expend.
1885.....	26	855	145	60		\$ 923 00	\$ 737 64
1886.....	28	880	102	35		848 75	987 92
1887.....	31	918	103	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	13		1278 20	1331 72
1892.....	30	1053	151	50		1297 50	786 62
1893.....	31	1116	132	61		1071 87	1224 95
1894.....	32	1273	105	157		1307 85	909 30
1895.....	33	1368	172	95		1466 94	1223 54
1896.....	36	1548	281	180		1789 00	1021 92
1897.....	37	1764	328	216		1377 77	1516 15
1898.....	37	1832	164	76		1723 01	1714 21
1899.....	38	1894	154	62		1641 01	1322 32
1900.....	38	2009	213	123		1660 75	1456 45

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



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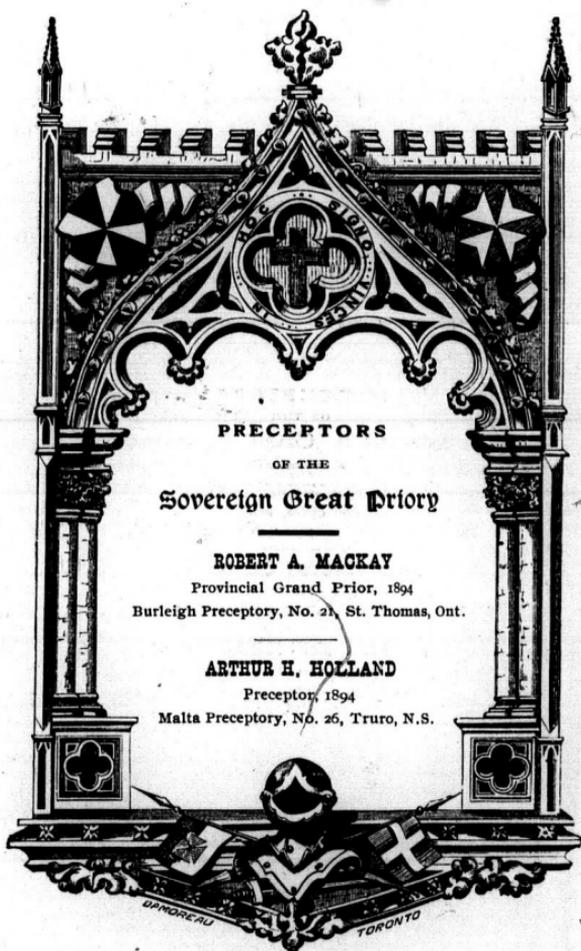


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Burligh Preceptory, No. 21, St. Thomas, Ont.

ARTHUR H. HOLLAND

Preceptor, 1894
Malta Preceptory, No. 26, Truro, N.S.

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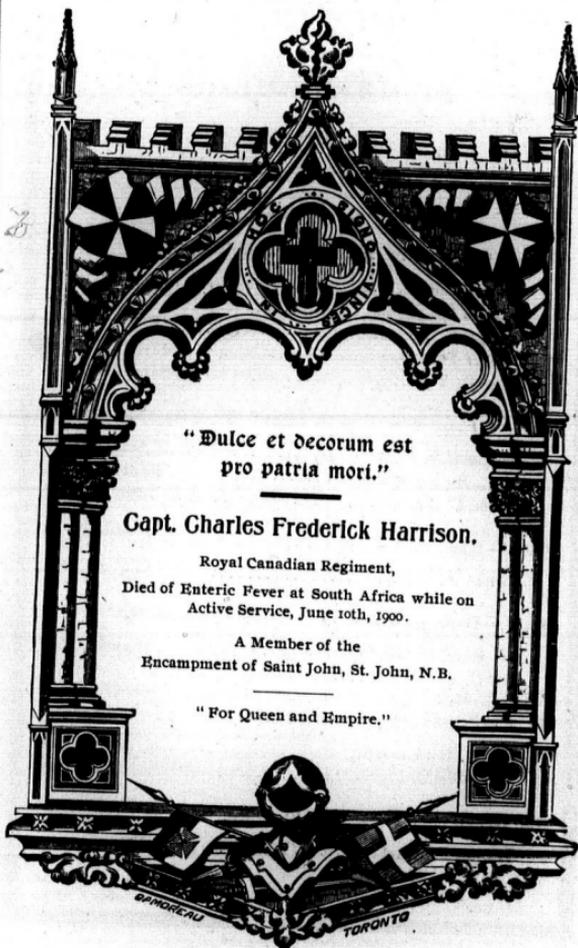
"Dulce et decorum est
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Capt. Charles Frederick Harrison.

Royal Canadian Regiment,
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George E. Tuckett.....	Feb. 19, 1900
Walter Teale.....	March 26, 1900
John R. Vert.....	March 31, 1900

No. 3a.—ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, St. John, N.B.

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Wm. R. Russell.....	Sept. 11, 1899
Chas. F. Harrison.....	June 10, 1900

No. 4.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, London, Ont.

James A. Kennedy.....	Nov. 25, 1899
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No. 7.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, Montreal, P.Q.

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Dr. C. R. Church.....	

No. 8.—SUSSEX, Sherbrooke, P.Q.

W. A. Richardson.....	Nov., 1899
J. L. Wilford.....	June, 1900

No. 11.—UNION DE MOLAY, St. John, N.B.

Robert Stewart.....	May 26, 1900
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No. 12.—MOUNT CALVARY, Barrie, Ont.

James Lindsay Jan. 20, 1900
Andrew W. McCarthy June 17, 1900

No. 23.—RHODES, Port Arthur, Ont.

W. E. Mapledoram
James Wilson
D. H. McKenzie

No. 25.—WILLIAM DE LA MORE THE MARTYR, Quebec, P. Q.

Charles McKenzie April 13, 1900

No. 26.—WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont.

George Irwin April 27, 1900

No. 27.—MALTA, Truro, N. S.

Leander James Yuill May 29, 1900

No. 29.—CYRENE, Toronto, Ont.

Alexander Fraser Feb. 25, 1900

No. 34.—COLUMBIA, Vancouver.

Wm. Sutherland Sept. 5, 1899

No. 37.—ST. SIMON OF CYRENE, Sarnia, Ont.

John Dryden March 1, 1900

WITHDRAWALS.

- No. 2.—GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
 Wm. E. Davidson Dec. 8, 1899
 William Brown Feb. 10, 1900
 James Milne Feb. 10, 1900
- No. 3a.—ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, St. John, N.B.
 Herbert Hone Sept. 13, 1899
 Samuel H. McKee Dec. 13, 1899
- No. 4.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, London, Ont.
 Fred W. Heath Aug. 11, 1899
 Frank D. Moore Dec. 8, 1899
 Wm. L. Underwood Jan. 12, 1900
- No. 5.—NOVA SCOTIA, Halifax, N.S.
 John L. McDonald March 2, 1900
- No. 7.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, Montreal, P. Q.
 Lewis P. Mead April 26, 1900
- No. 9.—SUSSEX, Sherbrooke, P.Q.
 Rev. W. T. Forsyth Dec. 14, 1899
- No. 16.—GONDEMAR, Brockville, Ont.
 Thos. A. Brown Jan. 25, 1900
 Angus Duncan Cameron Feb. 22, 1900
- No. 17.—ODO DE ST. AMAND, Brantford, Ont.
 Daniel S. Bale Dec. 22, 1899
- No. 21.—BURLEIGH, St. Thomas, Ont.
 W. J. Lindsay Jan. 22, 1900
- No. 22.—ST. ELMO, Stratford, Ont.
 Thomas Allen Brown June 22, 1900
 E. E. C. Kilmer Jan. 12, 1900
 Stephen Solley Nov. 11, 1899
- No. 24.—ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Man.
 William Perkins Feb. 13, 1900
 Alex. M. McLeod Feb. 13, 1900
 Andrew McDiarmid May 13, 1900
- No. 25.—WILLIAM DE LA MORE, Quebec, P. Q.
 Joseph A. Beliveau Feb. 28, 1900

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No. 32.—OTTAWA, Ottawa, Ont.

Chas. Gavin Lindsay Oct. 18, 1899
 Charles Ogilvie Feb. 21, 1900

No. 37.—ST. SIMON OF CYRENE, Sarnia, Ont.

David Watt Aug. 24, 1899
 Jno. D. Livingstone Jan. 25, 1900
 Thos. Doherty Feb. 22, 1900

No. 36.—IVANHOE, Moncton, N. B.

H. A. Price July 3, 1899
 G. R. Sangster April 2, 1900
 R. S. Crisp April 2, 1900

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 24.—ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Man.

Sam. G. G. Thompson Feb. 13, 1900
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 C. A. Skeffington " "
 Wm. P. Riddle " "
 James Albert Widdis " "
 Wm. M. Gordon " "
 Herbert J. Belch " "

No. 32.—OTTAWA, Ottawa, Ont.

Wm. H. Colborne Feb. 21, 1900
 Wm. A. Jameson Feb. 21, 1900

No. 37.—IVANHOE, Moncton, N. B.

Stephen E. Wilson July 3, 1899

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No. 3.—GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.

James Balfour June 1, 1900
 Matthew D. Skedden " "
 Wm. R. Davis " "
 William H. Gray " "

No. 9.—SUSSEX, Sherbrooke, P. Q.

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 Edson Kemp Jan. 29, 1900

No. 16.—GONDEMAR.—Brockville, Ont.

Wm. Edgar Bowen April 26, 1900
 Geo. Edward Adams " "
 Bryce J. Saunders " "

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No. 21.—BURLEIGH, St. Thomas, Ont.

Isaac Deyell.....	Feb. 26, 1900
N. W. Ford.....	" "
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No. 22.—ST. ELMO, Stratford, Ont.

Frank F. Lawrence.....	Dec. 8, 1899
Duncan McLeod.....	June 22, 1900
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RESTORATIONS.

No. 2.—GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.

Thomas J. Best.....	Jan. 12, 1900
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No. 4.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, London, Ont.

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No. 9.—SUSSEX, Sherbrooke, P.Q.

E. G. Merrick.....	April 9, 1900
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No. 13.—MOORE, Peterborough, Ont.

Jno. Wm. Wallace.....	Dec. 5, 1899
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No. 16.—GONDEMAR, Brockville, Ont.

Thomas A. Brown.....	July 27, 1899
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No. 26.—WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont.

Wm. Clement.....	Dec. 5, 1899
Martin H. Miller.....	May 1, 1900

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ROLL OF OFFICERS PAST AND PRESENT,
AND PRECEPTORS OF THE
SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

ON THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1900.

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

- Ackman, Geo., Prov. Grand Prior New Brunswick District, 1899,
I. C. Railway, Moncton, N. B.
Adams, A. G., K.C.T., Grand Marshal, 1881, Toronto, Ont.
Adams, George D., Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1885,
Columbus, Ohio.
Alley, W. B., Prov. Grand Prior New Brunswick District, 1892,
Truro, N.S.
Allen, Benjamin, Grand Constable, 1894, 32 Colborne Street, To-
ronto, Ont.
Ames, Alexander, Grand Pursuivant, 1893, Sherbrooke, Que.
Amsden, Samuel, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1887, Dunn-
ville, Ont.
Andrewes, Fred. A., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, London, 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., Preceptor, 1896, Thurlow Street, Vancouver, B.C.

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., Preceptor, 1893, 66 London Road, Guelph,
Ont.
Bates, Frederick, Grand Chaplain, 1886-91, Chatham, Ont.
Battisby, D. D., Rev. John R., Grand Chaplain, 1894-99, Park
Street, Chatham, Ont.
Beck, Joseph, Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1887,
Salford, Ont.
Bell, C. F. W., Preceptor, 1893, Truro, N.S.
Bell, Wm. George, Provincial Grand Prior, Manitoba, 1887-88,
Winnipeg, Man.
Bennett, George J., Grand Registrar, 1889, 36 Melbourne Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.
Bishop, James B., Grand Sub. Marshal, 1881, Hamilton, Ont.
Billman, Thos. H., Grand Organist, 1895, James Street, Winni-
peg, Man.

- Bingay, T. V. B., Prov. Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1900,
61 William Street, Yarmouth, N. S.
- Black, Wm. M., Grand Almoner, 1900, 8 Lorne Terrace, Halifax,
N. S.
- Blake, George, Em. Commander, 1899, 96 Germain Street, St.
John, N. B.
- Bowden, Wm., Prov. Grand Prior Kingston District, 1900, 177
Florence Street, Ottawa, Ont.
- Braund, W. N., Grand Pursuivant, 1881, Dunnville, Ont.
- Brett, R. E., Prov. Grand Prior, British Columbia, 1898, N. Y.
Life Ins. Co., Victoria, B. C.
- Brown, E. Nelson, Grand Vice Chancellor, 1899, Calgary,
Alberta.
- Burch, D. B., Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1878-82, Lam-
beth, Ont.
- Burch, Charles, Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1900, Tho-
rold 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.
- Butterfield, General F. G., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, Derby Line,
Vt.
- Butterworth, E. B., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1880, Cooper
Street, Ottawa, Ont.
- O
- Cameron, Charles, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1880, Colling-
wood, Ont.
- Cameron, Charles, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1900, 502 George
Street, Peterborough, Ont.
- Campbell, A. A., Grand Registrar, 1898, London, Ont.
- Campbell, A. R., Em. Commander, 1898, 64 Germain Street, St.
John, N. B.
- Campbell, Daniel H., Prov. Grand Prior Nova Scotia District,
1899, 47 Argyle Street, Halifax, N. S.
- Campbell, Wm. M., Grand Vice Chancellor, 1900, Montreal, P. Q.
- Carley, David L., Deputy Grand Master, 1899, Sandwich Street,
Windsor, Ont.
- Carpenter, E. R., Grand Assistant Sub-Marshal, 1877, Colling-
wood, Ont.
- Carrothers, Arthur, Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1893,
P. O. Dept., London, Ont.
- Carson, Wm J., Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1897, London,
Ont.
- Challoner, W. L., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, Box 626, Victoria,
B. C.
- Chambers, E. T. D., Grand Constable, 1882, Quebec, Que.
- Channell, H. A., Preceptor, 1895, Stanstead, Que.
- Channell, H. E., Prov. Grand Prior Quebec District, 1900, Stan-
stead, Que.
- Chapman, A. W., Grand Pursuivant, 1900, 603 Broadway, Win-
nipeg, Man.

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- Clarke, A. H., Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1898, 49 Victoria Avenue, Windsor, Ont.
 Clarke, W. J., Grand Guard, 1883, Cumberland and Arthur Streets, Port Arthur, Ont.
 Clements, Edward F., Prov. Grand Prior Nova Scotia, 1894, Collins Street, Yarmouth, N.S.
 Clouston, Thos., Preceptor, 1896, P.O. Box 658, Winnipeg, Man.
 Collins, Harry A., Grand Registrar, 1892, 20 Major Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Conklin, E. G., Prov. Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1881, Winnipeg, Man.
 Connor, Charles H., Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1895, Queen Street, St. Catharines, Ont.
 Conolly, R. G. W., Preceptor, 1899, Dunnville, Ont.
 Cook, T. V., Prov. Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1888, Monton, N.B.
 Cooper Albert E., Grand Marshal, 1892, Princess Avenue, London, Ont.
 Couper, Archibald A., Grand Pursuivant, 1882, Dunnville, Ont.
 Cowan, John A., Preceptor, 1894, Custom House, Toronto, Ont.
 Cox, Peter H., Preceptor, 1898, Paris, Ont.
 Coy, John W., Preceptor, 1897, 189 St. Patrick Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Craig, Peter A., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1894, Windsor, Ont.
 Craig, Robert J., Grand Constable, 1890, Cobuorg, Ont.
 Crowe, William, Preceptor, 1897, 133 Barrington Street, Halifax, N.S.

D

- Dalley, Edwin A., Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1884, Hughson Street, Hamilton, Ont.
 Dambra, Joseph, Grand Marshal, 1896, Dundas Street, London, Ont.
 Darrach, Donald, M. D., Prov. Grand Prior P. E. Island District, 1899-1900, Kensington, P. E. I.
 Davis, Frank E., Preceptor, 1898, "The Barracks," London, Ont.
 Davies, E. C., Grand Organist, 1899, 109 Given Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Davis, T. M., Grand Captain of the Guard, 1900, 59 Victoria Ave., N. Hamilton, Ont.
 Dempster, James, Prov. 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, Wm. G., Grand Warden of Regalia, 1877, Belleville, Ont.
 Dodge, Alfred, Presiding Preceptor, 1900, 217 Pitt Street, St. John, N.B.
 Domville, James, Lieut.-Col., Grand Captain Guard, 1894, St. John, N.B.
 Donovan, Claude I., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, 69 Maynud Street, Halifax, N.S.

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Douglas, James, Grand Marshal, 1885-86, Young Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Douglas, Robert A., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 86 Dunlop Street, Barrie, Ont.
 Downie, William, Prov. Grand Prior British Columbia-District, C.P.R., Vancouver, B.C.
 Dubber, S. Wilson, Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1890, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Dumbrielle, John, Grand Organist, 1888, King Street, Maitland, Ont.

E

Easton, John, M.D., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1886, King Street, Brockville, Ont.
 Eccles, John C., Grand Sword Bearer, 1899, Dunnville, Ont.
 Edgar, Joseph Samuel, Preceptor, 1898, 61 Bruce Avenue, Windsor, Ont.
 Ellis, Hon. John V., Supreme Grand Master, 1899-1900, "The Globe," St. John, N.B.
 Elliott, John, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1887, Almonte, Ont.
 Endernton, Chas. H., Prov. Grand Prior Manitoba, 1898-9, Winnipeg, Man.
 Evans, E. A., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, P.O. Box 1117, Quebec, Que.
 Evans, W. S., Grand Pursuivant, 1883, 38 Argyle Avenue, Montreal, Que.

F

Farley, J. J., M.D., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1886, Bridge Street E., Belleville, Ont.
 Ferguson, John, Grand Guard, 1884, London, Ont.
 Field, Wm. J., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1884, Binghampton, N.Y.
 Fitzgerald, Jno. R., Grand Guard, 1900, Church Street, Colborne, Ont.
 Fitzsimmons, C. H., Prov. Prior Kingston District, 1895-7, James Street, Brockville, Ont.
 Fleming, H. B., Grand Organist, 1896, Alma St., Moncton, N.B.
 Forbes, Jas. Gordon, Judge, Past Commander, St. John, N.B.
 Fraser, Hon. D. C., M.P., Prov. Grand Prior, Nova Scotia, 1898, New Glasgow, N.B.

G

Galbraith, T. J., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1885, Dunnville, Ont.
 Gale, John H., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1893, Whithy, Ont.
 Gale, George, Preceptor, 1898, Brockville, Ont.
 Garioch, W. H. G., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, 55 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ont.
 Gemmell, R., Preceptor, 1892, 75 Liverpool Street, Guelph, Ont.
 Gibson, Wm., Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1885, Beamsville, Ont.
 Gilmour, Lieut.-Col. A. H., Stanbridge, P.Q.

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- Glanville, James, Prov. Grand Prior Toronto District, 1892, 18
Cumberland Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Godsoe, F. A., Preceptor, 1899, 90 Leinster Street, St. John, N.B.
- Godsoe, T. Amos, Hon. Prov. Grand Prior, 1897, St. John, N.B.
- Goodman, Edwin, M.D., Grand Sub-Marshal, St. Catharines,
Ont.
- Gordon, Lieut.-Col. W. D., Prov. Prior Ontario East, 1891, Mon-
treal, Que.
- Graham, J. G., Grand Sub-Marshal, 1895, 70 Elysian Street, St.
Thomas, Ont.
- Gray, W. W., Honorary Preceptor, London, Ont.
- Griffith, Henry, Prov. Grand Prior Quebec District, 1894-95,
6 Stanislaus Street, Quebec, Que.
- H
- Haddock, James, Prov. Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1893,
Dawson City, Yukon.
- Hall, E. H. D., Prov. Grand Prior Kingston District, 1885-86,
Hunter Street, Peterborough, Ont.
- Hall, M. McF., Preceptor, 1899, 204 Morris Street, Halifax, N.S.
- Hall, Robert, Grand Sword Bearer, 1888, Ridgetown, Ont.
- Hall, William, Prov. Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1895, Win-
nipce, Man.
- Hallet, William J., Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1897, 68 Bay-
field Street, Barrie, Ont.
- Halliday, James, Prov. Grand Prior, 1896, 229 Barrington Street,
Halifax, N.S.
- Hargraft, A. R., Grand Marshal, 1895, 49 Wellington Street,
Toronto, Ont.
- Harding, John E., Judge, Grand Vice Chancellor, 1896, Lindsay,
Ont.
- Harris, J. W., Preceptor, 1899, City Hall, Winnipeg, Man.
- Hawthorn, William, Grand Second Aide-de-Camp, 1880, Detroit,
Mich.
- Hay, John, Grand Captain Guard, 1891, Truro, N.S.
- Henderson, Dr. A. A., Grand Sword Bearer, 896, 414 Albert and
Bay Streets, Ottawa, Ont.
- Henderson, A. G., Preceptor, 1896-97, Whithy, Ont.
- Henderson, George W., Grand Guard, 1898, Truro, N.S.
- Hetherington, John, Grand Captain Guard, 1887, 74 Argyle St.,
Toronto, Ont.
- Hewson, A. J., Grand Almoner, 1899, King Street, Cobourg, Ont.
- Hewton, John, Grand Constable, 1900, 131 King Street, Kingston,
Ont.
- Hicks, James P., Preceptor, 1898, 2 Dunton Street, Quebec, Que.
- Hill, Ralph, Preceptor, 1891, Almonte, Ont.
- Hill, William, Preceptor, 1891, care Bole & Wynne, Winnipeg,
Man.
- Hillman, Oliver S., Hon. Deputy Grand Master, 1897, Grand
Treasurer, 1892-1900, 75 Hughson Street, North, Hamilton,
Ont.
- Hohl, Chris. J., Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1896, 61 Victoria
Street, Toronto, Ont.

- Hood, H. A., Preceptor, 1899, Main Street, Yarmouth, N.S.
 Hood, Thomas, Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1886,
 Hamilton, Ont.
 Hooper, James, Presiding Preceptor, 1900, 103 Erie St., Hamilton,
 Ont.
 Hooper, John, Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1899, 77
 Victoria Avenue, Hamilton, Ont.
 Horner, Thomas H., Preceptor, 1895, 300 London Street, Peter-
 borough, Ont.
 Horning, L. E., Preceptor, 1897, Victoria University, Toronto,
 Ont.
 Hovenden, R. J., Prov. Grand Prior Ontario Centre, 1891, 91 King
 Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 Howie, R., Preceptor, 1899, P.O. 185, Guelph, Ont.
 Howse, W. R., Grand Constable, 1887, Hamilton, Ont.
 Howson, H. B., Prov. Grand Prior Toronto District, 1897, 110
 Wellington Place, Toronto, Ont.
 Hughan, Wm. Jas., Hon. Prov. Grand Prior, Torquay, England.
 Humber, C. A., Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1891, Victoria
 Street, Goderich, Ont.
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- Idsardi, W. E., Grand Almoner, 1898, P.O. Box 447, St. Thomas,
 Ont.
 Ingersoll, J. H., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1896, St. Cathar-
 ines, Ont.
 Inglis, William H., Grand Pursuivant, 1897, 73 Chatham Street,
 Brantford, Ont.
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- Jackson, John J., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1894, Port
 Arthur, Ont.
 Jarvis, George M., Grand Pursuivant, 1898, P.O. Box 248, Monc-
 ton, N. B.
 Jones, Charles A., Grand First Aide-de-Camp, 1878, Oshawa.
 Jones, J. Wesley, Presiding Preceptor, 1900, 22 Adelaide Street
 W, Toronto, Ont.
 Johnson, George, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1898, 5 Hamil-
 ton Street, Brockville, Ont.
 Johnson, Geo. W., Prov. Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1897,
 Main Street, Yarmouth, N.S.
 Johnson, Warren, Preceptor, 1899, Box 109, Barrie, Ont.
 Johnston, John E., Preceptor, 1895, 88 King Street, Chatham,
 Ont.
 Johnston, T. G., M.D., M.P., Grand Marshal, 1899, Sarnia, Ont.
- K
- Kathan, C. H., Grand Chamberlain, 1870, Rock Island, Que.
 Kerr, J. Kirkpatrick, Q.C., G. C. T., Prov. Grand Prior Ontario
 Centre, 1876, 23 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, Ont.
 Kerr, Robert, Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1900, Front Street,
 Sarnia, Ont.
 King, Charles, Preceptor, 1899, Whitby, Ont.
 King, Joseph, Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1899, 34 Gloucester
 Street, Toronto, Ont.

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- King, W. H., Preceptor, 1871-93, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Kirkpatrick, R. N., Grand Guard, 1896, Angus Avenue East,
 Calgary, N. W. T.
 Klock, Robert A., Prov. Grand Prior Ottawa-Kingston District,
 1898, Aylmer, Que.
 Knowles, Charles, Grand Marshal, 1891, 28 Artillery Street,
 Quebec, Que.
 Kuhring, C. L. A., Grand Almoner, 1889, Garneau Street,
 Quebec, Que.

L

- Lattimore, R. F., Preceptor, 1894, Dunnville, Ont.
 Lazier, S. S., Lieut.-Col., Prov. Grand Prior Kingston District,
 1883-84, Victoria Avenue, Belleville, Ont.
 Learmont, A. H., Preceptor, 1896, Truro, N.S.
 LeMessurier, Wm. M., Prov. Grand Prior, 1896-98, St. Denis
 Street, Montreal, Que.
 Liddell, James G., Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1896,
 Brantford, Ont.
 Lightbourne, P. J., Preceptor, 1888, Cobourg, Ont.
 Lindsay, N. J., Prov. Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1897,
 Stephen Avenue East, Calgary, N.W.T.
 Lockwood Harry, Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1884, Goderich,
 Ont.
 Logan, W. E., Prov. Grand Prior, 1895, Truro, N.S.
 Love, Spencer, Grand Marshal, 1900, 75 Yonge Street, Toronto,
 Ont.
 Lovejoy, G. W., M.D., Grand Registrar, 1890, 2204 St. Catherine
 Street, Montreal, Que.
 Lyon, N. T., Prov. Grand Prior Toronto District, 1890, 141
 Church Street, Toronto, Ont.

Mc

- McCallum, A. J., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, P.O. Box 295, Yar-
 mouth, N.S.
 McConkey, George S., Grand Registrar, 1888, 28 King Street West,
 Toronto, Ont.
 McDowell, J. R., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, Guelph, Ont.
 McElhinney, F. W., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, P.O. Box 217,
 Truro, N.S.
 McGuire, Robert, Grand Constable, 1881, Windsor, Ont.
 McKeggie, J. H., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1891, Dunlop Street,
 Barrie, Ont.
 McKellar, W., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, Stratford, Ont.
 McKeown, A., Grand Registrar, 1896, 311 Yale Street, Victoria,
 B. C.
 McLaurin, Wilmer T., Grand Registrar, 1900, 44 Crescent Street,
 Montreal, P.Q.
 McLean, Allan, Prov. Grand Prior Kingston District, 1896, The
 Asylum, Kingston, Ont.
 McLean, John, Grand Marshal, 1879, 42 Crescent Street, Mont-
 real, Que.

- McLean, Thomas A., Grand Sword Bearer, 1900, P.O. Box 358, Charlottetown, P.E.I.
- McLeod, H. D., Grand Almoner, 1897, A. R. G. Office and 190 King Street, St. John, N.B.
- McLeod, George, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1896, Bible Hill, Truro, N.S.
- McNaughton, Peter, Presiding Preceptor, 1900, 1132 Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C.
- Macdonald, George, M.D., Prov. Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1900, P.O. Box 139, Calgary, Alberta.
- Macdonald, Hugh, Preceptor, 1896-97, Charles Street, Guelph, Ont.
- Mackay, Hugh A., Prov. Grand Prior Ontario West, 1897, Berlin, Ont.
- MacNab, Thomas C., Grand Registrar, 1881, King Street, Chatham, Ont.
- Macnee, W. H., Preceptor, 1898, 107 Bagot Street, Kingston, Ont.
- MacNeil, Roderick, M.D., Prov. Grand Prior P. E. Island, 1896-98, Stanley Bridge, P.E.I.
- MacPhie, John B., Prov. Grand Prior Toronto District, 1899, Worsley Street, Barrie, Ont.
- Macwatt, Judge Daniel F., Supreme Grand Master, 1897-98, Sarnia, Ont.
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- Magness, Robert, Presiding Preceptor, 1900, P.O. Box 1205, Winnipeg, Man.
- Mansell, Chas. F., Prov. Grand Prior, 1894, 359 Berkeley Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Manley, Fred. F., Grand Constable, 1893, Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute, Toronto, Ont.
- Malloy, John, Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1890, Hamilton, Ont.
- Malone, A. L., Preceptor, 1899, 59 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Malone, Elias T., Supreme Grand Master, 1892, 621 Ontario Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Markley, A. W. R., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, Box 75, Calgary, Alberta.
- Marquis, John A., Grand Guard, 1899, Albert Street, St. Catharines, Ont.
- Marshall, Hon. Robert, K.C.T., Prov. Grand Prior 1893-95, New Brunswick, Prince William Street St. John, N.B.
- Mason, John J., Grand Registrar, 1877, Hamilton, Ont.
- Masters, J. E., Grand 2nd Standard Bearer, 1900, Moncton, N.B.
- Matthews, R. V., Prov. 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., Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1897, "The Globe" Office, Hamilton, Ont.
- Messervey, John A., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, Charlottetown, P.E.I.
- Milne, Alex. R., C.M.G., Prov. Grand Prior British Columbia, 1891-95, Victoria, B.C., H. M. Customs.

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- Mitchell, Robert E., Preceptor, 1892-93-97, Port Arthur, Ont.
 Mitchell, Joseph, Grand Marshal, 1893, 310 St. Urbain Street,
 Montreal, Que.
 Monkman, George, Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1893, 92 Dunlop
 Street, Barrie, Ont.
 Mooney, W. J., Preceptor, 1899, P.O. Box 355, Stratford, Ont.
 Morgan, James C., M.A., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1894, Barrie,
 Ont.
 Morson, Judge F. M., Grand Pursuivant, 1892, 5 St. Patrick
 Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Morton, I. A., Preceptor, 1895, Wingham, Ont.
 Muir, A. C., Preceptor, 1898, Graving Dock, Esquimalt, B.C.

N

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

O

- Oelschlager, Alfred, Grand Registrar, 1899, Duke Street, Berlin,
 Ont.

P

- Parry, John, Prov. Grand Prior, 1894, Dunnville, Ont.
 Parsons, R. C., Preceptor, 1891, Rock Island, Que.
 Paterson, Wm. F., 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.
 Perrin, A. M., M.D., Grand Sword Bearer, 1897, Yarmouth, N.S.
 Pettit, A. N., Grand Constable, 1884, Windsor, Ont.
 Philips, Joseph Ireland, Grand Sub-Marshal, 1898, Montreal,
 Que.
 Pinkham, George L., Grand Almoner, 1894, Coaticooke, Que.
 Pike, Wm. M., Grand Almoner, 1892, Stanstead, Que.
 Pollock, Robert, Preceptor, 1888, Almonte, Ont.
 Postlethwaite, C. W., Grand Marshal, 1898, 508 Board of Trade
 Buildings, Deputy Harbor Master, Toronto, Ont.
 Poulton, James A., Grand Captain of the Guard, 1896, P. O. Box
 89, Brockville, Ont.

Q

- Quinlan, J. Walker, Preceptor, 1892, Walton Street, Port Hope,
 Ont.
 Quinlan, William J., Prov. Grand Prior British Columbia Dis-
 trict, 1896 and 1900, Nelson, B.C.

R

- Radcliffe, Richard, Grand Constable, 1885, Goderich, Ont.
 Randall, F. W., Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1882,
 3 Reeve Street, Guelph, Ont.
 Rankin, William, Preceptor, 1890, Cobourg, Ont.
 Ramsay, F. J., Preceptor, 1897, Dunnville, Ont.
 Ray, Lieut.-Col. S. Wellington, Grand First Captain Guard, 1880,
 Port Arthur, Ont.
 Raymer, H. J., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, Rossland, B.C.
 Reed, Herbert, Presiding Preceptor, 1900, Brantford, Ont.
 Reid, Wm. G., Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1886,
 Hamilton, Ont.
 Renouf, C. E., Grand 2nd Standard Bearer, 1899, 304 Dallas Road,
 Victoria, B.C.
 Renton, W. J., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, Grand Dir. of Ceremo-
 nies, 1899, 330 University Avenue, Kingston, Ont.
 Richardson, Rev. A. W., Grand Chaplain, 1900, Kingston, Ont.
 Richardson, W. A., Grand Pursuivant, 1895, Jubilee Hospital,
 Box 49, Victoria, B.C.
 Rickaby, D. S., Preceptor, 1886, Quebec, Que.
 Riddell, Geo. I., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, 194 Bloor Street,
 Toronto, Ont.
 Roof, Wm., Prov. Grand Prior Toronto District, 1895, 23 Adelaide
 Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 Robertson, George D., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, Dunnville, Ont.
 Robertson, Henry, Q.C., Grand Master, 1891, Collingwood, Ont.
 Robertson, J. Ross, Prov. Grand Prior Ontario Centre, 1882, Tele-
 gram, King Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 Robertson, W. J., Prov. Grand Prior Toronto District, 1893, John
 Street, Port Hope, Ont.
 Robinson, Thomas, Grand Marshal, 1894, Windsor, Ont.
 Roe, Henry, Presiding Preceptor, 1899, Box 801, St. Thomas,
 Ont.
 Rogers, Arthur, Preceptor, 1898, Yarmouth, N.S.
 Ross, Alexander, Prov. Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1893,
 11 Barrington Street, Halifax, N.S.
 Ross, Andrew Miller, Grand Almoner, 1895, Whitby, Ont.
 Ross, Donald, Prov. Grand Prior Ontario East, 1879-80, Picton,
 Ont.
 Rowe, George G., M.D., Grand Constable, 1888, 1329 Queen Street
 West, Parkdale Ont.
 Rublee, M. W., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1897, 125 Owen
 Street, Winnipeg, Man.
 Ruhland, J. W., Prov. Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1891,
 Halifax, N.S.
 Ryerson, George G., M.D., Preceptor, 1893, 60 College Street,
 Toronto, Ont.
 Ryrie, W. P., Prov. Grand Prior Toronto District, 1900, 54 Bay
 Street, Toronto, Ont.
- S
- Sadlier, W. H. B., Past Commander, St. John, N.B.
 Schofield, M. B., Preceptor, 1887, California.
 Sharp, H. Fred., Preceptor, 1897, St. Mary's, Ont.

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- Sheehan, James B., Preceptor, 1896, Dunnville, Ont.
 Sheppard, Edmund E., Supreme Grand Master, 1893-94, 9 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 Sheppard, David, Preceptor, 1887, Almonte, Ont.
 Shortley, Benjamin, Prov. Grand Prior Kingston District, 1892, George Street, Peterborough, Ont.
 Simpson, H. C., Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1888, London, Ont.
 Simpson, John, Grand Guard, 1887, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.
 Simpson, Wm., Prov. Grand Prior Toronto District, 1898, Theatre Lane, Toronto, Ont.
 Slater, Luke, Grand Captain of the Guard, 1890, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Smith, Algernou St. A., Prov. Grand Prior Kingston and Ottawa District, 1898-99, Peterborough, Ont.
 Smith, Alfred G., Grand Registrar, 1880, London, Ont.
 Smith, Charles, Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1898, 228 John Street North, Hamilton, Ont.
 Smith, Geo. G., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, Barrie, Ont.
 Smith, Robert C., Prov. Grand Prior, 1896, Augusta Street, Port Hope, Ont.
 Smith, William, Preceptor, 1890, Almonte, Ont.
 Sommerville, George, Preceptor, 1892, 281 Princess Street, Kingston, Ont.
 Spence, David, Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1895, Bethune Street, Peterborough, Ont.
 Spence, J. H., Preceptor, 1899, P.O. Box 205, Brantford, Ont.
 Spry, Daniel W. B., Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1899, Chatham, Ont.
 Stanfield, John, Preceptor, 1899, P.O. Box 208, Malta, N.S.
 Stanton, John, Preceptor, 1878, Whitby, Ont.
 Stayner, Sutherland R., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1900, Brockville, Ont.
 Stayner, Thomas A., Preceptor, 1897, Amonde and Wellington Streets, Brockville, Ont.
 Stearns, I. H., K.C.T., Prov. Grand Prior Quebec District, 1878-88, 27 Belmont Street, Montreal, Que.
 Stevenson, Lieut.-Col. A. A., K.C.T., Prov. Grand Prior Quebec District, 1873, 122 Mackay Street, Montreal, Que.
 Stevenson, J. McL., Prov. Grand Prior Toronto District, 1885, Barrie, Ont.
 Stewart, A. M., Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1900, Windsor, Ont.
 Stewart, Gavin, Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1893, Woodstock, Ont.
 Stone, J. Henry, Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1883, Hamilton, Ont.
 Stratford, Heury, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1893, London, Ont.
 Stuart, J. Russell, Grand Sword Bearer, 1898, Caledonia Street, Stratford, Ont.
 Sulman, George W., Preceptor, 1896-97, Garner House Block, King Street, Chatham, Ont.

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- Sutton, James, M.D., Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1883, Clandeboye, Ont.
 Swayze, Wm. D., Preceptor, 1895, Lock Street, Dunnville, Ont.
 Swift, E. G., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, Walkerville, Ont.

T

- Tawse, Wm. Donald, Grand Constable, 1898, 167 Dowling Ave., Toronto, Ont.
 Taylor, David, Prov. Grand Prior Kingston District, 1889, 204 Bridge Street, Ottawa, Ont.
 Taylor, John, Grand Chamberlain, 1879, Dunnville, Ont.
 Taylor, Phillip, Preceptor, 1888, Whitby, Ont.
 Taylor, T. W., Prov. 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, Chas. M., Preceptor, 1896-97, Stanstead, Que.
 Thomas, Wm. H., Presiding Preceptor, 1897-00, North Bay, Ont.
 Thompson, A. N., Grand Captain Guard, 1895, Stanstead, Que.
 Thompson, J. F., Preceptor, 1889, Bridge Street, Belleville, Ont.
 Thornton, A. S., Grand Sub-Marshal, 1900, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Chatbam, Ont.
 Tipton, T. L. M., Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1895, Dunnville, Ont.
 Tomlinson, Joseph, Grand Constable, 1897, 427 Ontario Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Tooker, N. J. B., Grand 1st Standard Bearer, 1899, P.O. Box 434, Yarmouth, N.S.
 Tresidder, J. B., Prov. Grand Prior Quebec District, 1899, "Star" office, Montreal, Que.
 Trueman, A. I., Prov. Grand Prior New Brunswick District, 1897-98, St. John, N.B.
 Tufts, Frank L., Prov. Grand Prior New Brunswick District, 1900, St. John, N.B.
 Tunstall, Simon J., M.D., Prov. Grand Prior British Columbia District, 1899, 1008 Robson Street, Vancouver, B.C.
 Tunstead, John, Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1889, Hamilton, Ont.
 Tweedie, Edward, Presiding Preceptor, 1900, Bridge Street, Moncton, N.B.

U

- Upper, Martin C., Grand Ass't Chamberlain, 1878, Cayuga, Ont.

V

- Vroome, Wm. E., Honorary Preceptor, 1896, Halifax, N.S.

W

- Waddell, S. J., Prov. Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1890, Truro, N.S.
 Walker, Hugh, Prov. Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1888, 47 Wyndham Street, Guelph.

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- Walker, James, Preceptor, 1897, Calgary, N.W.T.
 Walker, Thomas, M.D., Hon. Prov. Grand Prior, 1897, St. John, N.B.
 Walker, W., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1895, 175 Dowling Avenue, Toronto.
 Walkey, W. H., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, 47 Benson Avenue, Peterborough, Ont.
 Wallace, Wm. B., Em. Commander, 1900, 94 Prince William St, St. John, N.B.
 Ward, H. A., Presiding Preceptor, 1900, Walton Street, Port Hope, Ont.
 Watson, Harry H., Grand Organist, 1900, 1233 Haro Street, Vancouver, B.C.
 Watson, John A., Hon. Prov. Grand Prior, 1897, St. John, N.B.
 Watson, Wm., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1890, 134 Quebec Street, Guelph, Ont.
 Westbrook, H. S., Prov. Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1892, Winnipeg, Man.
 Wesley, Samuel, Prov. Grand Prior Toronto District, 1889, "The Advance," Dunlop Street, Barrie, Ont.
 Whyte, William H., Supreme Grand Master, 1895-96, Grand Chancellor, 1897-00, P.O. 1207, Montreal, Que.
 Wilkinson, Henry J., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1885, 180 Wellington Street, Kingston.
 Wilmot, Fred, Grand Captain of Guard, 1883, P.O. Box 43, 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.
 Wilson, LeBaron, Grand Pursuivant, 1899, 76 Germain Street, St. John, N.B.
 Wisdom, F. Wing, Past Commander, St. John, N.B.
 Wood, W. W., Preceptor, 1899, Box 194, Brockville, Ont.
 Worth, Edward, Presiding Preceptor, 1900, Kent Bridge, Ont.
 Wyman, George D., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1889, Apple-gate, California.
- Y
- Yale, Levi, Preceptor, 1885, St. Catharines, Ont.
 Yuill, Hiram W., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1894, Truro, N.S.

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GRAND COMMANDEARIES.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	DATE OF LAST MEETING.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDER.
Alabama	December 1st, 1865	May 9th, 1900	R. C. Cunningham, Ensley ..	H. C. Armstrong, Montgomery.
Arizona	November 14th, 1873	November 17th, 1900	C. E. Peterson ..	Geo. T. Roskrugs, Tucson.
Arkansas	March 23th, 1872	April 17th, 1900	G. W. Smith, Hot Springs ..	W. H. Hammett, Little Rock.
California	August 16th, 1858	April 24th, 1900	F. M. Miller, Fresno ..	W. A. Barnes, San Francisco.
Colorado	March 14th, 1876	September 23rd, 1899	Harry A. Lee, Denver ..	E. C. Parmelee, Denver.
District of Columbia	January 13th, 1827	March 20th, 1900	Eddie S. Davis, Middletown ..	Eli C. Birdsey, Meriden.
Florida	May 14th, 1824	May 14th, 1900	Harrison Dingman, Washington ..	A. W. Johnson, Washington.
Georgia	April 25th, 1850	May 6th, 1900	Thos. E. Fletcher, Forsyth ..	W. S. Webster, Jacksonville, Fla.
Illinois	May 16th, 1854	April 24th, 1899	J. B. McFatrach, Chicago ..	W. S. Webster, Jacksonville, Fla.
Indiana Territory	June 16th, 1825	April 18th, 1900	Ira B. Kirkland, Murkogue ..	Joseph H. Munson, Aloka.
Iowa	June 16th, 1825	April 18th, 1900	Wm. Crowlief, Sioux City ..	Alfred Wingate, Des Moines.
Kansas	December 20th, 1868	May 16th, 1900	Pert M. Randolph, Russellville ..	A. H. Anderson, Topeka.
Kentucky	February 4th, 1854	February 16th, 1900	J. G. Orndoff, Russellville ..	A. H. Anderson, Topeka.
Louisiana	May 5th, 1852	May 3rd, 1900	Graham Surghnor, Munroe ..	Richard Lambert, New Orleans.
Maryland	January 6th, 1826	October 23rd, 1899	A. M. Spear, Gardiner ..	Stephen Berry, Portland, Me.
Massachusetts	January 28th, 1827	May 15th, 1900	H. H. Urig, Baltimore ..	Jno. H. Miller, Baltimore.
Michigan	October 28th, 1865	June 25th, 1900	Philip T. Van Zandt, Detroit ..	Ben. W. Kowell, Lynn.
Minnesota	January 22nd, 1857	February 19th, 1900	Rev. J. A. B. Jones, Brandon ..	Thos. Montgomery, St. Paul.
Mississippi	May 22th, 1828	April 25th, 1899	C. W. Hayes, Helena ..	J. L. Power, Jackson.
Montana	May 28th, 1871	April 26th, 1900	Thos. G. K. Fenton ..	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis.
Nebraska	December 28th, 1871	April 26th, 1900	Thos. G. K. Fenton ..	Ed. D. Neill, Helena.
New Hampshire	August 21st, 1850	September 26th, 1899	H. B. Quinby, Lakeport ..	Geo. P. Chesnut, White, Omaha.
New Jersey	February 14th, 1850	May 8th, 1900	Wm. P. Pugh, Ridgefield ..	Chas. Bechtel, Trenton.
New York	June 18th, 1813	September 4th, 1900	C. H. Armatage, Albany ..	Arthur McArthur, Troy.
North Carolina	June 10th, 1841	June 13th, 1900	W. F. Ramdolph, Asheville ..	H. H. Munson, Wilmington.
North Dakota	June 24th, 1843	October 17th, 1899	Mark R. Keiley, Devils Lake ..	FK. J. Thompson, Fargo.
Ohio	February 10th, 1826	April 11th, 1899	Wm. H. Bradley, Columbus ..	De F. D. Leach, Oklaoma City.
Oklahoma	April 13th, 1887	September 28th, 1899	C. B. Winn, Albany ..	Jas. F. Robinson, Eugene.
Oregon	April 13th, 1857	September 28th, 1899	C. B. Winn, Albany ..	Jas. F. Robinson, Eugene.

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South Dakota	April 24th, 1884	June 15th, 1900	R. W. Coughran, Sioux Falls ..	Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flاندreau.
Tennessee	October 9th, 1825	April 15th, 1900	R. K. Freeman, Nashville ..	J. C. Kaid, Nashville.
Texas	August 14th, 1824	June 12th, 1900	A. K. Rowland, Belton ..	W. C. Reynolds, Burhtrort.
Virginia	June 27th, 1822	November 16th, 1896	B. F. Nicholson, Burlington ..	W. C. Reynolds, Burhtrort.
Washington	June 27th, 1822	November 16th, 1896	B. F. Nicholson, Burlington ..	W. C. Reynolds, Burhtrort.

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South Dakota	April	14th, 1884	June	15th, 1900	E. W. Conover, Falls.....	Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flindreau
Tennessee	October	9th, 1829	May	13th, 1900	R. R. Freeman, Nashville.....	J. E. Garrett, Nashville
Texas	January	9th, 1829	June	18th, 1900	A. R. Howard, Belton.....	W. G. Reynolds, Belton
Vermont	August	27th, 1822	June	16th, 1800	F. F. Nicholson, Burlington.....	W. G. Reynolds, Belton
Washington	November	2nd, 1887	November	6th, 1900	B. W. Buchanan, Marion.....	Jas. B. Blanks, Petersburg
West Virginia	February	28th, 1874	June	19th, 1900	F. H. Markel, Chicago.....	Y. C. Blalock, Walla Walla
Wisconsin	October	28th, 1874	May	16th, 1829	L. A. Bishop, Fond du Lac.....	R. C. Dunnington, Fairmont
*Wyoming	March	8th, 1886	April	12th, 1859	Jas. W. Jadin, Milwaukee
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GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	DATE OF LAST MEETING.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDER.	
United States.....	June 21st, 1816	October 12th, 1898	R. H. Lloyd, San Francisco, Cal.	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Mo.

GREAT PRIORIES.

DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	DATE OF LAST MEETING.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SUPREME GRAND MASTER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND CHANCELLOR.	
Canada.....	October 9th, 1853	September 29th, 1898	J. V. Ellis, Hon., St. John, N. B.	Willi. H. Whyte, P. O. Box 1207, Montreal
England.....	R. Loveland-Loveland, G. C. T.
Ireland.....	C. M. Minter, Vice-Chancellor, G. C. T.
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The Order of the Temple in Canada.

By WILL. H. WHYTE, P.G.M.

As Sovereign Great Priory meets this year, 1900, in the City of Kingston, Ont., to celebrate in a quiet way the One Hundreth Anniversary of the first Templar Warrant issued in Canada for holding a separate organization for the Order of the Temple, the writer deemed a short sketch of the progress of the Order would possibly be of interest to his Fratres of Great Priory at such a time.

In R. E. Sir Knight J. Ross Robertson's interesting history of the Knights Templar of Canada, (a copy of which every Canadian Templar should have in his possession) he refers to the old tradition that the Knights Hospitaller, Knights of St. John and Knights of Malta, alternately so called, were in active existence in the City of Quebec in the 17th and 18th centuries. It is claimed that Champlain, who came to Quebec in 1603, was a Knight of Malta. Montmagny, who was Governor of Quebec from 1636 to 1648, especially was untiring in his efforts to advance the interests of the Order of Malta, but after his recall the Order declined. Captain John Knox, in his journal of the Seige of Quebec under date of 1st October, 1759, describes the chief edifices of the city and refers to the unfinished but imposing house of the Knights Hospitaller. The American Gazeteer, published in Italian at Leghorn, 1763, in describing the Town of Quebec, refers to the house of the Knights of Jerusalem, a superb building of square stones and which is said to have cost £40,000 sterling. The Abbe Bois, F.R.S.C., states that the Knights established a bureau in the yard of the Castle

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of St. Louis, costing 40,000 livres (not pounds). The gable contained a large stone set in the wall, on which was engraved the arms of the Order. The edifice was destroyed by fire during the siege of July, 1759, and the stone which bore a gilt Maltese Cross and the date 1647, remained among the ruins until 1784 when it was unearthed and placed in the wall of the Chateau Yard. This stone is still to be seen in the archway, which faces St. Louis Street, of that handsome hostelry, the "Chateau Frontenac," now standing on the exact site of the famous old Chateau St. Louis of many historic memories.

RECORDS IN BOSTON.

1769—The oldest record pertaining to the Order of the Temple on this continent is found in the first meeting recorded of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter of Boston, August 28th, 1769, when one William Davis received the four steps of Excellent, Super Excellent, Royal Arch, and *Knight Templar*.

RECORDS IN NOVA SCOTIA.

1782—The first records in Canada, so far as known, are from Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, which gives the minutes of a chapter of Royal Arch Masons held under warrant of No. 211 on the "Ancient Grand Registry of England, on the 20th September, 1782, and the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree on three candidates, after which, "an assembly or encampment "of Sir Knight Templars being formed, the said "Brothers, J. G. Pyke, John Clark, and Joseph Peters, "were instituted and dubbed Knights of the Most "Noble and Right Worshipful Order of the Knights "Templars." There are similar records of ten other meetings.

RECORDS IN QUEBEC.

1791—In the old minutes of Albion Lodge No. 2, in the City of Quebec, it is recorded June 10th, 1791, that Archibald Ferguson, Knight Templar, was present. Letters from H.R.H. Prince Edward, afterward Duke

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of Kent, Colonel commanding the Royal Fusiliers, and father of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and dated at Quebec, 27th October, 1792, written to Sir Thomas Dunckerley, Grand Master of the Templar Order in England, states: "Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to hear of the advancement of that Order, which, in my humble opinion is, of all Masonry, the most valuable." Also of date November 20th, 1793, H.R.H. writes, "I shall think myself particularly fortunate when circumstances shall permit my meeting the Knights in Grand Chapter in London." H.R.H., who was Grand Master of the G. L. of Lower Canada from 1792 to 1812, and resided for some years at both Quebec and Halifax, also held during the latter part of that period the office of Grand Patron of the Order of Masonic Knights Templar."

FIRST WARRANT, KINGSTON, ONT.

1800—In the early days of the Order the degrees were always conferred under a Craft Warrant, but the year 1800 produced the first Templar Warrant in Canada for holding a separate organization for the assembling of the Fratres and conferring the Order of the Temple. This old Templar Warrant is dated 31st October, 1800, and was issued to Sir Knight Companion Christopher Danby as Captain General and signed :

Frederick Hirschfeldt, Grand Master,
 John Danley, Generalissimo,
 Francis Wycott, Capt. General,
 William Mackay, First Captain,
 Thomas Sparham, Second Captain,
 John McGill, Recorder pro tem.

A list of the members, dated 2nd November, shows a roll of fourteen names. There is also preserved two invocations, one a prayer to be used at the making of Knights Templar, and the other for the closing ceremonies of the Encampment.

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SECOND WARRANT, KINGSTON, ONT.

1823—The next record appears to have been a dispensation for an Encampment of Templars at Kingston on the 10th day of March, 1823. This dispensation was granted to Sirs John Butterworth, Thos. Ferguson, and William Chestnut, and a constitutional number of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, in the Town of Kingston, and signed by Ziba M. Phillips, General Grand Master, K.T., K.M. This Encampment was known by the style and title of No. 1 or St. Johns in the Town of Kingston, and met in the house of Sir George Millward, known by the sign of the Old King's Head. This body was also known as St. Johns Encampment No. 1.

1824—This dispensation was followed by a warrant dated 12th February, 1824, signed by Ziba M. Phillips, G.M., and Phillip F. Hall, Grand Recorder, P.T. The petitioners all resided in Kingston and were British subjects.

1827—The next document is a letter from Hall, the Recorder to the *Grand Encampment at Montreal*, and the reply is dated at Montreal, January 24th, 1827, and is signed by Gwyn Owen Radford, Past Grand Master K.T. and K.M., who writes for the Grand Master, in the absence of the Grand Recorder.

1840—The Order in the Maritime Provinces received its first impetus, by the issuing of a charter by the Supreme Grand Encampment of Ireland, on the 5th April, 1840, to "Hibernian Encampment" No. 318, located at St. Andrews, N.B. This body, however, went out of existence in May, 1860, and its warrant was returned to Ireland.

1843—Frater Robertson's history states a warrant was issued by Ziba M. Phillips in 1843 for Victoria Encampment at Smith's Falls, also one from Ireland in 1850 to be attached to Lodge No. 159, Irish Register at Hawkesbury, Canada West. There is no record of Templar work at this latter place. The

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THIRD WARRANT, KINGSTON, ONT.

1854—In the year 1854 the late Col. Wm. B. McLeod Moore, who had arrived in Canada several years previously, found that an Encampment had been in existence in Kingston, and that two of the original members, Fraters Samuel Boyden and Robert Sellars, still resided there. The warrant of 1824 was eventually found and forwarded, accompanied by a petition signed by the two surviving members and other Templars, to England, praying that it might be exchanged for a new one to be called "Hugh de Payens."

This new warrant was issued by Colonel Kemeys Kemeys Tynte, Grand Master of England, on the 10th March, 1854, with Colonel McLeod Moore as First Commander. In July of the same year the colonel received a patent making him Provincial Grand Commander for the Province of Canada.

From this time dates the revival of the Order of the Temple in Canada.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CONCLAVE.

In the same year (1854) a warrant was issued to open Geoffrey de St. Aldemar in Toronto, dated 8th September, and William de la More the Martyr at Quebec was constituted on the 28th July, 1855, with Frater T. D. Harrington as Eminent Commander. These three Encampments, on the 7th October, 1855, formed the first governing body of the Order, the "Provincial Grand Conclave" at Kingston, the predecessor of the present Sovereign Great Priory. The Premier Preceptory, Hugh de Payens, of Kingston, installed at its inception and had among its earlier members a number of Knights whose names are very familiar to all Canadian Masons, among them James A. Henderson, Q. C., afterwards Supreme Grand Master of Canadian Templars; S. B. Harman, Thos.

D. Harrington, Sir Allan Napier MacNab, the Right Hon. Sir. John A. Macdonald, afterward Prime Minister of Canada, and Sir Alexander Campbell, the latter three becoming in later years distinguished Canadian statesmen.

1856—On the 22nd April, 1856, a dispensation was issued by the Chapter General of Scotland to a number of Knights resident in Saint John, N.B., under the designation of the Encampment of St. John, No. 48; a charter followed dated February 11th, 1857. John Willis, who in 1827 was a member of the St. John's Encampment No. 1, Kingston, was the first Lieutenant Commander of this body. This Encampment has had a notable existence, and came under the banner of the Sovereign Great Priory in 1897. On the 11th October, 1858, Nova Scotia Preceptory of Halifax was chartered by Convent General and together with Union de Molay of St. John, (founded in 1869) formed a Provincial Grand Priory for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. This provincial body kept a separate existence until the death of the Provincial Prior, the Hon. Alex. Keith, in December, 1872, when, by instructions from the Great Priory of England, they came under the Grand Priory of Canada.

1859—In 1855 a charter had been granted by Ireland for an Encampment in the City of Hamilton, and in April, 1859, a number of Knights Templar resident in said City, petitioned for a charter from England, and forwarded with their petition this warrant or Charter No. 231 from the Grand Encampment of Ireland. A new warrant was issued by Col. Tynte, Grand Master for Godfrey de Bouillon of Hamilton, to bear date from the Irish warrant, Oct. 25th, 1855. The next warrants were King Baldwin of Belleville, 7th June, 1861; Richard Cœur de Lion of Montreal, 3rd December, 1863; Plantagenet of St. Catherines in 1866, and Plantagenet of Stanstead, 1867. The name of this latter body was subsequently changed to Sussex.

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GRAND PRIORY OF CANADA.

1868—The last session of the Provincial Grand Priory was held at Ottawa in 1867 and request forwarded to England that owing to the confederation of the Canadian provinces this year into a Dominion or National body, it was highly expedient to likewise confederate the various Templar organizations into a Supreme Grand Conclave. This was agreed to by England, and at the annual session of the Order in Montreal, in 1868, it met as a Grand Priory, and under the regime of this governing body the following subordinates were given life, viz., in 1869, Hurontario at Collingwood, afterwards removed to Guelph and re-named Victoria; Mount Calvary at Orillia, afterwards removed to Barrie; Geoffrey de St. Aldemar of Toronto, which had been practically dormant for several years, was revived in 1871. Harington was chartered for Trenton, but it practically went out of existence in 1873. In 1872 Gondemar was instituted at Maitland, St. John the Almoner at Whitby, Palestine at Port Hope, and Odo de St. Amand at Toronto. In 1873, William de la More the Martyr, which, upon the removal of the Government to Ottawa, was taken to that city, and had languished in a semi-dormant manner, finally returned its warrant. Sussex this year was moved to Dunham, in 1874 it was removed to Montreal and became dormant, was later on revived and moved back to its first home Stanstead, and now 1900, has been moved to Sherbrooke, where it once more shows much life and activity.

NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

1876—In 1876 Grand Priory after nine years existence, met under that name for the last time in Montreal. In August, 1873, a Grand Conclave for the formation of a National Great Priory had been called to meet in Kingston, but no action was taken until 1876 in Montreal, when it was finally consummated by consent of the Supreme authorities in England.

At this meeting the Grand Sub Prior, in order to place on record the action taken on the Memorial of Grand Priory, read the extract of the minutes of Convent General of October, 1873, and the Great Priory of England and Wales, 10th December, 1875; the patents erecting Canada into a national Great Priory, and Col. W. J. B. Macleod Moore as the first Great Prior. During the eight years existence of the National Grand Priory from 1876 to 1884, the following additions were made to the roll of Preceptories: "Kent" of Chatham, in 1877; "Burleigh" of St. Thomas, in 1878; "St. Elmo" of Goderich, in 1880, this Preceptory removed to Stratford in 1896; "Ray" of Port Arthur, in 1880, name changed in 1894 to "Rhodes," and a preceptory chartered in the same year (1880) to Quebec, to be known under the old cognomen of "William de la More the Martyr." "Albert Edward" was instituted in Winnipeg in 1880, and "Windsor," in Windsor, Ontario, in 1882.

GRAND CROSSES.

1881—In 1881 V. E. Frater A. Stavely Hill, M.P., Chancellor of the Great Priory of England, paid Canada a visit and received a Templar greeting and welcome in Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, Montreal. The occasion was memorable, for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, had commissioned the Eminent Knight to convey to the following fratres of Canada the decoration and patent of "Grand Cross of the Order of the Temple" to Col. Macleod Moore and W. B. Simpson, and "Knight Commanders of the Temple" to I. H. Stearns of Montreal, Hon. Robert Marshall of St. John, James Moffatt of London, C. D. Macdonald of Peterborough, and L. H. Henderson of Belleville. These were supplemented afterwards by the conferring of the "Grand Cross" upon J. A. Henderson, Q.C., D.C.L., of Kingston, James Kirkpatrick Kerr, Q.C., Toronto, and Daniel Spry of Barrie, the Grand Chancellor, and "Knights Commander" upon G. O. Tyler, A. G. Adams, Montreal; Robert Ramsay, M.D., Orillia, and E. H. D. Hall of Peterborough.

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Convent General, the governing body of the Order, to which Canada was attached, was now practically dead. Ireland and England had disagreed over various changes, Canada had not been consulted, and much dissatisfaction had been expressed over the condition of Templar affairs. At the annual session of 1883 a resolution was passed looking to the complete independence of Great Priory.

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY.

1884—On the 8th July, 1884, the Fratres of the National Great Priory met in Toronto for the ninth and last time, and having been absolved by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales from their allegiance to him as Grand Master, formally inaugurated the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, with Col. Wm. J. Bury Macleod Moore, G.C. T., as Supreme Grand Master, *ad vitam*. At this session the honorary rank of "Past Supreme Grand Master of Knights Templar of Canada" was, by resolution, conferred upon H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, "as a mark of the very high esteem and affection in which he was held by the Templars of this jurisdiction."

At the session of 1885 it was reported that "Harington" Preceptory had been resuscitated and removed to Almonte, and Gondemar of Maitland had been removed to Brockville. During its sixteen years, Sovereign Great Priory has chartered the following: In 1885, "Malta" of Truro, N.S., and "Metropolitan" at Melbourne, in the colony of Victoria, Australia; 1887, "Cyrene" of Toronto, and the "Daniel Spry" and "Australasian" in the city of Melbourne, Australia. The action in issuing two more warrants for Australia brought not only an emphatic protest from the Great Priory of England, but also an edict of non-intercourse which lasted until 1894. It was contended that as England had no subordinate preceptoreries in Australia that that Colony was unoccupied territory and open to any Supreme governing body in the British Empire. These three preceptoreries eventually withdrew in 1889 and formed the Great Priory of

Victoria. "Odo de St. Amand," after an existence of sixteen years, surrendered its charter in 1889, but was afterwards revived and located at Brantford.

The first warrant for the Pacific Coast was issued in 1891 to "Western Gate" of Victoria, British Columbia, and the next charter from the Sovereign Great Priory was for a preceptory on the Atlantic Coast in 1892 at Yarmouth, N.S., and called after that thriving sea-coast town. 1893 saw the formation of "Ottawa" Preceptory at the capital of the Dominion, and 1894 another Pacific Coast preceptory, the "Columbia," at Vancouver, B.C., followed by "Cyprus" Preceptory in 1895 at Calgary, at the foot of the Rockies. 1896 gave birth to three, "Prince Edward" Preceptory on the sea-girt isle of Prince Edward Island, "Ivanhoe" at Moncton, N.B., and "St. Simon of Cyrene" at Sarnia, Ont. The last Preceptory to be instituted was by dispensation at Rossland, B.C., in 1899. A number of preliminary requests from different parts of the Dominion have been received informally looking to the formation of preceptories, but the Presiding Officers of Great Priory, of late years, have not encouraged the planting of a subordinate body at any place unless good proof can be shown that there is a field for a live and active existence and sufficient material at hand to increase the usefulness of the Order.

PRESIDING OFFICERS.

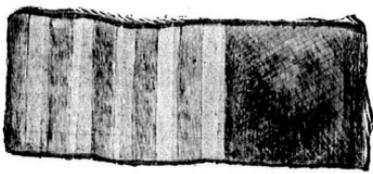
The late Col. W. B. Macleod Moore, G.C.T., presided over the destinies of the Knights Templar of Canada from 1854 to 1867 as Provincial Grand Commander, from 1868 to 1875 as Grand Prior, and from 1876 to 1883 as the M.E. the Great Prior.

Since the formation of Sovereign Great Priory the Supreme Grand Masters have been Most Eminent W. J. B. Macleod Moore from 1884 to 1890; J. A. Henderson elected in 1890; Henry Robertson in 1891; E. T. Malone, 1892; E. E. Sheppard, 1893 and 1894; Will. H. Whyte, 1895 and 1896; Judge D. F. MacWatt, 1897 and 1898, and the Hon. J. V. Ellis in 1899 and 1900.

*In the Name of the Most Holy and undivided Trinity Father Son & Holy Spirit
 Made hereby Certificate that on the 21st of 1899*

In the Name of the Most Holy and undivided Trinity Father Son & Holy Ghost

These hereby Certify that our truly and well beloved Brother Sir Thomas Sandall was admitted and Quoted a Sir Knight of the Most Holy and Right Honourable Order of the Knights Templars - He having and Submitted and our Honors greatly delighted the same in such standing His Commission He first having been Entered Papad and Perfected was a T^ho^s Master about Royal Arch Excellent Mason



He therefore recommend him as a worthy Valiant and True Brother

Given under our Hands & Seal at Our Encampment

in Dublin Town the 7th Day of June 1783

Charles Sandoff Secretary
Peter Taylor Clerk
John Clerk G.
Ja^s Harry G.

Facsimile of Certificate of Sir Knight Thomas Sandall, June 1st, 1783.

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Masonary 5800 In the Name of the ever blessed Trinity Father Son and Holy Ghost. We the Grand Masters &c &c &c &c of the Royal and Catholic Religious and Military Order H. R. O. M. Grand Electa Hospitallers Knights Templars H. O. O. S. R. of St. John of Jerusalem Palestine &c &c &c and under the sanction of Legey N^o held in Kingston in Upper Canada ye:

We in an Encampment of Knight Templars have unanimously cancelled and agreed to appoint our well beloved Sir Knight Companion, Christopher Darby as Captain General and our well beloved Sir Knight Companion Joseph Henique first Captain and our well beloved Sir Knight Companion Hugh second Captain &c and in Virtue of this Warrant you are to hold Encampments and exact the Royal Arch Masons to the Degree of Knights Templars. Provided they be found worthy to go through the amazing Trials attending the same. Given under our hands and seal this 31 of October in the Year of our Lord 1800

Fred^r Hirschfeldt Grand Master
John A. Darby General Sumo
Francis Hycott Capt. General
William Mackintosh Captain
Thos Sparhampton Second Captain

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The Right Reverend HIGH PRIEST,
Most Worshipful CAPTAIN-GOVERNOR, and CHIEFS
OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, GREENOCK,
Do hereby Certify and Declare, That Our Trusty and Well beloved Brother,

Daniel McLean,

A Regular MASTER MASON, of the Lodge
Greenock-St. John, No. 176,

Who has under the Key Stone signed his Name,) having been warmly recommended unto Us, and Found Worthy, was, upon the *Eighteenth* day of *December*, 1818, PASSED THE CHAIR of Our Lodge, and afterwards Initiated into, and Instructed in, all the Grand and Holy Mysteries of the SUPREXCELLENT ROYAL ARCH Masonry, he having Explored with great fortitude and resignation all the Dreary Paths of Our Grand Encampment.

BE it known unto all Men,

We the Most Noble the COMMANDER, and Most Worshipful the CAPTAINS

Of the Greenock Grand Encampment of Knights Templars

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On the Registry of the Royal Grand Conclave of Scotland,
Do hereby Certify and Declare, That after due Trial and Examination, our Trusty and Well beloved Knight Companion and Brother, the Worshipfull

Daniel McLean,

A Regular Royal Arch Mason of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in GREENOCK (who has under the Key Stone signed his Name,) was upon the *21st* day of *December*, 1818, in the Body of Our Encampment, duly and regularly Initiated and Instructed in all the Mysteries of Our Exalted Religious and Military Orders of Knights of the Temple and Sepulchre of St. John of Jerusalem, and that we have Installed and Dubbed him a

Knight Templar and Knight of Malta.

He having through the whole Ceremony given Us the strongest Proofs of his Steadiness, Skill and Valour during the many amazing and mysterious Trials attending his admission. We also give and grant unto him all those Privileges, which from time immemorial have belonged and now of right appertain to those of our Orders, not doubting but he will be permitted to Reap and Enjoy the same with all Our dear and excellent Companions, wherever dispersed. We therefore greet well all Our worthy Brethren and Knights Companions of the above Illustrious Orders throughout the Universe, to accept of him as such, and to take him under their Brotherly Care and Protection.

Given under our hands, and the Seals of our Orders hereunto appended at GREENOCK, this *15th* day of *March*, in the Year of our Lord MDCCCXIX, of Light CCCCCCXIX, of Royal Arch Masonry MMMCCXCIX, since the Institution of Knights Templars DCXIX and of Malta DCXCIX.

NOUS COMMANDANT et CAPTAINES du tres haut et magnanime Ordre des TEMPLIERS Certifions par ces presentes que notre bien aimé et digne Frere le Chevalier *Daniel McLean*, ayant passé par tous les Grades de la Franche Maçonnerie ainsi bien que de celui de Supérieur, excellent ARCH ROYALE Fut dans notre Camp fait Chevalier du TEMPLE et initié dans tous les Mystères de notre Ordre Illustre et a ce titre nous le recommandons a tous nos Freres. Enfoy de quoi nous y avons appose notre Secau, Donné a GREENOCK dans Ecosse ce 15 du mois le *Mars*, 1819, de la lumiere 5319, de l'Arche Royale 3219, et des Templiers 619, et de Malta 719.

DANIEL McLEAN.

CHAS WILLIAMSON, Commandant.
JOHN WRIGHT, First Captain.
MATTHEW MUIR, Second Captain.
F. STEWART, Secretary.

[NOTE.—The Chapter is now No. 17 on the Registry of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.—C. W. ;—Z.]

Copy of Certificate presented to Great Priory by R. E. Sir Knight Allan McLean.

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Report on Correspondence.

By WILL H. WHYTE, P. G. M.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

As we closed our Report last year the war in South Africa was just commencing, the British Province of Natal had been invaded by the Boers and British troops were hurrying to the front. We were not altogether surprised at this as letters from Canadian Brethren in that far-off land had, from time to time, contained warnings that the Boers would ere long attempt, as they said, to drive the British into the sea. We felt that the spirit of loyalty to the old flag would, if given the opportunity, surprise the world by the readiness in which Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and other portions of the great British Empire would spring to the assistance of the Motherland. The offers were made and accepted, and as we quoted, "the whelps of the Lion answered him." How well Canadians and their comrades from distant portions of the Empire fought and died in that far-off country for Flag and Empire, is now a matter of history, and Paardeburg on the dawn of Majuba day will long stand as a record of Canadian pluck and endurance, and loyalty to the old flag.

Though, as also anticipated, many members of the Masonic fraternity were among the 3,000 and more Canadians who volunteered and fought in South Africa, there were likewise a number of Templars from Preceptories located from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Three of the active members and officers of Cyprus Preceptory at Calgary, at the foot of the Rockies, are

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gallantly serving with "Strathcona's Horse," and the "Royal Canadian Dragoons," but so far we have had only to chronicle and mourn the death of Captain Harrison of the Encampment of St. John, at St. John, N.B., who died in June last while serving with the first contingent, or "Royal Canadian Regiment." *Decus pro Patria Mori.*

The Templar Order during the past year appears to have steadily progressed. There is little disturbing the even tenor of its way. The proceedings of the various jurisdictions contain accounts of pleasant assemblies and pilgrimages, or interchange visits, whereat goodfellowship and happy welcomes abounded, and the cares and worries of our grasping and matter-of-fact age appeared all left behind, and for the time forgotten. As much of the various proceedings are of local importance only, and not of great interest outside of the Jurisdiction, it is somewhat difficult, therefore at times, to make extended remarks upon the work of the session, especially when routine and no startling legislation is enacted. Where the comments are few, it is because nothing out of the routine was found, and not for wish to slight any Jurisdiction.

ENGLAND AND WALES—1900.

The proceedings contain the meetings of 8th December, 1899, and 11th May, 1900.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., presided over the December meeting with a goodly array of Great Officers, Past Grand Officers and Knights.

The Grand Council reported the death of V. E. Knight Major General John C. Hay, K.C.T., formerly Vice Chancellor, and V. E. Knight Raymond H. Thrupp, K.C.T., for many years the Great Registrar.

A fine of One Guinea was imposed upon a Preceptor who had installed a Presiding Preceptor that was not eligible, and the Preceptor was directed to apply at once for a dispensation.

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A report of the Fourth Annual Conference of the Three Governing Bodies of the Temple in the United Kingdom, held in Dublin, on the 14th April, 1899, contained among others the following items of interest :

The Joint Committee upon the Ritual of Malta being unable to meet, it was resolved that the Great Priors communicate to each other such parts of their Ritual as was necessary to enable each Committee to consider how far assimilation was practicable.

We excerpt the following :

The Delegates from England brought under the notice of the Conference the existence of a body in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, styling itself, "The Sovereign Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, for Victoria, Australia," which had been formed out of certain Preceptories which had been chartered by the Great Priory of Canada in 1887. The granting of these warrants by Canada, outside its own Dominion and in territory of the British Crown had caused a serious breach with the Great Priory of England, and an edict of non-intercourse had been issued by the late Convent General on 9th December, 1887. For a considerable period all friendly relationship with the Great Priory of Canada was broken off. In 1892 a letter was received from the Grand Master of the Order in Canada, praying that friendly relationship might be resumed. After a long correspondence, the Great Priory of England was assured by the Great Priory of Canada that Preceptories constituted by warrants from the Great Priory of Canada were no longer under the jurisdiction of that body, and that there was not the least possibility of the Great Priory of Canada issuing further warrants outside of the Dominion, except to Newfoundland. On the 11th May, 1894, the Great Priory of England, while fully reasserting the position taken by them with regard to jurisdiction, being satisfied with the assurance of the Great Priory of Canada, rescinded the resolution of 9th December, 1887, and agreed to resume friendly relations with them. The Great Priory of England has a Provincial Priory in Victoria in full working order, and has no knowledge of the body styling itself The Sovereign Great Priory for Victoria, &c.

After the reception of the Grand Council report, the Great Chancellor moved as follows :

That the so-called Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria is not a legitimate body of Knights Templar, and that all Masonic intercourse be prohibited between it and the Knights under the Jurisdiction of England, Scotland and Ireland.

We might add that when Canada was asked to grant warrants in Victoria there were no Preceptories

then in existence, and Victoria was considered unoccupied territory wherein any Great Priory in the British Empire had a right to charter.

However, the chartering of subordinates so far removed from supervision, was considered scarcely advisable by some, and the withdrawal of these subordinates to form a local Grand body settled the question as regards Canada's responsibility in that country.

One Hundred Guineas was voted to the fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of their Soldiers and Sailors.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., also presided over the May meeting with a full list of Officers and Knights. Deputations from the Great Priories of Ireland and Scotland were announced and received in due form.

The report of the Grand Council showed that Preceptories in arrears are given every opportunity to keep themselves on the roll as active members. Patience, in two cases, had become exhausted, and two Preceptories abroad, six years and five years in arrears, were erased from the roll.

A vote of congratulation, upon his escape from assassination, was passed to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

The election of Officers, with the exception of the Grand Master, who is elected for three years, took place at this meeting.

M. E. the Earl of Euston, Grand Master.
V. E. C. F. Matier, Great Vice-Chancellor.

ALABAMA—1900.

40th Annual. New Decatur. May 9th & 10th.

R. E. Sir Knight W. E. Oakley, Grand Commander, presiding. He gave a short and concise report of his official acts.

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The Grand Recorder had been appointed Inspector General and visited the several Commanderies in the Jurisdiction, endeavoring to enthuse the members in the weaker ones. He makes the following statement, with which we quite agree. We are much opposed to the formation of a Templar Body when the Chapter or Chapters are inactive, and the members evince little interest in Capitular Masonry.

I am more thoroughly impressed than ever before with the great importance and necessity of keeping a live and attentive interest in the Chapters, and earnestly recommend my *Fratres* to pay more attention to the Chapters than they have heretofore done.

Wherever you find a live, active, working Chapter, the Commandery is certain to prosper; but when the Chapter is inactive and lifeless, the Commandery is sure to wane.

A march to church in the evening where devotional exercises were conducted by the Grand Prelate; a visit from the Grand Commander of Tennessee; an excursion on the Tennessee River, were some of the leading incidents of the Conclave.

No report on Correspondence, owing to the illness of the Chairman.

Membership, 351; increase, 69.

R. M. Cunningham, Ensley, Grand Commander
H. Clay Armstrong, Montgomery, Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS—1900.

28th Annual. Little Rock. April 17th.

R. E. Sir Knight David I. Mills, Grand Commander, presiding. He gave an account of his official acts, paying tribute to the memory of their late Grand Recorder, Jas. Austin Henry, who died, the result of an accident, a few days after the last session. Death had made sad havoc in their ranks during the past year, and they mourn the loss of many eminent craftsmen.

During the session R. E. Sir Kt. H. B. Stoddard, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, paid

an official visit and was warmly welcomed. After the adjournment a reception was given the distinguished visitor.

Sir Knight Fay Hempstead, who took the late Grand Recorder's place upon his untimely death, proved he was the right man in the right place. Instead of a report on Correspondence, Sir Kt. C. E. Rosenbaum, P.G.C., presented an apology. He had found it impossible to spare time to write a report.

The business of the session was local.

The fees for conferring the Orders was placed at the minimum figure of \$30.00.

Membership, 552; increase 6.

Robert M. Smith, Hot Springs, Grand Commander.
Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, Grand Recorder.

ARIZONA—1900.

7th Annual. Tucson. Nov. 15th.

R. E. Sir Kt. P. P. Parker, Grand Commander, presided. He reported his official acts in a concise report. The business of the session was purely local.

A resolution to Jewel their retiring Grand Commanders was carried.

Sir Kt. Chas. D. Belden presented a short, but well-written Correspondence report, in which Canada does not appear. He gives a good epitome of the transactions of almost all Grand Jurisdictions, but does not favor us with many of his own views, but so many subjects that were at one time debatable have been removed by legislation or become so threadbare, that it is difficult to do more than refer to the proceedings of the session, and these are so often purely local and of slight interest beyond the Jurisdiction.

Membership, 167; increase, 5.

George Shandy, Tucson, Grand Commander.
Geo. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Recorder.

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CALIFORNIA—1900.

42nd Annual.

Los Angeles.

April 24th.

R. E. Sir Kt. Jno. Francis Merrill presided over the session with a full list of officers and eleven Past Grand Commanders.

The Grand Commandery after roll call adjourned to witness "a magnificent display of the Templars of California on parade." The Grand Commander delivered an excellent report from it. We take the following:

MEMBERSHIP.

The year just closing will, I think, show a marked increase in our membership over the previous year, which I attribute to a better financial condition of the country, and in this connection would say that *we should always scrutinize most closely* the material we allow to cross the portals of our Asylums, and allow none to cross except those of whom there is not a shadow of a doubt. *Quality is far better than quantity* in an Order like ours. Work diligently, Sir Knights, to keep its moral tone at the highest point, to the glory of the Order and to the Cross which is emblazoned upon its banner.

He states the custom of having wine at their Templar banquets is gradually passing away and he advocates passing a law prohibiting wine at a banquet table, and also earnestly recommends that a very stringent law prohibiting a petition being received from a saloon-keeper or bartender.

He refused permission for a Drill Corps of a Commandery to appear in public on the 4th of July as it was not a Masonic occasion. He granted permission to ballot upon a petition within the statutory time, but he refused to grant a waiver of reference to the investigating Committee—and rightly. He visited 34 out of the 36 Commanderies, and found in six very poor work which he could not excuse, and says:

* I cannot and will not excuse officers for not doing their work properly. If they do not take the proper interest they cannot expect their Command to. If they hold office only to have the honor at some time of being Past Commanders, they are not worthy the title, and should step down and let the honor go to some one else. After giving the matter careful consideration, I have come to the conclusion that we would be better off if three

or four Commanderies surrendered their charters. I propose to post my successor as to these, that he may have a special eye upon them. I would recommend to Commanderies that have but little work to hold their line of officers for two years instead of one. If this Grand Body could afford it, I would most earnestly recommend the appointment of an *experienced body of Sir Knights* to visit Commanderies where their services were needed to give instructions appertaining to the welfare of the Order.

We are very much in accord with these remarks.

During the session the Committee on Jurisprudence reported in favor of recommending the various Commanderies to abstain from the use of wines at their banquet table—and also a regulation prohibiting the receiving of a petition from either a saloon-keeper or a bartender.—Both were adopted.

R. E. Sir Knight W. A. Davies presented another of his exceedingly interesting Reports on Correspondence covering 110 pages. Canada at Windsor is fraternally reviewed, and a very full extract of the addenda given. Sir Kt. Davies being pleased to say:

We note the following addenda to the proceedings of Great Priory. The whole programme is so full of good, wholesome, neighborly and Templar spirit that we have concluded, so far as political divisions are concerned, the Fraters of Windsor and Detroit hardly know which side of the river they are on.

Canadian Templars have long had a warm corner in their hearts for their Fratres of Michigan, and may it ever continue.

Sir Knight Davies makes a very complimentary allusion to our Report on Correspondence, and says:

We honestly think from his recorded expressions that Sir Will H. Whyte would be pleased with our California way of doing things, and if he will only visit us with an escort of the Montreal Templars accompanied by the "Pipe and Drum Band of the Fifth Royal Scots," we don't believe he would ever go home again.

Well, from what we saw of the Californian Knights at the Boston Triennial and from all we have read and heard of them when at home, we would quite make up our minds should we ever be tempted to visit that State as suggested, that the task of returning would,

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indeed, be a difficult one. Frater Davies, we are pleased to see, is still forning't the use of the Baldrick. Our Committee, on the Revision of the Statutes, will at this approaching session strike that article of Temperament dress out, and we are very much in hope of its being so decided.

Membership, 3,310; increase, 141.

Frederick M. Miller, Fresno, Grand Commander.
William A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Recorder.

COLORADO—1899.

24th Annual.

Denver.

Sept. 23rd.

R. E. Sir Kt. John M. Maxwell, the Grand Commander, opened the Grand Commandery in ample form with every officer at his station and representatives from 23 out of 25 chartered Commanderies. The report of the Grand Commander contained an account of his official acts, orders, etc. A new Code of Statutes was enacted, and a dispensation granted for a new Commandery.

Sir Knight Harper M. Orahood gave sixty pages of correspondence, 43 Jurisdictions passing in review, including Canada for 1898 at Hamilton. He states he is glad to see the practice of wearing uniforms is being adopted, as he knows it is for the good of the Order. Has a pleasant word for the Report on Correspondence and is glad to know we agree with him on voluntary membership.

Under North Carolina he remarks in answer to part of the Grand Commander's address, which referred to a small increase in membership and that small towns could not properly maintain a Commandery :

While there may be, apparently, some foundation for the last statement, such is not our experience or opinion. The smaller Commanderies are in many cases the best in all that goes to make a really successful Commandery. The members become more intimately acquainted, more fully understand and

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recognize each other and their mutual duties, than in the large city Commanderies. The friendships formed are closer, more enduring and beneficial. This is more than greater numbers and finer display on public parade.

Membership, 1,686; net increase, 20.

Harry A. Lee, Denver, Grand Commander.
E. C. Parmelee, Denver, Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT—1900.

73rd Annual. Waterbury. March 20th.

R. E. Sir Knight Wm. E. Risley, Grand Commander, presiding, with a goodly attendance of Past Grand Commanders and delegates. The address was a pleasant document with a concise report of his official actions. Referring to the Annual Sessions, he says:

Each conclave of our organization marks an epoch in its history. It is a time for the development of ways and the perfection of methods, for imparting information, the interchange of ideas, the renewal of enthusiasm, and especially for a review of the past, and the consideration of the interests of Templary for the future in this Grand Jurisdiction. The chief value of these annual gatherings comes from the inspiration which they give, rather than from the actual amount of knowledge imparted or received. It is profitable at least once a year to experience the fellowship of numbers.

The reports of the various committees showed the Grand Commandery to be in an efficient state.

The Local Commandery entertained the members of the Grand Commandery in the evening to a dinner which appears to have been a very enjoyable and successful event.

The Report on Correspondence by Sir Kt. Hugh Stirling is as usual a pleasant and courteous review of the various Jurisdictions.

Canada, at Windsor, receives due notice. Sir Kt. Stirling, like other reviewers, finds that everything appears to be going on quietly and smoothly in the

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Membership, 2,653; increase, 58.

Eddie S. Davis, Middletown, Grand Commander.
Eli C. Birdsey, Meriden, Grand Recorder.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1900.

5th Annual. Washington. May 14th.

A special meeting of the Grand Commandery was held on January 15th, for the purpose of presenting jewels to four of their Past Grand Commanders. The Past Grand Commanders afterwards entertained the members to a banquet.

The 5th Annual was presided over by R. E. Sir Knight Wm. T. Galligher, Grand Commander. In referring to the annual inspection and review of the Commanderies which takes place in Washington, he states:

No requirement on the part of the Grand Commandery has in my judgment been more productive of good than the Annual Inspection and Review. Year by year the interest in this subject is materially increased, as was evidenced on this occasion.

The Inspector General also remarks:

Especially should *every* Sir Knight be in full Templar uniform whenever the Order of the Temple is conferred. If Past Commanders would always observe this rule it would greatly aid, by example, the officers in stimulating the Sir Knights to wear the prescribed uniform while in the Asylum.

A motion to change the Baldric, from white to black, did not carry, but it was decided that the Baldric would be dispensed with by all officers of the Commandery wearing shoulder straps.

Sir Knight Geo. H. Walker reviews for the third time the Foreign Correspondence. He notes fewer decisions than usual were made and that the uniform

is receiving more attention, changes are proposed in some Jurisdictions, the Baldrick especially coming in for attention. Canada, at Windsor, is included in his review. He states :

The Supreme Grand Master delivered an address which was not only eloquent but interesting and instructive in many ways.

Membership, 1,493 ; increase, 13.

Harrison Dingman, Washington, Grand Commander.
Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA—1900.

6th Annual. Jacksonville. May 10th.

R. Em. Sir Kt. E. E. Haskell, Grand Commander, presiding, with almost a complete roll of Grand Officers.

The Grand Commander in his address reports "the Order in a prosperous, growing and most hopeful and healthy condition."

The reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer likewise endorse the above statement.

A Committee on Uniform was appointed.

The proceedings are local.

No report on Correspondence.

Membership, 285 ; increase, 47.

Warren Tyler, Bartow, Grand Commander.
Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA—1900.

39th Annual. Atlanta. May 9th, 10th.

R. E. Sir Knight Julius L. Brown, Grand Commander, presiding. Owing to the inclement weather preventing an outdoor parade, the Commanderies met in the Asylum and were welcomed to the city in a very pleasant address, which was duly responded to, after which a "tempting lunch was served."

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The Grand Commander proved himself a capable executive officer, his address covering about 42 pages, contained no padding of orders or correspondence, but dealt with all the details of his office in an excellent manner. Upon assuming office the Grand Commander made enquiries for the charter, and upon search being made it was discovered that the Grand Commandery had never received a charter from the Grand Encampment, although the Records of the Supreme Body contained resolutions authorizing charters to Georgia and other States and the installation of the Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander insisted on a reduction of expenses and that more economy be used, and suggested a number of items that should be curtailed.

The Grand Commander approved of having ladies at all Templar banquets. Regarding the Order, he says :

Of course, every Mason understands that we can ask none of the profane to become Masons, but there is no reason on earth why, after one has shown an interest in Masonry, he can not be urged and encouraged to go on and become a Knight Templar.

And under decisions :

"And by way of parenthesis, I wish to say, that I do not understand how any Master Mason or Royal Arch Mason, considering his vows and oaths, can object to the advancement of any one to our Order. This is food for reflection and I commend it to Masons who think.

He bewails the poor attendance at some of the assemblies, and for the benefit of the younger men points to a number of old Knights, over 70 and 80, who never miss a meeting of their Commandery. One enthusiastic of 84 years of age walking regularly three miles to the meeting and three back, and adds :

In the early days to be a Knight Templar meant something. Then those valiant Sir Knights who organized this Order, and for many years afterwards, a Sir Knight carried his life at the point of his sword. Jerusalem and other points well illustrate the sacrifices which they made in defence of the principles of our Order and for the furtherance of its ends and for our appendant Order of Malta. The history of Rhodes and of Malta and Lisle Adams and Jean Lavette tell of the sacrifices they made.

Now, what are our Christian sacrifices to-day in this free country of ours. One goes to church when he pleases, there is no special penalty about doing it. He gives up an hour or two on Sunday, and probably once a week.

What does a Knight Templar sacrifice? Nothing. One evening a month, possibly two, depending on when his Commandery meets.

Now, Sir Knights, when we think that we are the "Poor Fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ," that we are a religious body, that we are a semi-military body, and founded upon sacred vows, if the Order is worth anything at all why can't we come out and attend its Conclaves.

The Finance Committee suggested a number of retrenchments which were adopted.

Sir Knight Roland B. Hall wrote his twelfth report and we presume his last, as the stroke of economy added the report to the duties of the Recorder, with a rider that it was not to be over 30 pages.

We are sorry to part company with Sir Kt. Hall. Canada, at Windsor, receives due notice. Last year by error, his report was credited to J. B. Anthony. We could not quite understand how, but on looking up the proceedings we found there was no name attached to the report. On the last page, No. 100, we found quotations from New York with Sir Knight Anthony's name. Of course we knew better, and that Sir Knight Hall was the author, and should not have copied the name without stopping to think, but we note we are not the only reviewer who has made the same error. Our remarks were for Sir Kt. Hall.

Membership, 789; increase, 52.

Thos. E. Fletcher,	Forsyth,	Grand Commander.
Wm. S. Rockwell,	Savannah,	Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1899.

43rd Annual. Chicago. October 24th.

R. E. Sir Knight Geo. W. Curtiss, Grand Commander, presiding. The address is a lengthy document reciting his official acts. He refers to the presen-

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tation of a testimonial to R. E. Sir Knight Gil, W. Barnard in token of 21 years service as Grand Recorder as per resolution of the Grand Commandery at previous session. We add our hearty congratulations to Frater Barnard whom we have had the pleasure of knowing for a number of years, and we know he is fully worthy of the action of the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commandery did not agree with the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment in his construction and decision of the law of non-affiliation passed at last triennial, and their representatives for the next triennial were instructed to use all honorable means to secure the repeal of this decision.

Our good friend R. E. Sir Kt. John Corson Smith presented his eleventh Report on Correspondence, and like all his previous efforts it is highly interesting. He refers to the Great Priory of Victoria, Australia, and asserts that it is not a legitimate body and its members are engaged in unlawful work as he has been creditably informed.

He refers to the non-affiliation questions which seems to be a thorn in many of the Jurisdictions of the United States, and considers that "the Grand Encampment has not the legal, moral or fraternal right to enact a law which makes that unlawful which when done was lawful and punishes the Sir Knights therefor. He differs with the Grand Master upon this point, and says :

We are told a failure to obey this law will be a violation of our obligation as a Master Mason. How? Did the Master Mason pass this law or did they ask its passage? What have they to do with Templar law?

Canada, at Hamilton, is fraternally reviewed, and he says pleasant things about his Fratres north of the Line. Of the Provincial Priors he remarks :

We know of no work more carefully done than that of the inspection and visitations of the Provincial Priors of Canada.

Of the Report on Correspondence he kindly says :

We wish we were in the mood and able to do justice to this excellent Report on Correspondence of Frater Whyte, whose opening summary of what he finds in the doings of Grand Commaneries in the United States is a volume in itself, though condensed into a few pages.

The *piece de resistance* of the General's report is his visit to "Great Britain and the Emerald Isle," and which is as usual embellished with numerous views of his travels. Among them are the Earl of Kintore, Sovereign Grand Commander of Scotland; cottage in which Burns was born and house in which he died; Mauchline cottage, Mossgiel, and the General sitting in Burn's chair with the apron and jewel worn by the poet when Depute Master; views of Tarbolton; Lord Saltoun, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Murray Lyon, the much respected Grand Secretary and writer of Scotland; the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; Bro. H. E. Flavelle, Deputy Grand Secretary and Treasurer of Ireland; W. J. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D.; the Earl Amherst, Grand Lodge of England; R. W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, the Grand Secretary of England, and others, together with views of Freemasons Hall, Dublin, both outside and in. Our space is too limited to give any extended remarks on this interesting article, nor could justice be done in a review of this nature.

Membership, 9,277; loss, 122.

James B. McFatrigh, Chicago, Grand Commander.
Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Grand Recorder.

INDIAN TERRITORY—1900.

6th Annual. Ardmore. April 18th.

R. E. Sir Knight R. F. Scoffern, Grand Commander, presiding. He presented a short report of his official acts. Stated there had been a steady increase in membership, and peace and harmony prevailed.

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The business was routine. During the session the Grand Commandery adjourned and acted as escort to the Grand Lodge to the site of the Baptist church, when the corner stone was laid with Masonic ceremonies.

No report on correspondence.

Membership, 209 ; increase, 16.

Ira B. Kirkland, Muskogee, Grand Commander.
Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka, Grand Recorder.

IOWA—1900.

37th Annual, Templar Park. July 10th.

The session was presided over by R. E. Sir Kt. John H. Pettibone, Grand Commander. The address was a lengthy one, going thoroughly into the details of his official actions.

Upon the state of the Order he says, and we quite agree with him :

I am convinced by experience that the running down of a Commandery is almost entirely due to the indifference and lack of energetic effort on the part of the men upon whom the responsibility of conducting its affairs is placed, viz., the officers.

He advocates the adoption of a pocket-book of Drill and Tactics, which would encourage and promote proficiency, as it would be in a convenient and comprehensive form.

The session occupied four days and the members apparently spent a delightful time at their beautiful Templar Park. There appeared to be a good deal of business transacted but it was principally local.

V. E. Sir Knight Mayo, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, paid a visit during the session. The Grand Recorder reported damage to his office by fire to the extent of \$872.00, insured. He has our sympathy for damage to files and records.

Memorial services, in which both the Knights and their ladies took part, and a public installation of officers were among some of the public events.

An able and interesting report, for the ninth time, is from the pen of Sir Knight J. C. W. Coxe, D.D. Canada, at Windsor, is courteously and pleasantly reviewed. He is very complimentary to the portrait of Grand Master Ellis. He notes the interchange of courtesies between the Sir Knights of Detroit and Canada, and remarks :

An interesting incident of the second day's session was the reception of Right Eminent Sir Eugene P. Robertson, Grand Commander of Michigan. The interchange of courtesies between the Dominion and the States is a delightful feature, which contributes in no small measure to the *entente cordiale* between the Queen's subjects and the monarchs south of the great lakes.

He is very complimentary to the Grand Chancellor, for which we tender our modest thanks :

The Grand Chancellor required but four pages for a comprehensive report. He is a capable and courteous officer.

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We turn with a zest of a hungry traveller to the attractive repast spread by Sir Will H. Whyte in his fifty-eight pages of correspondence report. He notes the relative increase in Templar ranks to be for the year 1898, in the United States two and two-sevenths per cent., and in Canada nearly three and three-fourths per cent. We rejoice in their prosperity ; long may it be ere the sun shall set.

He regrets Iowa did not appear in Canada's report. So did we, but we shall have to refer Sir Knight Coxe to his own remarks under Michigan for our reasons are the same.

Under Vermont he says, and thereby coincides with our numerous remarks in last year's report on many of the various Grand Commanders reports, we could not call them addresses :

The address of the Grand Commander is open to the criticism that it is " padded " with official orders and correspondence, which should be where all baggage belongs, in the rear.

In his conclusion he finds nothing but peace and harmony, but the murmur of dissatisfaction over the non-affiliation legislation of the Grand Encampment is apparently increasing in volume.

Membership, 4,556 ; net increase, 36.

David M. Brownlee, Sioux City, Gr. Commander.
Alfred Wingate, Des Moines, Gr. Recorder.

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May 8th.

The Grand Commandery was presided over by R. E. Sir Knight Edd Hayes, Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander's station being vacant through death. A large portion of the address is occupied with the obsequies of a number of their leading Templars, among them we notice the name of R. Em. Sir Knight Jacob DeWitt, P.G.C., an old Montrealer, and whom we knew personally. We were exceedingly pained to hear of his death, and our deep sympathies are with our Kansas Fratres in his and the other three prominent members whom they have lost. The Grand Commander is somewhat severe, and rightly so, for the lack of courtesy shown to him in replies to his correspondence. Twice out of 78 letters sent to members of the Grand Commandery, he only got 18 answers. The Triennial expenses appear to be hitting the exchequers of some of the Jurisdictions rather heavily and the Finance Committee draws attention that some provision must also be made by Kansas. A Commandery by-law on life membership was approved of, the fourth clause reading as follows :

4. All money received by this Commandery on account of life membership, and ten per cent. of all money received on account of fees paid for orders conferred, shall be placed in a fund that shall be invested in first mortgages on real estate, or in interest bearing bonds of unquestionable value; and only the interest thereof shall be used by this Commandery.

This is about the only way life membership can be conducted on a business method, for organizations are only too prone to accept a sum of money without investing it. The interest on the amount should represent as near as possible the dues the member was paying, and if this does not meet the amount then a percentage of the fees as above should be added.

Sir Knight A. M. Callahan's sixth report on correspondence is like his previous ones, bright and interesting. It is one of the longest of the year, occupying 168 pages.

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Canada receives three full pages and the review is the Windsor meeting. Past Grand Master MacWatt's address is freely quoted from, as well as the Report on Correspondence, which he is good enough to style an "able paper full of fraternal love, with kindly Templar criticisms and commendations," for which we express our earnest and modest thanks. To our mind it is much more pleasant to strew flowers than thorns on one's journey through life, and though one may not agree with all our neighbor's ideas and ways, we always feel he has a right to his as we have to ours. If we make any criticisms on methods, etc., we trust it shall be always considered as our good Frater has remarked. We know we are inclined to strike straight out from the shoulder at times, but never, we trust, discourteously or viciously.

Sir Knight Callaham states his loyalty to the Grand Encampment and bows to the will of the majority, but does not believe they "did the right thing nor the wise thing" in their non-affiliation laws. There are many others, and we believe they are increasing, who feel the same.

Sir Knight Callaham is somewhat severe on Grand Commanders who refused to allow Templar Parades in uniform to welcome returning soldiers, etc. We think our American friends turn out too much in public as it is, and on very slim pretexts, and we cannot but think it weakens the respect for the Order, among outsiders, to be seen parading so much. We have worn Her Majesty's uniform and have always had a strong military leaning, and our loyalty to Queen and Flag is well known, but we do not believe in our Order being mixed up in public parades of any kind. But then everybody does not always think alike. Sir Knight Callaham announces his retirement from the Correspondence Committee. We express our sincere regrets and best wishes for his future.

Membership, 3,311 } increase, 64.

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KENTUCKY—1900.

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May 16th.

The Commanderies assembled formed escort and proceeded to the Baptist Church where public worship was held, and then a public reception in the Opera House.

R. E. Sir Knight James T. Hedges presided over the session. He makes report of his acts, but it is filled with correspondence, orders, etc. Business local. The Grand Commandery will meet at Louisville in 1901, at the time of the Triennial.

New statutes and regulations were adopted.

The Correspondence Report is once more from the talented pen of Frater Charles R. Woodruff. It is his twenty-seventh. Canada at Windsor receives Knightly attention. He states Grand Master MacWatt's address "Exhibits a good condition of Canadian Templary." The Correspondence Report also receives due attention, and the writer promised that "He and all those who accompany him" to Louisville in 1901 "shall most assuredly be made to feel entirely at home here." Thanks, Frater Woodruff, we are quite sure of a fraternal reception, and hope circumstances may permit of our visit.

Frater Woodruff thinks the progress of the Commandery is handicapped by requiring candidates to be possessed of the capitular degrees, and that it is unfair to the Commanderies to require them to maintain the Chapters. He also thinks the non-affiliation laws all wrong, for they only work one way, as they make the Commandery tributary to the Lodge and Chapter and thinks a law should be passed to the effect that non-affiliation in his Commandery by a Knight Templar shall deprive him of membership in the Lodge and Chapter. He thinks the Brothers and Companions should exhibit a fraternal reciprocity in the matter. We note Frater Woodruff is a Committee of one to

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arrange a banquet to Templar Reporters at the Triennial, an added inducement to the members of the Guild to visit Louisville. We have made another extra mental resolution.

Membership, 2,188; net increase, 34.

J. G. Orndorff, Russellville, Grand Commander.
A. H. Bryant, Covington, Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA—1900.

37th Annual. New Orleans. February 16th.

R. E. Sir Knight Thomas B. Chase, Grand Commander, presided, with representatives from five Commanderies.

The Grand Commander in his address stated that the report of the Grand Recorder would show a considerable loss in membership during the year, due to the action of the Grand Encampment in relation to non-affiliated Masons and the Grand Masters ruling thereon. Business local.

No Report on Correspondence, the Chairman being absent from the city for a number of months.

Membership, 310; loss, 41.

Graham Surghnor, Munroe, Grand Commander.
Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND—1899.

29th Annual. Baltimore. November 23rd.

A special conclave of the Grand Commandery was held at Baltimore on the 3rd April, for the purpose of installing the officers elect of the subordinate Commanderies and adoption of changes in their By-laws.

R. E. Sir Knight J. W. Snyder, the Grand Commander, presided over the Annual Assembly. His address contained a recital of his official acts. The

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reports of the various officers showed that the Order was holding its own in this Jurisdiction with a slight increase.

Sir Knight John H. Miller, the Grand Recorder, offers his first Templar Report. He does double duty, as owing to absence of a report for the previous year he reviews both 1898-99. Canada, at Hamilton and Windsor, is noticed, and quotes Grand Master Mac-Watt's remarks on the dilatoriness of the Registrars in sending in their returns. He thinks the trouble is also with the presiding officer who does not look after the Recorders and see that the returns are promptly sent in. Sir Knight Miller is quite correct.

Under North Dakota he agrees with the Grand Recorder, that the Knights of the Order of the Temple cannot pursue an indifferent policy and expect the Order to grow. Nor does he, on the other hand, think the policy should be carried too far. Too much solicitation is as bad as indifference, as it makes the Order cheap to the would-be candidates—in other words, a man never appreciates or respects what he obtains easily or cheaply.

Sir Knight Miller's first report is very interesting and many of his remarks to the point.

Membership, 1,247; net increase, 13.

Lewis H. Uhrig, Baltimore, Grand Commander.
John H. Miller, Baltimore, Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS—1899.

93rd Annual. Boston. October 31st.

The 93rd Semi-Annual was held in the City of Providence, R. I., on the 24th May. R. E. Sir Knight Geo. L. Shepley, the Grand Commander, in his Semi-Annual address, recommended strongly the adoption of the By-law recently put into force by a great many of the larger Commanderies, to the effect that the entrance fee should include a sufficient sum to fully uniform the candidate. He stated that:

Ordinarily not much more than 50 per cent. of incoming members uniform themselves at all, if they are allowed to follow their own pleasure in the matter, and the regalias frequently acquired, where the member is allowed to select it for himself, will vary in more or less particulars and not be in accordance with the standard prescribed by his own Commandery.

The observation of this By-law in the Commanderies that have adopted it has given the greatest satisfaction and does not seem to have effected in the slightest degree the number applications that are received for the Orders.

The 93rd Annual was held in Boston on the 31st day of October. The Grand Commander's address reviewed his official acts for the half year. A Life Membership by-law was made more clear, the member having to pay down fifteen times the sum required by it as annual dues, in no case less than fifty dollars. The question of investment, etc., had already been provided for.

The Report on Correspondence is by the Rev. H. W. Rugg, who gives a very pleasant introductory, reviewing the position of Knight Templary in the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He states :

Peace and harmony prevail throughout the Templar world. There is no sign of internal strife in any Jurisdiction; nor does there seem to exist in any locality such differences of opinion respecting either the principles or the polity of Templary, as would seem suggestive of coming dissensions. There is nothing to fear from the outside. Freemasonry and Templary are now regarded with general favor. Perhaps they are becoming too powerful and too popular for their own good.

With reference to non-reading Masons :

It is a matter of regret that Masonic periodicals are not better supported, and equally so that other publications which contain much of information respecting Masonic and Templar law, the history and movements of our institutions, are not more sought after and studied. We could wish that the Proceedings of various Grand Bodies were more attentively considered.

With reference to the idea put forth that the Order of the Temple should draw its membership directly from the Lodge. He remarks under Arkansas :

We doubt, however, whether there would be any real gain to the Institution by such new departure. "Let well enough alone" is a good motto. The Order of Knights Templars is increasing at a sufficiently rapid rate, and there is no call for any action by which to stimulate accessions of new members to its communion.

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Canada, at Hamilton, comes in for review and extracts from Grand Master Macwatt's address given. Of the Report on Correspondence. He says :

He expresses his opinions in a straightforward, easily understood, and courteous manner. He treats all Jurisdictions with evident fairness, and does not decline to present opinions when they differ from his own judgment.

Sir Knight Rugg refers to our comments on some of his remarks in his previous report. It was fully intended to be complimentary to our good Frater, for as he states great heads and small have often the same ideas running through them, though some place these ideas more prettily and to the point than others, and Sir Knight Rugg more aptly expresses himself than others. His quotation from Lowell is :

"Tis not easy to know
Just how much we from others have taken,
And how much is our natural flow."

Under Maine he refers to Frater Berry's remarks on the Red Cross, and says :

Thomas Smith Webb is often credited with the originating of the degree or Order of the Red Cross ; but there is plenty of evidence to show that the Red Cross degree was worked in Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, perhaps in other Masonic organizations, long before Webb entered upon the work of moulding the system of American Templary. But it is along rather of an obscure way that we attempt to trace the *parentage* of what is now designated the "Illustrious Order of the Red Cross." From Webb's time until now the Orders of the Red Cross and of the Temple have been closely associated.

And it is hard to say at the present time what the Red Cross was like before Webb's time. To our mind we do not think it the same.

Membership, 12,860 ; net gain, 128.

Herbert F. Morse, Roxbury, Grand Commander.
Ben. W. Rowell, Boston, Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN—1900.

44th Annual.

Ann Harbor. May 15th, 16th.

Presided over by R. Em. Sir Knight Eugene P. Robertson, the Grand Commander. We always turn with much interest to the proceedings of Michigan, as

for a number of years past there has been much fraternal intercourse and many friendly visits between the Templars of Michigan and Canada, and the pamphlets of both Jurisdictions contain many pleasant records of Templar courtesies offered on both sides of the line. The opening pages of the volume under review contain the following :

M. E. John V. Ellis, Supreme Grand Master ; R. E. D. L. Carling, Deputy Grand Master ; R. E. D. W. B. Spry, Provincial Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of the Dominion of Canada, were announced as in waiting, and were received under the arch of steel and cordially welcomed by the Grand Commander.

Most Eminent Sir Ellis responded in a most felicitous manner, thanking the Grand Commander for their cordial reception and expressing the hope that the kindly and fraternal feeling now existing between the Templars of the two countries should long continue.

Happy welcomes to Ann Harbor were made and pleasantly and courteously acknowledged.

The Grand Commander in his address referred to the interchange of courtesies between Michigan and Canada the September previously when "Detroit," "Damascus" and "Ann Harbor" visited Windsor. Canada was pleased, indeed, to have the courteous presence of the Grand Commander and a number of his officers on that occasion. He very courteously speaks of the parade, Detroit's fine exhibition of drill, etc., and kindly remarks on the fraternal spirit evinced between the Knights of both Jurisdictions :

We then returned to the city of Windsor, where we were banqueted and treated as only those that love man and can enjoy true love and fellowship can do. In the evening we re-crossed the river, went to the Masonic Temple and saw Richard Cœur de Leon Preceptory, No. 7, of Montreal (at the request of Detroit Commandery, No. 1), confer the Order of Malta in full form. This Preceptory was very proficient in their rendering. They received great applause and congratulations. We were all one in spirit, if not in country. The Supreme Grand Master, Sir Macwatt, his staff, and the Sir Knights of Canada increased the very warm love and affection that has so long existed between the Canadian and Michigan Knight Templars. At a late hour, just before bidding good-bye, they all sang as if in one voice, "God Save the Queen" and "America."

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On the following day I visited the Sovereign Great Priory; it was a delightful day to me. It seems as if I was lifted upon a higher plane of observation, overlooking the world, and while I could see war and strife and animosities, I saw more plainly than ever what our Grand Order of Knights Templar can and is doing. Every courtesy was extended to me as Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan that was possible, and I was glad to be able to grasp the newly elected Supreme Grand Master John V. Ellis, by the hand, and congratulate him on the exalted position he had attained. We wish the Sovereign Great Priory great success, as we also do each individual Sir Knight.

During the session Sir Knight Van Zile made the following resolution:

Resolved—That a committee of five be appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander to consider the feasibility of the Grand Commandery purchasing on the banks of some lake in the State a piece of land consisting of from twenty to forty acres, as they may think best, upon which the Grand Commandery may erect suitable buildings for boarding hall, assembly rooms and cottages for the use of Grand Commandery. A portion of said site to be given up to the use of each one of the Subordinate Commanderies, with privilege to them to build such buildings and cottages as they may desire for their own use; and a portion of said land to be set off and improved for a drill and parade grounds. Docks, boat-houses and such like conveniences to be granted, and the whole to be incorporated and regulated as may seem best, under the name of the Knights Templar Camp Ground Association. Stock to be issued only to the Grand and Subordinate Commanders, K. T., Michigan, and that the annual sessions of the Grand Commandery be held at said camp grounds, at which time the Subordinate Commanderies be invited with their families. To the end that these annual meetings may be also annual conclaves of the Knights Templar of Michigan.

Sir Knight H. L. Anthony's second Report on Correspondence is like his previous one, very pleasant reading. Canada, at Windsor, receives his courteous attention, but as we have given Michigan already considerable space, shall have to curtail further remarks.

Membership, 5,681; net increase, 24.

Phillip Van Zile,	Detroit,	Grand Commander.
H. L. Anthony,	Sturgis,	Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA—1900.

35th Annual.

St. Paul.

June 25th.

The Grand Commandery was opened in ample form by R. E. Sir Kt. John C. Munro, Grand Commander. The Grand Officers were all present. The

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Grand Commander's address contained his official acts, made a number of visitations and was convinced that an exemplification of the work before Grand Commandery would be of the greatest value to the Commanderies, and urgently recommended that steps be taken at this conclave for such exemplification. Legislation local.

Sir Kt. Thos. Montgomery, the Grand Recorder, indites the Correspondence Report. He apologises for a short report, pressure of time in the first place and little more in the various Templar Proceedings than a record of the usual and necessary business. Canada, 1899, at Windsor, receives due notice.

Membership 2,744 ; Net increase 83.

Thomas H. Warren, Stillwater, Grand Commander.
Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI—1900.

40th Annual. Meridan. Feb. 19th, 20th.

R. E. Sir Knight John S. Cobb, Grand Commander, presided over the fortieth Annual Conclave. The Grand Commander strongly advocates the placing of the entrance fee at such a figure as shall cover the cost of the uniform in order that the uniforms be indeed uniform, and every member uniformed.

The Grand Recorder, J. L. Power, who had filled that very important office for 30 years reported that the past year had brought in the largest amount of receipts received in any one year since he had held that office, over \$1000.

The Veteran writer, Sir Knight E. G. deLap, submitted his twentieth annual report. He is a forcible writer and his pungent style brought out several writers who took exception to his remarks. He hits back every time, and gives his political views and leanings.

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Canada is not reviewed, and as Mississippi was not in the Canadian proceedings last year, there must be something wrong with the P. O. authorities.

Membership, 551 ; net gain, 25.

Rev. J. A. B. Jones, Brandon, Grand Commander.
J. L. Power, Jackson, Grand Recorder.

MONTANA—1899.

12th Annual. Helena. September 18th.

R. E. Sir Knight Edward C. Day, Grand Commander, whose portrait adorns the proceedings, presided.

The evening previous (Sunday) the officers of the Grand Commandery assembled and, accompanied by Helena Commandery, marched to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, where divine service was held. Nine Commanderies were represented at the conclave. The Grand Commander's report, though marred by the insertion of correspondence and orders, showed he had been painstaking and observing. His remarks on Fratres accepting office, which they are unwilling or unable to fill, are very much to the point :

To no one, however worthy, should an office be given, which he is unwilling or unable to fill. These stations are not honors, to be bestowed at pleasure. Election to them becomes an honor only when the officer is fitted for the place. He who accepts of office, without any intention of trying to fill it, works an injury that an age of effort on the part of others cannot remedy. If you will persist in selecting unfit men for office then take the precaution to arrange the proper manner in which the work should be done. Again, prepare carefully for the conferring of the Orders. Would that officers could be made to feel the responsibility that rests on them in this particular! The Order of the Temple is one of the sublime ceremonies of life, and there should be brought to it a mind free from distraction, and a heart filled with the inspiration of its truths. The work should be studied until the principles underlying it are thoroughly impressed upon your mind ; until the formal words of the ritual have become warmed into living and breathing ideas. And then you will come before the candidate with a lesson to teach, which he will hear with joy and gladness—a revelation to impart, which will come as the dawn of a perfect day. And he will rise from the accolade inspired to higher and nobler purposes, and bound to the Order and its members by the strong bands of a common

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After kindly reviewing our report, he says :

All the Christian powers are criminally negligent, to allow Palestine to be desolated by Turkish possession and misrule. Thanks to England, that she is in Egypt to stay, and we shall rejoice as much as any subject of Victoria in seeing Africa, from the Cape to the mouths of the Nile, under the kindred flag of Great Britain. We pride ourselves on being a champion of peace, but not the peace of the grave, nor the peace of ignorance and slavery. The best assurance for peace is readiness for war, and peace, that sterilizes manhood, is worse than war. Looking down the ages, Christ said that he came not to bring peace, but a sword.

We had marked a number of interesting items but are afraid we have given Montana all the space at our disposal. We are hoping some day to be able to grasp Frater Hedges by the hand and have a good quiet talk.

Membership, 409 ; net increase, 35.

Geo. M. Hays,	Helena,	Grand Commander.
Ed. D. Neill,	Helena,	Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA—1900.

28th Annual.	Lincoln,	April 26th.
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Presided over by R. E. Sir Knight Lininger, Grand Commander, and representatives from 18 out of the 23 chartered Commanderies.

The Grand Commander in his address stated that when he retired from office after this session his official relations with masonry would for the first time in more than 40 years have terminated, a long record indeed and no doubt of much interest. He was present at and assisted in the formation of the Grand Commandery 28 years ago. **Business Routine.**

Sir Knight Francis E. White states he did not rush into his report on Correspondence, he was pushed in and is quite willing to hand over his pencil to any one who thinks they can write a better report. We think it extremely likely he will be kept at the work. We doubt of Nebraska finding any one better.

Canada, at Windsor, is pleasantly reviewed ; says the Grand Master's address was a business-like document, leaving official documents to go in the appendix where

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they properly belong. Wonders how we got Y into our name instead of I, and remarks that we do not use the "I" but little in the report.

"Although it is good enough (the report) to use all there are in a font of type."

Says, "he (we) believes in the 'Union Jack' and not afraid of the outcome in the Transvaal." We are indebted to our good Frater for his kindly remarks, and would merely say we inherited an enthusiastic affection for the dear "Old Flag" and our faith never waivers. With reference to the y in our name, it has come down to us from a very old Scotch family and are, therefore, unlike our good Nebraska Frater, a Whyte without an I.

Sir Knight White in his conclusion refers to the various points which appear under discussion and thinks the question of non-affiliation will again come up at the next Triennial. It looks so from the various remarks of many of the Grand Commanders Committees and Correspondents.

Membership, 1640; net loss, 25.

Thos. G. Rees, Farnam, Grand Commander.
Francis E. White, Plattsmouth, Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1899.

Concord.

Sept. 26.

R. E. Sir Knight, Henry B. Quinby, Grand Commander, presided over the deliberations of the New Hampshire Templars, and gave a short and concise report of his official acts.

V. E. Sir Knight Joseph A. Locke, the Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment, paid a fraternal and official visit, and received a hearty welcome.

The business was routine. Saint George Commandery exemplified the Order of the Temple before the Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight A. S. Wait gives us one of his interesting reviews of the Templar Jurisdictions. Canada, at Hamilton, comes under his courteous pen, and we are indebted to him for his complimentary remarks regarding the Report on Correspondence.

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He gives his views on the subject of Citizenship being required for the degrees of Masonry or of the Order of the Temple, and plainly states his opinion that "it is not warranted by any principle of the Masonic Institution or required by anything in our national or state policy or interests." This is in accord with our views pronounced last year, and as the Grand Commandery later pronounced itself on these above lines, no further discussion is necessary.

Membership, 2,207; increase, 45.

Henry B. Quinby, Lakeport, Grand Commander.
Geo. P. Cleaves, Concord, Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1900.

42nd Annual.

Trenton.

May 8th.

R. E. Sir Kt. Peter McGill, Grand Commander, presided over the Annual Assembly. Sir Knight McGill appears to have been an active official, but we are sorry to see he mars his report with correspondence. He refers to the passing nineteenth century and its record of glory, and remarks the great Order of the Temple has kept apace with the century. He is grateful for the honors placed upon him, and his services will always be at the disposal of his Frateres. Sir Knight McGill is also the writer of the Correspondence Report, and the various Jurisdictions under review are fraternally scanned. Canada, for 1899, comes in for courteous treatment and international courtesies pleasantly referred to, as also the Correspondence Report, which he is pleased to call "good work." He refers to our remarks on the Transvaal trouble, and says:

"Truly, the 'whelps of the Lion' have responded nobly to the call for help from the Motherland, and have shown themselves brave and efficient in the struggle now going on."

We thank him sincerely for his "heartfelt sympathy."

Sir Knight McGill thinks there is no better or more attractive way of enlightenment than the perusal and study of the writings of the members of the Corps

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of Correspondents. All are not of equal merit, but much good in many, some good in all. He remarks in his conclusion the duty of the Old Knights was to do and die; ours to live and do. Aye, truly.

Membership, 1,869; increase, 36.

Wm. B. Pugh,	Ridgefield.	Grand Commander.
Chas. Bechtel,	Trenton,	Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK—1899.

86th Annual. Syracuse. Sept. 26th, 27th.

R. E. Sir Knight George Nicholson, Grand Commander, presided over the deliberations of the 86th Annual Assembly; and, in a concise business document, presented to the Sir Knights a record of his official acts for the year.

They received a hearty welcome from the local Commandery; which the Grand Commander suitably acknowledged. A number of distinguished visitors were received. Knightly greetings with New Hampshire, who were also in session, were exchanged.

The reports of the various officers, as well as the committees, showed this great Jurisdiction to be prosperous and harmonious.

Like in a great many others, Templary seemed to be pursuing the even tenor of its way. The business was routine and nothing occurred of more than local importance. The Grand Recorder reported a net gain of 174, and the Grand Treasurer a balance of about \$8,000.00.

An unexpected cloud, however, arose before many months had elapsed and their Great Commander, R. E. Sir Knight Charles E. Ide, laid down his Cross and took up his Crown at Jacksonville, Fla. The proceedings had not been issued when his death came and announcement is duly made. Since then they have suffered another heavy loss in the death of their Grand Recorder, R. Em. Sir Knight John F. Shafer, whose demise has been announced this past month of July.

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Our hearts go out in deep sympathy with our Frateres of the Empire State in the loss of two of the leading officers of their Jurisdiction.

Sir Knight, Jesse B. Anthony reviews in his usual happy style the proceedings of forty-one Grand Bodies. In his introductory he remarks: "An element of opposition has already arisen against the principle established of dependent membership," and thinks sufficient time should be given to demonstrate wherein there has been an error of judgment. We also think time should be given, for, to our mind, time will clearly demonstrate the legislation is not wise. Our good friends in many of the Jurisdictions in the States should not allow privileges of Lodge visitation and participation in Masonic affairs and events to non-affiliates. If they were as strict as we are on this side of the line, we are sure they would not have so many, nor need so much legislation over them.

In this Jurisdiction the Templars who are not also members of the Lodge and Chapter are few and far between.

Canada, 1898, at Hamilton, receives courteous mention and quotations given from the Supreme Grand Master's address. The Correspondence Report also receives attention, and is styled an "acceptable and courteous review." He "cordially reciprocates" the wish we expressed regarding the better feeling existing between the two great nations that dwell beneath "Old Glory" and the "Union Jack."

Sir Knight Anthony's Tables of Statistics are extremely interesting, especially his Comparison Tables. We are unable to present them all, but think several of them would be of interest to Canadian Knights, and herewith annex them:

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STATISTICAL COMPARISON.

	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
Grand Encampment.....	1	1	1	1
Grand Commanderies.....	42	43	43	43
Subordinate Commanderies..	997	1,009	1,016	1,018
Knights.....	7,951	6,539	6,938	6,881
Affiliated.....	1,390	1,160	964	935
Reinstated.....	308	345	391	396
Died.....	1,501	1,558	1,656	1,808
Dimitted.....	2,119	1,850	1,762	1,825
Dropped and non-payment of dues.....	1,782	2,201	1,878	2,317
Expelled.....	80	45	62	84
Membership.....	110,201	112,867	116,173	118,228

Based upon the tables we deduce the following points of interest. In numerical standing the Grand Commanderies take rank in the following order:

Massachusetts and Rhode Island (Sept. 30, 1898).....	12,734
Pennsylvania (April 30, 1899).....	12,355
New York (May 30, 1898).....	11,670
Illinois.....	9,491
Ohio.....	8,443
Michigan.....	5,665
Iowa.....	4,470
Missouri.....	4,400
Indiana.....	3,579
Maine.....	3,344

Grand Commanderies which have Commanderies of the largest membership:

GRAND COMMANDERY.	Name.	No	Location.	Membersh.
Massachusetts & Rhode Island.....	Boston.....	2	Boston.....	970
Pennsylvania.....	Pittsburg..	1	Pittsburg ..	845
Illinois.....	Apollo.....	1	Chicago.....	665
Connecticut.....	Washington	1	Hartford.....	602
New York.....	Malta.....	21	Binghampton	546
District of Columbia..	Columbia..	2	Washington..	524
Ohio.....	Oriental.....	12	Cleveland....	484
Michigan.....	Detroit.....	1	Detroit.....	449
Missouri.....	St. Aldemar	18	St. Louis.....	447
Minnesota.....	Portland ..	2	Minneapolis .	426
Maine.....	Portland ..	2	Portland.....	423
Colorado.....	Colorado ..	1	Denver.....	422
Kentucky.....	De Molay...	2	Louisville....	421

Membership, 111,844; net gain, 174.

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 Arthur MacArthur, Troy, Grand Recorder.

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NORTH CAROLINA—1900.

20th Annual. Charlotte. June 13th, 14th.

R. E. Sir Knight W. E. Storm, Grand Commander, presided, with representatives from nine Commanderies.

The Grand Commander's address was short. He gave a concise account of the formation of Knight Templary in his State and the founding of the Grand Commandery.

A Committee on Uniform brought in a recommendation for a new standard uniform, with a rider that it be "rigidly enforced;" the same was adopted.

The Harris tactics, as used in Michigan, were also adopted.

The per capita dues were reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.00.

Sir Knight John C. Chase gives us another of his excellent reports, although he made his farewell bow last year. We are glad to greet him once more, and hope his final reports will be like the usual farewell performances of so many of the great operatic stars, etc. Canada, at Windsor, is under review. He styles the Grand Master's address a well written account of his official acts, and notes the work of the session. He carefully reviews all the Jurisdictions but one, and gives us a good *resumé* of the doings in each.

We are in accord with him over the custom of requiring permission from the Grand Commander for a Commandery to visit another State. We think no harm would come if this idea was dropped. He ventures the assertion that the non-affiliation law will afford all the needed excitement at the next Triennial.

Membership, 400; net gain, 6.

W. F. Randolph, Ashville, Grand Commander.
H. H. Munson, Wilmington, Grand Recorder.

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NORTH DAKOTA—1900.

11th Annual. Grand Forks, June 25th.

The Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Knight John Holmes, presided, with representatives from six Commanderies out of eight.

The Grand Commander's address was very short, it being principally taken up with the various Templar deaths of the year.

The work of the session was also short, the Grand Commandery opening at noon and closing at 6.25 p.m.

No report on correspondence.

Membership, 561; increase, 60.

Clark W. Kelley, Devil's Lake, Grand Commander.
F. J. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Recorder.

OHIO—1899.

57th Annual. Cincinnati. Oct. 11th, 12th.

The proceedings have a "præludium," which contains an account of elaborate entertainments provided by the local Commanderies of Cincinnati—Reception, Ball and a Grand Parade. The occasion brought to the city from all parts of the Buckeye State a large assemblage of Knights and their ladies, which the account says "enjoyed to the utmost the manifold attractions of the Queen City and the hospitality of its citizens," and we should imagine this was quite correct from the reports as recorded of the various events.

Grand Commandery was opened in ample form by R. E. Sir Knight S. P. Sands, Grand Commander, in the auditorium of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The deaths of two prominent Knights of the Order received loving attention from the Grand Commander in his address, R. Em. Sir Knights Enoch T. Carson and Charles C. Kiefer, a severe loss we know to the Masonic fraternity in this State.

The report was quite a lengthy one and padded with correspondence, etc.

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The report on the Masonic Home is quite interesting. The average *monthly* disbursements for maintenance, etc., amounting to \$1,642.27. Total number of residents:—Men, 53; Women, 23; Boys, 23; Girls, 16; Total, 115. The Grand Commandery voted the previous year \$1,500 towards the support of this home and at this session \$2,500.

Considerable business was transacted. A motion to reduce the dues was defeated and one to change the date of election of officers in the subordinate Commanderies from the month of November to June, was adopted.

The efficient Grand Recorder, Sir Knight John N. Bell, is the author of the Report on Correspondence, taking up the work of their late lamented Enoch T. Carson.

We humbly confess that not until called upon to take the position of Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence—made vacant by the death of our revered Brother, R. Em. Sir Knight Enoch T. Carson—did we begin to realize the labor, the patient research, the knowledge of men and things, Masonic and otherwise, involved in the preparation of a report of this character, to say nothing of the literary qualifications, to which, we are frank to say, we make no pretensions.

We believe we have an average amount of courage and perhaps a proportionate degree of self-esteem, but further confess our temerity in having assumed a task of the magnitude of this one, and attempting to follow, however feebly, in the footsteps of the Prince of Correspondents, the erudite Masonic scholar and writer, Bro. Enoch Terry Carson.

Sir Knight Bell, however, presents an extremely readable review, that will easily stand inspection alongside many older writers. Like his predecessor he does not like drinking toasts in wine on the birthday of the Saviour. Canada, 1898, at Hamilton, is pleasantly reviewed. Extracts from the Grand Master's address and the Correspondence Report being given. We give him a hearty greeting to the ranks of the correspondents.

Membership, 8,632; net gain, 189.

H. H. Bradbury,	Gallipolis,	Grand Commander.
J. Nelson Bell,	Dayton,	Grand Recorder.

OREGON—1899.

13th Annual. Ashland. September 28th.

R. E. Sir Knight John B. Cleland, Grand Commander, presided, with representatives from six Commanderies.

The Grand Commander in his address referred to the Christmas observance, and said :

"I earnestly recommend that more attention be paid to this pleasant innovation in the future."

He was only able to visit one Commandery during his term.

Proceedings routine and local.

Sir Knight J. M. Hodson presented his tenth Report on Correspondence. He makes the following remarks, with which we quite agree.

When we hear Knights Templar complaining about the lack of interest in the Chapters being the cause of lack of material for the Temple, we know in a moment where the trouble lies; the Knight of the plume and helmet has not done and is not doing his duty with the crow, pickaxe and spade.

Canada, 1898, at Hamilton, is very courteously reviewed. Says Supreme Grand Master Macwatt delivered an instructive address, and referring to his remarks about Canadian Ritual, Uniform, etc., Sir Kt. Hodson says :

If we were perfect we might with great propriety urge them to join us in every respect, but union between us awaits the development of the ages. "There is a Divinity which shapes our ends, rough hew them as we may." There is every reason why we should be "one in sentiment," but there is no real necessity for us to be "one in government."

We quite agree with our good Frater in the last two lines. This continent is quite big enough for the two American branches of the great Anglo-Saxon race to live fraternally and amicably in, if demagogues, petty politicians and yellow journalism can be kept down. We are both working out our destinies as arranged by the "Great Divinity which shapes our ends."

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He is complimentary to our report and quotes our remarks regarding the better Anglo-Saxon understanding since the Spanish-American war. He thinks, however, we had not heard of the Alaskan boundary trouble. Yes, we have heard all about that boundary question, and how those gadflies mentioned above, who make mountains out of molehills, would fain have the world believe that a fight was quite imminent.

Sir Knight Hodson would "never give up a foot of ground, but give Canadians all the rights they had themselves, and there would be no quarrel either." Never give up, friend Hodson, even though you could not prove the ground yours? Canada wants no ground that does not rightly belong to her. But we must not touch on matters foreign to this report, we are both getting off the trail. We are quite sure we can re-echo our good Frater's remarks—"There will be no quarrel either."

Membership, 423; net gain, 24.

Curtis B. Winn, Albany, Grand Commander.
James F. Robinson, Eugene, Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA—1900.

47th Annual.

Wilkesbarre.

May 22nd.

The Grand Commandery held a parade and review the morning of the first day, for the preliminary in the proceedings gives minute and general orders regarding it. It was divided into four divisions, some 8 or 10 Commanderies in each division apparently having signified their intention to take part, but we are unable to trace any report or reference to its success or otherwise. Doubtless it was all that could be desired from a few words that fell from the Commanders' lips at the close of the session.

The Grand Commandery was welcomed to the City by the Hon. F. M. Nichols, the Mayor, responded to by R. E. Sir Knight Lee S. Smith, after which the

Grand Commandery was opened in ample form, presided over by R. E. Sir Knight James B. Youngson, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander gave a brief account of his stewardship for the year.

R. E. Sir Knight Lee S. Smith presented a small supplementary report on behalf of the Past Trensials, showing \$84,976.95 had been collected and expended, and all accounts settled and balanced to a cent. The report of the Masonic Home showed it to be in a very healthy condition through legacies, etc.; a nice cash balance on hand and no liabilities.

R. E. Sir Knight Lee S. Smith furnishes the report on correspondence. It is his seventh and, as usual, interesting; carefully reviewing the various Templar Jurisdictions.

We note he credits the Correspondence Report of Georgia to Jesse B. Anthony instead of Roland B. Hall. The latter called this writer up short for the same error. We must look up Georgia of last year and see if the fault is not in their proceedings. Under Michigan, he says:

He approves of the recommendation that the Order of Malta be eliminated from pre-requisites in conferring Orders of the Temple, saying that it is no part of Templarism.

Well, while in one sense that may be true, yet in a larger one it is a mistake. We must confess that Knights Templar, Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, as well as Knights of Malta were ostensibly engaged in the same general work, viz: the rescue of the Holy Sepulchre and the protection of Pilgrims to the Sacred Shrine, and yet it is also true that many members of all orders often forget what they had vowed to do and proved themselves worse enemies of the cause than even the Saracens were. But, that cannot condemn the Orders as a whole. For our part, we would say, let the Order of Malta remain. By preempting the name and title we, perhaps, protect our reputations as professed soldiers of the Temple.

If we think of eliminating, why not begin with the Order of the Red Cross, which all know to be entirely foreign in every form and feature to Templarism, and yet we would bitterly oppose elimination even of this. It has served a good purpose; let it alone.

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History informs us that the Knights Templar as well as the Knights Hospitaller, commonly known as Knights of St. John and Knights of Malta, fought side by side in the Holy Land on many a bloody field, and also fell out occasionally and fought with each. Templar tradition hath it that after the dispersion of the Order of the Templar under the cruel persecution of Phillip the Fair, that many of the members united with Knights of St. John and Malta and a close connection on this account between the two great orders, can be claimed.

Membership, 12,632; net gain, 272.

Adam B. Schmehl, Reading, Grand Commander.
Wm. W. Allen, Philadelphia, Grand Recorder.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1900.

17th Annual.

Aberdeen.

June 15th.

R. E. Sir Knight Geo. V. Ayres, Grand Commander, presiding. He informed his Frateres that "the Government of the United States is founded on the grand principles of our Order—Truth, Justice, and Rational Liberty—and that the Stars and Stripes represent those principles in the broadest sense."

He was unable, through pressure of business, to visit or inspect the various Commanderies. Business of local interest.

Sir Knight S. H. Jumper presents his fifth Report on Correspondence, with many misgivings as to its value. We do not see why Frater Jumper need apologize. There is nothing wrong with his report; as far as we can judge it is just as interesting as usual. Canada, at Windsor, 1899, comes in for courteous mention. We are indebted to him for his flattering remarks:

The Proceedings come to us in the usual well arranged manner so like Sir Will H. Whyte, Grand Chancellor.

The frontispiece is a fine half tone engraving of the venerable Supreme Grand Master John Valentine Ellis, 33° of Saint John, N.B.

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He notes the addresses of welcome and the many pleasant features of that meeting. He styles Grand Master MacWatt's address a clear and concise document and culls liberally from the Report on Correspondence. He quotes our concluding remarks over the, then, approaching struggle in South Africa, and replies :

And the war came. It proved to be a bloody one, and is not yet over. The United States lifts its hat to our Canadian cousins and admires the gallantry, the undaunted courage, the unswerving loyalty of her young men to good mother England. The mixing of the blood of the dashing Canadian with the blood of the gallant Highlanders of Scotland and the fighting sons of "Old England" making red the soil of the Veldts and Kopjes of the Transvaal has cemented a friendship between England and Canada that cannot be broken.

On behalf of his Canadian cousins we thank friend Jumper from the bottom of our heart for his courteous praise and kindly sentiments. We had a very strong presentiment that if Canada had the opportunity her sons would show not only Mother England, but the world, that we had grown away past the colonial stage, and that as one of the self-governing portions of the Great British Empire, Canada was prepared to help defend the "Old Flag," and that when any portion of the Empire was attacked the old-time colonies could be reckoned on. If the Spanish war has cemented the "Blue" and the "Gray" in the United States, so has the invasion of British soil in South Africa, by the so-called Dutch republics, strongly cemented all portions of the British Empire and brought more closely together the Mother and her great daughters, and the blood shed on veldt and kopje we are sure has not been shed in vain.

Membership, 756; net decrease, 7.

E. W. Coughran, Sioux Falls, Grand Commander.
Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE—1900.

38th Annual. Nashville. May 15th.

The Grand Commandery was presided over by R. E. Sir Knight J. K. Currier, the Grand Commander, together with the representatives of 13 subordinate Commanderies.

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The Grand Commander submitted one of the shortest reports we have met with this year. It filled four pages and about half of that was correspondence.

They had the pleasure of a visit from a distinguished member of the Order, our good friend and Frater-Gen. John Carson Smith, of Illinois, who was courteously introduced and received with due honors. Towards the end of the session the General made himself quite useful by installing the new officers of the Grand Commandery. The session occupied one day and the business was local.

Sir Knight George H. Morgan succeeds Sir Kt. Wibur F. Foster as the writer of the Correspondence Report. He kept to his instructions as regards brevity, and makes a pleasant review. We extend a hearty welcome to the Guild.

Canada, at Windsor, receives a short but pleasant notice, and he remarks that "Though not organized exactly as Grand Commanderies of the United States, the same is made up of Sir Knights of the Temple." Wonder what he expected we would be made up of.

He is another who credits the Correspondence Report of Georgia to Jesse B. Anthony. We are, therefore, not alone.

Membership, 995; net gain, 4.

R. R. Freeman,	Nashville,	Grand Commander.
Jno. Berry Garrett,	Nashville,	Grand Recorder.

TEXAS—1900.

47th Annual.

San Antonio.

April 18th.

Previous to the opening of the Grand Commandery the Sir Knights marched to the head quarters of the Grand Commandery and from thence to the First Presbyterian Church where service was held, the Sir Knights taking part in the responses to a very extended ritual.

The address of the acting prelate was an exceedingly good one, but we have not the space to reproduce it.

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Grand Commandery was opened at 12.30 by R. E. Sir Knight P. E. Morey, the Grand Commander. 19 Commanderies being represented. The Grand Commander's report is full of orders, correspondence, etc.

During the Session the Committee brought in a report on uniforms. They were guided by four points, of these we note two were : 2. To provide for a uniform suitable for this climate ; 4. To provide for a uniform that would be distinctively Texan.

The principal Texan individuality that we could note was the incorporation of the Texan lone star as an ornament in conjunction with the cross for their caps, cuffs, etc.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following remarks, which it would be well for all Commanderies to keep fully in mind :

The place where a man has his home or domicile is a question of fact and intention which ought to be susceptible or satisfactory proof. When a man is so transient in his movements as not to be able to show where his home actually is, his petition should be handled with much care.

R. E. Sir Knight Stoddard, the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, made an official visit. A new Code of Statutes was adopted.

The Report on Correspondence appears to be the joint production of Sir Knight Robt. M. Elgin and R. O. Rounsavall. We judge the latter, who claims to be a novice at the work, is being coached as it were by the Veteran Knight Elgin, to fill his place sometime in the future. Nothing is appended to show who reviews each particular jurisdiction, it being left for the reader to guess which is the work of the Veteran and *vice versa*.

Canada appears to have missed connection.

Membership, 2,152 ; net gain, 54.

A. R. Howard,	Belton,	Grand Commander.
J. C. Kidd,	Houston,	Grand Recorder.

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VERMONT—1900.

58th Annual.

Burlington.

June 12th.

Presided over by R. E. Sir Knight Jesse E. Thomson, Grand Commander.

The principal portion of the Grand Commander's Report is filled with reports of junior officers and orders.

R. E. Sir Knight Joseph A. Locke of the Grand Encampment paid a visit as special representative of the Grand Master.

The Grand Recorder reported a very prosperous year, only passed once or twice in the history of the Grand Commandery, 105 having been Knighted.

The Report on Correspondence is the seventh from the able pen of Sir Knight Kittridge Haskins. He was confined to the house four weeks with "Grippe" as he was about to commence his labors. We fully sympathize with our good Frater for we have had it several times, and sincerely hope never to have it again. It usually means our being laid up over a month, and much longer afterwards before feeling oneself again.

Canada, at Windsor, is fraternally reviewed and the principal points in the Grand Master's address noticed. The correspondence report receives courteous praise and he copies our conclusion anent the South African War and remarks: "To all of the foregoing extract we heartily give our endorsement and say, Amen, may Victory and Peace be theirs," for which we thank him most heartily.

Under Illinois, he devotes considerable space to the non-affiliation law, and winds up with the following:

We have always maintained affiliation in all the Masonic bodies from Lodge to Commandery, and expect to do so while life lasts, but there is, to our mind, something so unjust and violative of the acquired rights of some of our fratres if the construction of the M. E. Grand Master is to stand, that we earnestly join with Grand Commander Curtiss in insisting that the statute should be amended at the very first opportunity.

And under Kentucky, clearly states :

A statute may be made retroactive which applies to the *remedy* only, but if it impairs existing or vested rights or imposes greater or additional personal liability it is unconstitutional, and at most can only have a prospective operation.

He thinks the War with Spain, and we think he is not far wrong.

Buried beyond resurrection all differences which in the past had existed between the northern and southern sections of our beloved land. True it is, Templarism did much towards the accomplishment, and for it let God be praised in hymns of thanksgiving.

Membership, 1697 ; net increase, 63.

Daniel H. Nicholson, Burlington, Grand Commander.
Warren C. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA—1899.

77th Annual. Richmoud. November 16th.

R. E. Sir Knight P. T. Woodfin, Grand Commander, presiding.

We note in the address the Grand Commander among his decisions was asked : " Is a summons on a postal card having the Seal of the Commandery, a proper summons," and responded, referring to Grand Encampment laws, that " Nothing can be clearer than a postal card having the Seal of the Commandery, and deposited in the post office, properly addressed, is a proper K. T. Summons." The Committee on the address endorsed this decision, but brought in the following resolution, which was carried :

Resolved—" That in future all summonses shall be sent or delivered under cover."

Not guilty, but don't do it again.

An interesting report is that of the Educational Committee of the Masonic Home of Virginia. This department being maintained and supported by the Grand Commandery ; 38 pupils are now in the school and 7 in the city. The library is also under the exclusive charge of the Knights Templar of Virginia. All honor to them. This is practical Templarism.

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The Uniform Committee asked to be continued until next session. Very Em. Lee S. Smith, the Grand Master's representative, paid an official visit.

No Report on Correspondence.

Membership, 1,488; net gain, 2.

B. F. Buchanan, Marion, Grand Commander
James B. Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON—1900.

13th Annual. Tacoma, June 6th.

R. E. Sir Knight Frank W. Churchouse, Grand Commander, presided, with representatives from 9 Commanderies.

The Grand Commander's address is almost wholly occupied by correspondence, etc., but under the heading of General Conditions we noticed the following, which is after our own heart:

The "Elements" of success in a Commandery (in my opinion), are in the Eminent Commander possessing ability to preside and confer the orders impressively, a good Drill Corps and Harmony. The lack of these "Elements" in some of our Commanderies during the past year, has checked our progress, I think. This I attribute largely to the "succession of office" theory, so generally followed, in our Commanderies. A Sir Knight may make a good Warden or a Prelate, who would prove an utter failure as a Commander; why not deal honestly by ourselves and our Commandery, and ever keep in view the best interests of our Order, and before casting a vote for a Sir Knight be reasonably sure that he is fitted for the performance of the duties of the office to which we desire to elect him; also satisfy ourselves that he will give his attention to, and perform the duties of said office with credit to himself and honor to his Commandery. Let us abolish all "Recognition" of this "succession in office" theory, and let it be understood that "electioneering" for a "good fellow" is a misdemeanor, and subject to Knightly discipline. Look for a Commander of ability, with a knowledge of military tactics (or supported by a good Captain General) and you will find a prosperous and enthusiastic Commandery.

This succession in office theory is very frequently the cause of the lack of interest evinced some years in all organizations. A good fellow is placed in office. As time goes on it is found that he is not up to the mark, is not proving the capable officer anticipated; but the

has been a member a long time and ought to be rewarded. Every time a Commandery acts on either of these theories it is lowered both in character and efficiency.

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 Another suggestion. Never allow yourselves to be deluded by the "succession in office" theory, so often advanced in organizations of this kind. You may, and doubtless will, at times make mistakes in starting a Sir Knight into the lines. When you discover that mistake deal honestly by yourselves and your Commandery and at the first opportunity try to improve the selection. A Sir Knight may make an excellent Warder, Sword-bearer, or Warden, who would prove an utter failure as a Commander; so keep ever in view the best interests of your Commandery; and so far as human nature will admit, lay aside your personal feelings, and you are more than likely to avoid the errors mentioned.

We have had our say on the above under Washington. We wish it could be instilled into every member of the Fraternity.

Regarding the Correspondence Reports :

During the present year I have found it possible not only to follow these reports in other States, but have read with great interest the record of the proceedings of the Grand Commanderies of other Jurisdictions, and while reading them I became curious to ascertain something relative to the compensation of this Committee. As a matter of information, if not of interest, to the Finance Committee of this Commandery, to whom I recommended its reference, I append below the result of my investigations :

Alabama, with less than 300 members, pays.....	\$ 50.00
Connecticut, with 2,500 members, pays.....	100.00
Oregon, with 400 members, pays.....	50.00
Montana, with 400 members, pays.....	200.00
South Dakota, with 750 members, pays.....	75.00
Minnesota, with 2,534 members, pays.....	100.00
Iowa.....	100.00
Indiana.....	150.00
Georgia, with 738 members, pays.....	200.00
Kansas.....	150.00
Kentucky, with 2,100 members, pays.....	200.00
Vermont, with 1,600 members, pays.....	75.00
California.....	250.00
Illinois.....	300.00
Massachusetts.....	150.00
Missouri.....	200.00
New York.....	500.00
Ohio.....	300.00

We append this as a matter of curiosity, some of the amounts appear quite out of proportion when compared with the others.

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A committee was appointed on uniform, as it was considered desirable that the cuffs and gauntlets be eliminated and a fatigue coat and cap be provided for.

The Report on Correspondence is by the Veteran Sir Knight W. C. Swain. It is his seventeenth and he never writes an uninteresting one. Usually it is interlarded with a witty story which more forcibly brings out his remarks.

Canada, at Hamilton, is allotted two full pages, and Grand Master MacWatt's remarks on Canadian uniform, ritual, etc., as well as the late war with Spain, quoted with his sympathy. He states he has met the present author of Canada's correspondence report in other fields and knows he is competent. We take off our *chapeaux*. A number of our remarks are inserted which his terse comments evidently approve of.

He replies to Frater Speed, of Mississippi, regarding the casting of blank ballots, as follows:

We do not agree. If a Brother has a right to cast away his vote, what right has anybody to go and dig it up and count it? If fourteen blanks ruled thirteen votes, how can he say there was no election? By that reasoning, blank was elected, and it must be so declared. In other words, it amounted to a deliberate declaration that the office in question should not be filled. How do you like that view of the dilemma, Bro. Speed?

Membership, 3,125; net gain, 83.

L. A. Bishop, Fond du Lac, Grand Commander.
John W. Lafflin, Milwaukee, Grand Recorder.

WEST VIRGINIA—1900.

26th Annual. Fairmont. May 1900.

R. E. Sir Knight Geo. W. DeBolt, Grand Commander, presided. 12 Commanderies represented. The address is filled with orders and correspondence. The reports of the various Grand Officers show that Templary is holding its own in this jurisdiction.

An amendment to the uniform regulations governing "Caps" was carried.

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Sir Knight W. W. Van Winkle, submitted his fourth report on correspondence.

Canada, at Windsor, comes in for a very complete review, four pages being devoted to it. Quotations are fully made from the correspondence report, and he says :

The patriotic words of our beloved Frater leaves no doubt that he is a Briton to the backbone.

We are indebted to Frater Van Winkle for his very kind remarks.

Frater Van Winkle makes a very complete and interesting report, little escapes his attention. A number of proceedings came in this year very late, and West Virginia was one of them. We have therefore no time to make any very extended remarks.

Membership, 1,199 ; net increase, 91.

Frank H. Markell, Charleton, Grand Commander.
R. C. Dunninglow, Fairmont, Grand Recorder.

MAINE—1900.

49th Annual.

Portland.

May 3rd.

The Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Knight Herbert Harris, presided, with representatives from Eighteen Commanderies. We had quite despaired of having Maine in our review this year, it was so late in coming to hand, and but for an unexpected delay in our proceedings it would not have appeared. The Grand Commander's address in one of the best and many of his remarks quite interesting.

There is a quaint old legend which comes to us from very ancient times, that once in every year, as the deep-toned bell of the Strasburg cathedral peals out the solemn hour of midnight, the spirits of the ancient stone-masons, by whose patient and skillful hands that sacred edifice was erected, issue from the tomb and turn again to inspect the result of their former labors. Up from the gloomy vault they come, along the dim, majestic aisles and across the marble pavement, with noiseless steps and slow. The Apprentices with their heavy burdens, the craftsmen with their tools and the Masters with their compasses stream forth in long and shadowy train, wind three times around those noble walls, then vanish till another year shall call them forth.

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So we, Sir Knights, year after year, at the return of the season when the flowers and verdure, which have been locked in the frozen earth, are springing forth anew, gather to visit the scene of our former labors.

He is opposed to the present Non-affiliation Law. In his decisions we note that he was asked if a Preceptory from Canada could witness the Red Cross degree in a Maine Commandery and exemplify their Malta degree, and replied he could see no objection to their visit nor to their working the Malta if the Commander was satisfied the visitors had legally received the Red Cross.

The following are pithy and to the point :

On public occasions it is not always the most Knightly who are most in evidence.

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A man is truly made a Templar not by the taking of Vows but by the keeping of them.

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In any commandery whose dues are promptly paid, there is usually found a Recorder who is possessed of both zeal and tact; such an officer is invaluable, and should be kept in office as long as he is willing to do the work. One such Recorder recently showed me, in his last annual report, only seven members in arrears, each for only one year, and a large amount already collected on the year that had just opened.

This leads me to observe that in too many of our commanderies the question of a man's fitness for office is lost sight of; a member is put into office either because of his agreeable personal characteristics, or his aggressive ambition and "push," or because he happens to be "in line." This should not be. The most popular man in the world may make a very poor officer, and be a positive injury to his commandery while in office.

When a commandery, whether Grand or subordinate resolves to be governed solely by a man's ability to fill an office and his willingness to perform its duties, that commandery is bound to thrive.

We always turn with an expectant feeling to Maine's Correspondent Report, for Frater Stephen Berry's paper has a charming readable style to it that makes it always very interesting. In his introductory he has a good word to say for the closing years as well as one in anticipation of the coming years, and the position Templary will hold in them.

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Templary will go forward with the growth of the country. Its increase has been regular and healthy, and it never stood better in public opinion. It is an ideal social society. While it has retained all its good fellowship, it has avoided excesses and kept out vulgarity. The high-minded and gentle are satisfied with it, and those who desire to become so are attracted by it. It stands at the head and thither will the gathering be.

Canada, at Windsor, is courteously reviewed and he congratulates Most E. Sir Knight J. V. Ellis upon being head of Templary Masonry in the Dominion, and remarks that his portrait makes him look a little older than when he (Berry) met him in the 70's. Naturally, it would, friend Berry, 25 years will change the appearance slightly of us all.

In our last report we pointed out to our good Frater, that the first records of the conferring of the Templar Order in the United States contained no mention of the Red Cross and Frater Berry now admits that there is "no knowing to this day whence it (the Red Cross) came." Very true, supposition only, and no direct proof having yet come to hand. We have a very strong feeling, however, that the degree before Webb's time was considerably different from his re-organization. He says:

He questions our statement that the Red Cross first appears in Boston in 1769, but the fact that a Red Cross Council was founded in Portland in 1805, and that it later gave the Templar Order and worked until 1821, when it was merged into an Encampment (or Commandery), and the fact that Boston Encampment was formed in 1802 and gave only the Red Cross until 1808, is very strong evidence that the Red Cross had always been connected with the Templar Order as received in this country. It is not enough to say that it could not have come as the Templar Order came, or to guess where it originated. There it was, a gallant champion, in knightly armor, doing bold deeds, no one knowing to this day whence it came. It may be the elder brother of the Templar Order, and it is not well to discard or deny it until its lineage is traced.

Membership, 3482 ; increase, 77.

Albert M. Spear,	Gardiner,	Grand Commander.
Stephen Berry,	Portland,	Grand Recorder.

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CONCLUSION.

There is little to summarize in the review of the various proceedings. The principal point has been the many adverse criticisms on the recent non-affiliation law and ruling, and we expect the next Triennial will see some discussion thereon. There has been little in the various decisions of the Grand Commanders. The few announced being practically a reference to existing laws and rulings. The Order is steadily increasing in the United States and Canada, and our sincere hope is that it may be slow and sure, and may not become too popular so as to induce too great an influx and thereby add undesirable men to its ranks. We want only the cream of men in morals and character.

As we write report comes to hand that the trouble in South Africa is coming to an end, as far as heavy fighting is concerned, and that we may ere long welcome back to home and country our gallant fellow-countrymen. They will get a big reception. There may be yet some difficult work in Africa, as from appearances guerilla tactics are likely to be adopted—similar no doubt to that in the Phillipines,—but Canada has nobly helped to defend the flag.

≠ *Will. A. White*

P. S.—Since writing Maine has come to hand, and we are able to add it to our review; sorry several others are absent.