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SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY
OF CANADA,
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,
at the
16th Annual Assembly

held in the
MASONIC HALL, CITY OF WINDSOR,

Tuesday & Wednesday, Sept. 19th & 20th, 1899.

A. O. 781.

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.

Provincial Grand Conclave, formed 9th October, 1855.

Grand Priory of Canada, formed 1st May, 1868.

National Great Priory of Canada, formed 10th August, 1876.

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, formed 8th July, 1884.

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WILL. H. WHYTE,
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SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

PROCEEDINGS 16th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Sixteenth 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 Windsor, Province of Ontario, on the 19th and 20th days of September, A.D. 1899, A.M. 5899, A.O. 781.

PRESENT :

M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, Barrie, Supreme Grand Master.

On the Throne.

GREAT OFFICERS.

R. E. Sir Kt. John V. Ellis, St. John, N.B., Deputy Grand Master.
M. Em. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Montreal... Grand Chancellor
R. " " " J. B. Tresidder, Montreal... as Grand Constable
R. " " " C. F. Mansell, Toronto..... as Grand Marshal
R. " " " A. A. Campbell, London..... Grand Registrar

PROVINCIAL GRAND PRIORS.

R. Em. Sir Kt. A. H. Clarke, Windsor..... London District
R. " " " Wm. Simpson, Toronto..... Toronto District

GRAND OFFICERS.

V. Em. Sir Kt. Wm. Bowden, Ottawa... as Grand Vice-Chancellor
" " " J. I. Phillips, Montreal..... Grand Sub-Marshal
" " " E. G. Swift, Windsor..... as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
R. " " " C. H. Fitzsimmons, Brockville... as Grand Almoner
V. " " " George Ackman, Truro... as Grand 1st Standard Bearer.
" " " W. T. McLaurin, Montreal... as Grand 2nd Standard Bearer.

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Em. Sir Kt.	T. M. Davis, Hamilton	as Grand Captain of the Guard.
" " "	J. S. Edgar, Windsor	as Grand Sword Bearer
V. " " "	John Hooper, Hamilton	as Grand Pursuivant
" " "	R. S. McDonald	as Grand Guard

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—ELECTED.

R. Em. Sir Kt.	D. L. Carley	Windsor, Ont.
R. " " "	Chas. F. Mansell	Toronto, Ont.
R. " " "	Thos. Walker, M.D.	St. John, N.B.
R. " " "	W. G. Reid	Hamilton, Ont.
R. " " "	Wm. Roaf	Toronto, Ont.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—APPOINTED.

R. Em. Sir Kt.	Wm. Gibson	Beamsville, Ont.
R. " " "	J. B. Tresidder	Montreal, P.Q.
R. " " "	J. S. Dewar	London, Ont.
R. " " "	L. B. Archibald	Truro, N.S.
R. " " "	H. A. Collins	Toronto, Ont.

PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTERS.

M. E. Sir Kt.	E. T. Malone	Toronto, Ont.
M. E. Sir Kt.	Will H. Whyte	Montreal, Que.

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. On returning, 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, he directed the muster roll to be called, and having ascertained that a constitutional number of Preceptories were represented, the Sixteenth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was then opened in ample form at 10.30 a.m., a blessing from the Most High being implored upon the proceedings.

CIVIC WELCOME TO WINDSOR.

It having been announced that a civic deputation was in attendance to welcome the Sovereign Great Priory to the City of Windsor, the Most Eminent the

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Supreme Grand Master forthwith called the session off and appointed R. Em. Sir Knights D. L. Carley, A. H. Clarke and Em. Sir Knight A. Stewart a Committee to retire and introduce the deputation, whereupon Alderman J. Eugene D'Avignon, Acting Mayor, and Aldermen J. H. McConnell and G. J. Leggatt were introduced, heartily received and conducted to the dais.

The Acting Mayor regretted the absence of His Worship the Mayor, and then proceeded to cordially welcome the members of Great Priory to the freedom and privileges of the City in courteous and pleasant terms, and then called upon Alderman J. H. McConnell to read the formal address of welcome, as follows :

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

The Council of the City of Windsor, on behalf of the citizens thereof whom we have the honour to represent, have pleasure in extending a cordial welcome to yourself and to the distinguished members of the Honored Fraternity over whom you preside upon this auspicious occasion of the visit of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada to our city.

The members of your Preceptory are well and favorably known in this district for their manly principles in elevating the cause of charity and brotherly love in our midst.

We also see in the members of your Order the spirit of true citizenship displayed, as witnessed by the prominent positions in public life as taken by the different members of your Order, and we esteem it a great privilege for our municipality to be afforded the opportunity of entertaining such a large body of representative men and also incidentally of returning in some measure the hospitality and friendly greetings extended to our own citizens in other places during the annual meetings at which you gather to devise and carry out means for the furtherance of your fraternity's progress and the amelioration of the lot of many partly dependent upon you.

We sincerely hope that the deliberations of your honorable body while in session here may contribute largely to the further success of your brotherhood.

It is our heartfelt wish that your stay in Windsor and vicinity may be fraught with pleasantest memories and will, we trust, draw you back again to our city.

On behalf of the municipality and the citizens of Windsor, we give you hearty welcome.

The Council of the City of Windsor, by

GEO. DAVIS,
Mayor.

The Supreme Grand Master replied to the address of welcome, and thanked the Acting Mayor and Aldermen for their kindness and courtesy which he knew every member of the Great Priory heartily appreciated.

The deputation having retired, the Supreme Grand Master called the Sir Knights to attention and declared the duties of Sovereign Great Priory resumed.

WELCOME BY WINDSOR PRECEPTORY.

It was then announced that a deputation of Sir Knights from the Windsor Preceptory desired admittance. Em. Sir Kt. A. M. Stewart, Presiding Preceptor, Sir Knight E. G. Swift, Constable, and R. Em. Sir Knights D. L. Carley and A. H. Clarke then entered, and the Presiding Preceptor on behalf of the Preceptory gave Sovereign Great Priory a knightly and courteous welcome to the City of Windsor as follows, which was received by the Sir Knights with much applause.

Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master :

As presiding Preceptor of Windsor Preceptory, No. 26, it affords me great pleasure to welcome you and the officers and members of Sovereign Great Priory to our city.

On previous occasions the meetings of Sovereign Great Priory have been held in the large cities, where there was more to offer you than we have. Some of you have come from the far east, diversified with its hills and valleys, while, here, our scenery is flat and uninteresting, others have come from the metropolis of Canada where the busy hum of industry is heard, while here all is quiet. True, we can point to our river, one of the most beautiful in the world, and to its shipping, greater than that of the port of Liverpool. Across the river is one of the most beautiful cities in America, with its wide avenues and lovely parks, a city we, as Knights Templars, are very proud of, not only because we mingle intimately with its citizens, but because there are stationed there two of the most famous Commanderies in the United States, noted, not only for the magnificent work they do, but also for the spirit of true Templarism that actuates them to lend assistance on every possible occasion. Both Commanderies will invade our city to-day, in large numbers, to pay their respects to Sovereign Great Priory and to assist us in making this occasion one of profit and pleasure, and I therefore take this opportunity of thanking them heartily for it.

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We also cordially welcome the ladies who have accompanied the Sir Knights. We have arranged a programme for their entertainment, and trust that their visit amongst us may be a most enjoyable one.

Knights Templarism, with its noble ideals and lofty aspirations, should appeal to the sympathy of the ladies who are always on the side of truth and right. Let us then, as an Order, prove ourselves worthy of their esteem, and demonstrate that Knights Templarism is an institution intended to help one another to be better men. In a word, let us do what we can to

" Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand.
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be "

Again, Most Eminent Sir, I cordially welcome you, and trust that you may be longed spared to the Order of Templarism, of which you are so distinguished a member.

The Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, on behalf of Great Priory, returned thanks to the members of the Windsor Preceptory for their cordial greeting, and trusted the visit of the Sovereign Body would prove both an incentive and a benefit to the Order of the Temple in the City of Windsor. He was especially pleased to note that a Committee of the Windsor Ladies had been appointed to look after the visiting ladies who had accompanied the Sir Knights, and he was sure this was a courtesy which every member of Great Priory would heartily appreciate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Preceptories presented their final 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-seven Preceptories on the Roll of Great Priory, and one under dispensation. Nineteen are represented by their regular officers, fourteen represented by proxy and four not represented. There are forty Preceptors present not presiding officers, making a total vote of 139 entitled to be cast at this meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. G. REID, Chairman.
A. A. CAMPBELL.
A. H. CLARK.

WINDSOR, September 20th, 1899.

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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.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Allan McLean..... Preceptor
- No. 2. GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, TORONTO, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. Spencer Love..... Presiding Preceptor
 " F. Blackburn..... Marshal
 R. E. " Wm. Simpson..... Preceptor
 M. E. " E. T. Malone..... "
 R. E. " H. A. Collins..... "
 R. E. " Wm. Roaf..... "
 E. " Joseph King..... "
- No. 3. GODFREY DE BOUILLON, HAMILTON, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. T. M. Davis..... Presiding Preceptor
 " James Hooper..... Constable
 R. E. " Wm. H. Robinson..... Marshal
 R. E. " John Hooper..... Preceptor
 R. E. " W. G. Reid..... "
 R. E. " J. H. Mattice..... "
 R. E. " Wm. Gibson..... "
 R. E. " John Malloy..... "
 R. E. " J. J. Mason..... "
- No. 3A. ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.
 R. E. Sir Kt. John V. Ellis..... Preceptor
 R. E. " Thomas Walker, M.D..... "
- No. 4. RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, LONDON, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. W. T. Sternberg..... Presiding Preceptor
 R. E. " A. A. Campbell..... Preceptor
 R. E. " John S. Dewar..... "
 R. E. " D. B. Burch..... "
- No. 5. NOVA SCOTIA, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.
 M. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Montreal..... Proxy
- No. 7. RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, MONTREAL, P. Q.
 E. Sir Kt. W. T. McLaurin..... Presiding Preceptor
 " Wm. Campbell..... Constable
 " D. A. Young..... Marshal
 M. E. " Will. H. Whyte..... Preceptor
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- No. 8. PLANTAGENET, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. J. H. Mattice..... Proxy
- No. 9. SUSSEX, STANSTEAD, QUEBEC
 R. E. Sir Kt. J. B. Tresidder, Montreal..... Proxy
- No. 10. VICTORIA, GUELPH, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. A. Oelschlager Preceptor
- No. 11. UNION DE MOLAY, ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Thomas Walker, St. John..... Proxy
- No. 12. MOUNT CALVARY, BARRIE, ONTARIO.
 M. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt..... Preceptor
- No. 13. MOORE, PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis..... Proxy
- No. 14. HARRINGTON, NORTH BAY, ONTARIO.
 M. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, Barrie..... Proxy
- No. 15. ST. JOHN THE ALMONER, WHITBY, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. H. A. Collins..... Proxy
- No. 16. GONDEMAR, BROCKVILLE, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. C. H. Fitzsimmons..... Preceptor
- No. 18. PALESTINE, PORT HOPE, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. William Simpson..... Proxy
- No. 19. ST. BERNARD DE CLAIRVEAUX, DUNNVILLE, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. William Gibson..... Proxy
- No. 20. KENT, CHATHAM, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. A. S. Thornton..... Presiding Preceptor
 R. E. " Thomas C. McNab..... Preceptor
 R. E. " Rev. J. R. Battsby, D.D..... "
 V. E. " D. W. B. Spry..... "
- No. 21. BURLEIGH, ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. R. A. Mackay..... Preceptor
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- No. 22. ST. ELMO, STRATFORD, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. C. A. Humber, Goderich Preceptor
- No. 24. ALBERT EDWARD, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.
 M. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte Proxy
- No. 25. WILLIAM DE LA MORE THE MARTYR, QUEBEC.
 V. E. Sir Kt. Carl Kuhring Preceptor
- No. 26. WINDSOR, WINDSOR, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. A. M. Stewart Presiding Preceptor
 " E. G. Swift Constable
 " G. Buchanan Marshal
 R. E. " D. L. Carley Preceptor
 R. E. " Thomas Robinson "
 R. E. " A. H. Clarke "
 R. E. " P. A. Craig "
 E. " J. S. Edgar "
- No. 27. MALTA, TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA.
 Sir Kt. E. Philops Marshal
 R. E. " L. B. Archibald Preceptor
- No. 29. CYRENE, TORONTO, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. A. L. Malone Presiding Preceptor
 " G. J. Riddell Marshal
 R. E. " Charles F. Mansell Preceptor
- No. 30. WESTERN GATE, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Roaf Proxy
- No. 31. YARMOUTH, YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA.
 R. E. Sir Kt. J. B. Tresidder Proxy
- No. 32. OTTAWA, OTTAWA, ONTARIO.
 V. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Bowden Presiding Preceptor
 R. E. " David Taylor Preceptor
- No. 33. CYPRUS, CALGARY, ALBERTA, N. W. T.
 M. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Montréal Proxy
- No. 35. PRINCE EDWARD, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.
 R. E. Sir Kt. H. A. Collins Proxy

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No. 37. ST. SIMON OF CYRENE, SARNIA, ONTARIO.
E. Sir Kt. Robert Kerr Presiding Preceptor
" John Chester Marshal
V. E. " Thos. G. Johnston, M.D. Preceptor

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, 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 R. Em. Sir Knights O. S. Hillman, Grand Treasurer; C. W. Postlethwaite, Grand Marshal; W. D. Tawse, Grand Constable; J. K. Kerr, I. H. Stearns, A. St. A. Smith, Prov. Prior; W. M. Lemessurier, Prov. Prior; A. I. Trueman, Prov. Prior; R. E. Brett, Prov. Prior; Rod. MacNeill, M.D., Prov. Prior; Dr. Darrach, W.P. Ryrie, S. J. Tunstal, M.D., E. C. Davies, G. W. Johnson, expressing regrets at not being able to attend the session.

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 Fifteenth Annual Assembly, when it was moved by R. E. Sir Kt. John V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, and

RESOLVED,—That as the minutes of the proceedings of the Sovereign Great Priory at its Fifteenth Annual Assembly, held in the city of Hamilton, Ont., on the 6th day of September, 1898, have been printed and copies thereof forwarded to each Preceptor and Knight entitled to receive them, the same be taken as read, and be now confirmed.

M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, Supreme Grand Master, then read his

ADDRESS.

Fratres of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

In welcoming you, as I do most heartily to the Sixteenth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory, which, for the second time, is held in the City of Windsor, Ontario, (the Third Annual Assembly, having been held here in July, 1886), I cannot report that the Order has made any abnormal increase, or even as large an addition to its roll as in some former years, yet we are not standing still, but moving along, year by year, steadily and surely.

With the Country in a highly prosperous condition, with the "growing time" showing itself in every line of business among our citizens, we should, and doubtless will, reap the benefit of a substantial addition in membership, during the next few years.

Not only, therefore, as a Country, but as an Order, we should express our gratitude to God for His goodness to us and for His kindness in enabling so many, once more, to meet at our Annual Assembly.

Herewith you will find a report of my official acts during the past year.

NECROLOGY.

In my address last year I referred to the small number, five, then alive, who were in attendance at the Annual meeting in 1871.

Since then one of those has gone to his long home, R. Em. Frater John W. Murton, of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, who died at Hamilton on the 23rd October, 1898. Those of us who visited him during the Assembly last year, feared it would be our last meeting with the genial Frater, and our fears were well founded. He was elected Provincial Grand Prior at the Annual Assembly held in 1881. Formerly he was

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an active Templar, but of late he had devoted his time to another branch of Masonry. At the time of his death he was Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Dominion of Canada. He was also Sheriff of the County of Wentworth.

Among other past officers of Great Priory, I have to chronicle the death on the 1st December, 1898, of one of the Charter Members of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory in 1855, R. Em. Frater Lt. Col. Charles Magill, Past Grand Constable of Great Priory in 1880. An active and busy commercial and public life had of late years prevented our deceased Frater from taking the active part in Knight Templar affairs which he once did.

R. Em. Frater Geo. H. Dartnell, died on the 2nd February, 1899. He was Provincial Prior in the year 1878. Although for some years the Frater had not been in attendance at our Annual Assemblies, he formerly took a very active and earnest interest in Templar matters. At the time of his death he was Judge of the County of Ontario.

R. Em. Frater Fleming Rowland died at Kingston on the 14th day of January, 1899.

R. Em. Frater W. L. Hamilton who was Provincial Prior in 1894, died at his home in Belleville on the 15th day of May, 1899.

V. Em. Frater W. Waddington, Grand Master's Banner Bearer in 1887, died at Kingston on the 28th May, 1899.

These latter three Fratres had long been active members of Hugh de Payens Preceptory, and their loss is a severe blow to the Premier Preceptory. We deeply and sincerely mourn with them the loss of these Fratres.

Frater L. A. Congdon, an officer of St. Bernard de Clairveaux died very suddenly on 15th February, 1899.

Em. Frater Chas. W. Davis died very suddenly in Buffalo, N. Y., on the 21st of June last. He was Presiding Preceptor of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory No. 4, London, Ont., and his death is much regretted.

R. Em. Frater John Hamilton Graham, LL. D., Grand Treasurer of Great Priory in 1869, died at the residence of his son in Hartford, Conn., on August 12th, 1899, and was buried at his home in Richmond, P. Q., on the 15th, by the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Quebec, of which he was the first Grand Master, holding that office for 9 years; he was also the first Grand Principal Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. He was a Masonic writer of much note, and published a valuable work on Masonry in the Province of Quebec. Frater Graham took an active interest in the promotion of Great Priory into an independent or Sovereign Grand Body.

On the 19th November 1898, our mother Great Priory of England and Wales sustained a very severe loss in the death of the Earl of Lathom, G.C.T. The eminent Frater took an active and earnest interest not only in the Templar Order but in all sections of the Great Masonic Fraternity. He held the office of Great Prior for eighteen years, and was highly esteemed for his many noble qualities. Being in public life in England, and holding an important office near the Sovereign, he held the respect of every one. We sympathize with our Fratres of England.

Doubtless there are others whose names will be mentioned in the reports of the several Provincial Priors.

Sister jurisdictions have also suffered at the hands of the Grim Reaper and to them we tender our sincere sympathy.

I cannot pass over in silence, the loss suffered by Masonry the world over in the death of R. Em. Sir Kt. Enoch Terry Carson 33°, Past Grand Commander of Ohio, which occurred on the 23rd day of February, 1899.

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Sir Knight Carson was known wherever Masonry exists, and especially in the United States and Canada. His report on Foreign Correspondence in the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Ohio for the year 1898 is, as usual, most complete and interesting, he having reviewed 6698 pages, the report extending to 140 pages. He evidently felt that he was passing away, and his closing words are very pathetic: "With an apology to our readers for occupying so much space with this personal sketch, I now close my report, the work of which has been accomplished under great difficulties; as I have been an invalid in my chamber for about a year, suffering much. I scarcely expect to write another report. My twenty-third report is ended. Laus Deo."

OFFICIAL VISITS.

It was my intention to visit the Preceptories in the Maritime Provinces during the year, but circumstances were such that I was unable to do so.

I visited the Preceptories at Montreal, North Bay, Port Arthur, Guelph, Stratford, Chatham, Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, of Toronto, Dunnville, Ottawa, Cyrene, of Toronto and as often as in town, my Mocher Preceptory, Mt. Calvary, Barrie.

That I was most courteously and hospitably received, I need hardly say.

Richard Coeur de Lion, No. 7, Montreal, I was particularly pleased with, the Fratres are most enthusiastic and so anxious and prompt to aid any efforts for the extension and good of the Templar Order.

At my request the Malta degree was worked by this Preceptory at the last Annual Assembly at Hamilton, and in April they journeyed to Ottawa, in large numbers, to exemplify that degree at the time of my visit to that city. I have much pleasure in announcing that they have acceded to my request once more, and will again exemplify the Malta degree at this Annual Assembly.

Harrington Preceptory No. 14, North Bay, is financially sound, but from the number of members who are engaged on the railway, the work suffers.

Rhodes Preceptory No. 23, Port Arthur, has also such a large number of members who are non-resident that it is difficult to keep up the regular meetings. This should and must be attended to, and at an early date.

Albert Edward Preceptory No. 24 Winnipeg, Man., I regret that no meeting, even of a few, could be had for me, so that I might have visited this Preceptory when at Port Arthur in December last. I endeavored to accomplish this but without avail.

Victoria No. 12, Guelph, I hope will make a good showing this year, as the officers seem efficient.

St. Elmo No. 22, Stratford, is doing well. *Kent Preceptory No. 20, Chatham*, I was delighted with my second visit, the Windsor Fratres being present in large numbers. Altogether Kent Preceptory is flourishing, and shows what even one year's hard work will do.

St. Bernard de Clairveaux No. 19, Dunnville. The attendance was not large, but the outlook seems promising.

Geoffrey de St. Aldemar had a fair attendance, and a most instructive paper on the Red Cross was read by V. Em. Sir Kt. Cowan which should be carefully perused by all interested in the Order of the Temple.

Ottawa No. 32, under V. Em. Frater Bowden is doing good work. The Grand Chancellor and many of the Montreal Fratres accompanied me on my visit as well as a number of distinguished Fratres from other Preceptories.

Cyrene No. 29, Toronto, is most enthusiastic, and I trust we shall have a large representation at Windsor from both of the Toronto Preceptories.

Mt. Calvary No. 12, Barrie, is doing good work and increasing steadily, although it suffers, like other Preceptories, from a large number of non-resident members.

RITUAL.

I have been informed by the Grand Chancellor that one of our Preceptories has not, as yet, procured the new edition of our Ceremonies, and, although the Presiding Preceptor has been communicated with, as well as the Provincial Prior of the District, no answer has been received on the subject.

Non-compliance with our laws is a serious matter, and if satisfactory explanations be not given by this time, I suggest that the incoming Supreme Grand Master be authorized to deal speedily and effectually with the delinquents.

In February last, the Grand Chancellor, under my direction, forwarded three copies of our Ceremonies to the Great Priories of England, Scotland and Ireland, of which due and courteous acknowledgements have been received through the Grand Chancellor of each jurisdiction.

Although I have always strongly deprecated "tinkering" with our Ritual, there seems to be a feeling in several quarters that our Templar degree could be re-organized and shortened into two sections, without impairing its beauty and usefulness.

Several of our Frates have made a study of this, and I would suggest that the incoming Supreme Grand Master be empowered to appoint a committee to take the matter fully into consideration and make such special alterations as shall be deemed advisable. Among those who have taken an active interest and made a study of this work is V. Em. Frater J. S. Cowan, whom I have requested to put his ideas into shape and report at this Assembly.

The Grand Chancellor informs me that in at least one case the Ceremonies have been mislaid. Presiding

Preceptors must realize that they are responsible for the work and see that all copies are yearly handed over to their successors and receipted for.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

I received, on Christmas Day, kind and fraternal greetings from Godfrey de Bouillon, Hamilton; Malta, Truro, N. S.; and Geoffrey de St. Aldejar and Cyrene Preceptories, Toronto; also from R. Em. Sir Kt. Stephen Berry and M. Em. Sir Kt. J. H. Drummond of Portland, Me., all of which I appreciated very highly.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

As before stated I regret I cannot report a large increase or even as large a one as last year. Still we are moving on. Our records show that we have now on our roll 1893 members. The additions to 30th June were 152, and the number by removal, death, etc., was 89, making a net gain of 63.

With reference to membership I noticed from recent returns that, while in England and Wales there are 119 Preceptories, the returns from 117 gave an average of 20.09, in Canada with 37 Preceptories, our average is 49.19.

Complaints have reached me as to the lack of energy in some Preceptories. While doubtless, we have some dead wood in our ranks—Preceptories as well as members—which may have to be cut off, if progress be not made speedily, still there are many enthusiastic members and many well worked Preceptories which are a credit to the Order of the Temple.

In parts of the jurisdiction there is apathy and steps may have to be taken to remove warrants from some of our Preceptories unless a change, and a very decided one, is soon apparent.

Complaints have also reached me of slovenly work. This should not be allowed, and I hope Provincial

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Priors will watch closely and report every case where such exists.

The new system of reports for Provincial Priors will enable Great Priory to tell at a glance where no progress is being made, and I recommend a careful perusal of these reports by the Committee on the Templar order, so that a full report may be received and immediate action taken by this Assembly.

These reports give details of everything in connection with the standing and progress of each Preceptory and I have no doubt the Grand Council and the Committee on the Templar Order will be able to form a better idea of each Preceptory as well as the manner in which the officers conduct its affairs.

NEW PRECEPTORIES.

I expected that ere this a dispensation would have been asked for the institution of a Preceptory in the Ancient Colony of Newfoundland. From recent information I trust this will be accomplished during the Fall.

Sussex Preceptory No. 9, Stanstead, Que., intends taking into consideration the question of removing to Sherbrooke. About 15 capitular Masons of the latter city have notified the Grand Chancellor that they would join if this were done.

On the 5th January last I issued a dispensation to 12 Sir Knights to form a Preceptory in Rossland, B. C., which was duly instituted on the 29th April, and they appear to have started well and to be very enthusiastic. I was sorry to receive a telegram on the 31st July, that their hall had been destroyed by fire. I immediately granted them permission to meet in any suitable place until permanent quarters were erected.

Doubtless application for a warrant will be made at this Assembly.

Cyrene Commandery of Rochester, N. Y., were the guests of Palestine Preceptory No. 18, Port Hope, on the 24th May. They evidently had a pleasant time

judging from the published accounts. It afforded me much pleasure to accede to the request of the Grand Commander of New York and grant hearty and cordial permission to our Rochester Sir Knights to visit this jurisdiction.

Richard Coeur de Lion No. 7, of Montreal, Que., visited Lewiston, Me., on the 23rd and 24th June, and were hospitably and enthusiastically received. Cordial permission was granted by the R. Em. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine to allow this Preceptor to visit the Sir Knights of Maine.

DISPENSATIONS.

For good and sufficient reasons made known to me I granted the following dispensations during the year, viz. :

December 27th, 1898. Hugh de Payens No. 1, election of officers, failure to hold quorum on proper night.

December 27th, 1898. Yarmouth No. 31, election of officers on another night than called for by By-Laws.

January 14th, 1899. Ottawa No. 32, to allow Presiding Preceptor to occupy chair for third term.

January 14th, 1899. Kent No. 20, to instal Presiding Preceptor not qualified according to Statute.

March 20th, 1899. Richard Coeur de Lion No. 7, to wear uniform at "Reception."

March 25th, 1899. King Baldwin No. 6, to allow Presiding Preceptor to occupy chair for third term.

June 25th, 1899. Plantagenet No. 8, to wear uniform at "Church Service."

June 29th, 1899. Richard Coeur de Lion No. 4, to elect and instal Presiding Preceptor vice Em. Frater Davis, deceased.

June 25th, 1899. Godfrey de Bouillon No. 2, to wear uniform at "Church Service."

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BY-LAWS.

I approved of new By-Laws for Moore Preceptory No. 13, Peterborough, and amendments in the By-Laws of the "Encampment of St. John No. 3a, St. John, N. B.

DECISIONS.

I have not been called upon to give any decisions during the year.

CENTENARY.

As the oldest Templar document that has come to light, shows that a warrant was issued in the Province of Ontario for the City of Kingston, Ont., in the year 1800, I suggest that it might be advisable for Great Priory to celebrate this 100th Anniversary by meeting the coming year in that City. I understand the Kingston Fratres will present, at this session, a courteous invitation, asking that our next Annual Assembly be held in the Limestone City.

APPOINTMENTS.

Shortly after the meeting of Great Priory I received word from R. E. Sir Knight R. A. Klock, who had been elected Provincial Prior of the Kingston-Ottawa District, that owing to business changes he would be unable to attend to the duties of his office and tendering his resignation. I accordingly appointed V. E. Sir Knight A. St. A. Smith, of Peterborough, as Provincial Prior in that district, who has, I believe, performed his duties very acceptably.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The office of Grand Representative of this Great Priory, near the Great Priory of Ireland, having been vacant for some time, and receiving word that the appointment of Very Eminent Knight Sir Charles A. Cameron, C. B.; G. C. T., Great Seneschal and Deputy

Grand Master would be very acceptable to them, I had much pleasure in causing a Commission to be issued appointing the Very Eminent Sir Knight our Grand Representative.

FINANCES.

The receipts for the year amounted to \$1,641.01

The appropriation for expenses allowed at last Great Priory meeting was \$1337.00. Our disbursements have been under this amount, viz., \$1,322.32, so that we show as usual a very satisfactory balance on hand, amounting to \$2,411.40, an increase of \$300.

PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTER WHYTE.

In accordance with the resolution of Great Priory in 1896 a Past Supreme Grand Master's jewel has been procured for presentation at this Assembly to M. Em. Frater W. H. Whyte.

RETURNS.

It is absurd to have to report this year, as last, that several Preceptories have not sent in their returns until almost the last moment. Steps should at once be taken to discipline such delinquents as neither the Grand Chancellor nor the Supreme Grand Master can properly, or fully, report to Great Priory through such negligence, and the books of the executive officers, which should be closed by the 10th August, have therefore to be kept open until almost the Assembly of Great Priory.

THIS ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

Meeting, as we do this year, at Windsor, Ont., we shall be able to fraternise with the Sir Knights of Detroit, with whom we have often visited, and who have several times visited our Annual Assemblies.

There is no boundary line in Knight Templarism. Wherever the Banner of the Order waves all Templars are welcome.

At last Assembly it was ordered that the meeting this year should begin on a Thursday. After a long correspondence it was found impossible to change the day of the week from Tuesday to Thursday for various good and sufficient reasons. There was, therefore, no other course open but to call the meeting for the present date, which I directed the Grand Chancellor to do.

PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

I again wrote early in the Spring to those important officers and received a reply from quite a number. The Grand Council can, by the new reports, tell whether all have done their duty or not.

THE STATUTES.

The error in the Statutes ordered to be rectified at last Assembly, with reference to the style of belts to be worn, was duly attended to by the Grand Chancellor.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The Grand Chancellor has been requested during the year to replace members' certificates lost by fire or otherwise, free of charge. This we determined could not be done, but a duplicate was issued at a small charge, not much more than the cost of the document.

There seems to be no limit of time within which the installation of officers *should* take place.

I suggest that the necessary steps be taken to amend the Statutes so that installation *shall* take place at the next regular assembly after the election.

The observance of services at Easter and Christmas and on Ascension Day is getting to be more prevalent year by year. If this is to continue it would be well to prepare a proper form of service for the purpose.

As usual the circulars issued during the year appear in the Appendix to this address.

The Grand Chancellor reports that several Registrars and Presiding Preceptors are extremely negligent in replying to letters. This should not be, as time and trouble are caused by such conduct. I hope my successor will not have the same ground of complaint, otherwise action by Great Priory will be necessary.

My correspondence has been about as heavy as last year, but extremely pleasant on the whole.

CONCLUSION.

You have now a record of my Official acts for the past year.

To the best of my ability I have endeavored to discharge the duties of the office faithfully and conscientiously.

I have to thank the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Chancellor for valuable assistance during the year. The Grand Chancellor has been prompt in the discharge of his duties and in every way tries to advance the interests of the Order.

In handing over the gavel to my successor I bespeak for him the same kindness and assistance, from all Fratres, as I have been the recipient of.

Let us never forget that we are members of the Order of the Temple—that we are pledged to act as Christians and therefore by our manner of life, not only in our assemblies but in our every day life we are, and should be, judged. We have besides solemn duties to perform—we should practise that love and charity towards our fellow-creatures which in part consists in alleviating the sufferings of the distressed, the oppressed and the destitute.

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Our late celebrated Frater M. E. Sir Kt. W. J. B. McLeod-Moore, in one of his invaluable allocutions quoted Addison who tells us that Chapters of the Ancient Order were always closed by the members repeating the first verse of the 67th Psalm. It seems to me I cannot do better than follow this example in closing my address :—

“May the Lord bless us, and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful to us.”



Supreme Grand Master,

BARRIE, 18th September, 1899.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. John V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. F. Sir Kt. William Roaf, 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.

BARRIE, Ont., September 23rd, 1898.

EMINENT SIR KNIGHTS,—In unanimously electing me for a second term to the office of Supreme Grand Master of the Knights Templar of Canada, I desire to express to you my thanks for the confidence you have again reposed in me.

I hope that the Templar year, on which we have entered, will give larger results than we were able to show for the year just ended, and that the enthusiasm and earnest work given to this Order by so many of our Preceptors will continue with unabated vigor during the years 1898-9.

No changes were made in the Statutes at the Assembly of Great Priory just closed.

The success of the meeting was pleasing to all who attended; and as it was the first purely Canadian demonstration we have had, we can safely congratulate ourselves on the result.

Next year Great Priory meets at the City of Windsor, Ont., and as we will be very close to the Sir Knights of the United States, I hope steps will be at once taken, and during the year, to enable us to make even a greater success of our Annual Assembly in that city.

TO THE OFFICERS OF GREAT PRIORY.

Work—hard work—earnest work will show that you appreciate the offices to which you have been elected. I confidently ask your assistance to make this the banner year of our Order.

PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

Forms of reports for inspection purposes will shortly be sent out to you by the Grand Chancellor, which I trust will assist you in your labors and enable Great Priory to get a better idea of the manner in which every Preceptory is conducting its business than we have ever been able to get heretofore. Endeavor to hold at least one Preceptory of Instruction in your respective districts during the Templar year. I shall expect an informal report for the first half of the year about the 1st March, besides your annual report, which must be in the hands of the Grand Chancellor by the 1st day of July, 1899, as resolved upon by Great Priory.

Great Priory, at Hamilton, endorsed the following in regard to Provincial Grand Priors, and I earnestly direct the attention of these officers to it:—

“ Provincial Priors must be impressed with the necessity of attending to their duties. If they are conscientious in the discharge of said duties none of our Preceptories will have been neglected. If a Provincial Prior is so false to his obligation as to neglect his district, Great Priory should empower the Grand Master to remove the erring Frater from office with loss of his rank, and that power to fill such vacancy be conferred on the Grand Master.”

Great Priory also endorsed the recommendation of the Committee on the condition of the Order, that, "As some of the Preceptories were wearing Chapeaux not in accordance with the Statutes, and omitting to wear the White Mantle, which is obligatory by the Statutes, the Provincial Priors be instructed to see that the Statutes are carried out as laid down."

Also, "That Preceptories who have not the requisite paraphernalia for working the degrees should as soon as possible equip themselves in a proper manner, as laid down by the Statutes."

PRESIDING PRECEPTORS.

On you and your officers much depends. Keep up the enthusiasm. Let the ceremonies of the Order be conducted in the solemn manner they call for—and when work is to be done endeavor by numerous rehearsals of yourself and officers to have it given in an impressive manner.

This will not only impress the candidate but stimulate the members. You cannot expect the members to be enthusiastic if you, and your officers, do not perform your part of your duties as they should be performed.

Let the young Frates have a chance. The old Frates, who have already passed through the chairs, have shown what they can do. In some cases, I fear, keeping continually in office injures the Order, and by holding back new blood gives often an excuse for absence from meetings and lack of interest in the Order, which should not exist.

The presiding Preceptors will call their Registrar's attention to section 50 of Statutes, wherein it ordains that the Registrar "shall send a copy of the notice calling each assembly to the Supreme Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Prior." This Statute has been more honored in the breach than in the observance by a number of the Registrars of the Preceptories, and I must request them not to overlook it in the future.

UNIFORM AND DRILL.

The able manner in which the degrees of the Order were conferred, at Hamilton, by the officers of St Simon of Cyrene, Sarnia; Richard Cœur de Lion, London; and Richard Cœur de Lion, Montreal, should do good to all who had the pleasure of witnessing the exemplification. What they have succeeded in doing is within the reach of every Preceptory, if only the time and ability, necessary to gain success, are devoted to the work.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

‡ D. F. MACWATT,
Supreme Grand Master.

Attest: ‡ WILL. H. WHYTE,
Grand Chancellor.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

As Deputy Grand Master, strictly speaking, I have not performed during the year any official duty which it is necessary to report to the Sovereign Great Priory, but it may at least be of interest to state that during the year, besides attendance at the Encampment of St. John, of which I am a member, I visited the Union De Molay Preceptory, No. 11, St. John; Malta, No. 27, Truro, N.S.; Ottawa, No. 32. Ottawa; Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, No. 2, Toronto; Moore, No. 13, Peterboro'. My visit to the Ottawa Preceptory was made with the Grand Master, on the occasion of the visit of the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory of Montreal, and I was not only much impressed by the excellent manner in which the Order of Malta was conferred, and the large attendance, but by the courteous and generous hospitality of the Ottawa Fratres whose entertainment of their guests was on a really magnificent scale. The Ottawa Preceptory is in good condition, I was delighted to be able to attend the Malta Preceptory on the night on which Rt. Eminent Sir. Kt. D. C. Fraser, Provincial Prior of Nova Scotia, made his official visitation. None of the Order was conferred, but the business paper of the evening was a long one, and all that was to be done was done effectively, carefully, and thoroughly. Nearly all of the resident members were in attendance, as well as some from a distance, and the heartiness of the reception given us can never be forgotten. This Preceptory is well equipped and a splendid feeling prevails. As the winter night on which the visit was made was cold and stormy we remained long around the hospitable table spread in the comfortable refectory of the Preceptory, while the eloquent Provincial Prior and other Fratres with speech and song filled the night with music, and the cares which infest the day were wholly forgotten. This Precep-

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tory is effectively officered, and with Sir Knight Henderson as Preceptor, and Past Provincial Prior L. B. Archibald as its Secretary all its business is done thoroughly. At St. Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto, the Order of the Red Cross was conferred on the night on which I was present, and there was a good attendance of Sir Knights. The observations which I made last year upon the excellence and effectiveness of the ceremonial as carried out by Sir Knights Collins and Roaf and others might be repeated. The after entertainment was the pleasantest ending of a most agreeable meeting. The visit paid to Moore Preceptory at Peterboro', was to me personally a very agreeable one. I went without giving the Fratres any intimation of my coming, and the evening was that on which the Provincial Prior officially visited. It was a warm mid-summer's evening,—the Preceptor was out of town on business, but the Past Preceptor, who presided, gave me a warm brotherly greeting. This Preceptory is not strong in numbers, and of course there could not be a large attendance, but of those who were there some were veterans, and all were enthusiastic and hearty. They appeared to be delighted at my visit. There was no special business to do, but a couple of hours went quickly, and I left Peterboro' feeling that we had there warm-hearted and enthusiastic adherents.

I attended unofficially with the Provincial Prior of New Brunswick the Encampment of St. John and the Union DeMolay Preceptory on the occasion on which he installed the officers of these bodies.

As a result of all of my visits I think I can say that an excellent spirit pervades our membership, and that there is a strong desire in the hearts of our members to maintain and practice the principles inculcated by the Order of the Temple.

Fraternally,

‡ JOHN V. ELLIS,
D. G. M.

PETITIONS, APPEALS, ETC.

Notification and documents received from Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, No. 2, Toronto, containing trial of Sir Knight Thomas Sargent for U. M. C., on motion was received and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

Petition, together with books, papers and correspondence, received from Rossland Preceptory, of Rossland, under dispensation and praying for a warrant or charter, was on motion referred to the Committee on Warrants.

PROVINCIAL PRIORS' REPORT.

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

My year of office as Provincial Prior for London District, having expired, I beg to report upon the condition of the Preceptories under my jurisdiction. I have in the printed forms, supplied at the beginning of the year, reported fully the statistics and details called for and in addition make this general report.

RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, No. 4, London.—My visit to this Preceptory on the 10th March, 1899, was of the most pleasant character. The Order of the Temple was conferred upon a candidate in a manner most creditable to the officers. R. E. Sir Knight A. A. Campbell, acting as presiding Preceptor for the occasion, assisted by E. Sir Knight C. W. Davis, acting as Constable and A. T. Cooper as Marshal. There were present twenty-five members and the proceedings throughout were most satisfactory. The Preceptor of the year, the late lamented C. W. Davis, was most enthusiastic and his loss, by an untimely death, will be severely felt. Much credit is also due to the well known Registrar, R. E. Sir Kt. J. S. Dewar, for the assiduity with which he looks after all matters relating to his office and the good of the Order generally.

The finances are in a satisfactory condition and the Preceptory has promise of great prosperity.

The meeting was followed by the annual banquet of the Preceptory in commemoration of the "glorious martyrs of a glorious Order," which was as successful as the previous meeting. The usual toasts had proper attention and much enthusiasm was manifested in the cause of Templarism. In addition to the local members, E. Sir Knight Stewart of Windsor Preceptory, who accompanied me on my visit, was present and participated in the event.

KENT, No. 20, Chatham.—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. The meeting held on the 21st of February, 1899, was a most enthusiastic one. The Most Eminent the Grand Master was present and his good counsel and advice, which we much appreciated, did much towards increasing the interest of the members. There were also present Sir Knight R. B. Hungerford of London, Very Eminent Sir Knight John Hooper, of Hamilton, and a number of officers and members of Windsor Preceptory, who conferred the Red Cross degree, in their usual exemplary manner, upon two candidates. There was a good attendance of the local members to the number of eighteen. The banquet, after the meeting at the Garner House, was most elaborate and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Much credit is due to E. Sir Knight W. D. B. Spry for the awakening, and he is well seconded by the present presiding Preceptor E. Sir Knight A. S. Thornton and his able staff of officers. Great Priory may well look for good reports from this Preceptory in the future.

BURLEIGH, No. 21, St. Thomas.—It cannot be said that this Preceptory is in a prosperous condition, but I think the prospects for the future are brighter than they have been for some time. On the 26th June,

1899, I was accompanied on my visit by R. E. Sir Knight D. L. Carley, past Provincial Grand Prior, E. Sir Knight J. S. Edgar, E. Sir Knight A. M. Stewart and Sir Knight J. C. Tolmie of Windsor Preceptory, and we were much pleased with the welcome extended to us by the officers and Sir Knights who turned out to the number of eleven. The Red Cross degree was to have been conferred by the officers of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, but owing to the death of its eminent Preceptor the engagement was cancelled and the degree was conferred by myself acting as Eminent Preceptor, assisted by the other Sir Knights from Windsor. I base my hopes for the success of this Preceptory upon the energy and perseverance of the old Sir Knights, Dubber, Idsardi, McKay and others and upon the interest being taken by the younger Sir Knights, one of whom, E. Sir Knight Henry Roe, the present presiding Preceptor is most enthusiastic and indefatigable in his efforts to restore this Preceptory to its previous prosperous condition. There seems to be a tendency to fill the offices with new material, which is a move in the right direction and is an encouragement to the new members and to others who are likely to apply for membership in the near future.

Financially, the Preceptory is in excellent condition.

ST. ELMO, No. 22, Stratford.—Fifteen members were present on the occasion of my official visit to this Preceptory on the 9th of June, 1899. I have much pleasure in testifying to the cordiality of the welcome extended by them to me, as representing your Sovereign body and to my Secretary, E. Sir Knight A. M. Stewart, who accompanied me. This Preceptory has suffered a loss in the removal of V. E. Sir Knight J. E. Harding, who has removed to Lindsay, and Sir Knight E. E. C. Kilner, the efficient Registrar, who has also removed from the city. There remains, however, good material and the future of this Preceptory is not in danger. The Red Cross degree was ably conferred upon a can-

candidate by V. E. Sir Knight J. Russell Stuart, Past Preceptor, ably assisted by the present presiding Preceptor, W. J. Mooney, acting as Constable, and R. M. Cassels, Marshal. Sir Knight William McKellar acting as High Priest. All the officers performed their respective parts most creditably. The candidate was John Welsh, whose zeal for the Order is proved by the fact that he travelled eighty miles to receive the degree, coming from the North Peninsula.

WINDSOR PRECEPTORY, No. 26.—I made frequent visits to this Preceptory as a member of it and I have pleasure in reporting that it continues to merit the good report which has been given of it in the past. There has been a considerable addition to its membership during the past year and all the officers have been faithful and attentive and deserve commendation in this respect. I regret to have to report that two of its Past Preceptors have been laid to rest during the year, namely, R. E. Sir Knights Robert McGuire and Joseph Park. R. E. Sir Knight Carley continues to enthuse his Frateres and contributes much to the success of the Preceptory.

ST. SIMON OF CYRENE, No. 37, Sarnia.—I visited this Preceptory on the 20th of April, 1899, and found the officers and Knights still enthusiastic and resolved to make this one of the best Preceptories in the Great Priory. The new officers, with E. Sir Knight Robert Kerr presiding, undertook to confer the Order of the Temple upon two candidates, and are entitled to much credit for the manner in which they performed their work, having regard to the shortness of time which they had to prepare it. This is one of the best equipped Preceptories in the district. It and the Windsor Preceptory have been wearing white plumes in their chapeaux, but in obedience to the directions of Great Priory most of the Windsor Knights have already changed to black, and the Knights of St. Simon of Cyrene expressed their intention of making the change without delay.

It is worthy of note that at my visits to all the Preceptories in almost every case all the officers were in their places, which promises well for the results of the year.

I have to thank the Preceptories for the generous manner in which they have contributed towards the expense of my visits and particularly the Registrars for their regularity in sending me notices of their meetings. I also desire to thank the Knights who accompanied me from time to time on my visits, and particularly E. Sir Knight Stewart, who not only accompanied me on every visit which I made, but kindly acted for me at the installation of officers at Sarnia on account of my unavoidable absence.

† A. H. CLARKE,

Provincial Grand Prior, London District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

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

It is gratifying to be able to report that everything is encouraging in this district.

My first visit was to Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, Hamilton. I was received in due and ancient form, and had the pleasure of presiding at the election of officers. I also had the pleasure of presiding at the installation the following month. My next visit was to St. Bernard de Clairveaux, Dunnville. I was accompanied by R. E. Sir Knights Mattice and Reid. We received a hearty welcome from the Dunnville Sir Knights. This Preceptory has an able staff of officers, who made our visit very pleasant.

I visited Plantagenet Preceptory at their June meeting, accompanied by R. E. Sir Knight Mattice. The Templar degrees were conferred in an excellent manner. The members were all in uniform, and I predict a bright future for this Preceptory.

Victoria Preceptory, Guelph, is doing very well, and I may say the same of Odo de St. Amand, Brantford.

In closing my report I wish to thank the Sir Knights, one and all, for the kind and hospitable way they have received me. I also thank those Sir Knights who have accompanied me on my visits.

† CHAS. SMITH,
Provincial Prior.

HAMILTON, August 24th, 1899.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign, Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—I have the honor of presenting my report as Provincial Grand Prior of Toronto District. I regret exceedingly through my illness soon after taking office prevented me from visiting as frequently as I would have desired, but since my recovery have endeavored to make up lost time as you will notice by my report.

On February 17th I made my first visit to Cyrene Preceptory No. 29, when I was heartily made welcome by the Sir Knights, who in their uniforms made a very good showing. On this occasion the Red Cross was rendered by Rt. Em. Sir Kt. Postlethwaite and the novitiate by the presiding Preceptor, Em. Sir Kt. A. L. Malone, the work in both instances was exceedingly well done and very much improved by the excellent music rendered by the choir. On this occasion Rt. Em. Sir Kt. Postlethwaite was presented by Sir Knights of this Preceptory with a well deserved compliment of Sword and Belt. I found the books and paraphernalia in good order.

On the 10th March it was my pleasure to visit Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, No. 2, (my own Preceptory); the work of the Red Cross, Novitiate, Installation and Consecration was rendered by Rt. Em. Sir Kt. H. A. Collins, Em. Sir Kt. Spencer Love, Rt. Em. Sir Kt.

Jos. Tomlinson and Rt. Em. Sir Kt. N. T. Lyon. The work, as expected in their hands, was fully up to the mark. This Preceptory is well uniformed, the books in good order and the dues well paid up.

On the 11th day of May, being Ascension day, I am delighted to state that the Sir Knights of the two Toronto Preceptories turned out to the number of seventy-five to listen to a special sermon in the old Military Church of St. John, Portland Street, by the Rev. A. Williams. The subject was most appropriate to the occasion and the rendering by the choir and the solo by Sir Kt. A. L. E. Davies made the services very impressive, and will be long remembered by the Sir Knights of Toronto. The collection was liberal and given to the church funds.

On the 28th March, accompanied by a number of the Toronto Sir Knights, I visited Mount Calvary Preceptory, No. 12, Barrie, the home of the Grand Master, and regretted his absence from town, but received a hearty greeting from the Sir Knights; the work was exemplified by Very Em. Sir Kt. Hallet, Em. Sir Kt. Johnstone and Very Em. Sir Kt. Morgan; although the latter was suffering from ill-health the work was very well done. I found the books and paraphernalia in very good shape.

On the 24th May, Queen's Birthday, I visited Palestine Preceptory, No. 18, Port Hope, and it was a gala day, more so on account of a visit from Cyrene Commandery of Rochester, N.Y., who received a royal welcome to our shores by the Sir Knights of this Preceptory. The novice and consecration degrees were well rendered by Em. Sir Kt. Coulter. On this occasion I was accompanied by Rt. Em. Sir Kt. Harry A. Collins, Em. Sir Kt. Joseph King and Sir Kt. George Grant. At the festive board we were delighted by the eloquence of Rt. Em. Sir Kt. H. A. Collins, and the power of song by Sir Kt. Grant. A beautiful Maltese banner was presented to this Preceptory by the Commandery, which just make the appointments of the Preceptory complete.

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On the 22nd June I visited St. John the Almoner Preceptory, No. 15, Whitby, and to my utter surprise the work as put on by Em. Sir Kt. Henderson, Ross and the other officers was a revelation to me, and the more so owing to the absence of a candidate, but a substitute was provided. I have also pleasure in stating in this Preceptory, as well as Palestine Preceptory, Port Hope, there is every prospect of being uniformed at an early date; it is an unique condition of affairs that no dues are owing in this Preceptory.

In conclusion, I have to thank the Grand Master for his kindness in visiting Harrington, No. 14, North Bay, and Rhodes Preceptory, No. 23, Port Arthur, and I have especially to thank Rt. Em. Sir Kt. Harry A. Collins, who has been my henchman on every occasion during my term of office.

‡ WM. SIMPSON,

Provincial Prior, Toronto District.

KINGSTON-OTTAWA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

SIR KNIGHTS—I herewith submit my report as Provincial Grand Prior of the Kingston-Ottawa District for the year 1899. I have visited three of the five Preceptories in this district, and would have visited the remaining two but, unfortunately, when I wrote that I was able to visit them, they informed me that several of their officers were away and it was impossible to get a quorum, so that I was denied the pleasure of paying them an official visit. I might say that the three Preceptories I did visit seemed to be in a good condition and all have very capable officers.

OTTAWA PRECEPTORY, No. 32, Ottawa—I had the extreme pleasure of making my first official visit to the above Preceptory after my appointment by the Supreme Grand Master on the 19th of April, on which occasion the "Consecration" ceremony was worked by the presiding Preceptor, Very Em. Sir Kt. Bowden

and his officers, in a manner which would be hard to excel. The Malta was then worked by the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 7, Montreal, in a way that needs no comment, as it is proverbial that what they undertake is done with a conciseness not to be surpassed. Ottawa Preceptory should be congratulated on their new hall, its furnishings and the almost completeness of their paraphernalia for the working of the different degrees when you take into consideration that it is only a year or so since they were burnt out, losing very heavily. Books are well kept, dues were paid and carry insurance \$1,100.

MOORE PRECEPTORY, No. 13, Peterboro'—I visited this Preceptory on the 1st August and regret to say that there was no work, but being my mother Preceptory I am glad to be able to say that I consider this Preceptory is better officered to-day than it has been for many years, and that the presiding Preceptor is quite competent to confer any of the three degrees and be ably backed by his officers. There has been no increase this year, but I understand there is a good prospect of several good candidates this Fall. The paraphernalia for conferring the orders of the Temple is very complete and in good shape, as to that necessary for the other degrees there is very little but are adding to it every year. Books are well kept, dues were paid up and have no liabilities.

GONDEMAR PRECEPTORY, No. 16, Brockville—I had the pleasure of visiting this Preceptory on 17th August. I regret that, like Moore Preceptory, there was no work for the evening, owing to candidate having not come forward. This Preceptory is well officered and well equipped for the working of the several degrees, with the exception of the Red Cross. I understand that though there has been no increase in numbers this year, they expect a number of candidates this Fall. The books are exceedingly well kept, dues pretty well paid and have no liabilities.

HUGH DE PAVENS PRECEPTORY, No. 1, Kingston—I had intended visiting this Preceptory on th

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16th August, but owing to their inability to have a meeting on that night I was deprived of the pleasure.

KING BALDWIN PRECEPTORY, No. 6, Belleville—
I was also disappointed in not being able to visit the above Preceptory as intended on the 18th August, as several of their officers were away and consequently could not have a meeting.

Before closing I desire to return my thanks to the M. E. the Supreme Grand Master for his confidence in appointing me Provincial Prior of this district.

† ALGERNON ST. A. SMITH,

Provincial Grand Prior, Kingston-Ottawa District.
PETERBOROUGH, 11th September, 1899.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

SIR KNIGHTS—I beg respectfully to submit to your Sovereign Body my third report as Provincial Prior of Quebec District.

On the whole it has been a satisfactory year for Knight Templarism in this province. We have secured a decided increase in membership; harmony and good-fellowship prevail in our midst, and a continued interest is maintained in our work, which must before long lead to a further increase in numbers, and impart vigor and life to those branches of our body at present barely holding their own. There has been no element of a disturbing nature brought before me during the term. It has pleased me on several occasions to have had my advice sought in relation to matters of interest to the Preceptories and their work, which has been cheerfully given and courteously received and acted upon.

The position of the three Preceptories in my district up to 30th June is as follows:—

RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, No. 7, Montreal, admitted 10; died 1; withdrawn 1; now on roll 71; being an increase of 9; held 15 meetings, with an average attendance of 25.

SUSSEX, No. 9, Stanstead—No new members. Now on roll 33; same as last two years; held 5 meetings; average attendance 5:

WILLIAM DE LA MORE, No. 25, Quebec, admitted 2; withdrawn 1; now on roll 13; increase 1; held 9 meetings, with average attendance of 6.

SUSSEX, No. 9, Stanstead—I regret I have been unable to arrange a meeting with this Preceptory, but it was hardly my fault; however, after communicating with the officers I find there is now some certainty of bringing about a removal to Sherbrooke. They intend to bring up a motion at an early date to that effect, and there are 16 capitular Masons at latter place ready to join as soon as the change is effected. It is expected that the officers and members of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, of Montreal, will arrange to work the various degrees for them on the occasion of the opening at Sherbrooke.

Since returns were made we have been called upon to mourn the death of a most highly esteemed member of Sussex Preceptory, R. Em. Sir Knight John H. Graham, who passed away at the residence of his son-in-law in Hartford, on the 12th August last, and was buried at Richmond, P.Q., with Masonic honors on 15th August. He was the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the first Grand Z of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, a strong supporter and earnest helper in everything tending to advance the interests of Freemasonry. "A man amongst men," eloquent, courteous and kind, loyal and true in the discharge of his duty, who, though "passed beyond our sight," his memory will long be kept green and revered amongst the Masons of Canada and especially those of the Province of Quebec.

WILLIAM DE LA MORE, No. 25, Quebec—This Preceptory, still working under difficulties, has been enabled to meet regularly, and slightly increase its membership. I promised on behalf of the Montreal Preceptory, that if they could only secure more

candidates, they could count on Richard Cœur de Lion sending them a team to fully work the degrees; this unfortunately they have not managed.

RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, No. 7, Montreal—The hopes expressed in last report in regard to this Preceptory have, I am pleased to note, been well realized. They have had a successful year, added 11 new members to the roll, all young men, enthusiastic and able. The officers are zealous and energetic, working the ritual in an effective manner that leaves little to be desired. Since date of returns others have been received. They can now turn out about 40 members in full uniform. A full attention is given to drill as well as the ordinary ritual work, and opening and closing are performed in full, with proper escort and lines formed to receive officers. Their prospects are very bright, promising increased efficiency and greater numbers. I installed the officers of this Preceptory on the 5th January, 1899, on the occasion of paying them an official visit.

In response to a courteous and pressing invitation this Preceptory arranged a pilgrimage to Lewiston, Maine, where they were entertained as guests of Lewiston Commandery No. 7 K.T. on the 23rd and 24th June last, the party comprised 29 Sir Knights with ladies and the Pipe Band from the "Royal Scots." The proceedings on 23rd June were particularly devoted to the reception and entertainment of the Canadian Sir Knights; and on the 24th June St. Albans Commandery of Portland and De Molay Commandery of Skowhegan were accorded a reception and entertainment in which we again shared. Those of us who had the privilege of taking part in the pilgrimage will not soon forget the hearty welcome we received, the unbounded hospitality extended to us and the warm words of greeting and regard we heard expressed towards us as Knight Templars and as Canadians from our brethren across the line. For the two days at Lewiston it was a constant round of entertainments, banquets, excursions and parades, while the

sister cities of Lewiston and Auburn were prettily, in fact, almost profusely decorated in honor of the visiting SirKnights.

On the following day, the 25th June, we visited Portland, and received a further welcome from the members of St. Albans Commandery, who entertained us right royally, and with a generous hospitality.

The members of the Preceptory were so deeply impressed with the kindness of our American Sir Knights, that in recognition of the favors, showered on them, warm votes of thanks were passed to Lewiston and St. Albans Commanderies, which were handsomely illuminated and framed, and later a deputation went down and presented them to these Commanderies, on which occasion they again experienced a hearty welcome and generous entertainment.

On April 9th last, on the occasion of the Grand Master's official visit to Ottawa Preceptory No. 32, and at the request of said Preceptory, as well as in fulfilment of a promise made to the Grand Master, the officers and members of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory proceeded to Ottawa, and worked the Malta degree, before a large gathering of Knight Templars, including our Grand Master and many distinguished members of the order from all parts of the Dominion. They were heartily welcomed and entertained at the banquet given in honour of the Grand Master, and received many warm words of commendation for the manner in which the Malta had been exemplified.

I deeply regret my inability to be present at the coming Annual Assembly in Windsor, as I can well appreciate what pleasure and profit I shall miss by being absent from the deliberations of the rulers of our Order.

Thanking the Knight Templars of Quebec District for the honor thrice conferred upon me as their Provincial Prior, I assure them I shall be glad to do all in my power to assist my successor in the performance of his duties if it is required.

† W. M. LEMESSURIER,
Provincial Prior, Quebec.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

SIR KNIGHTS—As Provincial Prior for the New Brunswick District, I beg to submit my annual report for the year just closed.

It must be gratifying to the Great Priory to know that Knight Templarism in this District is flourishing and shewing steady and substantial growth. There has been a considerable increase in the interest taken in the work, and harmony has reigned amongst our membership.

ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, NO. 3A, St. John—
This Preceptory, of which I have the honor of being a member, has well maintained its standing as a progressive centre of Templarism. Under its worthy Noble and Eminent Commander, Sir Knight George E. Blake, the additions to the membership have been unusually large, and the new members are of the stamp of men who may be relied upon to do credit to our Order. As a Past Commander I have been in regular attendance during the past year, and am happy to be able to report that the work of all the officers has been excellent, and the exemplification of the degrees would at any time afford pleasure to our best ritualists. If the Grand Officers could visit this Preceptory at any time and see the working of any of the degrees, I believe they would go away satisfied that the work done is not second to that of any Preceptory under the jurisdiction of the Great Priory. The work is that of the Scottish Chapter General at present. The paraphernalia and other equipment are complete. The uniforms are numerous and in good condition. The armory is large, well furnished and carefully looked after. The members have been well and thoroughly drilled during the year and the attendance and interest in the work are very great. An escort of the Sir Knights of this Preceptory under N & E. Commander Blake, accompanied R. E. Sir Knight Thos. Walker, M.D.,

the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, to divine service on St. John's Day. The marching and appearance of the Sir Knights called forth many commendations. The almost constant attendance at the meetings of that distinguished Mason, Right Eminent Sir Knight John V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, and his assistance in the work, have done much to stimulate the membership to attain excellence in the work of the Order. On January 11th, accompanied by R. E. Sir Knight Thomas Walker, M.D., R. E. Sir Knight Howard D. McLeod, R. E. Sir Knight John A. Watson, V. E. Sir Knight Frank L. Tufts, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Eminent Sir Knight LeB. Wilson, I officially visited the Encampment and was received in full form. I installed the officers for the current year. The presiding officer works all the degrees, being assisted by several of the Past Commanders. The books are kept well and the dues paid up, arrears being small. The enthusiasm and *esprit de corps* of the Sir Knights of this Preceptory were shewn in the steamboat excursion for Sir Knights and their lady friends up the St. John River. The Knights paraded through some of the leading streets of the City in full uniform on their way to the Steamer. The excursion was largely attended and in every sense a marked success.

During the year death has removed from the roll the names of Sir Knights David S Stewart, Robert L. Smith, Robert Carr, Charles A. Stockton and Murdock F. Bruce, M.D. All these Sir Knights had been for years members of the Encampment and active citizens in the community where they lived.

The members of this Preceptory might well feel proud to belong to a body of Knights so well equipped, so enthusiastic in their work, so large in numbers and financially so strong, and bound together in the bonds of fraternal union. I hope the day is not far distant when this Preceptory may make a pilgrimage to our Canadian cities as in years past they have done to some of those in the neighboring Republic.

IVANHOE, NO. 36, Moncton, N. B.—This Preceptory has more than held its own during the past year. It has maintained its paraphernalia and equipment in excellent condition as heretofore. The attendance during the year has been good. The change of quarters to the new and commodious apartments in the Masonic Hall has been of great advantage to the membership. The Preceptory has a neat, convenient and well furnished armory, while the enlarged space afforded the Sir Knights in the Lodge room has enabled them to acquire the drill more thoroughly than ever before. Under Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight James E. Masters, the membership has been kept in good heart, excellent work has been done, and the books, finances and equipment have left little to be desired. The prospects of a very early and large increase of membership are reported to be good; and I have every reason to believe that this Preceptory will do good work during the coming year. The presence and assistance of Past Preceptors have materially aided in keeping the ritualistic work up to a high standard.

UNION DE MOLAY, NO. 11, St. John, N. B.—I paid this Preceptory an official visit on the 26th January, and assisted by R. E. Sir Knight John V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master; R. E. Sir Knight Thomas Walker, M. D.; R. E. Sir Knight T. Amos Godsoe; R. E. Sir Knight John A. Watson; V. E. Sir Knight Frank L. Tufts, Grand Director of Ceremonies; Eminent Sir Knights Alexander R. Campbell and George E. Blake, installed Sir Knight Frank A. Godsoe, Eminent Preceptor for the present year. While this Preceptory is well equipped with paraphernalia and uniforms, it has not succeeded in making any advance. Its meetings have not been as regularly and largely attended as the prominence of its members in Masonry and their standing in the community might naturally lead one to expect. This regrettable state of affairs may be in part or altogether due to the pendency of the question of union of this Preceptory with that of

the Encampment of St. John No. 3 A. The committees referred to in my last report have been working to that end, and almost every one of the terms of union have been settled, as I am informed, the question of the name of the united body being the only point of difference.

THE ENCAMPMENT OF ST. STEPHEN still continues under the Chapter General of Scotland and has not as yet decided to come under the jurisdiction of this Great Priory. However, I am unofficially assured that the objections to coming in with us are not now so strongly urged as heretofore, and we will probably soon have the pleasure of welcoming amongst us the Sir Knights of the Border.

† ARTHUR I. TRUEMAN
Provincial Prior New Brunswick District

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

EM. SIR KNIGHTS,—Pressure of public duty, much to my regret, made it impossible for me to do more than to visit the Malta Preceptory, No. 27, Truro, N. S., which I did in March last. Although the night was a very stormy one, there was a very large attendance of Sir Knights, many of them coming quite a distance to be present. I inspected the paraphernalia of the Preceptory and found it to be ample for all ordinary needs, and the room presented a very handsome appearance. I also examined the books and found them to be well kept, but nothing else could be expected of so methodical an officer as R. Eminent Sir Knight Archibald. A splendid feeling prevails the membership, which is most enthusiastic, and my visit gave me great pleasure and satisfaction. After the business of the evening was over we spent a few hours in the most cheerful, fraternal communing. From what I hear I believe the Nova Scotia No. 5 Preceptory, Halifax—prominent members of which I have met several times during the year—is making steady progress.

I very much regret that I was not able to visit this Preceptory nor that at Yarmouth, at which latter place there is a warm feeling and much enthusiasm in all branches of the fraternity.

† D. C. FRASER,
Provincial Prior, Nova Scotia.

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS,—I have the honor to submit my report of the condition of Knight Templarism in the Manitoba District.

In this District there are two Preceptories—Albert Edward No. 24, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Cypress No. 33, Calgary, Alberta.

CYPRESS No. 33.—I regret that it has not been convenient for me to visit this Preceptory. With a membership of 27 it is reported to be in a prosperous condition. During the year four candidates have received the Degree of the Red Cross, three the Templar and three the Malta. The reports received from the Preceptory show it to be in a very satisfactory condition and the prospects for the coming year are very encouraging.

ALBERT EDWARD No. 24.—This being the Preceptory of which I am a member, I attended all its meetings and usually assisted in some part of the work. During the year four candidates have been given the Degrees from the Red Cross to Templar. The officers are regular in their attendance at meetings and well conversant with their duties and the ritual work, but do not seem to be able to inspire the Preceptory with that measure of enthusiasm which it now very much needs. The meetings are very poorly attended, the average attendance for the year being about twelve. Viewed in the light of its former highly flourishing condition, Albert Edward has been practically dormant

since the date of the fire which destroyed all its paraphernalia and uniforms four years ago. The paraphernalia has been replaced, but not the uniforms. A deep interest in the welfare of the Preceptory is felt by many of the members and past officers, and I believe there are strong reasons for hoping that before long she will rise from her sleep and show an activity warranting her assuming the rank she formerly occupied. The meetings have been called off for the summer months, but I am informed that there are a number of applications to be balloted upon at the next meeting, and this may be the beginning of the awakening.

† C. H. ENDERTON,

Provincial Prior Manitoba District.

WINNIPEG, MAN., August 30th, 1899.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

SIR KNIGHTS—I have much pleasure in presenting my Report as Provincial Prior for the British Columbia District.

The small number of Preceptories and sparse population of the Province makes my report necessarily meagre, but the fact of a dispensation being applied for, and granted, to a Preceptory in Rossland, gives more encouragement in Templar matters than we have had for some years past in this District.

I have visited Western Gate Preceptory, Victoria, of which I am a member, officially on two occasions and witnessed the various degrees conferred, and considering the small membership, the work was carried out in a most gratifying manner. This Preceptory has suffered quite a loss of membership from the fact that many of our members, owing to the nature of the Province, remove to other parts of the District. Still, the Preceptory keeps adding to its membership and the interest shown by the older members does not abate in the least.

On the 23rd March last, I visited Columbia Preceptory No. 34, Vancouver, and was most cordially received. Unfortunately, there were no degrees to be conferred on that evening, but from the number of applications read it would appear that this Preceptory is going to meet with a great deal of success. It certainly has the advantage of having a number of enthusiastic members who will leave no stone unturned to keep an interest in Templar matters alive.

A Dispensation was applied for a Preceptory at Rossland, and on the 29th April last, R. E. Sir Knight Quinlan, of Nelson, R. E. Sir Knight Rush and E. Sir Knight Daggett, of Spokane, instituted the Preceptory and installed the officers. I regretted very much not being able to be present but the distance from Victoria is too great and I could not conveniently get away. There can be no doubt but that the field in Kootenay for a Preceptory is excellent, and my personal knowledge of the officers in charge at Rossland assures me that their Preceptory will, in a short time, taking into consideration the population, be one of the leading Preceptories in Canada.

I cannot close my report without referring to the kindly manner in which the Grand Chancellor has afforded all assistance and information during the year.

I regret very much not being able to be present at the meeting this year.

† R. E. BRETT,

Provincial Prior British Columbia District.

VICTORIA, B. C.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

SIR KNIGHTS—I have to report that Prince Edward Preceptory No. 35, is holding its ground, although progress is not so rapid by the increase of new members as I would like to see. Hasten slowly is a good

motto which, in selecting material, may yet redound to greater progress. Good material in any building is conducive to strength and stability.

The officers are good men and well able to attend to the work. Last year I fully expected to be with you, and I find other engagements precludes the possibility of my being present at the Great Priory this year. Last year you had my absence fully made up for by the presence of two such Eminent Sir Knights as D. Darrach and Thos. A. Maclean. I was a little, yes, very much disappointed that through the extreme modesty of the Sir Knights who visited you last year I was continued in the important office of Provincial Prior to the exclusion of my esteemed and worthy Frater, Dr. Darrach. This year I can but repeat my former recommendation and will renew my request and nomination of Past Presiding Preceptor Sir Knight D. Darrach, M. D., for Provincial Prior for this District for the ensuing year.

We were delighted beyond measure in the month of June last past, with a visit from the Venerable and Hon. Robert Marshall, Past Provincial Prior of New Brunswick. He has always manifested the greatest interest in Prince Edward Preceptory since its organization as well as cheerfulness in imparting knowledge and instruction to our members indiscriminately, and his presence in Charlottetown was like the arrival of an absent father to his children. His labors are surely a labor of love. We hope that the Supreme Grand Master and other illustrious officials will remember the lonely Preceptory in this sea-girt isle, and once in a while drop along and cheer us by the way.

Thanking you one and all for the courtesy extended to us in the past, may the Templar Order prosper and may your deliberations redound to the glory of the Cross.

† R. MACNEILL,

Provincial Prior Prince Edward Island.

STANLEY BRIDGE, P. E. I., 4th August, 1899.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, 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 Supreme Grand Master and Sir Knights of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

I respectfully submit my annual report as Grand Chancellor for the past year.

I received the proceedings of last annual assembly from the printer on the 24th November, and distributed them as speedily as possible to all entitled to receive them.

In accordance with resolution at last session I had slips printed and distributed regarding the error in the Statutes relating to Belts, also as authorized I compiled a form for the report of each Provincial Prior upon each subordinate in his district; this I submitted to the Grand Master, and upon his approval had them printed and duly distributed.

My correspondence, although not as formidable as last year, has still been a heavy one, and with one exception very pleasant and fraternal. I still had considerable work in straightening out the membership rolls of some of the Preceptories which I was unable to complete last year. I have the number of members in each now agreeing with my Register, but several of the rolls do not agree in the numbering, doubtless occasioned by some of the past Registrars; this I will have corrected this year. It would save me much time and trouble in tracing names if the Registrars would only give the number on the roll of the various members they report as withdrawn, dead and so on. Having to renew a number of the forms used in the Grand Chancery, I have made alterations which I think will assist the work and simplify it, owing to the in-

crease in the membership and number of subordinates since the time when the originals were first formulated. I have yet changes to make in some for the coming year, not wishing to incur the expense all at once. In receiving the returns from the various Registrars, I am led to the conclusion that a number of the subordinates do not keep a proper record of their returns to Great Priory. They do not appear to be able to turn to some properly fyled record of their previous years' return. I have had in a number of cases to either send back or correct this year's returns by correspondence, which involves time and expense, which could be avoided by some system. I would therefore suggest that as I will have to procure this coming year a further supply of forms, that enough be printed and furnished to last for say ten years. These could be cheaply and strongly bound and supplied to each Preceptory for about one dollar each, they would thus have bound duplicates of their annual returns on fyle for that space of time to refer to, and Registrars would then have no excuse for returning the wrong number of members on their roll.

In January I issued a form to each presiding Preceptor certifying that the books of Ceremonies had been received from the officers of the past year and duly receipted for by this year's. I regret to have to report that a copy in the possession of one of the subordinate officers has gone astray and cannot be found. Some of the presiding officers have been extremely dilatory in returning these documents, causing many frequent reminders to be made. The correspondence in this matter will be found on fyle.

I am pleased to report that by diligent and urgent correspondence I have succeeded in receiving the returns of every subordinate for the past year, so that I am able to present an exact report of the work of the jurisdiction, even if it is at the last moment. I regret to have to report that three subordinates are in arrears for dues amounting to \$58.50.

I have had considerable correspondence with some of the Royal Arch Companions of Sherbrooke, P.Q. They have forwarded to me a document signed by sixteen pledging to make application to Sussex Preceptory of Stanstead if said Preceptory would remove to Sherbrooke. I communicated this fact to the officers of Sussex and they are now, I believe, considering the question. As this Preceptory has not been very active for some years, I have no doubt their removal would be to their advantage.

On consultation with the Grand Master I forwarded in February last, with the compliments of this Great Priory, a copy of our Ceremonies to each of the Great Priories of England, Scotland and Ireland, and have received courteous acknowledgment through each of their Grand Chancellors.

Ten Dispensations granted by the Supreme Grand Master were issued from this office and the by-laws of two Preceptories received and submitted for his approval.

An application for a dispensation from a number of Sir Knights at Rossland, B.C., was duly received, forwarded to the Grand Master for his consideration and a dispensation granted by him duly issued.

I annex detailed statement of cash received under its various headings and a tabular statement of the membership to June 30th, 1899. The roll stands as follows:—

MEMBERSHIP.

Returns of June 30th, 1898.....		1832
Admitted during the year.....	124	
Affiliated.....	20	
Restored.....	10	
Total.....		<hr/> 154
Died.....		1986
Withdrawn.....	34	
Suspended N. P. D.....	32	
	26	92
Membership June 30th, 1899.....		<hr/> 1894

a net increase of 62. The returns show that 21 Preceptories have a net increase of 94. Ten show a decrease of 32, while 7 show no change in membership, in some cases the deaths and withdrawals equalling the admissions and in others excelling. 29 Preceptories received candidates, while 9 had no work. The death list this year has been a heavy one.

I annex statement of monies received and the disbursements made during the year.

RECEIPTS.

1898.			
Sept. 6.	Balance in Molsons Bank, London.....	355	27
	" " Montreal.....	1737	44
	Total.....	\$2092	71
1899.			
Sept. 16.	Cash receipts, all sources.....	1641	01
		\$3733	72

EXPENDITURE.

As per vouchers No. 77 to 102.			
Grant to Hamilton		\$200	00
Grand Master's travelling expenses.....		100	00
Report on correspondence.....		50	00
Printing Proceedings.....		200	00
" Forms, circulars, etc.....		82	62
Stationery.....		13	21
Printing Certificates (Parchment).....		51	80
Plate for		40	00
Illuminating Address.....		20	00
Sundry expenses, guard, trunk, etc., as per resolution of last year.....		59	00
Jewel for M. E. E. Sheppard.....		40	00
Postage, telegrams, express charges.....		59	69
Grand Chancellor's salary.....		400	00
		\$1322	32
		1322	32
		\$2411	40

This leaves a balance of over \$300 in excess of last year, besides arrears of dues of \$58.50. The appropriation for expenses allowed at last session was \$1337.00, showing that the expenditure has been kept within the limit. There are no unpaid accounts.

The tender for printing the Proceedings of Great Priory having expired, on consultation with the Grand Master I asked for tenders from some six or seven firms, and am pleased to report that we were enabled to accept a tender at a much reduced figure.

≠ *Will. A. Whyte*

Grand Chancellor.

MONTREAL, Sept. 16, 1899.

31, " Postage 101
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 Montreal 2411 40
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W. M. GIBSON,
 JOHN B. THRESIDDER,
 WINDSOR, Sept. 18th, 1899.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. J. J. Malloy, and

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

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

R. Em. Sir Knight W. G. Reid, on behalf of the Credential Committee, presented a report and was given authority for the Committee to continue their duties and make final report at next day's session.

The Supreme Grand Master being asked for his ruling upon two proxies, decision was given ruling them not in order.

Upon motion of M. E. Sir Kt. Malone, it was

RESOLVED—That a Special Committee be appointed to consider the system of representation of this Great Priory and the methods and manner of election and to make recommendation, and that the Grand Chancellor be and is hereby directed to place the committee in possession of all papers and documents they may call for.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, by command of the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, Great Priory was called from labor to refreshment, to assemble next morning at ten o'clock.

Wednesday, September 20th.

The labors of Sovereign Great Priory were resumed at ten o'clock, A. M., the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master on the throne and the Great Officers and members occupying their several stations as at the previous day's session.

RECEPTION OF R. E. SIR KNIGHT EUGENE P. ROBERTSON,
GRAND COMMANDER OF MICHIGAN.

Upon the labors of Sovereign Great Priory being resumed, the Supreme Grand Master stated that it was with the greatest pleasure he would welcome to Great Priory the Right Eminent the Grand Commander of

the Grand Commandery of Michigan, Sir Knight Eugene P. Robertson. The Templars of Canada and Michigan were no strangers to each other; on two other occasions the Knight Templars of Detroit had been visitors and guests at the sessions of Great Priory, and it was again with much delight that they had the pleasure of having the Detroit and Ann Harbor Sir Knights, as well as the Grand Commander and a number of his staff, taking part the previous afternoon in the Canadian Templar parade, as well as being delighted spectators of Detroit Commandery's most excellent drill. He would extend to R. E. Sir Knight Robertson a most courteous and fraternal welcome.

The Grand Commander upon replying received a hearty welcome from the Sir Knights. He referred to the very fraternal connection which had always existed between the Jurisdictions of Canada and Michigan and of the pleasure it had afforded him in being able to take part in the proceedings of the previous afternoon, and in visiting the Session of Great Priory, and trusted he would have an opportunity of welcoming many Canadian Knights to Michigan's next Grand Conclave.

RESOLUTION TO THE GRAND COMMANDER AND SIR KNIGHTS OF MICHIGAN.

On motion of R. E. Sir Knight J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. Em. Sir Knight J. S. Dewar, it was unanimously

RESOLVED.—That there be entered upon the Records expression of the gratification and pleasure with which Sovereign Great Priory has received a visit from Right Eminent Sir Knight Eugene P. Robertson, Grand Commander of the Order of the Temple in the State of Michigan, whose courtesy and fraternal kindness have deeply impressed this Sovereign Great Priory, and won for the Right Eminent Frater the respect and good will of all of the Fratres who have been in association with him at this Annual Session.

FURTHER RESOLVED.—That Sovereign Great Priory express its appreciation of the kindness and good feeling exhibited towards the members of the Order of the Temple in Canada by our Fratres in Michigan, as displayed more particularly by Detroit Commandery No. 1, and Damascus Commandery No. 42

of Detroit, and Ann Arbor Commandery No. 13 of Ann Arbor, in uniting with the Windsor Preceptory No. 26 of Windsor, and other Preceptories in Canada in parade and other public exercises in honor of Sovereign Great Priory at this Annual Session, and by which this meeting will be marked in the annals of the Order in Canada for its broad fraternal spirit and exhibition of kindly courtesy; and especially does Sovereign Great Priory appreciate the splendid spirit displayed by the knights in Detroit in placing at the disposal of the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 7 of Montreal, apartments in their Masonic Temple, where the Preceptory was enabled to display effectively and satisfactorily the method of conferring the Order of Malta agreeably to the Ritual practiced in Canada, all of which evidences of brotherly regard will long remain fresh and green in the hearts of the Canadian Knights.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS.

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report as follows:—

We have had before us the application for a Charter from Rossland, B. C., and recommend the same be granted, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, and to be forwarded by him when he deems fit.

The books have been examined and found in a most satisfactory condition.

[Signed] †H. A. COLLINS,
Chairman.

†A. H. CLARKE,
†A. A. CAMPBELL.

It was moved by R. E. Sir Knight J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight H. A. Collins, and

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

REPORT OF AUDIT AND FINANCE.

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

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, and audited the same,

take pleasure in reporting them correct, and that the financial position of the Sovereign Grand Body is in a very satisfactory condition.

The following is a statement of receipts and expenditure for the period ending September 16, 1899:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Sept. 3rd, 1898.....	\$2092 71
Annual Dues.....	1211 00
Certificates.....	234 50
Ceremonies.....	75 00
Tactics.....	9 00
Statutes.....	15 80
Dispensations.....	52 00
Interest.....	43 71
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	3733 72
Expenditure as per details of Treasurer's statement.....	1322 32
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Balance.....	\$2411 40

This, as will be seen, shows a balance in excess of last year of \$318.69, to which might be added \$58.50, due by three Preceptories, which we trust will be paid before the close of this Sovereign Great Priory meeting.

Your Committee recommend that the following appropriations be made to meet the anticipated expenses for the current year, viz:—

Printing Proceedings.....	\$ 200 00
Certificates.....	100 00
Chairman of Foreign Correspondence.....	50 00
Postage, telegrams, etc.....	70 00
Printing Grand Master's address and Grand Chancellor's report.....	20 00
List of Grand Officers.....	10 00
Past Grand Master's Jewel.....	50 00
Stationery.....	40 00
Balance due the Grand Master for travelling expenses, 1897-'98.....	25 00
Grand Master's expenses, 1898-'99.....	200 00
Grant to Windsor Preceptory.....	200 00
Grand Chancellor.....	400 00
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Total.....	\$1365 00

Your Committee desire to draw the attention of Sovereign Great Priory to the fact that Richard Cœur

de Lion Preceptory, No. 7, of Montreal, have, at the special request of the Supreme Grand Master, attended the meetings of Sovereign Great Priory in the City of Hamilton last year and here in Windsor this year, and in order to meet the wishes of the Supreme Grand Master the Montreal Sir Knights have done so at considerable expense, over and above their individual travelling expenses, leaving out of the question the loss of time necessary to attend these meetings so far from their own home; your Committee beg to recommend that the suggestion of the Grand Master to allow said Preceptory one hundred dollars as a slight aid to their heavy outlay be granted.

Your Committee further recommend that five hundred copies of the Proceedings of this Great Priory meeting be printed and distributed.

Before closing this report, we would specially call the attention of Sovereign Great Priory to the admirable manner in which the books of Sovereign Great Priory are kept, both by the Grand Chancellor and by our excellent and efficient Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

† WM. GIBSON,
Chairman.

† J. B. TRESIDDER.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Gibson, and

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

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

In the matter of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory,

vs.

Sir Kt. Thomas Sargant.

The Grand Council, through its Committee on Grievances and Appeals, beg leave to submit that they have carefully examined the evidence and the action by Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, No. 2, in the

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matter of the suspension of Sir Kt. Thomas Sargant, and in view of the facts adduced, recommend that the action of the said Preceptory be confirmed, and that the said Sir Kt. Thomas Sargant be summoned to appear at the next annual assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Templar Order for unknighly conduct. All of which is respectfully submitted.

†WILLIAM ROAF,
Chairman.

†L. B. ARCHIBALD,

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. William Roaf, and

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

ON THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

The Grand Council have examined the Reports presented to them from the Provincial Priors of the following Districts:—Lóndon, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, British Columbia and Prince Edward Island.

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Provincial Prior of this District visited all the Preceptories under his charge and reports that they are all in a prosperous condition, with the exception of Burleigh No. 21, St. Thomas. The work done for the inspection of the Provincial Prior was of a high order and the attendance at the meetings was very creditable. The remarks of the Provincial Prior about Kent Preceptory No. 20, Chatham, are very encouraging, and it is to be hoped that Burleigh No. 21 will endeavor to follow such a good example in the near future. Your Council would recommend that the Provincial Prior give special attention to the Preceptory and endeavor to work up the enthusiasm which is now dormant. Your Council is pleased to note that the white plumes that were worn by some Preceptories are gradually being changed to black as laid down by the statutes.

HAMILTON DISTRICT NO. 2.

The report of the Provincial Prior of this District is short and concise. He visited four out of the five Preceptories and reports that everything is encouraging.

TORONTO DISTRICT NO. 3.

The Provincial Prior reports that all the work done in this District is of a high order, and that the Sir Knights are gradually obtaining the uniform. He visited five out of the seven Preceptories in this District and reports the attendance fairly good.

KINGSTON—OTTAWA DISTRICT NO. 4.

The Provincial Prior of this District reports that he has visited three out of the five Preceptories in his District. Hugh de Payens No. 1, Kingston, and King Baldwin No. 6, Belleville, were not visited, owing to the fact that these Preceptories were unable to have meetings on the dates appointed for the Provincial Prior's visit. Good work is being done in the Preceptories visited and future prospects are encouraging. Ottawa Preceptory must be congratulated on its enthusiasm, in once more having such a splendid hall and all the paraphernalia for the proper working of all the degrees. Your Council would recommend that Hugh de Payens and King Baldwin Preceptories be visited by the Provincial Prior at an early date.

QUEBEC DISTRICT NO. 5.

The report of the Provincial Prior is very encouraging. The year just ended has been very satisfactory, a decided gain having been made in members. Harmony and good-fellowship prevail, and the prospects for the future are very bright. Richard Cœur de Lion No. 7, Montreal, is doing grand work, the members are full of enthusiasm and take the greatest interest in the correct exemplification of the Ritual. It is with regret your Council learn that the attempts of the Pro-

vincial Prior to visit Sussex No. 9, Stanstead, have been futile. Regarding the removal of the Charter to Sherbrooke, your Council would recommend that the matter be left in the hands of the Grand Master to act upon. We must congratulate the Provincial Prior of this District for the very interesting report he has presented.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT NO. 6.

The Provincial Prior of this District reports the Order is flourishing and showing steady growth. There has been a considerable increase in the interest taken in the work, and peace and harmony prevail.

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT NO. 7.

From the report of this Provincial Prior we learn that the prospects are encouraging. Peace and harmony prevail, and the attendance is good at the meetings.

MANITOBA DISTRICT NO. 8.

From the report of the Provincial Prior of this District we learn that Albert Edward Preceptory No. 24 has not yet recovered from the effect of the fire, although the paraphernalia has been replaced, yet the enthusiasm is wanting. We regret very much to hear this and hope that in the near future this Preceptory, which did such good work in the past, will awake, throw off the lethargy and once more resume the place occupied in days gone by. Cyprus No. 33, Calgary, is reported in a prosperous condition and prospects bright for the coming year.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT NO. 9.

The Provincial Prior reports that the work is progressing, but with such a floating population as British Columbia possesses it is hard to keep up the membership. We are pleased to learn that a Dispensation has been granted for a Preceptory at Rossland.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT NO. 10.

The report of the Provincial Prior of this District informs us that the one Preceptory on the sea girt island is progressing slowly, the work is well done and the members enthusiastic.

IN CONCLUSION.

Your Grand Council congratulate Great Priory on its continued prosperity. The membership returns show an increase of 154, but from this must be deducted deaths, withdrawals and suspensions 92, making a net gain of 62; 21 Preceptories show a net increase of 93, 10 show a decrease of 31 and 7 show no change in their membership. Death has been very busy in our ranks during the past year, no less than 34 have passed over to the Great Majority from whence there is no return.

It is pleasing to note that more interest is being taken in the correct working of the degrees and that more Preceptories are taking steps to have the proper uniform as laid down in the Statutes.

Once again your Council would bring to the notice of Provincial Priors the necessity of holding Preceptories of Instruction. We touch upon this matter year after year, but the Provincial Priors do not appear to grasp the situation or realize the importance of these meetings. During the year just passed no Preceptories of Instruction were held in any of the districts, which is very much to be regretted.

The forms produced by the Grand Chancellor and sent to the Provincial Priors to be filled in by them and returned with their Annual Report, are very complete, and will prove of great value to your Grand Council in ascertaining the condition of the Order of the Temple throughout the jurisdiction. Some of the Provincial Priors did not fill in all the particulars as

required. We trust this will be rectified in future and the returns sent in to the Grand Chancellor in a complete state.

All of which is courteously and fraternally submitted.

† CHAS. F. MANSELL,
Chairman of Committee.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, 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.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

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

[See Appendix.]

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. E. Sir Kt. Will H. Whyte, and

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

At this time, with the renewal of friendship, it is our sad duty to have to record the loss of some of those who have been our Fratres and have aided us in the work of our beloved Order, during the past year.

We would, therefore, extend our most sincere sympathy to the friends of those who have been called to cross the unknown river only to pass from Death unto Life, and whose good work will be their perpetual monument.

Amongst those whom the Great Captain of our Salvation has summoned to His Celestial Conclave during the year are :—Rt. Em. Sir Kt. John W. Murton, of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, Hamilton ; Rt. Em. Sir Kt. Lieut.-Col. Magill, Godfrey de Bouillon, Hamil-

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Whilst the death of so many Fratres, eminent in the history of our Sovereign Great Priory, will naturally cause a feeling of great depression and sincere sorrow in the Order, they should only stimulate those upon whose shoulders the mantle falls to greater exertions for the Glory of His Name and the advancement of the Order of the Temple.

Your Committee would recommend that memorial pages be duly placed in the Proceedings to commemorate the memory of the departed Sir Knights.

On behalf of the Committee.

† C. H. FITZSIMMONS.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. C. A. Fitzsimmons, and

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

NOTICES OF MOTION.

(From the Session of 1898.)

By R. E. Sir Kt. A. I. Trueman :

That Sec. 28 be amended as follows by adding: "A Provincial Grand Prior shall not during his term of office be eligible for office in any Preceptory. If a Knight holding office in a Preceptory, save that of Presiding Preceptor, be elected or appointed Provincial Grand Prior, such election or appointment shall *ipso facto* operate to vacate the office held by him in the Preceptory."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence having carefully considered the Notice of Motion of R. E. Sir Knight A. I. Trueman, would recommend the adoption of the proposed change substituting the word Preceptor for Knight. Your Committee would further recommend that a Special Committee of five be appointed to revise the Constitution and report at next meeting of Great Priory, and that in accordance with Sec. 141 of Constitution.

† THOMAS WALKER,
 † J. S. DEWAR,
 † A. H. CLARKE.

Moved by R. Em. Sir Knights J. V. Ellis and Dr. Walker

That the report of the Committee be received and adopted.

After discussion of this Notice of Motion and the report of the Committee, it was moved by R. E. Sir Knight Wm. Roaf, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight William Gibson, and

RESOLVED — That further consideration be postponed until the second clause of the report be considered.

Moved by R. Em. Sir Knight J. V. Ellis, seconded by R. Em. Sir Knight Dr. Walker, and

RESOLVED — That the second part of the Committee's report be adopted.

Moved by R. Em. Sir Knight William Roaf, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight J. J. Malloy, and

RESOLVED — That clause one be not now considered, but that it be referred to the Committee on revision of the Statutes.

By R. E. Sir Knight O. S. Hillman :

That the Grand Master appoint a Committee to report to Great Priory a scheme for the re-organization of Great Priory on the lines of Provincial Grand Priors in substitution for the present Great Priory.

In the absence of R. E. Sir Knight Hillman, the adoption of this motion was moved by R. Em. Sir Knights Malloy and Mattice.

The R. E. the Deputy Grand Master drew attention to the point that this motion as worded and expressed by the word "substitution" was out of order, the Supreme Grand Master ruled confirming the point raised.

REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address presented their report as follows :—

The Grand Council are gratified at being able to congratulate Great Priory on the steady increase in the membership of the Order and improvement in the finances, and unite with the Grand Master in expressions of aspirations and hope for the future. In a country such as Canada, in some parts of which the population is sparse, and the occupation of the people of a nature which often calls many of them away from their homes for long periods of time, or to move their residences from place to place, it is not always easy to keep alight the fires upon our altars, but in almost every district we have some interested Frates, and as time goes on and the population increases, and our settlements grow in number and in strength, the principles of the Order of the Temple must appeal to the hearts and minds of those who know of them. Our conditions now strongly demand of Preceptories in cities and towns and healthy settlements that they should be active, effective and careful in the performance of all their duties, so that their influence may be felt by Preceptories in less favored places; the good example which they will thus set, will be of great benefit generally. With the Grand Master the Grand Council believes that careless or inefficient work should not be allowed, that everywhere the Provincial Priors should exercise the greatest vigilance, and that in cases where it seems absolutely useless to continue the existence of—if existence it can be called—of Preceptories which do nothing, it may be necessary to proceed to the extreme course of calling in the warrants.

This ought not to be done, however, except as a last recourse, when every other effort has proved unavailing. There may ever be a well-grounded hope that so long as life exists some enthusiastic Sir Knight will come to the front, and by the electricity of his enthusiasm infuse life into the moribund body.

The visitations which the Grand Master has been able to make cannot fail to have a good influence upon the Preceptories visited, and the hearty enthusiasm with which he has everywhere been received testifies to the feelings of the Knights to the head of the Order, and to their appreciation of, and personal regard for, the Grand Master.

The Grand Council approve of the transmission to the Great Priories of the Mother Country of our ritual. In this connection they express, too, their satisfaction at the appointment of Very Em. Sir Kt. Charles A. Cameron, Deputy Grand Master of the Order in Ireland, as our representative in that country, as assuring us that our relations with the Great Priory of that country is on a most excellent basis.

The Grand Council agree with the suggestion that steps should be taken to require of all the Preceptories in the jurisdiction to use the approved ritual, and Sir Knights chosen to the principal offices in the Preceptories should unhesitatingly and cheerfully strive to secure compliance with our requirements in this respect.

With regard to the suggestion in reference to a revision of the ritual of the Order of the Temple the Grand Council do not feel justified in expressing any decided opinion upon the matter with the information which is at hand; but it might be well to act upon the suggestion of the Supreme Grand Master so far as to appoint a committee to hear what is to be said in favor of changes, to consider the nature of these, and to report at the next annual session upon the desirability or advisability of suggested alterations. The Council are in accord with the view that the ritual should be

as far as possible permanent, and should not be altered without good reasons for so doing. The course recommended is a conservative one, and its adoption will not commit Great Priory to any changes until the need for them is fully established. The Council must also remind Great Priory that it is only two years since an edition of the ritual was printed with some alterations and additions, and that many copies of this edition are now on hand.

The Grand Council approve of the dispensation issued during the year by the Grand Master, as they do of all his other reported official acts.

Removal of Sussex Preceptory, No. 9, from Stanstead to Sherbrooke, is quite desirable, and, under existing conditions, the Council hope that the Sir Knights at Stanstead will facilitate this removal so that it may be effected with little delay.

The Council are glad to know that steps have been taken to establish a Preceptory at Rossland, as there is good reason to believe that in that thriving and rapidly growing place a branch of the Order will find a comfortable and continuous home.

The Council are satisfied that the Sovereign Great Priory will learn with pleasure of the visit of Cyrene Commandery of Rochester, N.Y., to Palestine Preceptory at Port Hope, and of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory of Montreal to Lewiston, Maine, in the United States. These interchanges of fraternal courtesy are of national importance, and the good they do, not alone as between the Knights of the Temple, but as between the people of two different countries, is incalculable. As the Grand Master correctly says there is no boundary line in Knight Templarism.

The Council hope that what the Supreme Grand Master says with regard to Preceptories delaying the sending in of their returns and in answering official letters, will have the effect of obviating this trouble in the future. Those officers whose duty it is to attend

to this should assist Great Priory in every way in its endeavors to efficiently administer the affairs of the Order. The new system of reports for Provincial Pories will also help to secure this result, and will be of great benefit.

No doubt if the observances by the Order of Easter and other festival days of Christianity continue to increase it will be well to provide for these, and in a very short period that point will be settled.

The Council are of opinion that the Constitution should expressly provide for installation of officers at the next regular meeting after election, and concur in this regard with the view of the Grand Master.

The Grand Council feel that the Sovereign Great Priory will fully appreciate the faithful and conscientious manner in which in the past two years the Grand Master has discharged the duties of his important office, and will appreciate, too, the fraternal courtesy as well as the capability and skill with which he has performed onerous tasks imposed upon him by his position. The impressive words in which he calls upon us to faithfully do our duty in the every day acts of life, and to practice in deeds as well as in words our high privilege of succoring the distressed and the oppressed, should influence us all to forget the petty things which may hinder our progress, and should move us to united and earnest action to accomplish the great aims and objects of this illustrious Order of Christian Knighthood.

Fraternally submitted,

†JOHN V. ELLIS,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, and

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

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By R. E. Sir Knight J. V. Ellis :

That the Statutes be amended so as to provide that the installation of the officers of subordinate Preceptories shall take place not later than at the next regular meeting after election.

By Em. Sir Knight Spencer Love :

That section 49 of the Statutes be amended by adding the following subsection :

49 (a) Every Preceptory may, by by-law, admit their members to life membership on such terms as such Preceptory may determine, and for each such life-member such Preceptory may pay into the Great Priory of Canada the sum of two dollars, which payment shall exempt the Preceptory from payment of further dues to the Great Priory of Canada on his behalf.

By Em. Sir Knight T. M. Davis :

That section 61 on the Statutes of Great Priory be expunged.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

The final report of the Credential Committee was presented, see folio 7, and, on motion of R. E. Sir Knight J. V. Ellis, seconded by R. Em. Sir Knight William G. Reid, was adopted.

R. E. Sir Knight Tresidder requested the ruling of the Chair upon the casting of ballots. The Supreme Grand Master ruled that ballots could only be deposited by Fratres present and duly entitled thereto.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. E. the Grand Master appointed R. E. Sir Knights W. G. Reid, A. H. Clarke and A. A. Campbell, scrutineers of the ballot.

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

M. E.	Sir Kt. John Valentine Ellis, St. John.	Sup. Grand Master
R. E.	David Leonard Carley, Windsor.	Dep. Grand Master
M. E.	Will H. Whyte, Montreal.	Grand Chancellor
R. E.	John R. Battsby, D. D., Chatham.	Grand Chaplain
R. E.	Oliver S. Hillman, Hamilton.	Grand Treasurer
R. E.	William Bowden, Ottawa.	Grand Constable
R. E.	John A. Cowan, Toronto.	Grand Marshal
R. E.	Alfred Oelschlager, Berlin.	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.

- R. E. Sir Kt. D. W. B. Spry, Chatham..... London District
- R. E. " John Hooper, Hamilton..... Hamilton District
- R. E. " John B. McPhee, Barrie..... Toronto District
- R. E. " A. St. A. Smith, Peterborough.... Kingston District
- R. E. " John B. Tresidder, Montreal..... Quebec District
- R. E. " George Ackman, Moncton. New Brunswick District
- R. E. " D. H. Campbell, Halifax..... Nova Scotia District
- R. E. " C. H. Enderton, Winnipeg..... Manitoba District
- R. E. " S. J. Tunstal, M.D., Vancouver... British Columbia District
- R. E. " D. Darrach, M.D., Kensington. Prince Edward Island District

GRAND OFFICERS.

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

- V. E. Sir Kt. E. N. Brown, Calgary, Ont., Grand Vice-Chancellor.
- V. E. " W. T. McLaurin, Montreal, P. Q., Grand Sub-Marshal.
- V. E. " W. J. Renton, Kingston, Ont., Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- V. E. " A. J. Hewson, Port Hope, Ont., Grand Almoner.
- V. E. " N. J. B. Tooker, Yarmouth, N.S., Grand 1st Standard Bearer.
- V. E. " C. E. Renouf, Victoria, B.C., Grand 2nd Standard Bearer.
- V. E. " Joseph King, Toronto, Ont., Grand Master's Banner Bearer.
- V. E. " A. M. Stewart, Windsor, Ont., Grand Captain Guard.
- V. E. " J. C. Eccles, Dunville, Ont., Grand Sword Bearer.
- V. E. " E. C. Davies, Toronto, Ont., Grand Organist.
- V. E. " Le Baron Wilson, St. John, N.B., Grand Pursuivant.
- V. E. " J. A. Marquis, St. Catharines, Ont., Grand Guard.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

ELECTED.

- R. E. Sir Kt. John S. Dewar..... London, Ontario
- R. E. " William Roaf..... Toronto, Ontario
- R. E. " Thomas Walker, M.D..... St. John, N.B.
- R. E. " William G. Reid..... Hamilton, Ontario
- R. E. " Chas F. Mansell..... Toronto, Ontario

APPOINTED BY SUPREME GRAND MASTER.

R. E. Sir Kt.	William Gibson.....	Beamsville, Ontario
R. E. "	A. I. Trueman.....	St. John, N. B.
R. E. "	Allan McLean.....	Kingston, Ontario
R. E. "	L. B. Archibald.....	Truro, Nova Scotia
R. E. "	H. A. Collins.....	Toronto, Ontario

BY VIRTUE OF PAST RANK—PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTERS.

M. E. Sir Kt.	Henry Robertson, Q.C.....	Collingwood, Ontario
M. E. "	Elias T. Malone.....	Toronto, Ontario
M. E. "	Edmund E. Sheppard.....	Toronto, Ontario
M. E. "	Will. H. Whyte.....	Montreal, Quebec
M. E. "	Daniel Fraser Macwatt.....	Barrie, Ontario

And all elected Great Officers and Provincial Grand Priors.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL TO MOST EMINENT SIR
KNIGHT WILL. H. WHYTE, PAST SUPREME
GRAND MASTER.

The Supreme Grand Master in complimentary terms alluded to the active interest and earnest work that had been shown by M. E. Sir Knight W. H. Whyte, in the Order of the Temple and the affairs of Great Priory, and in pleasant terms presented him with a Past Supreme Grand Master's Jewel. The recipient replied thanking the Grand Master for his kind words and the Great Priory for the Jewel which he would ever wear with pleasure and pride in remembrance of two years of most pleasant service as Presiding Officer of the Temple in Canada.

PLACE OF MEETING.

Upon nominations being asked for next place of meeting, it was

RESOLVED—That Sovereign Great Priory hold its Annual Assembly for 1900, at the City of Kingston, in the Province of Ontario.

It was moved by R. Em. Sir Knight Dr. Walker, seconded by R. Em. Sir Knight L. B. Archibald,

That Great Priory meet on the first Tuesday in September.

Moved in amendment by R. Em. Sir Knight J. S. Dewar, seconded by Em. Sir Knight T. M. Davis, and

RESOLVED—That the date of meeting be left with the Supreme Grand Master to decide.

THANKS TO WINDSOR.

The Supreme Grand Master congratulated the Sir Knights of Windsor upon the admirable programme which they had arranged for the members of Great Priory and the success with which it had been carried out, and called upon R. Em. Sir Knight Carley, chairman of the Windsor Committee, for a few remarks. The Right Eminent Knight replied thanking the Grand Master for his congratulatory remarks and said that if the visiting Knights and their ladies had enjoyed themselves, they were satisfied.

It was moved by the Grand Chancellor, seconded by R. Em. Sir Knight W. G. Reid, and

RESOLVED—That Sovereign Great Priory express its thanks and congratulations to the Sir Knights of Windsor Preceptory for their cordial reception of the members of Great Priory and the admirable and interesting programme provided, and especially are thanks due to the Committee of Ladies of the Windsor Sir Knights who have so kindly and graciously entertained the ladies accompanying the Visiting Knights.

INSTALLATION.

Most Em. Sir Knight D. F. Macwatt, assisted by Past Grand Master Will. H. Whyte, then installed the officers for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master elect was then presented for installation, and having taken the vows of office, was installed and invested and due proclamation made, that:—

“ JOHN VALENTINE ELLIS, M.P.,

“ of the city of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick,
 “ was duly installed Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign
 “ Great Priory Knights Templar of Canada, in ancient and pre-
 “ scribed form.”

The Grand Chancellor, Grand Treasurer and Grand Chaplain, being re-elected, were duly proclaimed in office.

The Deputy Grand Master, Provincial Grand Priors and Elective Officers were then presented, installed and invested as follows:—

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R. Em. Sir Knight	David Leonard Carley,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. Em.	" Daniel W. B. Spry Provincial Grand Prior.
R. Em.	" John B. Tresidder	.... Provincial Grand Prior.
R. Em.	" John Hooper	.... Provincial Grand Prior.
R. Em.	" George Ackman	.... Provincial Grand Prior.
R. Em.	" William Bowden	.... Grand Constable.
R. Em.	" Alfred Oelschlager	.... Grand Registrar.

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.

≠ *John V. Ellis*
Supreme Grand Master.

≠ *Will. H. White*
Grand Chancellor.

NOTE.

V. Em Sir Knight John A. Cowan, elected Grand Marshal at the Session of Great Priory, and subsequently resigning the Office, the Supreme Grand Master appointed V. Em. Sir Knight Thos. G. Johnston, M.D., M.P., to fill the vacancy.

ADDENDA.

Parade of Canadian and American Knights Templar

AND

RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT

BY

WINDSOR PRECEPTORY, No. 26, of Windsor, Ont.

SEPTEMBER 19th and 20th, 1899.

MONDAY, SEPT. 18TH.

Windsor City is ablaze with artistic decorations.

On the front of the Bank of Commerce there is a handsome Maltese cross with the words "Welcome, Sovereign Great Priory." On the Merchants' Bank corner, there is a seven-pointed star with the inscription, "Veut Dieu Saint Amour." "Welcome Michigan Fratres" is the legend on the Essex County Bank, and the British-American Hotel has a shield with a cross and crown. All of the pieces are illuminated at night by electricity.

A large number of Knights Templar have arrived in Windsor to attend the convention of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of Canada. The first to come were the Sir Knights from Montreal on Monday afternoon. They were accompanied by the pipe and drum band of the 5th Royal Scots and met at the station by the Windsor Knights. After being escorted to the Manning House for dinner they were given a trolley ride to Walkerville, where they were courteously entertained by the Messrs. Walker.

Returning from Walkerville they crossed over the river to Detroit and to the swinging music of their Pipe band, and to the tune of "Yankee-Doodle,"

marched up Woodward and Lafayette avenues to the Masonic Temple, where they exemplified the Malta degree the next evening. They received quite an ovation along the route.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19TH.

In the morning Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory No. 3 of Hamilton, St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory, No. 37 of Sarnia, and other Sir Knights, were met at the train by the Windsor Preceptory, headed by the band of the Essex Fusiliers and the pipe and drum corps of the Fifth Royal Scots, which accompanied Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 7, of Montreal. They were escorted to the Masonic Temple, where they were given the freedom of the city.

It was 2 o'clock in the afternoon when the Detroit Commanderies fell in at the Masonic Temple to march to the ferry. Detroit Commandery, Capt.-Gen. Findlater, had 100 men in line, and acted as escort to Grand Commander Robertson, of Albion, who was present with his staff; they were headed by Schremcer's band. Damascus Commandery, Capt.-Gen. Ellis, marched behind the Metropolitan band, and acted as escort for Ann Arbor Commandery.

The only Knights Templar that were invited to participate in the festivities of the parade day at the Great Priory were Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Damascus Commandery, No. 42, and Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13, all of Michigan. The latter commandery came down to Detroit at noon, lunched at the Griswold house, and then marched to the Masonic Temple, where they joined the Detroit Knights for the pilgrimage across the river. Ann Arbor Commandery was represented by sixty-six swords, and the general officers with them were Eminent Commander J. F. Hoelzle, Generalissimo W. H. Guerin and Capt.-Gen. Ross Granger.

GRAND PARADE.

Arriving in Windsor, the visitors were escorted to the Temple, and the line of march for the parade was immediately formed. The Knights marched down Ouellette avenue to Sandwich street, in the following order: Twenty-first battalion band, color guard, followed by Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knights and officials of Windsor Preceptory; Godfrey de Bouillon No. 3, Hamilton; Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 4, of London; Royal Scots pipe and drum band, Montreal; Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 7, Montreal; St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory, of Sarnia; Schremser's band, of Detroit; Detroit Commandery No. 1, Ann Arbor Commandery No. 13, Metropolitan band, Detroit; Damascus Commandery No. 42, Detroit. In carriages were Grand Master Most Eminent Knight D. F. McWatt, Barrie; Most Eminent Sir Knight W. H. Whyte, Montreal; Most Eminent Sir Knight E. T. Malone; Rt. Eminent Sir Knight J. V. Ellis, St. John, N. B.; Rt. Eminent Sir Knight Eugene P. Robertson, of Albion, Grand Commander of Michigan; V. E. Sir Knight Judge Vanzyle of Detroit, Deputy Grand Commander, and the leading officers of Great Priory and the Grand Commandery of Michigan.

The line of march was as follows: From Chatham street in the vicinity of the Masonic Temple to Windsor avenue, to Sandwich street, to Ferry street, to Pelissier street to Wyandotte street, to Ouellette avenue, to Hotel Dieu, and from there in cars to the Driving Park.

DETROIT'S FINE EXHIBITION DRILL.

Upon arriving at the Driving Park, Detroit Commandery under command of Capt.-Gen. Findlater, marched on the field, accompanied by the Metropolitan band, and gave an exhibition drill which for proficiency has never before been witnessed in Canada. The figures which they went through were loudly applauded

by an audience of 5,000. The movements were as follows: Threes, sections, platoons and divisions in the first part. The echelon movements called forth much applause, and the passion cross was well received. The other figures were the patriarchal cross, the square and the triangle, and the wind-up was the whole number wheeling on standard in the Greek cross and forming threes, sections and platoons.

The drill squad was composed of sixty Knights and there were twenty more in uniform ready to step in should an emergency arise. The audience was unstinted in their applause and, many admitted that they had never witnessed such marching before.

After the drill was finished the Sir Knights were formed in marching order and took the street cars to Hotel Dieu, where they left the cars and marched to the Masonic Temple. The Royal Scots pipé and drum band marched at the head of the procession and enlivened the march by playing the "Cock of the North." Upon arrival at the temple the Knights were taken to the large reception hall, where a fine luncheon had been spread.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE ORDER OF MALTA.

After spending a social hour, the order to "fall in" was given, and headed by their respective bands the various Commanderies and Preceptories escorted Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory of Montreal, across the river, and up to the Masonic Temple, where the officers of the Montreal Preceptory, by courteous invitation of the Detroit Commanderies and the trustees of the Temple, exemplified in a highly creditable manner the Order of Malta according to the Canadian Ritual. The officers occupied the various stations as follows:—

E. Sir Kt. W. T. McLaurin Em. Prior
 " George Carson Chaplain

AT THE EAST TABLE.

V. E. Sir Kt. J. I. Phillips E. Prior
 " Wm. Campbell Captain General
 " D. A. Young First Lieut.-Commander
 M. E. " Wm. H. Whyte as Second Lieut.-Commander
 R. E. " J. B. Tresidder as Third Lieut.-Commander

AT THE OCTAGON TABLE IN THE WEST.

Sir Kt.	E. G. Swift.....	Mareschal
"	W. Gardner.....	Hospitaller
"	W. L. Hogg.....	Admiral
"	W. B. Stephens.....	Conservator
"	H. A. Price.....	Baillie
"	S. T. Copus.....	Turcopolier
E.	J. S. Edgar.....	Chancellor
R. E.	C. H. Fitzsimmons.....	Treasurer

GUARDS TO THE BANNERS.

Under command of M. E. Sir Knight W. H. Whyte, acting second Lieut.-Commander:

Sir Kt.	L. E. Trudeau.....	Banner B
"	T. A. Morrison.....	Banner L
"	W. S. Scudder.....	Banner D
"	J. H. Lalonde.....	Banner R
V. E.	Wm Bowden.....	Banner A
"	T. A. Emmans.....	Captain of Outposts
"	W. H. Norkett.....	Sentinel
"	A. Edgeworth.....	Celebrant

A Quartette, composed of Em. Sir Knights A. Stewart and W. T. Sternberg and Sir Knights Soolcott and Johnson, assisted very much in adding effect to the rendition of the degree.

The large auditorium on the first floor wherein the degree was worked, was closely packed by the Knights, especially from the two Detroit Commanderies and from Ann Arbor, and much interest was manifested in witnessing the work of the Canadian Knights. The Grand Master and Officers of Great Priory and the Grand Commander and staff of Michigan occupying seats on the left of the Officers.

Eminent Sir Knight W. T. McLaurin, the Pre-siding Preceptor, conferred the preliminary degree of the Mediterranean Pass, and V. Em. Sir Knight J. Ireland Phillips, the immediate Past Preceptor, occupied the chair in the degree of Malta. After the conferring of the degree the Eminent Prior called upon M. Em. Sir Knight Whyte, for a few words, who stated that the degree now presented was no fancy or elaborate ritual arranged for the occasion, but merely the work as laid down by Sovereign Great Priory, and

which had been followed closely. They had been requested by the Supreme Grand Master to exemplify this degree before Great Priory last year and again this year in order that it might be systematically worked by all, for the degree was worked by many of the Preceptories in Canada, and the Montreal Knights had, perhaps, paid a little more attention to the question of Costume. This, however, had been arranged with the idea of presenting a Costume that in the matter of cost could be adopted by any City or Suburban Preceptory. They had not for a moment anticipated when they received the Grand Manter's request that they would have such a large and distinguished audience.

Most Em. Sir Knight D. F. Macwatt, the Grand Master of Canada, followed in an eloquent speech, expressing gratification at the work of the Montreal Knights, at the splendid turn out of Detroit Knights during the afternoon and the magnificent drill of Detroit Commandery No. 1.

Right Em. the Grand Commander of Michigan, Sir Knight Eugène F. Robertson, also spoke in complimentary terms of the events of the day and the goodwill and good feeling which reunions such as this was always sure to engender. R. Em. Sir Knight J. V. Ellis, the Deputy Grand Master of Canada, was very pleasant and eloquent in his remarks on Templarism and the good to be derived therefrom and the pleasant memories that arose from the commingling of the members of the fraternity.

R. Em. Sir Knight Mowbray, the Mayor of the City and a Past Grand Commander, as well as V. Em. Sir Knight Judge Van Zile, the Deputy Grand Commander of Michigan, testified to the great pleasure of meeting with their Canadian Frates.

Most Em. Sir Knight Whyte tendered the heartfelt thanks of the Montreal Knights to the Detroit Frates, especially to the Trustees of the Masonic Temple, for their very courteous action in offering and pla-

cing apartments in the Detroit Temple for the conferring of the degree. The Knights then separated after singing "God Save the Queen" and "America."

THE LADIES.

While the members of the Great Priory were busily engaged at the Session, the ladies who accompanied the Sir Knights were taken over to Detroit and given a drive through Belle Isle Park. In the afternoon they were driven out to the Driving Park, and witnessed the Parade and the Exhibition Drill of the Detroit Commandery. In the evening they attended the Detroit Opera House in a body, escorted by the Windsor ladies, and had a very enjoyable time.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21ST.

Not the least enjoyable part, by any means, of the visitors' entertainment by Windsor Preceptory, was the boat ride on the river Wednesday afternoon. Between three and four hundred were guests of the Windsor Preceptory on the steamer *Pleasure*, and although the weather was rather on the cool side, a most delightful afternoon was spent. The sail was first up the river, around Belle Isle Park and into Lake St. Clair, then down the river as far as Fighting Island. The 21st Battalion band accompanied the excursion and played a number of fine selections, which were repeatedly applauded.

The Royal Scots' band of Montreal, also delighted everyone with their music, and the Scottish dances by the members of the band were immensely enjoyed.

At 11 o'clock the 21st band gave a concert on Ouellette ave., after which the Windsor Preceptory escorted the Montreal Preceptory to the C.P.R. train, and the visitors departed after many congratulatory expressions towards the hospitable Sir Knights of Windsor.

ROLL OF OFFICERS, 1898-99.

M. E. Sir Kt. John V. Ellis, M.P., 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. J. R. Battisby, D.D., Chatham, Ont. Grand Chaplain
 R. E. " William Bowden, Ottawa, Ont. Grand Constable
 R. E. " T. G. Johnston, M.D., M. P., Sarnia, Ont. Grand Marshal
 R. E. " Oliver S. Hillman, Hamilton, Ont. Grand Treasurer
 R. E. " Alfred Oelschlager, Berlin, Ont. Grand Registrar

PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

R. E. Sir Kt. D. W. B. Spry, Chatham, Ont. London District
 R. E. " John Hooper, Hamilton, Ont. Hamilton District
 R. E. " J. B. McPhee, Barrie, Ont. Toronto District
 R. E. " A. St. A. Smith, Peterboro', Ont. Kingston District
 R. E. " J. B. Tresidder, Montreal, Que. Quebec District
 R. E. " Geo. Ackman, Moncton, N.B. New Brunswick District
 R. E. " Daniel H. Campbell, Halifax, N.S. Nova Scotia District
 R. E. " C. H. Enderton, Winnipeg, Man. Manitoba District
 R. E. " S. J. Tunstal, M.D., Vancouver, B.C. British Col. District
 R. E. " Donald Darrach, M.D., Kensington, P. E. I. P. E. District

GRAND OFFICERS.

V. E. Sir Kt. E. N. Brown, Calgary, Ont. Grand Vice-Chancellor
 V. E. " W. T. McLaurin, Montreal, P. Q. Grand Sub-Marshal
 V. E. " W. J. Renton, Kingston, Ont. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
 V. E. " A. J. Hewson, Port Hope, Ont. Grand Almoner
 V. E. " N. J. B. Tooker, Yarmouth, N.S. Grand 1st St'ard. Bearer
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 V. E. " Le Baron Wilson, St. John, N.B. Grand Pursuivant
 V. E. " J. A. Marquis, Ste. Catharines, Ont. Grand Guard

GRAND COUNCIL.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—ELECTED.

R. E. Sir Kt. Charles F. Mansell. Toronto, Ont.
 R. E. " Thomas Walker, M.D. St. John, N.B.
 R. E. " Wm. G. Reid. Hamilton, Ont.
 R. E. " Wm. Roaf. Toronto, Ont.
 R. E. " J. S. Dewar. London, Ont.

MEMBERS OF GRAND COUNCIL—APPOINTED BY SUPREME

GRAND MASTER.

R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Gibson, M. P. Beamsville, Ont.
 R. E. " A. I. Trueman St. John, N.B.
 R. E. " Allan McLean Kingston, Ont.
 R. E. " L. B. Archibald. Tiuro, N.S.
 R. E. " H. A. Collins. 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. " D. F. MacWatt. Barrie, Ont.

And all elected Great Officers and Provincial Grand Priors.

COMMITTEES.

WARRANTS.—R. E. Sir Knights H. A. Collins, Chairman; A. St. A. Smith, Geo. Ackman, Dr. S. J. Tunstal and C. H. Enderton.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.—R. E. Sir Knights Wm. Gibson, Chairman; J. B. Tresidder, John Hooper, Alfred Oelschlager.

GREIVANCES AND APPEALS.—R. E. Sir Knights William Ross, Chairman; Allan McLean, O. S. Hillman, J. B. McPhee.

CONDITION OF THE TEMPLAR ORDER.—R. E. Sir Knights C. F. Mansell, Chairman; L. B. Archibald, Wm. Bowden, Rev. J. R. Battsby.

JURISPRUDENCE.—R. E. Sir Knights Thos. Walker, M.D., Chairman; J. S. Dewar, A. I. Trueman, Dr. D. Darrach.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.—M. E. Sir Knight Wm. H. Whyte, Chairman; R. E. Sir Knight D. W. B. Spry.

FRATERNAL DEAD.—R. E. Sir Knight Dr. T. G. Johnston, Chairman; D. H. Campbell.

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

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

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 Order of the Temple and Malta; Honorary Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight H. I. H. Prince Demetrius 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., Provincial Grand Provost, Barnstaple, Devonshire, England, Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, Provincial Grand W. of R. N. & C. G., Past Grand Captain of the Guard, South Parade, York, England, Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight George Otis Tyler, K. C. T., Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Burlington, Vermont; Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
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- 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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- 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.

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- 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.

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- R. E. Sir Knight A. A. Stevenson, 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.
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- 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
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SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

1.—HUGH DE PAYENS, PREMIER, Kingston, Ont. Warrant dated 12th February, 1824. Meets the second Monday in each month.

- V. E. Sir Kt. W. J. Renton,
330 University Avenue,.....Presiding Preceptor
“ Wm. B. Skinner..... Constable
“ Chas. R. Burch, Marshal
“ Robert Hendry, jr., 122 Johnson Street.....Registrar

Preceptors.

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| 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. “ Robert V. Matthews, Kingston..... | 1884 |
| R. E. “ Allan McLean, “..... | 1889 |
| E. “ Wm. M. Drennan, “..... | 1891 |
| E. “ George Sommerville, “..... | 1892 |
| V. E. “ Henry I. Wilkinson, “..... | 1894 |
| E. “ John Hewton, “..... | 1896 |
| E. “ Walter H. Macnee, “..... | 1898 |

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

- E. Sir Kt. Spencer Love, 75 Yonge Street..... Presiding Preceptor
“ J. W. Jones..... Constable
“ Francis Blackburne..... Marshal
“ Walter H. Blight, 27 Wellington St. East....Registrar

Preceptors.

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| 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 |
| R. E. “ James Douglass, “..... | 1884 |
| M. E. “ E. T. Malone, “..... | 1885 |

R. E.	Sir Kt	Geo. S. McConkey,	Toronto.....	1886
V. E.	"	John Hetherington,	"	1887
R. E.	"	John Simpson, Niagara,	Affiliated	1886
M. E.	"	Edmund E. Sheppard,	Toronto, Affiliated.....	1887
R. E.	"	Robert 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. Roof,	"	1894
R. E.	"	William Simpson,	"	1895
V. E.	"	Joseph King,	"	Honorary
V. E.	"	Chris. J. Hohl,	"	1896
R. E.	"	Joseph Tomlinson	"	1897
V. E.	"	W. P. Ryrie,	"	1898

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

E. Sir Kt.	T. M. Davis,	59 Victoria Ave. N.	Presiding Preceptor
"	James Hooper		Constable
"	W. H. Robinson		Marshal
"	Thomas McCallum, 197 George Street		Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	John J. Mason, Hamilton.....	1877
R. E.	"	William Gibson, M. P., Beamsville.....	1878
R. E.	"	John H. Stone, Toronto.....	1882
R. E.	"	Edwin A. Dalley, Hamilton.....	1883
V. E.	"	W. J. Field, Binghampton, N.	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. Millman, "	1890
R. E.	"	Gaviv Stewart, Woodstock.....	1892
E.	"	Daniel J. Pence, Hamilton.....	1893
R. E.	"	James H. Mattice, "	1894
R. E.	"	Charles Smith, "	1895
R. E.	"	John Hooper "	1898

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

E. Sir Kt.	George Blake.....	N. & E. Commander
"	Wm. B. Wallace.....	Lieut. Commander
"	Andrew McNichol.....	Mareschal
"	Joseph A. Magilton, 71 Germain St.....	Registrar

Past Commanders.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	John Valentine Ellis, St. John.....	1868
E.	"	James Gordon Forbes, "	1875
R. E.	"	Thomas Amos Godsoe, "	1876

	E. Sir Kt.	Trueman Wing Wisdom, St. John	1878
	R. E.	Thomas Walker, M. D., "	1885
	E.	W. H. B. Sandler, "	1889
	V. E.	F. L. Tufts, Sussex	1890
	R. E.	John A. Watson, "	1891
	R. E.	Arthur I. Trueman, "	1896
	V. E.	A. R. Campbell, "	1898

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

	E. Sir Kt.	W. T. Sternberg	Presiding Preceptor
		Albert T. Cooper	Constable
		F. A. Andrews	Marshal
R. E.		John S. Dewar, 97 Warncliffe Road	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, Mich	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

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

	E. Sir Kt.	M. McF. Hall, 204 Morris St.	Presiding Preceptor
		C. I. Donnivan	Constable
		J. E. Hoskings	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
	V. E.	Daniel H. Campbell, "	1892
	R. E.	James Halliday	1894
	E.	William Crowe, "	1897
	E.	William M. Black	1898

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
 " Wesley Lattimer..... Marshal
 " A. McGinnis, 358 George St..... 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
 V. 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. W. T. McLaurin..... Presiding Preceptor
 " Wm. Campbell..... Constable
 " D. A. Young..... Marshal
 " L. E. Trudeau (acting) Box 2223..... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. Lt. Col. Alex 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. " William 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

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

V. E. Sir Kt. John A. Marquis, Albert St.... Presiding Preceptor
 " Chas. G. McGhie..... Constable
 " Jas. A. Grobb..... Marshal
 " H. J. Johnston, 97 King St..... Registrar

Preceptors,

V. E. Sir Kt. Edwin Goodman, M.D., St. Catharines..... 1869
 V. E. " Isaac P. Wilson, Welland..... 1872
 E. " Levi Yale, St. Catharines..... 1885

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	V. E. " George Burch, "	1890
	V. E. " J. H. Ingersoll, "	1892
ceptor	R. E. " Charles H. Connor, "	1893
stable	E. " Charles Burch, "	1895
arshal	E. " John W. Coy, "	1897
istrar	V. E. " John A. Marquis, "	1898

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

	V. E. Sir Kt. A. N. Thompson.....	Presiding Preceptor
	V. E. " Wm. M. Pike.....	Constable
	E. " C. M. Thomas.....	Marshal
	R. E. " H. E. Channell, Stanstead, Quebec.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

	V. E. Sir Kt. Edson Kemp.....	1873
	V. E. " 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, Apple Gate, Cal.....	1889
	V. E. " A. N. Thompson, Stanstead.....	1890
	E. " R. C. Parsons, ".....	1891
668-70	R. E. " I. H. Stearns, Montreal.....	—
1873	V. E. " Wm. M. Pike, Stanstead.....	1892
1876	V. E. " Alexander Ames, Sherbrooke.....	1893
1878	V. E. " George L. Pinkham, Coaticooke.....	1894
1881	E. " Charles M. Thomas, Stanstead.....	1896
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10.—VICTORIA, Guelph, Ont. Warrant dated the 10th April, 1860.
Meets third Tuesday in every month.

	E. Sir Kt. R. Howie, P. O. Box 185.....	Presiding Preceptor
	" J. R. McDowell.....	Constable
	" R. E. Waugh.....	Marshal
	" H. E. Jackson, P. O. Box 143.....	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
	R. E. " F. W. Randall, ".....	1891
	E. " Robert Gemmel, ".....	1892
	E. " H. N. Barry, ".....	1893
1869	R. E. " W. D. Tawse, ".....	1894
1872	E. " Hugh MacDonald, ".....	1896
1885	R. E. " A. Oelschlager, Berlin.....	1898

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

- E. Sir Kt. Frank A. Godsoe,
 40 Leinster St. Presiding Preceptor
 " Alfred Dodge. Constable
 " Fred. H. C. Miles Marshal
 V. E. " H. D. McLeod, P. O. Box 260. Registrar

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. Hon. Robt. Marshall, K. C. T., 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

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

- E. Sir Kt. Warren Johnson, P. O. Box 109, Presiding Preceptor
 " George G. Smith Constable
 " Alexander Milne Marshal
 R. E. " John B. McPhee, P.O. Box 144. Registrar

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Kt. J. McLean Stevenson, Barrie. 1882
 V. E. " Fred. Wilmot, Brighton, N. Y. 1883
 M. E. " H. Robertson (hon'y) Collingwood, elected. 1884
 V. E. " John Nettleton, " " " 1885
 V. E. " Chas. Cameron, " " " 1883
 V. E. " E. R. Carpenter, " " " 1883
 R. E. " Wm. Downie, Vancouver, B.C. 1883
 V. E. " Robt. A. Douglas, Barrie. 1883
 R. E. " Samuel Wesley, Barrie. 1885
 M. E. " Daniel Fraser Macwatt, Barrie 1886
 V. E. " Sydney J. Sanford, Barrie. 1887
 V. E. " James H. McKeeggie, 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. McPhee. 1898

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. A. Carmichael. Constable
 " John Beatty. Marshal
 " Chas. Cameron, P.O. Box 277. Registrar

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R. E.	Sir Kt.	Rev. V. Clementi, B.A., Peterborough.....	1871
R. E.	"	E. H. D. Hall, ".....	1879
R. E.	"	Benjamin Shortly, ".....	1891
E.	"	Charles Cameron, ".....	1892
V. E.	"	David Spence, ".....	1893
E.	"	Thomas Horner, ".....	1895
R. E.	"	A. St. A. Smith, ".....	1896

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. Baucher..... Constable
"	Geo. Hay..... Marshal
"	W. Hewitt, Main Street..... Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	John Elliott, Almonte.....	1885
E.	"	David Sheppard, ".....	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, ".....	1894
R. E.	"	Robert A. Klock, ".....	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.	Chas. King..... Presiding Preceptor
"	Fred. Hatch..... Constable
"	Jas. H. Nicholson..... Marshal
"	Joseph White, P.O. Box 52..... Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	C. A. Jones, Whitby.....	1877
E.	"	John Stanton, ".....	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

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

E. Sir Kt.	W. W. Wood, P.O. Box 194.... Presiding Preceptor
"	R. C. R. Shepherd..... Constable
"	S. R. Stayner..... Marshal
V. E.	John Easton, M.D., P.O. Box 147..... Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Kt.	John Dumbrielle, 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
E.	Thomas A. Stayner, ".....	1897
V. E.	George Johnson, ".....	1898

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

E. Sir Kt.	J. H. Spence, P.O. Box 205....	Presiding Preceptor
"	Herbert Reed.....	Constable
"	John S. Gray.....	Marshal
"	Joe J. Inglis, 100 Dalhousie St.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

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

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

V. E. Sir Kt.	A. J. Hewson, King St., Cobourg.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	H. A. Ward.....	Constable
"	J. A. Brunet.....	Marshal
"	E. J. W. Burton, Augusta St., Pt. Hope..	Registrar

Preceptors.

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

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

E. Sir Kt.	R. G. W. Conolly.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	.....	Constable
"	G. D. Robertson.....	Marshal
V. E.	John C. Eccles.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	William F. Braund, Dunnville	1874
R. E.	"	John Parry, "	1875
V. E.	"	M. C. Upper, Cayuga	1877
V. E.	"	John Taylor, Dunnville	1878
V. E.	"	Archibald Couper, "	1882
V. E.	"	Thos. J. Galbraith, "	1885
V. E.	"	Samuel Amsden, "	1886
V. E.	"	Robert Hall, Ridgetown	1888
V. E.	"	T. L. M. Tipton, Dunnville	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

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

E.	Sir Kt.	Allen S. Thornton,	
		Bk. of Commerce	Presiding Preceptor
	"	Edward Worth	Constable
	"	Herbert Fisher	Marshal
R. E.	"	Thos. C. MacNabb, 150 King St. West	Registrar

Preceptors.

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

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
	"	W. J. Lindsay	Constable
	"	J. J. Teetzel	Marshal
V. E.	"	W. E. Idsardi, P. O. Box 447	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Robert A. Mackay, St. Thomas	1880
E.	"	William H. King, "	1881
R. E.	"	A. E. Pettit, Windsor, Ont.	1884
R. E.	Sir Kt.	Samuel Dubber, St. Thomas	1886
V. E.	"	W. E. Idsardi, "	1889
V. E.	"	Luke Slater, "	1890
V. E.	"	N. W. Ford, "	1894
V. E.	"	J. G. Graham, "	1895
F.	"	J. Slater, "	1898

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

E. Sir Kt.	W. J. Mooney	.....	Presiding Preceptor
	"	W. McKellar	..... Constable
	"	R. Cassels	..... Marshal
V. E.	"	J. Russel Stewart, Caledonia St.	..... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Richard Radcliffe, Goderich	.....	1883
R. E.	"	Joseph Beck, Salford	..... 1884
E.	"	Frank F. Lawrence	..... 1886
R. E.	"	Charles A. Humber, Goderich	..... 1888
V. E.	"	M. Nicholson	..... 1892
E.	"	J. A. Morton, Wingham	..... 1894
V. E.	"	John E. Harding, Stratford	..... 1896
E.	"	H. Fred Sharp, St. Marys	..... 1897
V. E.	"	J. Russel Stewart	..... 1898

24—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
	"	Jas. A. Fraser	..... Marshal
V. E.	"	William J. Clarke, Cumberland St	..... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	John Ross Robertson, Toronto	.....	"	1880
R. E.	"	James Bower Nixon,	"	1880
V. E.	"	James Wilson, C.P.R.,	"	1880
V. E.	"	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.	J. W. Harris, City Hall	.....	Presiding Preceptor
	"	Robert Magnus	..... Constable
	"	Sidney T. Hardscomb	..... Marshal
	"	W. J. Farley	..... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	E. G. Conklin, Winnipeg	.....	1880	
R. E.	"	William G. Bell,	"	1887
R. E.	"	Thomas W. Taylor,	"	1889
R. E.	"	H. S. Westbrooke,	"	1891
R. E.	"	James Haddock,	"	1892

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R. E. Sir Kt.	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
E.	A. W. Chapman, "	.....	1898

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
"	J. A. Beliveau	Constable
"	R. M. Stocking	Marshal
E.	J. P. Hicks, 255 St. John St.	Registrar

Preceptors.

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

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

V. E. Sir Kt.	A. M. Stewart	.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	E. G. Swift	.....	Constable
"	S. Buchanan	.....	Marshal
"	John Sale, 119 Bruce Avenue	.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Joseph W. Barringer, Windsor	.....	1884
R. E.	George Duane Adams	.....	1885
R. E.	Robert McGuire, Windsor	.....	1887
R. E.	Thomas Robinson, "	.....	1888
V. E.	Peter A. Craig, "	.....	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

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

E. Sir Kt.	John Stanfield, P.O. Box 208...	Presiding Preceptor
"	F. W. McElhinney	Constable
"	Enoch Phillips	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. R. Logan	1889
R. E.	W. B. Alley.	1890
V. E.	John Hay,	1891
V. E.	H. W. Yuill,	1892
E.	C. F. W. Bell,	1893
E.	A. H. Holland,	1894
V. E.	George McLeod, Bible Hill, Truro	1895
R. E.	A. H. Learmont, Truro	1896
R. E.	Hon. D. C. Fraser, New Glasgow	1897
V. E.	G. W. Henderson, Truro	1898

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

E. Sir Kt.	A. E. Malone, 59 Yonge St.	Presiding Preceptor
"	Geo. F. Riddell	Constable
"	Aubrey White	Marshal
"	L. Herbert Luke, 156 Yonge St.	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. James Hughan, Torquay, Eng.,	1890
R. E.	F. F. Manley, Toronto	1891
V. E.	Fred. M. Morson,	1891
E.	Geo. S. Ryerson, M.D.	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

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.	A. C. Muir,	Presiding Preceptor
"	Graving Dock, Esquimalt	
"	W. L. Challoner	Constable
"	G. M. Perdue	Marshal
V. E.	C. E. Renouf, Battery St., P.O. Box 563.	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.,	Victoria, B.C.	1895
V. E.	" C. E. Renouf,	"	1896
R. E.	" R. E. Brett,	"	1897
E.	" A. C. Muir,	"	1898

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

E.	Sir Kt. Henry A. Hood, Main St.	Presiding Preceptor
"	" A. J. McCallum	Constable
"	" E. D. Moulton	Marshal
R. E.	" Geo. W. Johnson, P.O. Box 246	Registrar

Preceptors.

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

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

R. E.	Sir Kt. William Bowden,	177 Florence Street	Presiding Preceptor
"	" W. H. G. Garrioch		Constable
"	" W. A. Bangs		Marshal
"	" T. E. Burnside, care McKay Milling Co.		Registra

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. Geo. Macdonald, M.D., Box 139,	Presiding Preceptor
"	" A. W. K. Markley	Constable
"	" A. Carson	Marshal
V. E.	" E. Nelson Brown	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		1896
E.	"	James Walker.....		1897
V.E.	"	E. Nelson Brown.....		1898

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

R.E.	Sir Kt.	William Downie, C.P.Ry.....	Presiding Preceptor
	"	William Greer.....	Constable
	"	Peter F. McNaughton.....	Marshal
E.	"	Thomas E. Atkins, P.O. Box 8.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

R.E.	Sir Kt.	Wm. A. Downie, Vancouver (Charter)	1895
R.E.	"	Thomas H. Tracy, "	1895
E.	"	Thomas E. Atkins, "	1896
R.E.	"	S. J. Tunstall, M.D. "	1897
E.	"	H. H. Watson, "	1898

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

E.	Sir Kt.	John A. Messervey, care Carvell Bros.,	Presiding Preceptor
	"	James Macleod, M.D.....	Constable
	"	Fred H. Beers.....	Marshal
	"	H. W. Anderson,	
		P.O. Box 3, Charlottetown	Registrar

Preceptors.

R.E.	Sir Kt.	R. MacNeill, M.D., Stanley Bridge	1896
R.E.	"	Donald Darrach, Kensington.	1897
E.	"	Thos. A. MacLean, Charlottetown.....	1898

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

E.	Sir Kt.	J. E. Masters.....	Presiding Preceptor
	"	Edward Tweedie.....	Constable
	"	W. A. D. Steven.....	Marshal
	"	R. A. Borden, P.O. Box 141.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

R.E.	Sir Kt.	L. B. Archibald, Truro (Hon'y).....	Affiliated	1895
E.	"	T. V. Cooke, Moncton.....	Affiliated	1895
V.E.	"	H. B. Fleming		1895
R.E.	"	George Ackman		1897
V.E.	"	G. M. Jarvis.....		1898

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

E.	Sir Kt.	Robert Kerr	Presiding Preceptor
"	"	W. D. Hall.....	Constable
"	"	John Chester.....	Marshal
"	"	James Woods, P.O. Box 705.....	Registrar

Preceptors,

R.E.	Sir Kt.	T. G. Johnston, M.D.....	1896
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38—ROSSLAND, Rossland, B.C. Dispensation dated 5th January, 1899. Warrant dated. Meets second Saturday in each month.

E.	Sir Kt.	Horace Raymer.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	"	Geo. H. Mitchell.....	Constable
"	"	M. A. Green.....	Marshal
"	"	Wm. Harp	Registrar

LIST OF PRECEPTORIES BY DISTRICTS.

LONDON DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. F. Sir Kt. D. W. B. Spry, Chatham.
 No. 4. Richard Cœur de Lion, London.....County Middlesex
 “ 20. Kent, Chatham..... “ Kent
 “ 21. Burleigh, St. Thomas..... “ Elgin
 “ 22. St. Elmo, Stratford..... “ Perth
 “ 26. Windor, Windsor..... “ Essex
 “ 37. St. Simon of Cyrene, Sarnia..... “ Lambton

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

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

KINGSTON-OTTAWA DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior.—R. E. Sir Kt. A. St. A. Smith, Peterborough.
 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. John B. Tresidder, Montreal.
 No. 7. Richard Cœur de Lion, Montreal...County Montreal
 “ 9. Sussex, Stanstead..... “ Stanstead.
 “ 25. Wm. de la More the Martyr, Quebec. “ Quebec

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. E. Kt. Sir Geo. Ackman, Moncton, N. B.
 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. D. H. Campbell, Halifax.
 No. 5. Nova Scotia, Halifax..... County Halifax
 “ 27. Malta, Truro “ Colchester
 “ 31. Yarmouth, Yarmouth..... “ Yarmouth

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. C. H. Enderton, Winnipeg, Man.
 No. 24. Albert Edward, Winnipeg..... County Selkirk
 “ 33. Cyprus, Calgary, Alberta..... Northwest Territory

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. S. J. Tunstall, M. D., Vancouver, 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 Queens.

RECAPITULATION.

1—London District.....	357	Members,	6	Preceptories.
2—Hamilton District.....	272	“	5	“
3—Toronto District.....	419	“	7	“
4—Kingston-Ottawa District.....	179	“	5	“
5—Quebec District.....	117	“	3	“
6—New Brunswick District.....	204	“	3	“
7—Nova Scotia District.....	121	“	3	“
8—Manitoba District.....	120	“	2	“
9—British Columbia District.....	82	“	3	“
10—Prince Edward Island District.....	23	“	1	“
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	1894		38	

ROLL OF PRECEPTORIES FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST JANUARY, AND INSTALLATIONS, JANUARY, 1899.

Sr	NAME.	WHERE HELD	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING	PRESIDING PRECEPTOR.	REGISTRAR.
1	Hugh de Payens Prem.	Kingston, Ont.	11th Feb. 1824	2nd Monday in Jan. April, Ju y, Oct. Dec. and 18th March.	Wm. J. Renton.	Robt. Hendry, jr.
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldem'r	Toronto, Ont.	8th Mar.	1854 2nd Friday of each month	Spencer Love.	Walter J. Blight.
3	Geoffrey de Bouillon	Hamilton, Ont.	25th Oct.	1855 1st Friday of each month	T. M. Davis	Thos. McCallum.
3a	Encampment of St. John	St. John, N. B.	May	1856 1st Wednesday of each month	George Blake	Joseph Magillan.
4	Richard Cœur de Lion	London, Ont.	29th May	1858 2nd Friday of each month	W. Sternberg	John S. Dewar.
5	Nova Scotia	Halifax, N. S.	11th Oct.	1858 1st Friday of each month	M. MCF Hall	D. H. Campbell.
6	King Baldwin	Belleville, Ont.	9th June	1861 3rd Tues in Jan., April, July, Oct. Dec.	S. S. Lazer	A. McGinnis.
7	Richard Cœur de Lion	Montreal, Que	5th Dec.	1863 4th Thursday of each month.	W. T. McLaurin.	L. E. Trudeau.
8	Montagenet.	Montreal, Que	10th May	1864 1st Tues in Jan., Apr., July, Oct. Dec.	W. A. Harpell.	L. E. Trudeau.
9	Sussex	St. John, N. B.	10th May	1867 1st Tues in Jan., Apr., July, Oct. Dec.	A. N. Thomson.	H. E. Jackson.
10	Vancouver	Stnstead, Que	20th April	1869 4th Tuesday of each month	R. Howie	H. E. Jackson.
11	St. John the Almoner	Guelph, Ont.	1st May	1869 4th Tuesday of each month	F. A. Godsoe	H. D. McPhee.
12	Union de Molay	St. John, N. B.	12th April	1869 4th Tuesday of each month	Warren Johnson	J. B. D. McPhee.
13	Mount Calvary	Peterboro, Ont.	26th May	1870 1st Tuesday of each month	W. H. Mackey	Chas. Cameron.
14	Harrington	Peterboro, Ont.	14th April	1871 1st Monday of each month	W. H. Thomas	Wm. Hewitt.
15	St. John the Almoner	Whitby, Ont.	8th March	1872 2nd Tuesday of each month	James King	Joseph E. White.
16	St. John the Almoner	Whitby, Ont.	8th May	1872 2nd Tuesday of each month	W. W. W.	Joseph E. White.
17	Odle de St. Amand	Braunford, Ont.	28th May	1872 1st Thursday of each month	J. H. Spence	Joseph E. White.
18	Palatine.	Port Hope, Ont.	31st May	1872 4th Friday of each month	A. J. Hewson	Jos. J. Inglis.
19	St. Bernard de Clair'x.	Dunnville, Ont.	16th Oct.	1872 1st Thursday of each month	R. G. W. Conolly	E. J. W. Burton.
20	Kent.	Chatham, Ont.	7th March	1877 3rd Friday of each month	A. S. Thornton	J. C. Eccles.
21	Burleigh.	St. Thomas, Ont	11th Oct.	1878 4th Monday of each month	H. Roe	T. C. Macnabb.
22	St. Elmo.	Stratford, Ont	8th March	1880 2nd Friday of each month	W. J. Mooney	W. E. Idsardi.
23	Rhodes Edward	St. Arthur, Ont.	9th March	1880 1st Wednesday of each month	R. W. J. Clarke	E. E. C. Kilmer.
24	Ther Edward	St. Arthur, Ont.	27th April	1880 2nd Wednesday of each month	R. W. J. Clarke	W. J. Clarke.
25	Windsor	Windsor, Ont.	18th April	1880 2nd Wednesday of each month	E. A. Harris	James P. Hicks.
26	Windsor	Windsor, Ont.	18th April	1882 1st Tuesday of each month	E. A. Harris	James P. Hicks.
27	Malta	Turoo, N. S.	12th Dec.	1885 2nd Monday of each month	A. M. Stewart	John Sale.
28	Cyrene	Toronto, Ont.	12th July	1887 2nd Monday of each month	John Stanfield	L. B. Archibald.
29	Western Gate.	Victoria, B. C.	28th May	1891 2nd Tuesday of each month	A. L. Malone	L. Herbert Luke.
30	Varmouth	Varmouth, N. S.	1st March	1892 4th Monday of each month	A. C. Muir	C. E. Renouf.
31	Ottawa	Ottawa, Ont	24th Feb.	1893 1st Wednesday of each month	H. A. Ho-d	G. W. Johnston.
32	Cyprus	Calgary Alberta	and July	1884 1st Friday of each month	Wm. Bowden	T. E. Burnside.
33	Columbus	Calgary Alberta	and July	1895 4th Wednesday of each month	G. McDonald	F. Nelson Brown.
34	Edward	Calgary Alberta	and July	1895 4th Wednesday of each month	J. E. Masters	W. W. Anderson.
35	Ivanhoe	Moncton, N. B.	16th Nov.	1895 1st Monday of each month	J. E. Masters	H. W. Anderson.
36	St. Simon of Cyrene.	Sarnia, Ont.	19th April	1896 4th Thursday of each month	Robert Kerr	R. A. Borden.
37	Rossland	Rossland, Ont.	15th April	1896 2nd Saturday of each month	Horace Kaymer	James Woodt.

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RECAPITULATION

OF THE RETURN OF PRECEPTORIES FOR THE TERM ENDING
30TH JUNE, 1899.

Preceptories established.....	40
" affiliated.....	1
	41
" ceded to Great Priory of Victoria, Australia.....	3
Number on the roll.....	38

DEGREES CONFERRED.

	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899
Red Cross.....	54	109	90	211	135	218	184	152	124
Templar.....	71	107	106	208	150	218	170	144	114
Malta.....	62	90	80	194	135	210	136	140	103

MEMBERSHIP ROLL.

Number of members 30th June, 1898.....	1832
Admitted to 30th June, 1899.....	124
Joined from other Preceptories.....	20
Restored.....	10
	154
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Withdrawn.....	32
Suspended non-payment dues.....	26
Deaths.....	34
	92
Members in good standing, 30th June, 1899.....	1894
Increase 1899.....	62

PRECEPTORIES AND MEMBERSHIP BY PROVINCES.

PROVINCE.	NO. PRECEPTORIES.				NO. MEMBERS.				
	1895	1896	1897	1898	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899
Alberta, N.W.T..	1	1	1	1	22	21	23	23	27
British Columbia.	1	2	2	3	26	61	62	63	82
Manitoba.....	1	1	1	1	118	110	100	103	93
New Brunswick...	1	2	3	3	37	70	207	200	204
Nova Scotia.....	3	3	3	3	123	122	123	117	121
Ontario.....	22	23	23	23	954	1054	1126	1195	1227
Quebec.....	3	3	3	3	88	94	101	107	117
Prince Edward Id.	0	1	1	1	0	16	22	24	23
	32	36	37	38	1368	1548	1764	1832	1894

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STATISTICAL RECORD.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CONCLAVE.

Year.	Preceptories.	Members.	Receipts.	Expenditure.
1855.....	3	48	£29 0s 0d	£29 0s 0d
1856.....	3	59		
1857.....	4		£22 0s 0d	£13 11s 3d
1858.....	4		10 8 2	4 3 9
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			
1865.....	6		13 15 5	4 18 0
1866.....	6		\$67 54	\$56 39
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GRAND PRIORY FORMED 1ST MAY, 1868.

Year.	Precep's.	Memb'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 88
1874.....	19					762 74	635 25
1875.....	19	58	4	63		911 00	1220 73

NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY FORMED 10TH AUGUST, 1867.

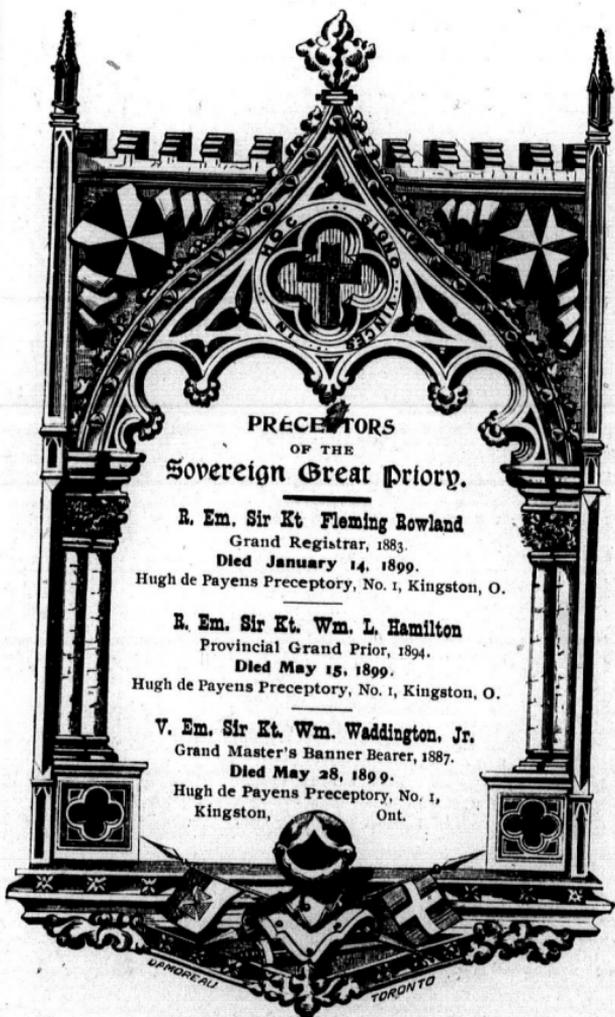
Year.	Precep's	Memb's	Adm's	Incr'se	Dec'se	Receipts.	Expend.
1876.....	19					\$ 735 53	\$ 428 30
1877.....	20	420	45			310 05	842 05
1878.....	21	587	40			374 90	346 40
1879.....	21	608	37	21		596 33	735 62
1880.....	25	636	74	28		650 51	593 14
1881.....	25	676	86	50		1089 00	1042 87
1882.....	26	710	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	Memb'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	59		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

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

In Memoriam.



**PRECEPTORS
OF THE
Sovereign Great Priory.**

R. Em. Sir Kt Fleming Rowland

Grand Registrar, 1883.

Died January 14, 1899.

Hugh de Payens Preceptory, No. 1, Kingston, O.

R. Em. Sir Kt. Wm. L. Hamilton

Provincial Grand Prior, 1894.

Died May 15, 1899.

Hugh de Payens Preceptory, No. 1, Kingston, O.

V. Em. Sir Kt. Wm. Waddington, Jr.

Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1887.

Died May 28, 1899.

Hugh de Payens Preceptory, No. 1,
Kingston, Ont.

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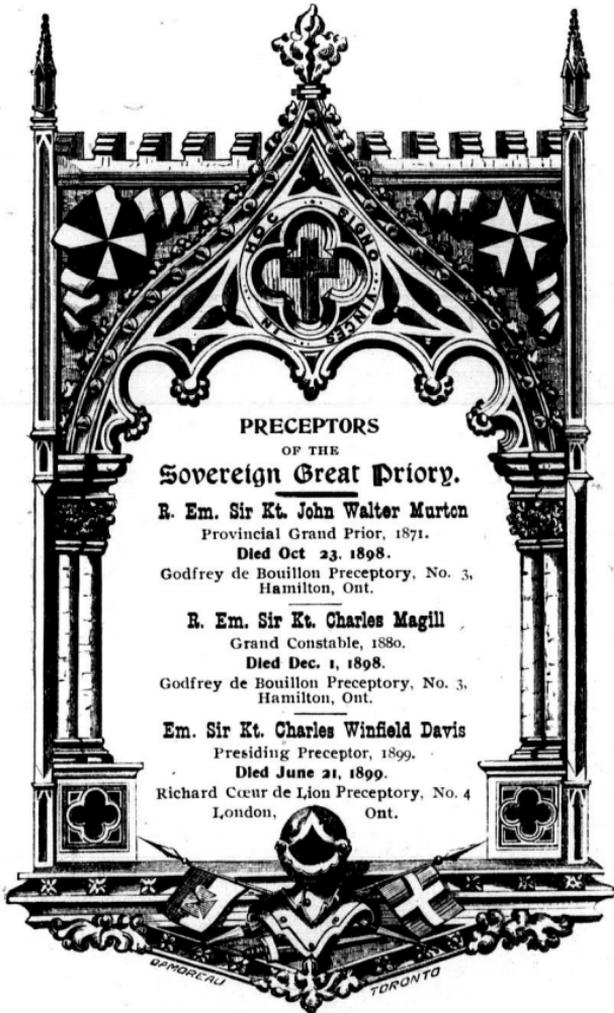
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PRECEPTORS

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R. Em. Sir Kt. John Walter Murton

Provincial Grand Prior, 1871.

Died Oct 23, 1898.

Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, No. 3,
Hamilton, Ont.

R. Em. Sir Kt. Charles Magill

Grand Constable, 1880.

Died Dec. 1, 1898.

Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, No. 3,
Hamilton, Ont.

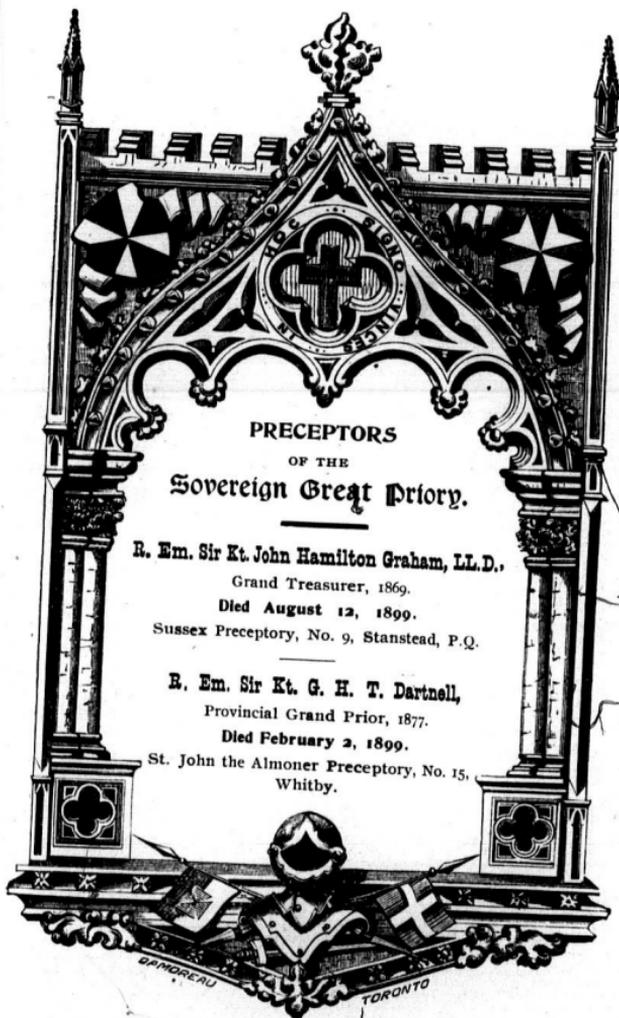
Em. Sir Kt. Charles Winfield Davis

Presiding Preceptor, 1899.

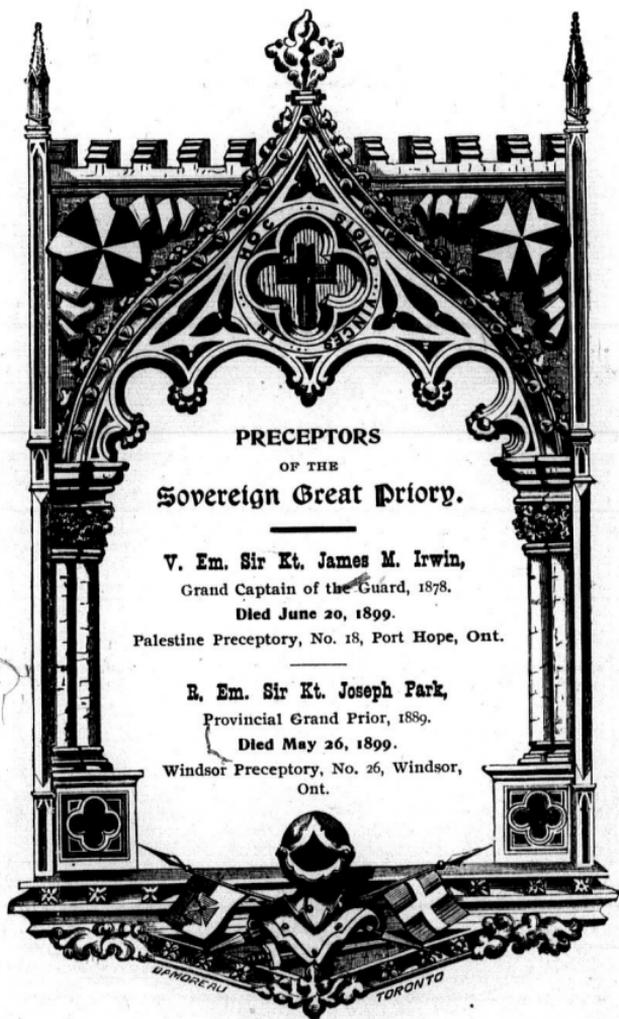
Died June 21, 1899.

Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4
London, Ont.

In Memoriam.



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- No. 1.—HUGH DE PAYENS, Kingston, Ont.
Joseph Fortesque..... June 15, 1899
- No. 2.—GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
Thomas Pells July 7, 1898
- No. 2.—ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, St. John, N.B.
David S. Stewart..... Sept. 10, 1898
Robert L. Smith..... Oct. 28, 1898
Robert Case..... Dec. 14, 1898
Chas. A. Stockton..... Dec. 24, 1898
- No. 5.—NOVA SCOTIA, Halifax, N.S.
Samuel Trott..... March 11, 1899
- No. 7.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, Montreal, Que.
Alfred Meunier..... Sept. 23, 1898
- No. 10.—VICTORIA, Guelph, Ont.
John Haugh..... June 7, 1899
- No. 11.—UNION DE MOLAY, St. John, N.B.
Thos. H. Keohan..... Feb. 13, 1899
James Hirsch.....
- No. 16.—GONDEMAR, Brockville, Ont.
W. C. Wright..... April 6, 1899
Albert Reynolds..... July 14, 1899

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- No. 18. PALESTINE, Port Hope, Ont.
 Edward Budge..... May 15, 1899
- No. 19.—ST. BERNARD DE CLAIRVEAUX, Dunnville, Ont.
 Louis A. Congdon..... Feb. 25, 1899
- No. 21.—BURLEIGH.—St. Thomas, Ont.
 Joseph Park..... Jan. 6, 1899
- No. 22.—ST. ELMO, Stratford, Ont.
 James Green..... July 12, 1898
- No. 24.—ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Man.
 Francis Joseph Goulding..... Dec. 14, 1898
 Joseph Hursell..... Feb. 3, 1898
 Frank Allison Fairchild..... Oct. 10, 1898
- No. 26.—WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont.
 Robert McGuire..... Aug. 2, 1898
 H. R. Sharp..... Dec. 2, 1898
- No. 35.—PRINCE EDWARD, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
 Farrar J. Stewart..... Oct. 9, 1898
- No. 36.—IVANHOE, Moncton, N.B.
 Alfred E. Bishop..... August, 1898
- No. 38.—ROSSLAND, Rossland, B.C.
 Charles Van Ness..... June, 1899

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WITHDRAWALS.

- No. 2.—GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
 Frederick Warrington.....November 11th, 1898
- No. 3.—GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.
 T. C. Fleming.....October 7th, 1898
 C. M. Underwood.....December 2nd, 1898
 A. C. Gorden.....“ “
- No. 5.—NOVA SCOTIA, Halifax, N. S.
 Wm. C Smith.....September 2nd, 1898
 I. W. S. Slatterly.....January 6th, 1899
 Louis J. Hesslein.....February 3rd, 1899
 George A. Roome.....“ “
- No. 6.—KING BALDWIN, Belleville, Ont.
 Thomas Walters.....December 20th, 1898
 Hiram Wellbanks.....“ “
- No. 7.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, Montreal, P. Q.
 Wm. B. Foster.....May 27th, 1899
- No. 10.—VICTORIA, Guelph, Ont.
 Geo. McL. Gibbs.....January 1st, 1899
- No. 12.—MOUNT CALVARY, Barrie, Ont.
 Robt. Esten Fletcher.
- No. 18.—PALESTINE, Port Hope, Ont.
 P. S. Ewing.....January 1st, 1899
- No. 21.—BURLEIGH, St. Thomas, Ont.
 George Galt.....March 16th, 1899
 John T. Griffin.....November 28th, 1898
- No. 24.—ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Man.
 L. A. Cusack.....June, 1898
 R. N. Brough.....“ “
 G. C. Johnson.....January 12th, 1899
 A. H. Ferguson.....“ “
 R. N. Kirkpatrick.....March 21st, 1899
 M. R. Counter.....April 13th, 1899
 G. A. Griffith.....June 19th, 1899
 H. J. Raymer.....December 13th, 1898
 Roland C. Brown.....
 F. F. Westbrook.....
 J. A. Kameron.....
 A. R. Dickson.....
- No. 25.—WILLIAM DE LA MORE, Quebec, P. Q.
 Henry Walters.....September 28th, 1898

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No. 26.—WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont.

H. R. Winfield April 4th, 1899
 G. W. Mason May 2nd, 1899

No. 27.—MALTA, Truro, N. S.

T. E. Atkins March 13th, 1899

SUSPENSIONS.

No. 24.—ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Man.

H. N. Williams
 F. G. Lewin

No. 32.—OTTAWA, Ottawa, Ont.

Albert Hudson June 21st, 1899
 Thomas Beason September 21st, 1897

SUSPENSIONS, UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

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

Thomas Sargant December 9th, 1898

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

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

Thomas J. Best June 9th, 1899
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 D. McVicar " "
 Geo. Reeves " "
 Robt. Snarr " "
 E. J. Walsh " "

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

Chas. H. Fisher June 14th, 1899
 Jno. A. Chesley " "
 Albert J. H. Stewart " "

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

James Sutton June 9th, 1899
 James W. Martin " "
 F. N. Heath " "
 Wm. Ellwood " "
 Sam. Jenkins " "
 W. G. Clarke " "
 S. F. Lawrason " "
 J. J. Lynch " "

No. 6.—KING BALDWIN, Belleville, Ont.

Theo. J. Spafford June 20th, 1899
 R. J. Orr " "
 Albert Chard " "

RESTORATIONS.

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- No. 2.—GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
Fred. Warrington.....October 14th, 1898
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- No. 3.—GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.
John Burns.....September 6th, 1898
A. C. Gordon.....December 2nd, 1898
- No. 10.—VICTORIA, Guêlph, Ont.
John Hough.....September 20th, 1898
J. A. Nelles....." "
William Watson....." "
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- No. 16.—GONDEMAR, Brockville, Ont.
Geo. Byron Magee.....March 23rd, 1899
- No. 24.—ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Man.
H. J. Raymer.....December 13th, 1898
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- No. 26.—WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont.
W. J. Liversey.....March 7th, 1899
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- No. 29.—CYRENE, Toronto, Ont.
H. Andrew Yuille.....November 18th, 1898
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ROLL OF PAST OFFICERS AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF
SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

FROM ITS FORMATION, 10th AUGUST, 1876, TO 21st SEPTEMBER, 1899.

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,
Alley, W. B., Prov. Grand Prior New Brunswick District, 1892,
Truro, N. S.
Allen, Benjamin, Grand Constable, 1894, 32. Colborne Street,
Toronto, Ont.
Ames, Alexander, Grand Pursuivant, 1893, Sherbrooke, Que.
Amsden, Samuel, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1887, Dunn-
ville, Ont.
Archibald, L. B., Prov. Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1887,
11 Queen Street, Truro, N. S.
Ardagh, A. A. S., Grand Constable, 1896, 57 Yonge Street,
Toronto, Ont.
Atkins, T. E., 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, 1894-98, 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., Grand Marshal, 1897, 61 William Street,
Yarmouth, N. S.

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- Black, William M., Preceptor, 1898, 8 Lorne Terrace, Halifax,
N. S.
- Blake, George, Em. Commander, 1899, 96 Germain St., St. John,
N. B.
- Bowden, William, Grand Constable, 1899, 177 Florence St.,
Ottawa, Ont.
- Braund, W. N., Grand Pursuivant, 1881, Dunnville, Ont.
- Brett, R. E., Provincial 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., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1878-82,
Lambeth, Ont.
- Burch, Charles, Preceptor, 1895, Thorold Street, St. Catharines,
Ont.
- Burch, George, Grand Pursuivant, 1891, St. Catharines, Ont.
- Burgess, W. H. Grand Organist, 1893, Ottawa, Ont.
- Butterfield, Lieut-Col. F. D., Grand Marshal, 1889, Stanstead,
Que.
- Butterworth, E. B., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1880, Cooper
Street, Ottawa, Ont.
- C
- Cameron, Charles, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1880, Colling-
wood, Ont.
- Cameron, Charles, Preceptor, 1892, 502 George St., Peterboro,
Ont.
- Campbell, A. A., Grand Registrar, 1898, London, Ont.
- Campbell, Daniel H., Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District,
1899, 47 Argyle St., Halifax, N. S.
- Campbell, A. R., Em. Commander, 1898, 64 Germain Street, St.
John, N. B.
- Carley, David L., Deputy Grand Master, 1899, Sandwich Street,
Windsor, Ont.
- Carpenter, E. R., Grand Assistant Sub-Marshal, 1877, Colling-
wood, Ont.
- Carrothers, Arthur, Provincial Grand Prior, London District,
1893, P. O. Dept., London, Ont.
- Carson, William J., Provincial Grand Prior, London District
1897, London, Ont.
- Channell, H. A., Preceptor, 1895, Standstead, Que.
- Channell, H. E., Grand Marshal, 1888, Stanstead, Que.
- Chapman A. W., Presiding Preceptor, 1898, 603 Broadway,
Winnipeg, Man.
- Chambers, E. T. D., Grand Constable, 1882, Quebec, Que.
- Clarke, W. J., Grand Guard, 1883, Cumberland and Arthur Streets,
Port Arthur, Ont.
- Clarke, A. H., Provincial Grand Prior, London District, 1898, 49
Victoria Avenue, Windsor, Ont.
- Clementi, Rev. V., Grand Chaplain, 1876-85, Aylmer Street,
Peterborough, Ont.
- Clements, Edward F., Provincial Grand Prior, Nova Scotia, 1894,
Collins Street, Yarmouth, N. S.

- Clouston, Thos., Preceptor, 1896, P.O. Box 658, Winnipeg, Man.
 Collins, Harry A., Grand Registrar, 1892, 20 Major Street
 Toronto, Ont.
 Conklin, E. G., Provincial Grand Prior, Manitoba District, 1881,
 Winnipeg, Man.
 Connor, Charles H., Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District,
 1895, Queen Street, St. Catharines, Ont.
 Conolly, R. G. W., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, Dunnville, Ont.
 Cook, T. V., Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1888,
 Moncton, 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, Cobourg, Ont.
 Crowe, William, Preceptor, 1897, 133 Barrington Street, Halifax,
 N. S.

D

- Dalley, Edwin A., Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District,
 1884, Hughson Street, Hamilton, Ont.
 Dambra, Joseph, Grand Marshal, 1896, Dundas Street, London,
 Ont.
 Darrach, Donald, M. D., Provincial Grand Prior P. E. Island
 District, 1899, Kensington, P. E. I.
 Davis, Frank E., Presiding Preceptor, 1898, "The Barracks,"
 London, Ont.
 Davies, E. C., Grand Organist, 1899, 109 Given Street, Toronto,
 Ont.
 Davis, T. M., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, 59 Victoria Avenue, N.
 Hamilton, Ont.
 Dempster, James, Provincial Grand Prior, Nova Scotia District,
 1883-85, Halifax, N.S.
 Dewar, John S., Grand Registrar, 1885, "Free Press," London,
 Ont.
 Deyell, Robert, Preceptor, 1893, Walton Street, Port Hope, Ont.
 Doctor, William G., Grand Warden of Regalia, 1877, Belleville,
 Ont.
 Domville, James, Lt.-Col., Grand Captain Guard, 1894, St.
 John, N. B.
 Douglas, James, Grand Marshal, 1885-86, Young Street, Toronto,
 Ont.
 Douglas, Robert A., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 86 Dunlop Street,
 Barrie, Ont.
 Downie, William, Provincial Grand Prior, British Columbia
 District, C. P. R., Vancouver, B. C.
 Drennan, William M., Preceptor, 1891, 28 Princess Street, King-
 ston, Ont.

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- Dubber, S. Wilson, Provincial Grand Prior, London District, 1890, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Dumbrille, 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, John V., M. P., Supreme Grand Master, 1899, "The Globe," St. John, N. B.
 Elliott, John, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1887, Almonte, Ont.
 Enderton, Chas. H., Provincial 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 Ave., 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, William J., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1884, Binghampton, N. Y.
 Fitzgerald, Jno. R., Preceptor, 1896, Church Street, Colborne, Ont.
 Fitzsimmons, C. H., Provincial Prior, Kingston District, 1895-7, James St., Brockville, Ont.
 Fleming, H. B., Grand Organist, 1896, Alma St., Moncton, N. B.
 Forbes, Jas. Gordon, Judge, Past Commander, St. John, N. B.
 Ford, N. W., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1897, 33 St. George Street, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Fraser, Hon. D. C., M. P., Provincial 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, Whitby, Ont.
 Gale George, Preceptor, 1898, Brockville, Ont.
 Gemmell, R., Preceptor, 1892, 75 Liverpool Street, Guelph, Ont.
 Gibson, Wm., M. P., Provincial Grand Prior, Hamilton District, 1885, Beamsville, Ont.
 Glanville James, Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1892, 18 Cumberland Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Godsoe, F. A., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, 90 Leinster St., St. John, N. B.
 Godsoe, T. Amos, Hon. Provincial Grand Prior, 1897, St. John, N. B.

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- Goodman, Edwin, M. D., Grand Sub-Marshal, St. Catharines, Ont.
 Gordon, Lieut.-Col. W. D., Provincial Prior Ontario East, 1891, Montreal, Que.
 Graham, J. G., Grand Sub-Marshal, 1895, 70 Elysian Street, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Gray, W. W., Honorary Preceptor, London, Ont.
 Griffith, Henry, Provincial Grand Prior, Quebec District, 1894-95, 6 Stanislaus Street, Quebec, Que.

H

- Haddock, James, Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1893, Winnipeg, Man.
 Hall, E. H. D., Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1885-86, Hunter Street, Peterborough, Ont.
 Hall, M. McF., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, 204 Morris Street, Halifax, N. S.
 Hall, Robert, Grand Sword Bearer, 1888, Ridgetown, Ont.
 Hall, William, Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1895, Winnipeg, Man.
 Hallet, William J., Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1897, 68 Bayfield Street, Barrie, Ont.
 Halliday, James, Provincial Grand Prior, 1896, 229 Barrington Street, Halifax, N. S.
 Hargraft, A. R., Grand Marshal, 1895, King and Division Streets, Cobourg, Ont.
 Harding, John E., Judge, Grand Vice Chancellor, 1896, Lindsay, Ont.
 Harris, J. W., Presiding 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, 1896, 414 Albert and Bay Streets, Ottawa, Ont.
 Henderson, A. G., Preceptor, 1896-97, Whitby, Ont.
 Henderson, George W., Grand Guard, 1898, Truro, N. S.
 Hetherington, John, Grand Captain Guard, 1887, 74 Argyle Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Hewson, A. J., Grand Almoner, 1899, King Street, Cobourg, Ont.
 Hewton, John, Preceptor, 1896, 131 King Street, Kingston, Ont.
 Hicks, James P., Preceptor, 1898, 255 John Street, Quebec, Que.
 Hill, Ralph., Preceptor, 1891, Almonte, Ont.
 Hill, Wm., Preceptor, 1891, care Bole & Wynne, Winnipeg, Man.
 Hillman, Oliver S., Hon. Deputy Grand Master, 1897, Grand Treasurer, 1892-99, 75 Hughson St. North, Hamilton, Ont.
 Hohl, Chris. J., Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1896, 61 Victoria Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Holland, A. N., Preceptor, 1894, Truro, N. S.
 Hood, H. A., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, Main Street, Yarmouth, N. S.

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- Hood, Thomas, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1886,
Hamilton, Ont.
Hooper, John, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1899,
77 Victoria Avenue, Hamilton, Ont.
Horner, Thomas H., Preceptor, 1895, 380 London Street, Peter-
borough, Ont.
Horning, L. E., Preceptor, 1897, Victoria University, Toronto,
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Hovenden, R. J., Provincial Grand Prior Ontario Centre, 1891,
91 King Street West, Toronto, Ont.
Howie, R., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, P. O. 185, Guelph, Ont.
Howse, W. H., Grand Constable, 1887, Hamilton, Ont.
Howson, H. B., Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1897,
110 Wellington Place, Toronto, Ont.
Hughan, William James, Hon. Provincial Grand Prior, Torquay,
England.
Humber, C. A., Provincial 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. Cath-
arines, Ont.
Inglis, William H., Grand Pursuivant, 1897, 73 Chatham Street,
Brantford, Ont.

- J
Jackson, John J., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1894, Port
Arthur, Ont.
Jarvis, George M., Grand Pursuivant, 1898, P. O. Box 248,
Moncton, N. B.
Jones, Charles A., Grand First Aide-de-Camp, 1878, Oshawa.
Johnson, George, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1898, 5 Hamil-
ton Street, Brockville, Ont.
Johnson, Geo. W., Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District,
1897, Main Street, Yarmouth, N. S.
Johnson, Warren, Presiding 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.
Kemp, Edson, Grand Registrar, 1876, Stanstead, Que.
Kerr, J. Kirkpatrick, Q. C., G. C. T., Provincial Grand Prior
Ontario Centre, 1876, 23 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, Ont.
Kerr, Robert, Presiding Preceptor, 1899, Front Street, Sarnia,
Ont.
King, Charles, Presiding Preceptor, 1899, Whitby, Ont.
King, Joseph, Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1899, 34 Gloucester
Street, Toronto, Ont.

- 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., Provincial Grand Prior Ottawa-Kingston
 District, 1898, Avlmer, 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., Lt.-Col., Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District,
 1883-84, Victoria Avenue, Belleville, Ont.
 Learmont, A. H., Preceptor, 1896, Truro, N. S.
 LeMessurier, William M., Provincial Grand Prior, 1896-98, St.
 Denis Street, Montreal, Que.
 Liddell, James G., Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District,
 1896, Brantford, Ont.
 Lightbourne, P. J., Preceptor, 1888, Cobourg, Ont.
 Lindsay, N. J., Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1897,
 Stephen Avenue East, Calgary, N. W. T.
 Lockwood, Harry, Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1884, God-
 erith, Ont.
 Logan, W. E., Provincial Grand Prior, 1895, Truro, N. S.
 Love, Spencer, Presiding Preceptor, 1899, 75 Yonge Street, To-
 ronto, Ont.
 Lovejoy, G. W., M.D., Grand Registrar, 1890, 2204 St. Catharine
 Street, Montreal, Que.
 Lyon, N. T., Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1890, 141
 Church Street, Toronto, Ont.

Mc.

- McConkey, George S., Grand Registrar, 1888, 28 King Street
 West, Toronto, Ont.
 McDonald, G., M.D., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, Box 139, Calgary,
 Alta.
 McGuire, Robert, Grand Constable, 1881, Windsor, Ont.
 McKeggie, J. H., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1891, Dunlop Street,
 Barrie, Ont.
 McKown, A., Grand Registrar, 1896, 311 Yale Street, Victoria,
 B.C.
 McLaurin, Wilmer T., Grand Sub-Marshal, 1899, 44 Crescent
 Street, Montreal, P. Q.
 McLean, Allan, Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1896,
 The Asylum, Kingston, Ont.
 McLean, John, Grand Marshal, 1879, 42 Crescent Street, Mont-
 real, Que.
 McLean, Thomas A., Preceptor, 1898, P.O. Box 358, Charlotte-
 town, 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.

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- McPhee, John B. Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1899, Worsley Street, Barrie, Ont.
- Macdonald, Hugh, Preceptor, 1896-97, Charles Street, Guelph, Ont.
- Mackay, Hugh A., Provincial Grand Prior Ontario West, 1897, Berlin, Ont.
- Mackay, Robert A., Provincial Grand Prior, 1894, St. Thomas, 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., Provincial Grand Prior, E. Island, 1896-98, Stanley Bridge, P.E.I.
- Macwatt, Daniel F., Supreme Grand Master, 1897-98, 3 Owen Street, Barrie, Ont.
- M**
- Mansell, Chas. F., Provincial Grand Prior, 1894, 359 Berkeley Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Manley, Fred. F., Grand Constable, 1893, Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute, Toronto, Ont.
- Malloy, John, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1890, Hamilton, Ont.
- Malone, A. L., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, 59 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Malone, Elias T., Supreme Grand Master, 1892, 621 Ontario Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Marquis, John A., Grand Guard, 1899, Albert Street, St. Catharines, Ont.
- Marshall, Hon. Robert, K.C.T., Provincial Grand Prior, 1893-95, New Brunswick, Prince William Street, St. John, N.B.
- Mason, John J., Grand Registrar, 1877, Hamilton, Ont.
- Masters, J. E., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, Moncton, N.B.
- Matthews, R. V., Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1887, Kingston, Ont.
- Matthews, S. F., Provincial Grand Prior, New Brunswick, 1889-91, Charlotte Street, St. John, N.B.
- Mattice, James H., Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1897, "The Globe" Office, Hamilton, Ont.
- Messervy, John A., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, Charlottetown, P.E.I.
- Milne, Alex. R., C.M.G., Provincial Grand Prior British Columbia, 1891-95, Victoria, B.C., H.M. Customs.
- Mitchell, Robert E., Preceptor, 1892-93-97, 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., Presiding 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.

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- Morton, I. A., Preceptor, 1895, Wingham, Ont.
Muir, A. C., Presiding Preceptor, 1898-9, Graving Dock, Esqui-
malt, B. C.
Munro, John McN., Grand Guard, 1893, Almonte, Ont.

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, Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1892,
16 Lakeside Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

O

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

P

- Parry, John, Provincial 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, Coatikooke, Que.
Pike, William 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., Provincial Grand Prior British Columbia
District, 1896, 5 Michigan Street, Victoria, B. C.

R

- Radcliffe, Richard, Grand Constable, 1885, Goderich, Ont.
Randal, F. W., Provincial 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.

- Reid, William G., Provincial 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 Ceremonies, 1899, 330 University Ave., Kingston, Ont.
 Richardson, W. A., Grand Pursuivant, 1895, Jubilee Hospital, Box 43, Victoria, B. C.
 Rickaby, D. S., Preceptor, 1886, Quebec, Que.
 Roaf, William, Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1895, 23 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 Robertson, J. Ross, Provincial Grand Prior Ontario Centre, 1882, Telegram, King Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 Robertson, Henry, Q. C., Grand Master, 1891, Collingwood, Ont.
 Robertson, W. J., Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1893, John Street, Port Hope, Ont.
 Robinson, Thomas, Grand Marshall, 1894, Windsor, Ont.
 Roe, Henry, Presiding Preceptor, 1899, Box 801, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Rogers, Arthur, Preceptor, 1898, Yarmouth, N. S.
 Ross, Alexander, Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1893, 11 Barrington Street, Halifax, N. S.
 Ross, Andrew Miller, Grand Almoner, 1895, Whitby, Ont.
 Ross, Donald, Provincial Grand Prior Ontario East, 1879-80, Picton, Ont.
 Rowe, George G., M. D., Grand Constable, 1888, 1329 Queen St. West, Parkdale, Ont.
 Rublee, M. W., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1897, 175 Owen Street, Winnipeg, Man.
 Ruhland, J. W., Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1891, Halifax, N. S.
 Ryerson, George G., M. D., Preceptor, 1893, 60 College Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Ryrie, W. P., Grand Captain of the Guard, 1898, 54 Bay Street, Toronto, Ont.

S

- Sadler, W. H. B., Past Commander, St. John, N. B.
 Schofield, M. B., Preceptor, 1887, California.
 Sharp, H. Fred., Preceptor, 1897, St. Mary's, Ont.
 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, Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1892, George Street, Peterborough, Ont.
 Simpson, H. C., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1888, London, Ont.
 Simpson, John, Grand Guard, 1887, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.
 Simpson, William, Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1898, Theatre Lane, Toronto.
 Slater, Luke, Grand Captain of the Guard, 1890, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Smith, Algernon St. A., Provincial Grand Prior Kingston and Ottawa District, 1898-9, Peterborough, Ont.

- Smith, Charles, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1898,
228 John Street North, Hamilton, Ont.
- Smith, Robert C., Provincial Grand Prior, 1896, Augusta Street,
Port Hope, Ont
- Smith, William, Preceptor, 1890, Almonte, Ont.
- Smith, Alfred G., Grand Registrar, 1880, London, Ont.
- Sommerville, George, Preceptor, 1892, 281 Princess Street, King-
ston, Ont.
- Spence, David, Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1895, Bethune
Street, Peterborough, Ont.
- Spence, J. H., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, P.O. Box 205, Brant-
ford, Ont.
- Spry, Daniel W. B., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1899,
Chatham, Ont.
- Stanfield, John, Presiding Preceptor, 1899, P.O. Box 208, Malta,
N.S.
- Stanton, John, Preceptor, 1878, Whitby, Ont.
- Stayner, Thomas A., Preceptor, 1897, Amonde and Wellington
Streets, Brockville, Ont.
- Stearns, I. H., K.C.T., Provincial Grand Prior Quebec District,
1878-88, 27 Belmont Street, Montreal, Que.
- Stevenson, Lieut.-Col. A. A., K.C.T., Provincial Grand Prior
Quebec District, 1873, 122 Mackay Street, Montreal, Que.
- Stevenson, J. McL., Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1885,
Barrie, Ont.
- Stewart, A. M., Grand Captain of the Guard, 1899, Windsor, Ont.
- Stewart, Gavin, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1893,
Woodstock, Ont.
- Stone, J. Henry, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1883,
Hamilton, Ont.
- Stratford, Henry, 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.
- Sutton, James, M.D., Provincial Grand Prior London District,
1883, Clandeboye, Ont.
- Swayze, Wm. D., Preceptor, 1895, Lock Street, Dunnville, Ont.

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- Tawse, William Donald, Grand Constable, 1898, 167 Dowling Av.,
Toronto, Ont.
- Taylor, David, Provincial 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., Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1890-91,
Owen Street, Winnipeg, Man.
- Thorne, W. H., Grand Constable, 1895, Prince William Street, St.
John, N.B.
- Thomas, J. Parker, Grand Marshall, 1887, Bridge Street West,
Belleville, Ont.

- Thomas, Chas. M., Preceptor, 1896-97, Stanstead, Que.
 Thomas, William H., Presiding Preceptor, 1897-99, North Bay, Ont.
 Thompson, A. N., Grand Captain Guard, 1895, Stanstead, Que.
 Thompson, J. P., Preceptor, 1889, Bridge Street, Belleville, Ont.
 Thornton, A. S., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Chatham, 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. Provincial Grand Prior, Quebec District, 1899, "Star" office, Montreal, Que.
 Trueman, A. I., Provincial Grand Prior New Brunswick District, 1897-98, St. John, N. B.
 Tufts, Frank L., Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1898, St. John, N. B.
 Tunstall, Simon J. M. D., Provincial Grand Prior, British Columbia District, 1899, 1008 Robson Street, Vancouver, B. C.
 Tunstead, John, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1889, Hamilton, Ont.

U

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

V

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

W

- Waddell, S. J., Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1890, Truro, N. S.
 Walker, Hugh, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1888, 47 Wyndham Street, Guelph.
 Walker, James, Preceptor, 1897, Calgary, N. W. T.
 Walker, Thomas, M. D., Hon. Provincial 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 Renson Avenue, Peterborough, Ont.
 Watson, Harry H., Preceptor, 1898, 1233 Haro Street, Vancouver, B. C.
 Watson, John A., Hon. Provincial Grand Prior, 1897, St. John, N. B.
 Watson, William, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1890, 134 Quebec Street, Guelph, Ont.
 Westbrook, H. S., Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1892, Winnipeg, Man.
 Wesley, Samuel, Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1889, "The Advance," Dunlop Street, Barrie, Ont.

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- Whyte, William H., Supreme Grand Master, 1895-96, Grand
Chancellor, 1897-99, 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, Issac 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., Presiding Preceptor, 1899, Box 194, Brockville,
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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DATE OF ORGANIZATION, WITH NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDERS AND GRAND RECORDERS,
FROM THE LATEST PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED SINCE LAST REPORT.

GRAND COMMANDERIES.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	DATE OF LAST MEETING.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDER.
Alabama	December 1st, 1862	May 10th, 1899	W. E. Oakley, New Decatur	H. C. Armstrong, Moulgommery.
Arizona	November 14th, 1893			
California	March 25th, 1872	April 18th, 1889	D. I. Mills, Pine Bluff	Fay Hamstead, Little Rock
Colorado	August 10th, 1859	April 20th, 1899	J. F. Merrill, San Francisco	Wm. A. Davies, San Francisco.
Connecticut	March 14th, 1879			
District of Columbia	September 14th, 1866	May 21st, 1899	E. Risley, Waterbury	Eli C. Birdsey, Meriden.
Florida	May 14th, 1894	May 18th, 1899	W. E. Gailher, Washington	A. W. Johnson, Washington.
Georgia	April 25th, 1860	May 18th, 1899	E. F. Haskell, Palatka	W. P. Webster Jacksonville.
Illinois	October 27th, 1857	October 31st, 1899	J. L. Brown, Atlanta	W. S. Rockwell, Savannah.
Indiana	May 16th, 1854	April 25th, 1899	Geo. W. Curtis, Peoria	Gibb-W. Barnard, Chicago.
Indian Territory	August 10th, 1895	November 10th, 1895		
Iowa	June 16th, 1854	July 10th, 1899	Edw. Hayes, Wellington	T. J. Anderson, Topeka
Kansas	December 20th, 1868	May 16th, 1899	J. T. Hedges, Cyathiana	A. H. Bryant, Covington.
Kentucky	October 5th, 1847	May 17th, 1899	J. B. Chase, Shreveport	Richard Lambert, New Orleans.
Louisiana	February 4th, 1864	February 22nd, 1898	Herby W. Starrs, Brunswick	Stephen Berry, Portland.
Maine	May 21st, 1867	November 27th, 1898	Geo. Z. Steiner, Baltimore	Jno. H. Miller, Baltimore.
Maryland	January 6th, 1865	October 16th, 1899	E. P. Robertson, Albion	Jno. W. Kowell, Lynn.
Massachusetts	January 16th, 1857	May 24th, 1899	Jno. C. Munro, St. Cloud	H. L. Anthony, Sturgis.
Michigan	October 28th, 1865	June 24th, 1899		Thos. Montgomery, St. Paul.
Minnesota	January 22nd, 1857	February 14th, 1888	April 25th, 1899	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis.
Mississippi	May 14th, 1888	April 12th, 1898	Jno. Greenough, St. Louis.	Ed. D. Neil, Helena
Montana	May 22nd, 1860	September 13th, 1898	Ed. C. Day, Helena	Francis E. White, Omaha.
Nebraska	August 25th, 1871	April 27th, 1898	Geo. W. Liningor, Omaha	Geo. P. Cleaves, Concord.
New Hampshire	August 14th, 1866	October 9th, 1898	H. B. Quimby, Lakeport	Chas. Bechtel, Trenton.
New Jersey	February 13th, 1853	October 14th, 1899	Peter McGill, Lambertville	Jno. F. Shafer, Albany.
New York	June 10th, 1883	June 6th, 1898	W. E. W. Syracuse	Geo. H. Johnson, Wilmington.
North Carolina	May 10th, 1883	June 14th, 1898	Thero. F. Branch, Jamestown	F. J. Thompson, Fargo.
North Dakota	June 24th, 1843	September 11th, 1899	S. P. Sands, Cincinnati	J. Neisam Bell, Fargo.
Ohio	October 10th, 1846	April 18th, 1899	W. S. Spencer, Guthrie	De F. D. Leach, Oklahoma (ty.
Oklahoma	February 13th, 1857	September 28th, 1899	C. E. Winn, Albany	Geo. F. Robinson, Eugene.
Oregon	April 14th, 1844	May 19th, 1899	Jas. H. Youngson, Pittsburg	W. W. Allen, Philadelphia.
Pennsylvania	October 14th, 1824	June 16th, 1899	Geo. V. Greenwood	Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flاندردreau.
South Dakota	June 12th, 1856	May 24th, 1899	Jno. K. Currier, Paris	J. B. Garrett, Nashville.
Texas	August 14th, 1856	April 19th, 1899	Jesse E. Thomson, Rutland	W. G. Reynolds, Burlington.
Vermont	June 27th, 1822	November 10th, 1895	P. T. Woodgill, Hampton	las R. Reynolds, Burlington.
Virginia	June 2nd, 1882	June 2nd, 1882		
West Virginia	June 2nd, 1882	June 2nd, 1882		

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 Oklahoma October
 Oregon February
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 C. E. Wynn, Albany
 Jas. F. Robinson, Eugene
 6th, 1898
 Theo. F. Brauch, Jamestown
 14th, 1898
 S. P. Sands, Cincinnati
 17th, 1899
 W. S. Spencer, Guthrie
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 C. E. Wynn, Albany
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 Jas. H. Youngson, Pittsburg
 16th, 1899
 Geo. V. Ayer, Treadwood
 24th, 1899
 Jno. K. Currier, Paris
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 Jesse E. Thomson, Rutland
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 F. T. Woodgin, Hampton
 27th, 1899
 Geo. D. Churchhouse, Spokane
 10th, 1898
 Geo. D. B. Farnmont, Fairmont
 17th, 1898
 Theo. W. Goldin, Jamesville
 13th, 1899
 Samuel Dickey, Evanston
 W. W. Allen, Philadelphia
 Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flandrreau
 J. B. Garrett, Naashville
 W. G. Reynolds, Burlington
 Jas. B. Bland, Perryburg
 J. C. Bileck, Wellsburg
 R. C. Dunnington, Fairmont
 Jno. W. Laffin, Milwaukee
 Jno. C. Baird, Cheyenne

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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.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	DATE OF LAST MEETING.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SUPREME GRAND MASTER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND CHANCELLOR.	
Canada October	9th, 1855	September	29th, 1898	J. V. Ellis, M. P., St. John, N. B. Will. H. Whyte, P. O. Box 1207, Montreal.
England 1781	May	12th, 1899	Rt. Hon. the Earl of Easton, R. Loveland-Loveland, G. C. T. G. C. T. C. F. M. M. Hall, London, Eng. H. R. H. Arthur Duke of Con-Lt. Col. A. V. Davoren, G. C. T. naught, G. C. T. R. H. Walker, G. C. T. mason's Hall, Dublin.	
Ireland				
Scotland 1811	March	14th, 1899	The Marquis of Breadalbane, K. G., K. C. T. Lindsay Mackerray, Edinburgh. E. A. Collins, Melbourne.	
Victoria, Aus. 1888				

GREAT PRIORIES.

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United States June	21st, 1816	October	12th, 1898	R. H. Lloyd, San Francisco, Cal., Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Mo.

Pennsylvania April

South Dakota May

Tennessee 14th, 1884

Texas 15th, 1850

Vermont 14th, 1857

Virginia August

West Virginia November

Wisconsin 2nd, 1887

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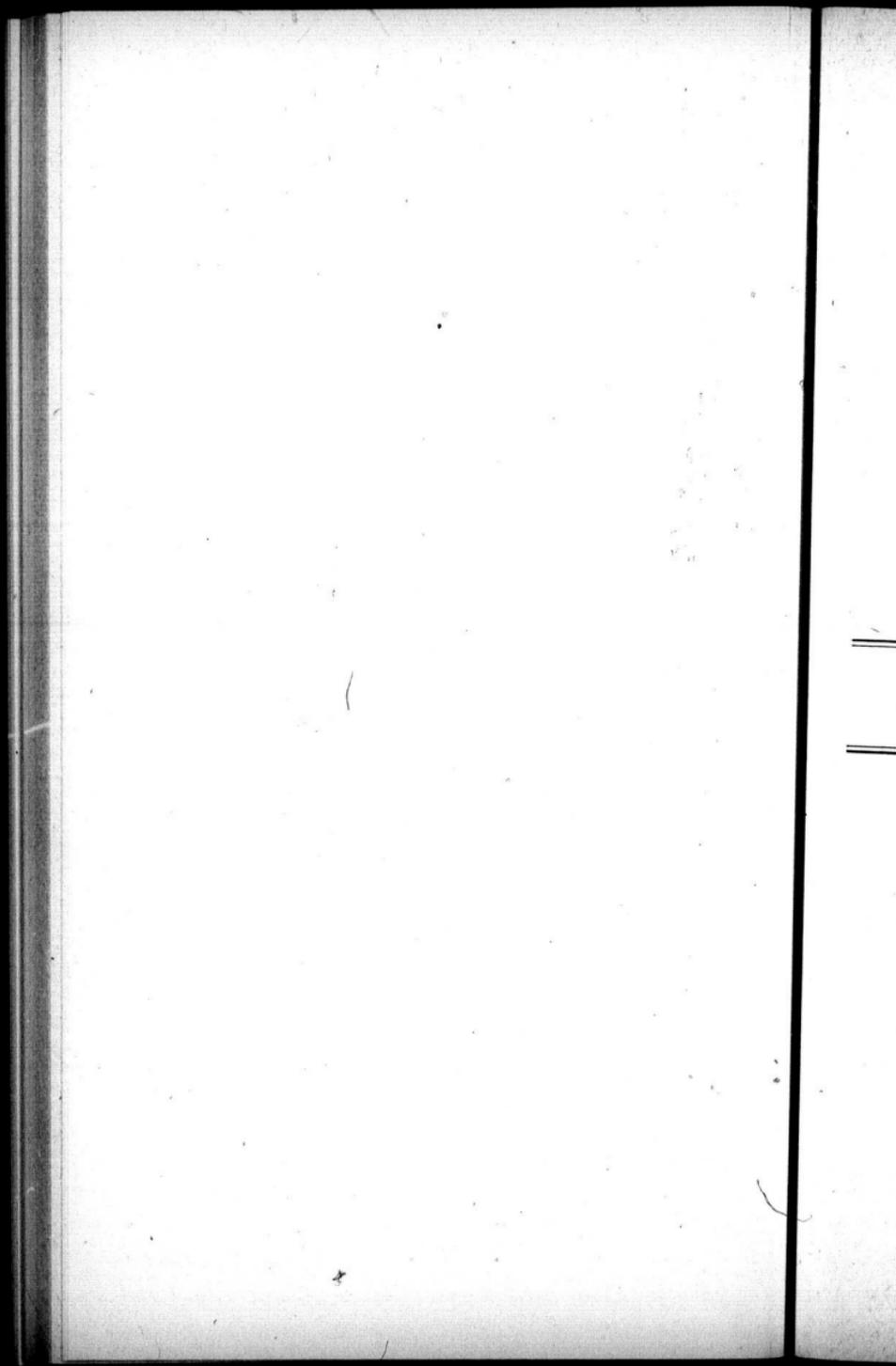
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Report on Correspondence.

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

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

The Order of the Temple, during the past year, seems to have steadily and quietly pursued the even tenor of its way. No new subjects have arisen to provide discussion, but on the contrary several which have been very much under debate of late with our American cousins, have by the legislation of the Grand Encampment of the United States, at its last Triennial Conclave, been taken from the realm of controversy ; principally the questions of continuous or enforced Affiliation and Perpetual Jurisdiction. We had our say on these points last year, they are topics which have not disquieted Freemasonry in the British Empire, and we on this side of the line scarcely understand the warmth of discussion which they have evoked.

Circumstances, or possibly methods, which do not prevail with us must have given occasion in a number of jurisdictions for the feeling in reference to enforced membership.

We notice the question of uniform and changes in connection with part of its detail is still occupying the attention of some of the jurisdictions, and that of restricting or prohibiting life membership in others. The latter is becoming a grievous burden in some quarters. The late war with Spain has given occasion for many patriotic remarks in the addresses of the Grand Commanders, as well as the various Committees, but, outside of that, few of the addresses or reports have contained more than the usual account of official acts.

The membership in the Order is steadily increasing. The statistics from Maryland, which we referred to last year, again show that the United States during the year 1898 had made a gain of 2 2-7 and Canada nearly 3¾ per cent. The latter's increase not being as great as the previous year. A net addition of nearly 3,000 per annum is a satisfactory showing, if the initiates only prove themselves true and valiant soldiers of the cross.

ENGLAND AND WALES.—1899.

The proceedings of the Great Priory of England and Wales, at the meetings held on the 9th December, 1898, and May 12th, 1899, are contained in the Annual Calendar.

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., presided at the December meeting. Among the Provincial Priors present we note Major J. Woodall-Woodall, K.C.T., of N. & E. Yorks, whom we had the pleasure of meeting in Toronto in August, 1897.

In respect for the memory of the Earl of Lathom, G.C.T., formerly National Great Prior, all Knights appeared in the mourning prescribed by command of the Supreme Grand Master.

The Grand Master paid a very fraternal tribute of respect to the memory of Lord Lathom, and an expression of their grief and sorrow was placed on their minutes. His courtesy in his official and public life as well in his various Masonic relations endeared him to all.

The Fratres of Canada held the late Earl in much esteem and sympathize deeply with their English brethren.

The Order of Malta was conferred on a number of candidates, with V. E. Knight R. Loveland-Loveland, G.C.T., as the Great Prior.

The May meeting was opened with Capt. N. G. Phillips, G.C.T., in the Chair. R. Em. General John

Corson Smith, Past Grand Commander of Illinois, was introduced, conducted to the foot of the throne and presented to the Acting Grand Master.

The Earl of Euston was re-elected Supreme Grand Master for a further term of three years.

General J. Corson Smith was then presented to the Grand Master, who invested him with the Ribbon and Cross of a Knight Commander of the Temple—we heartily congratulate our good friend on his new honor, and hope he may live many years to wear and enjoy it. The Grand Master referred to the conference of the three Grand Bodies of England, Scotland and Ireland, and stated many subjects of interest were discussed, and that it had been agreed to interchange representatives with other Grand Bodies.

The Earl of Euston,	Supreme Grand Master.
R. Loveland-Loveland,	Grand Chancellor.
C. F. Matier, Mark Masons Hall, London,	Great Vice-Chancellor.

SCOTLAND.—1899.

We are in receipt of the "Annual Reporter," of the Chapter General of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple in Scotland, containing an abstract of the proceedings from 11th March, 1898, to 14th March, 1899.

April 21st, 1898. The Chapter General was opened by the Grand Master, the Marquis of Bredalbane, G. C. T. Delegates being present from the Great Priories of England, Ireland and the Grand Encampment of the U. S., and received with due honors under the Arch of Steel. General John Corson Smith, of Chicago, was the American representative.

March 14th, 1899. Chapter General was opened in due form by Sir James Buchanan, Bart., K. C. T., Grand Marshal. The report of the delegates, who

attended the last conference, was received. The Grand Secretary laid before the Chapter General a copy of the Ritual of the Great Priory of Canada, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded therefor.

The Marquis of Bredalbane, K. G., G. C. T.,
Grand Master.

Lindsay Mackersy, G. C. T., Grand Secretary.

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, U. S.—1898.

27th Triennial. Pittsburg, Penn. October 11-14th.

Twelve thousand Templars in fourteen divisions, under the command of Past Grand Master John P. S. Gobin, accompanied by seventy-three bands of music, escorted the Grand Encampment to Carnegie Free Library, where the meeting was held.

The decorations and festivities appear to have been, as usual, up to that of former Conclaves, although the numbers that attended fell short of Boston and some other cities.

All the Grand Officers were present, with four Past Grand Masters, Hopkins, Withers, Gobin and McCurdy.

Grand Master Warren La Rue Thomas delivered an excellent address. He discharged his arduous duties carefully and thoroughly, and is recognized as a most efficient and able Grand Master. His decisions were few, and were all approved with some slight modifications.

The balance standing to the credit was \$42,154.63.

It was decided to exchange representatives with England, Ireland and Scotland, but the request of Victoria (Australia) for recognition was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations for report at the next Triennial Conclave.

It had been said that the Triennial Conclaves were only held for the purpose of having a good social time, and that this feature led to the exclusion of other and more important duties. This Triennial appears to have redeemed itself in this particular, for much business was transacted and very important legislation carried out. Among some of the more important changes made are the following :

Petitioners for the Orders must be affiliated in lodge and chapter.

Vacancies in office, except where there is a constitutional right of succession, may be filled by special election by dispensation requested in writing by the commandery.

Application for a dimit must be made in writing, signed by the applicant.

Jurisdiction over rejected candidates is limited to three years.

No jurisdictional requirements attach to a petition for affiliation.

Voluntary non-affiliation in lodge or chapter for six months deprives a Templar of membership in his commandery. A petitioner for affiliation who is rejected is in good standing for six months, but must then try again if he wishes to retain his membership.

It will thus be seen that the Grand Encampment rejects the American doctrine of "perpetual" jurisdiction and a limit of three years only is held over rejected candidates, and dependent membership is provided for by voluntary non-affiliation in lodge or chapter for six months, depriving a Templar of membership in his commandery. Time will tell whether this latter legislation is wise or otherwise.

Reuben Hedley Lloyd, San Francisco, Grand Master.
Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Grand Recorder.

ALABAMA.—1899.

39th Annual, Mobile, May 10th.

An escort from the hotel to the asylum and an address of welcome were part of the preliminary proceedings before the opening in ample form of the Grand Commandery by R. Em. Sir Knight Phillip Milhous, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander reported his official acts and stated that while the reports of the inspecting officers were in the main encouraging and satisfactory, there were still exceptions. Under the head of decisions he had nothing to offer, as such questions as had been submitted had been answered by reference to the law of the Grand Encampment.

During the session a resolution was adopted, that owing to a lack of uniformity in the uniforms worn by the Knights Templar of this jurisdiction and a diversity of opinion thereon, that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the subject and make report at next session as to what is the proper uniform.

Sir Knight George F. Moore presented his eleventh report on Correspondence. It occupies nine pages.

Membership, 298 ; increase, 10.

Wm. E. Oakley, New Decatur, Grand Commander.
H. Clay Armstrong, Montgomery, Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS.—1899.

27th Annual, Little Rock, April 18th.

R. Em. Sir Kt. J. M. Dill, Grand Commander, opened the annual session in "Knighthly Form," and presented a very interesting address. In looking into the progress and standing of the various subordinates under his care, he noticed the small increase in many

of the Commanderies, and received as an explanation that it was owing to the lifeless condition of the Chapters upon which they depended for material, and remarks:

Having this explanation given me so frequently, I am forced to the conclusion that Templarism will never attain that high degree of prosperity which it should, until a radical change is made in the qualifications for Templar Knighthood. I believe that the law should be changed so that instead of requiring a candidate for the Orders to be a Royal Arch Mason, that it will only require him to be a Master Mason.

The first three degrees in Masonry are the foundation upon which the whole structure rests. They inculcate the cardinal virtues temperance, prudence, fortitude and justice. They also teach that truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. In the third degree we are impressed with the lesson of the immortality of the soul and the Resurrection, and why not at this point confer upon him the Order of the Temple, and impress upon his mind the most important lesson of all—the death, the resurrection, and the ascension of our blessed Savior. Then confer the Order of the Malta in full form, and thus complete the beautiful and impressive structure of Ancient York Masonry.

I believe that the Order of the Red Cross should be eliminated entirely, and that it should not occupy any place in the Order of Christian Knighthood.

It did not seem to strike the Eminent Knight that he was likewise a Chapter Mason, and that if the Knights would attend the Chapters as they did their Commanderies and give them also some time and attention, it might remove the lifeless condition complained of.

The proceedings contain the record of the funeral of their late Venerable Grand Recorder, R. Em. Sir Knight James A. Henry, who died at the age of 82, one week after the close of the session, the result of an accident. He had filled the office for nineteen years and was much beloved.

R. Em. Sir Knight Chas. E. Rosenbaum, P.G.C., writes the report on Correspondence. He considers the "Christmas toast fad, considerably overdone," and that nothing would be lost if the custom and expense were abolished altogether. He is very modest over

the merits of his report, his first one, notes the omission of three jurisdictions, Canada is included, states it was all made up but mislaid and the proceedings held for some days in a vain effort to find them, and endeavors to console us by saying there was nothing lost to the reader by the omission. Our good Frater is too modest, his review is quite interesting but short, and next year we shall look for a further and equally good report now that his novitiate is over.

Membership, 557 ; increase, 55.

David I. Mills, Pine Bluff, Grand Commander.
Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA.—1899.

41st Annual. Sacramento. April 20th.

The Grand Officers were escorted to the meeting from the hotel by Los Angeles commandery, who had journeyed six hundred miles to act as special escort of the Grand Commander.

Thirty-four Commanderies were represented.

The Most Eminent Sir Knight Reuben H. Lloyd, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, paid the Convention a visit and received the honors due his exalted station.

The Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Knight R. M. Powers, delivered a lengthy address or report, filled with official letters, orders, reports, etc., and containing many patriotic utterances in connection with their late war with Spain. He reported having granted permission to the Drill Corps of a Commandery to appear in fatigue uniform and act as an escort to a regiment of the National Guard, upon their departure for military service. States the dividing of the jurisdiction into districts or departments and the holding of alternate Conclaves in each was giving unqualified satisfaction. This year the Conclaves were held jointly

with the session of the Grand Commandery, and the Grand Commander advocated a grant to the local Commandery and not throw the whole burden upon the latter.

The Grand Commander closed his address with a pleasant peroration on Masonry and the Templar Order.

The Grand Commander refused re-imbusement of \$240.00 for an excess expended for expenses of the Grand Commandery Officers at the Pittsburg Triennial.

R. E. Sir Knight Wm. A. Davies, P. G. C., and Grand Recorder, presents again an interesting and courtly report on Correspondence, Canada for 1898 receives knightly attention, and a number of extracts are made from Grand Master Macwatt's address. He is pleased to say that our report on Correspondence was "an able contribution" and that "the definition of subjects and persons from his standpoint is decidedly interesting."

The various proceedings are passed in review and the salient points in each are culled, and presented in pleasant form.

In his conclusion he states that the year just passed "has been an unusually quiet one in the Templar Order, no disagreeable question has been propounded and consequently no intemperate discussions provoked."

Membership, 3170; increase, 64.

John Francis Merrill, San Francisco,
Grand Commander.

William A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.—1899.

72nd Annual. New London. March 21st.

R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. E. Withey, Grand Commander, presided. He reported his official acts, including visitations, dispensations, etc. He received many communications, asking information on points of law, and referred the petitioners in every case to the Code of Statutes, so made no actual decisions.

The Reports of the Inspector shows the Order in the State to be progressing.

V. E. Sir Kt. Henry W. Rugg, official representative of the Grand Master, and V. Em. Sir Kt. H. Wales Lines, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, paid an official visit, and were heartily welcomed.

R. Em. Sir Kt. Hugh Sterling reviewed the various proceedings for the third time. Canada for 1898 receives due notice. Quotations are made from the Grand Master's address and the report on Correspondence. He thinks a Grand ~~Commander~~ has no right or authority to approve of by-laws, it being one of the prerogatives or duties of the Grand Commandery. It may be in Connecticut, but we should imagine it is merely a matter of arrangement and that the power can be allotted to the Grand ~~Commander~~ as well as to a Committee as is done in some jurisdictions.

In Canada, it is one of the duties of the Grand Master to approve or disapprove during the interim between sessions of changes and alterations or adoption of new by-laws by any subordinate.

Membership, 2506; increase, 87.

William E. Risley, Waterbury, Grand Commander.
Eli C. Birdsey, Meriden, Grand Recorder.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—1899.

4th Annual. Washington, May 8th.

R. E. Sir Knight E. G. Davis, Grand Commander, presided at the fourth annual assembly of this grand body. Five constituents were represented.

The Grand Commander's address was a business paper, reviewing his acts of the past year. He pays attention to the Triennial of the Grand Encampment held at Pittsburg, the Senior Commandery of their jurisdiction, Columbia No. 1, having the honor of acting as special escort to Grand Master W. Larue Thomas. He declined to allow a Commandery to take part in a public parade or reception to their volunteers, returning from Santiago, Cuba, and says "that the tendency of all legislation for the government of Knights Templar has been to discourage public parades except upon purely Masonic occasions. In fact, the laws of the Grand Encampment prohibit the Commanderies from appearing in uniform in public without special dispensation."

The Inspector-General complained of the number of members attending the meetings of their Commanderies without uniform and the "almost utter lack of drill" and sword movements, especially in the opening ceremonies. Committee on Regulations had several changes of uniform, ornaments, caps, etc., submitted to them. They agreed to collar ornaments and a Fatigue coat, but objected to changes in the cap. A notice of motion was made to alter the Baldric from white to black and report at next session.

Sir Knight Geo. H. Walker gives us a 35 page review of 41 jurisdictions, Canada for 1898 among the number. He also devotes half a dozen pages to the more important decisions of the Grand Commanders and Jurisprudence Committees of other Grand Bodies.

Membership, 1481; increase, 24.

Wm. T. Galliher, Washington, Grand Commander,
Arvine W. Johnson, Washington, Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA.—1899.

5th Annual. Jacksonville. May 11th.

R. E. Sir Knight Wm. H. Jewell, Grand Commander, presided over the fifth annual assembly.

Their otherwise sunny sky was overcast with sorrow over the death of their Grand Recorder and First Grand Commander, Wm. A. McLean.

The Grand Commander would rather discourage accepting candidates who cannot see a prospect of obtaining a uniform within a reasonable time after taking the Orders, as in his opinion no Commandery can do proper work unless the Knights engaged therein are uniformed as required. Two charters were granted.

Business of the session was local.

No report on Correspondence.

Membership, 232.

Elmer E. Haskell, Palatka, Grand Commander.
Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.—1899.

38th Annual. Augusta. May 3rd.

The officers and members of the Grand Commandery were escorted from the hotel and received a welcome on behalf of the citizens and Masonic fraternity of the city.

The Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Knight A. W. Walton, was pleased to report the Order in good condition throughout the jurisdiction, with few exceptions. He made numerous visitations. He objected very strongly to the custom of the Shrine holding their sessions at the same place of meeting as the Grand Commandery, and considered that it detracted "from the solemnity of our dignified Order."

It was resolved that the Baldric be discarded in Grand and Subordinate Commanderies for all above the office of Senior Warden.

The Grand Recorder for many years, R. E. Sir Kt. S. P. Hamilton, was absent through severe illness.

A Review of one hundred pages is given by Sir Kt. Jesse B. Anthony; it is his eleventh report, and is pleasant and courteous reading. Canada receives knightly attention, and of the Report on Correspondence he states "it is well written and fully repays the time spent in its perusal." For his kindly remarks we are very much indebted.

Sir Knight Anthony is in accord with us in our ideas regarding enforced membership. He correctly states that no questions of vital or momentous import are agitating the Templar world with which to furnish the correspondent with a theme to fill his pages.

Membership, 737; increase, 9.

Julius L. Brown, Atlanta, Grand Commander.

Wm. S. Rockwell, Savannah, Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.—1898.

42nd Annual. Chicago. October 25-26th.

This Grand Commandery was placed in a somewhat unfortunate position during the year as regards its officers. The Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Kt. Jas. P. Sherwin, was ordered to the front with his regiment, the Second Illinois Volunteers, and was absent from May to October.

His duties were assumed by V. E. Sir Kt. William Jenkins, the Deputy Grand Commander. In August, Sir Knight Jenkins' sudden and unexpected death placed the Grand Commandery in charge of Em. Sir Kt. George W. Curtis, the Grand Generalissimo.

Grand Commander Sherwin gave a lengthy and exhaustive report of his labors and Knight Templar affairs in his jurisdiction. He was very much disappointed in the "apparent extreme lack of interest in the Triennial Conclave by the Commanderies in this jurisdiction." Through carelessness many inaccuracies as to details had crept into the uniform, and the Grand Commander had a circular and chart, describing the law, issued and forwarded to all the leading regalia manufacturers in the country. Later on in the proceedings the law on uniform was brought forward, amended in some small particulars, the principal change being the belt, from red to black. The cap to have "no visor."

Resolutions of sympathy were passed to two past Grand Commanders, who were absent through illness.

Our R. Em. Sir Kt. Dewitt C. Cregier, we knew personally, and regretted exceedingly to hear later on of his death.

Frater Gil. W. Barnard, the worthy Recorder, arrived at his majority and presented his twenty-first report. We seldom visit Chicago without going upwards nearly three hundred feet and visiting our good friend in his lofty quarters in the Masonic Temple, and always receiving a knightly and brotherly welcome. May you live to double your score, Brother Barnard.

For the tenth time, our good friend, General John Corson Smith, writes one of his most interesting reports. Canada, for 1897, receiving courtly attention.

Under the heading of "Our Wandering Steps," the Eminent Frater gives an account of his winter visit to the British Isles, accompanied by his daughter. He visited Edinburgh and attended a meeting of delegates from the Supreme Councils governing the A. & A. S. Rite in the United Kingdom, also a conference

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of the Great Priors of the Order of the Temple of England and Ireland and the Chapter General of Scotland. He also visited the Lodge of Edinburgh and the Preceptory of the Lothians. He spent some time at Torquay, in England, where that widely known Masonic writer and historian lives, R. Em. Sir Kt. W. J. Hughan (an honorary Past Grand Officer of the Great Priory of Canada), and visited also London and Paris. R. Em. Sir Knight Smith illuminates his report with portraits of the Grand Master and Grand Chancellor of the Great Priors of England, Ireland, Scotland and Canada, and the Grand Encampment of the United States. The list includes the following Eminent Fratres: W. Larue Thomas, Past Grand Master; Reuben H. Lloyd, Grand Master; and W. H. Mayo, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment; H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Sovereign; the Earl of Euston, Grand Master; and C. F. Matier, Vice Chancellor of England; H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master; and Col. A. V. Davoren, Great Chancellor of Ireland; the Marquis of Breadalbane, Grand Master; and Lindsay Mackersay, Grand Secretary of Scotland; D. F. Macwatt, Grand Master; and Wm. H. Whyte, P. G. M. and Grand Chancellor of Canada. We were exceedingly surprised to see our own counterpart on paper upon opening the volume, and smiled as we thought how courteously and quietly the General secured our photo for "his personal collection." We have one satisfaction, however, we have his among our cherished collection. But we have not the space to mention the many interesting items contained in this excellent review. Views of lodge rooms, cathedrals, towns, invitations and a portrait of Jaques de Molai adorn the pages and assist in giving added interest.

Membership, 9491; decrease, 15.

George W. Curtiss,	Peoria,	Grand Commander.
Gilbert W. Barnard,	Chicago,	Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.—1899.

30th Annual.

Topeka.

May 9th.

George H. Jenkins, R. E. Grand Commander.

The address of the Grand Commander was an exceedingly good one, and is not padded with copies in full of official documents or letters. He has this to say of the

LACK OF ATTENTION TO PRINTED PROCEEDINGS.

My observation convinces me that too little attention is paid by the officers and Sir Knights of this jurisdiction to the Proceedings of this Grand Commandery. As a rule, I find they are read but little, if any, in the commanderies, and not much by the officers. These Proceedings are published for the benefit of the commanderies, giving to them in a concise manner the history of the work of the previous year, and the recommendations made for the better government of the Order; but it too frequently happens that they are carelessly laid aside or placed among the archives of the commanderies for safe keeping.

Remarking upon the many suspensions for non-payment of dues, he well says :

It is my opinion that this is largely a result of a lack of interest or rather a lack of effort on the part of Recorders, in failing to exert themselves to collect outstanding dues, and a lack of good business management on the part of Commanders who are responsible for the general business management of the commanderies, in not paying more attention to the financial matters of the institution over whose welfare they have been called to preside. Commanderies are largely dependent upon the dues they assess for their livelihood, and if more strict attention was paid to their collection, there would be more money in our treasuries.

We are very much in accord with the Grand Commander in the following :

The officers of a commandery should be men who will perfect themselves in the ritual and the ceremonies necessary to make their offices an honor to themselves and a credit to the Order. No man should be elected to office simply because he is a good fellow, or makes a fine appearance, or wears the handsomest uniform in the commandery. It does not necessarily follow because a man can ride a horse without falling off, that he is qualified to command an army, or from the fact that he can ride on a ferry boat without being seasick, that he could navigate the *Oregon*. Be careful, Sir Knights, that you have competent men as your officers, and you will have no trouble in quidding up your commanderies.

From the reports it was found that many of the Sir Knights never uniformed. Sir Knight Jenkins considers that every candidate should be fully uniformed the moment he has been created a Knight, for the lack of uniforms mar the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremonies.

Business of the session local.

Sir Knight A. M. Callaham, owing to the funds in the treasury being somewhat low, had to curtail his report on Correspondence and drop his topical review. We regret it, for our good Frater is always interesting. Canada for 1898 gets an extended notice and quotations made both from the Grand Master's address and the report on Correspondence. Sir Knight Callaham is quite ready to adopt anything good in Canadian methods if he sees it, and thinks they have a good deal more in common with their Canadian Frates than with their British Brethren.

Last year we drew Sir Kt. Callaham's attention to his criticism of the Grand Master's address of 1897 regarding the expression Serving Knight, which did not appear therein, and he turns back to a typographical error of the previous year in justification. We might add that the old Templar body of Knights, as far as our reading has gone, was a small one comparatively, but they had a large body of fighting men or fratres who were not Knights, but merely a serving or fighting force. "Men at Arms"; the Knights all occupying superior positions as leaders.

Sir Kt. Callaham says he is not so much in love with the Templar observance of Christmas as he was a few years ago, and in fact, doubts its beneficial results. He also thinks that if we put on less frills and more of the substantial—practised the principles we profess—were more consistent in our daily lives there would

probably be fewer feathers worn, but there would be more good done by our Order. To all which we subscribe.

Membership, 3,244; net loss, 3.

Edd Hayes, # Wellington, Grand Commander.

T. J. Anderson, Topeka, Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.—1899.

52nd Annual. Louisville. May 17-18th.

Sir Knight Charles C. Vogt, R. E. Grand Commander.

The several Commanderies escorted the Grand Commandery to Christ Church Cathedral, where public worship was held and a Templar sermon preached.

The Grand Commander reported his official acts and referred to the loss they had sustained in the death of two beloved Past Grand Commanders, also of their Grand Recorder for twenty-four years, Sir Kt. Lorenzo D. Croninger. Our deep sympathy goes out to our Kentucky Frateres in their sad losses, more especially of their old and valued Recorder.

R. E. Sir Knight H. B. Grant, who filled the unexpired term of Grand Recorder, as an inspecting officer, made a number of valuable suggestions. Among them we find the following, which coincides with our remarks of last year :

“Sir” or “Sir Knight?” The apparent confusion of prefixes and titles suggests that “Sir,” in heraldry, is generally conceded to be a prefix to the first or Christian name of a Knight. In England it is unlawful to use this prefix except for knights created by royalty, and there may be reason to question the propriety of our assuming the title. But if there was no doubt, it ought to be correctly used thus: “SIR CHARLES VOGT,” and not “SIR VOGT.” Perhaps “Sir Knight” is best, as that is generally admitted to be correct, and is so used in the ritual.

And he remarks that the baldric and cuffs were practically discarded by many officers, notwithstanding the statutes on the subject. We are not surprised.

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Sir Knight Charles R. Woodruff indicts his 26th report of Templar Correspondence. Canada, for 1898, is fully reviewed, and he is good enough to refer to the correspondence review as "an admirable report." Many thanks. Sir Knight Woodruff acknowledges our invitation to him to visit Canada and see how pleasant and warm we can make it for him, and returns the compliment by an invitation to visit Louisville. We are living in hopes of meeting Friend Woodruff at next Triennial Conclave, if all goes well, and we will not take a baldrick with us either. Sir Kt. Woodruff's report is pleasant reading, he enters into very little discussion.

Membership, 2147; net loss, 4.

J. T. Edges, Cynthiana, Grand Commander.
A. H. Bryant, Covington, Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.—1899.

36th Annual, New Orleans. February 17th.

R. E. Sir Knight Robert Strong, Grand Commander, presiding, four Commanderies represented. The Grand Commander's address was short. He reported the instituting of a new Commandery. Business, local.

Past Grand Commander S. M. Todd wrote the Correspondence report, filling the post so long and ably held by the late Past Grand Master Fellowes. Canada, for 1898, receives kindly attention and numerous extracts made from the Correspondence report. Under Kentucky he copies lengthy extracts from the Grand Master of Canada's address of 1897.

Sir Knight Todd culls well from the various proceedings, but gives us little of his own views except on non-affiliation, which is now removed from active discussion by the action of the Grand Encampment.

Membership, 373; increase, 14.

Thos. B. Chase, Shreveport, Grand Commander.
Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Recorder.

MAINE.—1899.

48th Annual. Portland. May 4th.

R. E. Sir Knight Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Commander, and representatives from all the nineteen Chartered Commanderies. The Grand Commander stated that the Order had been fairly successful during the year, the tide had evidently turned and companions were flocking to the asylums. He referred to the Triennial at Pittsburg and entered a strong protest against the exorbitant charges made for accommodation, stigmatizing it by the mild expression of "wholesale robbery." Five hundred dollars being exacted for what ordinarily could be procured for fifty.

He referred to the law on uniform promulgated at last session and stated, that while some were not pleased with a few of the details, all admit a standard was necessary and that there was a growing disposition to compromise all difference and carry the law into effect. This is as it should be. No law on uniform or ritual will please everybody, and the action of the majority should be always given a trial, fairly and honestly.

Among his decisions was one that it was not proper and not in accordance with Masonic law to give the name of the applicant in the summons calling the meeting at which the balloting is to take place. On this side of the line the opposite is Masonic law. No applicant can be balloted for until his name, profession, etc., are placed on the summons for the meeting, in order that every member shall have due notice of who are applying for admission, and an opportunity should sickness or other causes prevent his attendance at every meeting, of lodging objection against an unworthy candidate.

The reports of the various inspecting officers show attention to their duties. E. Sir Knight Albert M. Spier's report is always an interesting one. He does not believe that a parrot-like rendition of the ritual is essential to the prosperity of the Order, and wisely remarks :

The work of Knight Templar Masonry is built upon a wider basis than the accent of a word or the slip of the tongue, and the sooner we all learn to appreciate the broad principles of Masonic work and Masonic lessons, the better it will be for the prosperity and success of the Order.

Sir Knight Stephen Berry presents us with another of his excellent reports. He gives Canada for 1898 a pleasant review, quotes from Grand Master Macwatt's address and liberally from the report on Correspondence.

Referring to our review of Kentucky he says :

Our impression is that Canada is warmer in summer and cooler in winter than Kentucky, and that they take hot drinks in winter and cooling drinks in summer, just as they used to do in Kentucky before the Kentuckians met with their change.

We did not know that Kentucky had turned Blue Ribbon or gone in for the "Scott Act," as it is called up north.

Frater Berry gives us a little history about the Red Cross degree being co-existent with Templary, which he says was *first found* in 1769. This is certainly news to us. This date is the earliest known Templar record on this Continent, and we suppose our good frater meant to say *first found* in America. The Chivalric degree was introduced from Great Britain into St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston, that year. The first recorded meeting of that Chapter, August 28, 1769, contains a record of one, Wm. Davis, having received the four steps of Excellent, Super-Excellent, Royal Arch and Knight Templar, and there is nothing whatever said about the Order of the Red Cross. True, the Great Priory of England was organized later, so was the Grand Encampment, but we have never found in our reading that England omitted the Red Cross degree, now worked in American Commanderies, for we have never yet seen any record that they ever conferred it. The Templar degrees conferred in the earliest records were seven, and most of them adopted from the High Grade System of Continental

Europe. These were 1° Masonic Knights Templar, 2° Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, 3° Knights of Rhodes, 4° Knights of Malta. (The three latter referring to the one Order,) 5° Knights of Palestine or the Red Cross. This Red Cross was the Constantine Order of St. George, revised as Rome and Constantine, and not the Red Cross of Babylon, now worked by American Commanderies and claimed to have been adopted by Thomas Smith Webb from a similar degree in another Rite.

In England the "Rose Croix" and "Kadosh" were originally Templar Degrees and worked by the Templar Body, but afterwards abandoned upon the establishment of the A. & A. S. Rite, but the Rose Croix and the Red Cross of Babylon are two very different degrees.

We had marked other places in Frater Berry's review, but we have lingered long enough near Casco Bay.

Membership, 3,406; net increase, 62.

Herbert Harris, Brunswick, Grand Commander.
Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND—1898.

Twenty-eighth Annual. Baltimore. November 22nd.

The Grand Commandery was opened in due form by the Grand Generalissimo, the lines were formed and the Grand Commander, R. Em. Sir Knight Thomas J. Shyrock, received in "due and ancient form."

The Grand Commander in his address stated that "believing in the honor of being installed Grand Commander of this Grand Jurisdiction was entitled to more consideration than had been heretofore been accorded it," he requested the installation to be postponed, and then held a public installation in the Music Hall, at which ladies as well as Master Masons

were invited and the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. He considered the resolution requiring members to be uniformed before being dubbed Knight Templars a wholesome one, and had produced good results without in any way retarding the progress of the Order.

The Committee on the doings of the Grand Officers approved of public installations and it was resolved that in future it be made a public occasion; accordingly, the officers were publicly installed the evening of the third day.

It is with deep and sincere regret that we heard of the affliction which befel the veteran Masonic writer of Maryland, R. Em. Sir Knight E. T. Schultz, and we were again deeply pained when, on opening the Maryland proceedings to read the following:

Owing to the continued disability of Sir Knight Edward T. Schultz, P. . G. . C. ., Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of this Grand Commandery, there has been no report on Correspondence prepared this year. Sir Knight Schultz hoped until the last that he would be able to dictate, if not to write, a report, but at the last moment reluctantly abandoned the idea, as his sight, instead of improving, has entirely failed, and he is now in total darkness, although his mind is as bright as ever. To a man of his active temperament this is indeed a sore affliction, as he would rather write a report on Correspondence than do anything else. Being a man of strong convictions and of the old school that hates anything like innovation, he dearly loved to express his thoughts in vigorous language on the many new things that are constantly being broached by his Frates and to warn them when necessary of the pit-falls he saw in their way.

Sir Knight Wm. H. Ruby, P. . G. . C. ., who has been appointed as Sir Knight Schultz's successor, is the editor of the *Towson Journal*, and will no doubt prove a worthy successor to the Eminent Sir Knights that have preceded him

May the Most High aid and comfort him.

Membership, 1234; net increase, 37.

John W. Snyder,	Baltimore,	Grand Commander.
John H. Miller,	Baltimore	Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.—1898.

92nd Annual. Boston. October 27th.

The Semi-Annual Conclave was held in the city of Providence, May 31st, 1898. The Deputy Grand Commander, V. E. Sir Knight George L. Shepley, presiding.

The Grand Commander was absent, through serious illness. The business was of local importance. A motion, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, provided for the numbering of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction according to date of Original Charter.

The Annual was held on the 27th October. The Grand Commander having recovered from his illness, presided. His address, or rather, report, for it is filled with correspondence, orders, reports, etc., is voluminous. He had some correspondence with E. Sir Knight Simpson, of Bermuda Preceptory No. 38, of Hamilton, Bermuda, under the Great Priory of England, and in his letter to that Knight, says :

In the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island we do not recognize any Knights Templar receiving that order in any foreign jurisdiction, for the reason that they have not received the order of the Red Cross. Our constitution requires a candidate to take that order, before he can be made a Knight Templar. This order you do not give; and although we do not consider your Sir Knights as absolutely clandestine, they would not be allowed to sit in any Commandery of our jurisdiction, without first taking this order and being healed.

Knights Templar under the Great Priory of England will, doubtless, be pleased to know that in Massachusetts they are considered not *absolutely clandestine*.

The Grand Commander, in referring to the inspection of the subordinates, says : The condition of some Commanderies is very poor, that he was disappointed at the small number present at the inspections, and the small number of Knights owning uniforms.

The Grand Commander recommends that each subordinate should have a certified copy of their Charter to keep in its place of meeting for ordinary occasions, the original to be kept in a place safe from fire. He thinks the Charters should be more properly cared for, as they become more precious every year.

This is very true, and we have made the recommendation more than once that a photograph should be made of every Charter and certified to, so that an exact copy could be made of the original in the event of loss by fire.

The Grand Recorder, V. E. Sir Knight B. W. Rowell, is a model one, and his statistical tables are both numerous and interesting. He has a great head for figures and statistical comparisons.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the numbers of the Commanderies were dropped by the late Grand Recorder in 1884, and without authority, and that it was quite legitimate for the Commanderies to use a number according to their seniority if they wished, but that it was not compulsory.

The Report on Correspondence was this year solely prepared by R. E. Sir Kt. the Rev. H. W. Rugg. He gives a very pleasant preface and a short resumé of the rise and progress of their Grand Commandery, and says :

Throughout the whole land this same forward movement may be traced, so that to-day we may as Knights Templar congratulate ourselves upon being identified with a strong and resourceful organization, which has nobly gained the vantage ground it now occupies, from which it is privileged to survey the broader field of usefulness now most invitingly stretching itself before the vision.

Canada, 1897, received courteous attention. Frater Rugg believes that the prosperity of the Order of the Temple depends upon its teachings and purposes, and not its military features ; so do we. He says :

We suggest, however, that if Templary is set forth and exemplified in the broad way of its teachings and purposes the prosperity of the organization will not depend upon its military features. Men are wanted in the Commandery, as in the Lodge, whether young or old, who appreciate the humane, social, and moral elements of the Institution. The love of this class of men for the Commandery does not grow cold, even though they may no longer march in the parade nor conform to all the movements prescribed by the last approved system of tactics.

Membership, 12734; net increase, 421.

Geo. L. Shepley, Providence, R.I., Grand Commander.

Ben. W. Rowell, Lynn, Mass., Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN—1899.

Forty-third Annual, Grand Rapids. May 16th.

The proceedings are illumined with a fine portrait of the Grand Commander, R. Em. Sir Knight Francis M. Moore.

In his address he remarks :

Remember the old adage, "No excellence is attainable without labor." Our Order is what we make it. In your elections see that you elect the right man to the right place; see that he is competent and faithful, then will our Order flourish and forever prosper.

Would that every one remembered this extremely important duty, but the majority will not, the popular man at times, no matter how incompetent he may be, will be put into office at the expense of the Order.

R. Em. Sir Knight John A. Gerow, P. G. C., who has been Grand Recorder for some years, presented his last report and concluded his service as such.

The Committee on Templar Uniform, made quite an exhaustive report, concluding with saying, "that as the wearing of a baldric and gauntlets have not only been looked upon with great disfavor but as a useless and troublesome appendage in march and drill," they would recommend that the part of the statutes regarding

wearing of a baldric and gauntlets be repealed. After discussion, this resolution was adopted. Past Grand Commanders Hugh McCurdy, T. H. Williams and C. H. Pomeroy composed the committee. We are pleased to see our Michigan Fratres do away with the baldric.

Past Grand Commander H. L. Anthony indites the Correspondence Report in a very pleasant review, including Canada for 1898 at Hamilton, which gets a brief mention.

Like the Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, he hopes the Order of Malta will some day be eliminated, believing it is no part of Templarism. Templar history states that after their dispersion many took refuge and joined the Order of Hospitaller, or Malta, and a close connection has always been accorded to the two ancient bodies. The good Frater says nothing about doing away with the Pagan degree of the Red Cross, adopted by American Templars, and we would ask as we did last year, what part of Ancient Templarism is it?

Membership, 5665 ; net increase, 28,

Eugene P. Robertson, Albion, Grand Commander.

H. L. Anthony, Sturgis, Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA—1899.

Thirty-fourth Annual. Duluth. June 24th.

R. E. Sir Knight Wm. E. Richardson, Grand Commander, presiding. The Grand Commander reported his official acts and included the inspection of his officers.

R. E. Sir Knight William G. Bell, Past Provincial Prior of Manitoba, was introduced and welcomed.

A motion to do away with the baldric was defeated, but a compromise was made that all officers wearing shoulder straps to be relieved from wearing the baldric.

R. E. Sir Knight Thos. Montgomery, P.G.C., reviews the various jurisdictions in his tenth annual report in a courteous manner.

Canada for 1898, at Hamilton, receives careful attention, and extracts made from both the Grand Master's address and the Correspondence Report, the latter he terms a "careful review." Frater Montgomery says he does not love the non-affiliate, but if he chooses to deny himself certain privileges, whose business is it but his own. Enforced membership, he considers, is not desirable. He refers to the new law of the Grand Encampment, and asks the question: "Will the Commanderies suffer?" and adds that time will determine.

We quite agree with our good frater.

He states in his conclusion that Minnesota has, during the year, more than doubled the average per cent. in net gains, and is much above the average in the per cent. of work done.

Membership, 2662 ; increase, 126.

John C. Munro, St. Cloud, Grand Commander.
Thos. Montgomery, St. Paul, Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI—1899.

Thirty-eighth Annual, St. Louis, April 25th,

The Deputy Grand Commander presided, owing to the enforced absence of the Grand Commander, R. Em. Sir Knight Morris F. Bell, whose military duties as Adjutant General of the State of Missouri compelled his attendance at the War Department, Washington, D. C. He, however, forwarded his address, which was read by the Grand Recorder; it related his official acts, his dispensations being few and his decisions likewise. The Grand Treasurer was also absent through family bereavements. The proceedings of the session were routine.

The Report on Correspondence was submitted by R. Em. Sir Knight W. H. Mayo, the Grand Recorder. It is his twenty-second and covers 76 pages, and is in his usual genial style.

We notice Sir Knight Mayo takes exception, as we have done, to the padding of Grand Commanders' addresses with reports, etc. The Grand Commander should give an *address* to his Fratres and leave all reports and correspondence to his executive officers or else place them in an appendix. He says, and we endorse it:

He mars the beauty and interest in his address by injecting into it the reports from his inspecting Grand Officers instead of putting them and his general circular orders in an appendix or addendum of accompanying documents.

We always feel like passing an address, or we should say a report, when so filled up.

Canada, 1898, is reviewed. He quotes from the Grand Master's address, and says:

"We were under the impression that their Ritual had been made to conform to the Ritual of the United States."

Not so, friend Mayo. Only the "Illustrious Order of Red Cross," which was made to conform to your latest alterations. It was originally adopted by Canada to enable their Fratres to visit Commanderies in the United States, and as you made changes, it was deemed advisable to also adopt them.

We find the following neat compliment:

The business of the Great Priory is so systematically conducted that it was transacted in one day, leaving time for work in the three Orders to be exemplified by two of the Preceptories.

The Correspondence Report is also quoted from.

We are please to see a portrait and biography of the Rev. John D. Vincil, P. G. Commander, one of Missouri's old and valued Masons, and well known for his Masonic writings.

Membership, 4400; increase, 89.

John Greenough,	St. Louis,	Grand Commander.
Wm. H. Mayo,	St. Louis,	Grand Recorder.

MONTANA—1898.

Eleventh Annual. Helena. September 12th.

The Officers of the Grand Commandery assembled Sunday evening at Eight o'clock were escorted by Helena Commandery to Church. New devotional exercises were observed. The Grand Commandery commenced its labors next morning, R. E. Sir Knight W. E. Chamberlain, Grand Commander, presiding.

The Grand Commander reported that not a link in their Golden Chain that united their Grand Body had been broken. He mourned the loss of those fallen in battle and by disease. He rejoiced in a re-united people at home, in the outspoken sympathy of the whole English speaking people of the world, and in the glory that had come to American arms.

A communication was received from the Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria, Australia, asking the assistance of Montana's representative in supporting an application for recognition from the Grand Encampment of the United States at the triennial conclave.

R. Em. Sir Knight Cornelius Hedges again gives us one of his interesting and characteristic reviews.

Canada, 1897, at Montreal, receives pleasant and courteous attention. He states that notwithstanding the diversity of names in the organizations and of the official titles, he recognizes the same spirit and purpose that actuates the Templar Bodies of both countries.

Friend Hedges also rejoices in their victory over Spain, and in the fraternal feeling which now exists between the two great families of Anglo-Saxondom induced through Britain's sympathy with her relatives.

Regarding Templar matters he thinks some of the Masonic legislation against non-affiliates has been too harsh, (in which we quite agree,) and considers that,

"in spite of recent depression, in spite of war, its disturbances and expenses, the future looks brighter and Templars should rejoice."

Sir Knight Hedges is still an uncompromising foe of the "beastly Turk," and allows no opportunity to pass to give him a broadside.

Membership, 374; increase, 8.

Edward C. Day,	Helena,	Grand Commander.
Edward D. Neill,	Helena,	Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA—1899.

Twenty-seventh Annual. Hastings. April 13th.

R. E. Sir Knight Wilton K. Williams, Grand Commander, and representatives from eighteen of the twenty-three chartered Commanderies were present at the annual conclave.

The Grand Commander reported his official acts.

Among amendments passed at this session we find that all petitioners shall pledge themselves to procure a standard uniform within ninety days from date of receiving the Order of the Temple, and a resolution that a Committee be appointed to specify what shall be the standard uniform in Nebraska.

The Minutes are signed by Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Recorder, but a note and a circular announces his sudden demise within a month of the close of their annual meeting. He had been for many years an active and efficient officer, and his record for secretarial work had given him a wide reputation and prominence. We express our sympathy to our Nebraska Fratres. No report on Correspondence.

Membership, 1065; increase, 10.

George W. Lininger,	Omaha,	Grand Commander.
Francis E. White,	Omaha,	Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1898.

Concord, September 27th.

R. Em. Sir Knight John Hatch, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander stated that he had officially visited all the Commanderies within his jurisdiction, save one, and had found them in a flourishing and, upon the whole, satisfactory condition. A considerable portion of the address was occupied with certain irregularities on the part of several of the Commanderies in their observance of jurisdictional rights.

The Committee on Jurisprudence to which was referred the subject of requiring citizenship as a qualification for the Orders of Knighthood brought in a lengthy report regarding fealty to the government being found in all the Ancient Manuscripts and that even from King Edwins time next in importance to their duty to God was the duty to "be true to the King."

The Committee might have gone back to the apostles time for similar remarks, for the Apostle Peter admonishes to "Fear God," "Honour the King."

The Committee considered that the institution was eminently patriotic and loyal, that its noble work would be seriously hindered and impeded, nay its strong arm (Sec!) would be paralyzed and its purposes thwarted, if it faltered in patriotic *support of the government* and loyalty to the *Stars and Stripes*. They admitted, however, that there was little or no danger from the practice of conferring the Order upon foreigners who have not become citizens, but "it was wrong in principle." We have not the space to give all the special pleading in support of this extraordinary idea propounded by the Grand Commander last year, and to which we then referred, but the Committee concluded by saying :

Other matters of form, etc., would indicate that to require the petitioner to state further that he is a citizen of the United States, or words to that effect, would be in violation of the rule of the Grand Encampment. These provisions dispose of the question, and we are constrained to hold that as the law now is citizenship is not a pre-requisite to receiving the Orders of Knighthood.

The Ninth Annual Report on Correspondence from the pen of Sir Knight A. S. Wait is as able and interesting as his former productions. Canada at Montreal, 1897, comes in for kindly notice. Of the visit of our American Frater upon that occasion, he remarks:

Appended to the proceedings of the Great Priory is a very full and interesting account of the reception, and of the exercises of the occasion, which were in every way such as to do honor to our Frater of Canada, and to leave pleasant memories in the minds of the Sir Knights of Trinity and Lewiston Commanderies.

Sir Knight Wait gives some interesting remarks in his conclusion regarding the doctrine held in some jurisdictions that non-affiliation is to be treated as a Masonic Crime, but as the Grand Encampment has legislated on this, it may be as well to drop discussion and see what results the future has in store.

Membership, 2162 ; increase, 47.

Henry B. Quinby, Lakeport, Grand Commander.
George P. Cleaves, Concord, Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1899.

Forty-first Annual. Trenton. May 9th.

R. E. Sir Knight W. H. Sebring, Grand Commander, presided and reported his official actions.

The business of the session was local, and no legislation of outside importance was transacted to comment upon.

R. E. Sir Knight Peter McGill, who was elected Grand Commander at this session (we offer our hearty congratulation), presented his third report on Correspondence.

Canada for 1898 passes in review, and he states the address of the Supreme Grand Master was a "well written document," and that the report on Correspondence was written in "a courteous and pleasant style." Many thanks.

Under Texas we note the following, and are heartily in accord with Frater McGill when he says the interspersing of addresses with General Orders, Correspondence, etc., is a nuisance. We complained last year and have done so again this year.

The address of the Grand Commander is a paper of 48 pages, the subject-matter of which is interspersed with General Orders, Correspondence and Telegrams. As a record in detail of the official acts, it is complete; as a paper to be read and reviewed for the abstraction of matters of interest to the Templar World in general, it is a nuisance. We never could see the necessity for incorporating General Orders, etc., in a paper, the reading of which was to be followed by its distribution in print. If our Texan *fratres* sat patiently through the reading of this monument of statistics they deserve more credit for long-suffering than they are generally given.

We understand Frater McGill took part in the war with Spain in Cuba, and as a surgeon in the navy rendered faithful service.

Peter McGill, Lambertville, Grand Commander.
Charles Bechtel, Trenton, Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK—1898.

Eighty-fifth Annual. Geneva. October 25th-26th.

R. E. Sir Knight Arthur McArthur, Grand Commander, presided, with a long array of Past Grand Commanders and representatives from the subordinate Commanderies present.

Addresses of welcome to the city and from the local Commandery prefaced the proceedings.

A well written paper is the address of the Grand Commander. He referred to the pleasure he had in welcoming to the State on two occasions, M. E. Sir

Kt. W. LaRue Thomas, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, the second occasion being the Twenty-fifth Annual Reception of York Commandery, at Madison Square Gardens, when a brilliant assembly of prominent members of the Order greeted the head of the Temple.

He referred to the satisfactory growth of the Order, and made the following wise remarks:—

Knight Templarism is an Order whose life must be in its growth and whose growth must be a healthy and permanent one. To largely increase the number of Sir Knights of any Grand Jurisdiction would be easily accomplished, but to increase it with that careful discrimination which marks the selection of only that which inures to the benefit and growth of the Body is a more difficult task, but one which characterizes the growth of the Order in this State.

The Committee on the address congratulated the Grand Commander upon his address and also upon the wise and dignified administration of affairs.

The Grand Commandery of Illinois also meeting the same day, a knightly exchange of telegrams, with fraternal greetings, took place.

The report of the Uniform Committee, which has been before the Grand Commandery for several sessions, was adopted. Among the changes we note black buttons to be worn instead of metal. Cap with turned down visor instead of the straight peak, which latter is found nowadays on messenger service, telegraph, railway and numerous other employees. Shoulder straps and crosses to be of dead gold bullion, and Officers to wear on the sleeves of their uniform stripes of navy gold lace, varying according to rank. A fatigue jacket was also adopted.

The executor of the widow of the late Past Grand Commander, Thomas C. Chittenden, in compliance with her request, presented to the Grand Commandery the Past Grand Commander's Jewel, given to him in appreciation of his long and faithful services to the Order

of the Temple. Mrs. Chittenden was well known and highly esteemed in Canada, being connected with one of Kingston's oldest families, her sudden death occurring while visiting that city.

Sir Knight Jesse B. Anthony favors us with another of his interesting and courteous reviews on Correspondence.

Canada, 1897, at Montreal, receives kindly notice. Interesting extracts are made from each jurisdiction. The absence of any extraordinary legislation or other engrossing subject, however, precludes comment. Sir Knight Anthony's tabular statements and comparisons are very interesting.

Membership, 11,670; net increase, 294.

George Nicholson, New York, Grand Commander.
John F. Shafer, Albany, Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA—1899.

Nineteenth Annual. Asheville. June 14th-15th.

R. E. Sir Knight Mumford D. Bailey, R. E. Grand Commander, presiding. The Grand Commander reported no vacancies in the ranks by death. He had made no appointments for official visitations owing to the condition of the Treasury. He had procured an act of Incorporation from the Legislature and issued a number of dispensations.

The business of the session was purely local.

The report on Correspondence is graced with a portrait of Sir Knight John C. Chase, who, for the sixth time, indites the review. We regret exceedingly to read that it is his last owing to removal from the jurisdiction, for he writes a courteous and enjoyable report.

Canada is passed under review at Hamilton, 1898, and extracts made from the Grand Master's address and Correspondence report. The former he terms a "well prepared paper" and the latter "an excellent review."

Sir Knight Chase reviews all the various Jurisdictions, but enters into discussion with none of the corps.

We would respectfully suggest to the Grand Recorder that his list of Grand Recorders requires a little revising as regards Canada. The Executive Officer of the Sovereign Great Priory is the "Grand Chancellor. Canada receives more than her share, being allotted two places in the list.

Membership, 405 ; gain, 11.

Walter E. Storm, Wilmington, Grand Commander.
Horace H. Munson, Wilmington, Grand Recorder.

NORTH DAKOTA—1898.

Ninth Annual, Fargo, June 6th,

The proceedings of this jurisdiction did not come to hand last year, but we have them for this year's review.

R. Em. Sir Knight John D. Black, Grand Commander, presided over the Ninth Annual Conclave. He reported peace and harmony and had granted a dispensation for the formation of a new Commandery. Sir Knight Frank J. Thompson is an energetic Recorder. In his report he thinks the time has gone by when the members of the Order of the Temple can sit down and say to those eligible, "come in or stay out as you please, it makes no difference," for "there are too many other Orders extending encouragement to those who are seeking fraternal affiliation." He thinks many true and tried men would unite with the Order if the proper encouragement were given them.

No report on Correspondence,

Membership, 449 ; net increase, 14.

Theo. F. Branch, Jamestown, Grand Commander.
Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Recorder.

OKLAHOMA—1899.

Fourth Annual, Guthrie, April 11th.

The Grand Commander, R. Em. Sir Knight Otto A. Shuttee, presented a very short report. He stated the year had been a fairly prosperous one. During the Session an application was received for the formation of a new Commandery, which was granted.

Four Commanderies.

Membership, 163; increase, 18.

William Spear Spencer, Guthrie, Grand Commander.
DeForest DeF. Leach, Oklahoma City, Gd. Recorder.

OREGON—1898.

Twelfth Annual, Salem, September 22nd.

The Grand Commander, R. Em. Sir Knight L. C. Marshall, presided. He gave a very short report regarding a few official acts. The business of the session was local and routine and we find nothing special to comment upon.

Sir Knight J. M. Hodson is again the writer of the Correspondence Report. He object strenuously to the word Templarism, and thinks our Noble Order is more than an "ism." He is also opposed to the idea of establishing permanent headquarters for the Grand Encampment at Washington as has been mooted. He is not opposed to the principle of enforced continuous membership. Canada has no place in this review, but we suppose it comes under the remarks in his opening in which he says: "Owing to the change in the date of holding our Grand Conclave several of the Jurisdictions usually embraced in our review are necessarily omitted."

Membership 399; increase of one.

John B. Cleland, Portland, Grand Commander.
James F. Robinson, Eugène, Grand Recorder.

OHIO—1898.

Fifty-Sixth Annual, Springfield. September 14th.

The R. Em. the Grand Commander, Sir Knight R. V. Hampson, presided. Among the distinguished visitors was R. Em. Sir Knight W. B. Melish, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment. The Grand Commander reported that owing to the Grand Army of the Republic being called to meet on same date as the Grand Commandery he had decided to call the latter one week later. One Commandery constituted and dispensation to form another granted. Forms for official inspections had been prepared—and a Committee was at work on a Manual for Asylum Tactics. In an order issued by the Grand Commander we note that at the official inspection each Commandery is required to open in full form in the Order of the Temple and to confer the Orders of the Knight Templar and Knight of Malta upon one Candidate only—also, that it is desirable that Banquets be omitted at the inspections, but if given they form no part of the official inspection and should not be reported.

This latter order is a good one, for we have noticed that many inspecting officers pay more attention to the social aspect of their visits than to the business portion. This feature is not confined to any one locality or part of this continent.

Love and sympathy was extended to their Old Companion in Arms, R. Em. Sir Knight Enoch T. Carson, owing to his absence through long and serious illness. Alas! "the Good Knight Sleeps." We were exceedingly sorry to receive the sad tidings later on that Sir Knight Carson had fought his last fight, and had laid down the "Cross" to take up the "Crown." We met the Valiant Knight and had a pleasant conversation with him at the Triennial in Boston. We have admired the sturdy and fearless manner in which he uttered his opinions on all subjects, though perhaps not

always agreeing with him. To our Ohio fratres we tender Canada's sincere sympathy in the loss they have sustained in the death of their talented confrère. At this session Sir Kt. Carson wrote, asking permission to finish his Report and include it in the proceedings, as by his illness it was not quite ready, permission was accorded and we have his twenty-third and last report. He courteously reviews Canada, at Montreal, 1897, and says that it would appear from the proceedings that Canada was undergoing quite a revolution in the way of activity, in fact becoming Americanized in that respect. Sir Knight Carson, as usual, vigorously objected to the "Eastern Star" as a "barnacle" or "attachment to Freemasonry," and replies to many of those who resented his fierce attacks on this Order. He also was very much adverse to the custom of "Was-sail" meetings, as he termed the Christmas observance meetings.

Membership, 8443; increase, 180.

Stephen P. Sands, Cincinnati, Grand Commander.
J. Nelson Bell, Dayton, Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1899.

Forty-sixth Annual. Altoona. May 23rd-24th.

The Grand Commandery assembled under the Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Knight Henry H. Kuhn, when the Mayor of the city was introduced, who gave them a pleasant welcome to the city.

The Grand Commandery was then opened, and R. E. Sir Knight Lee S. Smith, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encampment, was received with honors. The Grand Commander reported his official acts. He regretted that failing health forced him to cancel all engagements made for a series of visitations. He recommended the adoption of a regulation making Ascension Day in each year the appropriate day to attend Divine Service in Templar uniform.

The principal business of the session was a revision of their Constitution. The reports of the various Officers and Committees show the Jurisdiction to be in a progressive and healthy state. An unexpended amount of \$1,083, left over from the Triennial appropriation, was handed over to the local Commandery at Altoona to assist them in their reception of the Grand Commandery at this session. R. E. Sir Knight Lee S. Smith, P.G.C., presents his sixth report of Templar Correspondence, covering 44 Jurisdictions, in his usual courtly and interesting style.

Canada, 1898, is reviewed. He states the Grand Master's address was quite interesting, that the Grand Master asked Great Priory to assist the presiding Officer, by selecting Members to make visitations to local Preceptories something after the line of their Division Commanders in Pennsylvania. This was not, however, quite what Grand Master Macwatt recommended. Canada is divided into Provinces, or rather Districts, each under control of a Provincial Grand Prior, who takes the place of a Grand Commander or Commandery. Some of these districts are large, and have one or more Preceptories many miles away from the other subordinates, and the Provincial Prior of the year is sometimes unable to travel such long distances in order to make an official visitation. The Grand Master therefore thought that he should have the power to appoint some Past Grand Officer who lived near the Preceptory or some one perhaps going to that part of the district, to make a special report, whenever the Officer of the district reported his inability to visit.

Liberal quotations are made from the Grand Master's address. He is pleased to say the Report on Correspondence is a most "ably prepared paper." He informs us that they have dropped the Baldrick for the Officers, and "will think over" our suggestion to drop it altogether. We have no doubt if they will think seriously over it they will follow Michigan's example.

Referring to our remarks anent their Grand Commander's idea to do away with the Malta Ritual because it was no part of Templarism and our query of "what part of Templarism the Red Cross was in theory or in fact," he says:—

Well, that is all right, Brother Whyte. We agree with you in one sense, but if we go to culling out everything from Masonry that doesn't actually belong there. I am afraid we would have a "picked fowl" before we were through, robbed of all its beautiful feathers. For Masonry has nothing to do with Templarism nor Templarism with Masonry, but they have been hitched together for a good many years, and neither of them having proved balky in the harness, they go on most amicably and satisfactorily together.

We quite agree with Brother Smith in these remarks, but they are more applicable to his Past Grand Commander than to ourselves, for he it was that wanted to cull the Malta, and his remark that it was no part of Templarism brought out our query of the Red Cross.

History informs us that a very strong connection existed in the days gone by between the Order of the Templars and that of "The Knights of St. John" or "Malta," and that at the dispersion of the former many joined the latter; but the Red Cross, as now worked, is merely a Pagan degree tacked on about a century ago, by our American friends, and has not the slightest reference to or connection with the Order of the Temple. Frater Smith remarks that "Masonry has nothing to do with Templarism nor Templarism with Masonry," so the very larger majority of British Templars hold, excepting of course the prerequisite for membership in the Order being that of a Royal Arch Mason, but as a Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment once informed the writer the American Templars wanted to show some connection with Masonry, hence their retaining the Red Cross degree with its slight allusions to Free Masonry, but the mixture of Pagan and Christian Ceremonies in the American Curriculum has always seemed to us out of place and the number of reasons advanced for retaining the Red Cross very unsatisfactory to our mind. We thank our good frater for his kindly personal remarks regarding our review.

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His report is always pleasant and courteous, but we have not space to note further some of his interesting remarks.

Membership, 12,355; increase, 386.

James B. Youngson, Pittsburg, Grand Commander.
William W. Allen, Philadelphia, Grand Recorder.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1899.

Sixteenth Annual, Yankton, June 16th.

R. Em. The Grand Commander Wm. I. Doolittle, together with the other Grand Officers, were escorted from the hotel to the asylum where the Sixteenth Annual Conclave assembled.

The Grand Commander in his address grew grandiloquent over the war with Spain, and Monarchy, Tyranny, etc., and remarked that "Kings are tyrants at best." This last century appellation can hardly govern the case in question, for the Spanish King being a boy in his teens can scarcely be called a tyrant over his subjects.

The Spanish people are governed by a "Cortez" or Congress, and they make the laws, and declare war, etc. Cuba was a milch cow. Official corruption and military despotism have been at the base of Spanish cruelty and oppression, and the time came that a halt should be called, and the Spanish government, the want of education and enlightenment, and not its boy king, are the responsible parties. The Star and Stripes have taken up the "white man's burden," they will find it will take years before they can be relieved of it in Cuba. To leave the island to a mob or semi-military tyrannism would be a crime, for the tyranny of a mob or even oftentimes a majority over a minority is in these days as bad as the tyranny of some of history's mediæval kings. But we are getting off the trail. The Grand Commander's address, take it all through, is a well written paper.

In the proceedings, which were local, we note a notice of amendment to their Constitution as follows :

"Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross shall be subjected to an examination in open Commandery, or before a Special Committee of three Sir Knights, in the manual of the sword, facings, marchings, and the cuts, signs, grips, and words of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and having received the Order of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, he shall also be required within a reasonable time to pass an examination for the cuts, signs, grips and words of these Orders, and it shall be the duty of the R. E. Grand Commander, or his representative, upon his annual inspection of Subordinate Commanderies to see whether this regulation has been duly observed, and make report in his annual address to the Grand Commandery."

If this carries, we shall expect South Dakota to possess the best posted body of Templars in the world.

Sir Knight S. H. Jumper indites his Fourth Annual Report. He is opposed to the Grand Dress Parades at their Triennial Conclaves, and considers they are of no benefit to the Order, and that the Grand Encampment is the most expensive body of law makers in the world. Canada, 1898, is passed in pleasant and courteous review. He is very complimentary to the writer of the Correspondence Report and quotes freely from it.

Under North Carolina, we note the following :

Bless you, Brother Munson, we don't mind the snow nor the cold. For twenty-one days the past winter the mercury never got above zero, and the record on ten of those days was more than thirty degrees below and the balance about twenty. But we didn't mind it. We rather liked it. Get away from the tar and pitch of the old North State some January and come up into Dakota and breathe the pure ozone that blows across our prairies, and you will feel like a new man.

Well, Brother Jumper, some years ago we spent part of three winters in Manitoba, north of your state, and neither did we mind the snow or cold. The air is dry and clear, no humidity, and you breathe pure ozone as you remark, and then despite the cold, where

do you get such wheat as is grown in Minnesota, Dakota and Manitoba, or where is to be found warmer hearted Masons?

Membership, 735; increase, 9.

George V. Ayres, Deadwood, Grand Commander.

George A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE—1899.

Thirty-Seventh Annual, Greeneville, May 24th & 25th.

R. Em. Sir Knight Samuel B. Dow, Grand Commander, presided over the Representatives of fourteen subordinate Commanderies. He submitted a Report which included several pages of Grand Representative appointments, appeals with exhibits, etc., etc. After reading the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, the Grand Commandery adjourned, and under escort marched to the First Presbyterian Church, when music, a welcome and the presentation of a gavel made out of historic materials were the order of the occasion. The Grand Recorder, W. F. Foster, submitted heartfelt resolutions to the Knightly Frateres of California, who in large numbers held a Templar funeral service and escorted the remains of Past Grand Commander Wm. C. Smith of Tennessee, through the City of San Francisco from the Steamer to the Train. Colonel W. C. Smith died in action at the head of his Regiment near Manilla, and the United States Government brought his body back.

Through report of the Committee, a black lasting button on the Uniform Coat was adopted.

The proceedings contain a short account of the local festivities, which appear to have been very entertaining and charming.

Another very pleasant and painstaking review on Correspondence, is given by P. G. C. Wilbur F. Foster. He starts out with the admonition ringing in his ears to be brief, but finds out in his conclusion that he was unable to stand to orders. Canada at Hamilton, 1898, has kindly attention, and the Grand Master's address quoted from. He quotes part of our remarks on non-affiliation and gives as his reason therefor that we "are on his side" and of course thinks we are right. Quite right Brother Foster. Referring to our remarks on the Baldric, he says:—

This writer deeply sympathizes with everybody that has to wear that extraordinary uniform. We have known this scheme to work. Give the gauntlets away or save them up for driving gloves; forget the baldric and leave it at home; give the handsome plumes from the chapeau to your best girl, and carry the remainder of the chicken coop under your left arm.

We find the following under South Dakota, and would merely remark that there are evidently others.

Yes, we know full well how that is. Nearly all this writer's reports are prepared after everybody else has gone to bed. The hand grows weary, the eyelids heavy, the head droops, and—oblivion.

"Now blessings light on him that first invented this same sleep," said Sancho Panza, but it sometimes interferes sadly with the work of a Correspondence reporter.

Frazer Foster does not believe in the "dependent membership" theory and says, that as the Grand Encampment has adopted it, the order is to cease firing, but friend Foster cannot omit a parting shot and says:—

We venture to predict, however, that it will not be many years until this law will be pitched out, neck and heels. It is too unjust and oppressive to become popular; is too much in violation of the fundamental principle that membership in any Masonic body is only by the applicant's "own free will and accord" to be quickly accepted by a free people; and will surely work more injury to Commanderies than can be compensated by unwilling accessions of the unaffiliated to Lodge and Chapter.

Membership, 991; decrease, 84.

John Kane Currier, Paris, Grand Commander.

John Berry Garrett, Nashville, Grand Recorder.

VERMONT—1899.

Fifty-seventh Annual. Burlington. June 13th.

R. E. Sir Knight Jesse E. Thompson, Grand Commander, presided over the Fifty-seventh Annual.

The Grand Commander gave an address—no, a report, and so full of reports, circulars with excursion rates, long list of representatives to and from, etc., that we have not the time or patience to wade through it.

The proceedings are local, but we note the following resolution which was adopted:—

Resolved, That all members of the Grand Commandery when in attendance upon the Annual Grand Conclave, shall appear in full Templar uniform, unless excused therefrom.

We note this is the law in many Jurisdictions, but the formal motion invariably made and carried, that the Sir Knights be excused from attending in uniform *at this session* always nullifies the regulation.

Sir Knight Kittredge Haskins, P.G.C., presents his sixth report, and it is as usual an able one. He states that

Every Knight Templar should be an earnest and active Chapter Mason as it is through the Chapter that the Commanderies are recruited. Also, every officer of a Commandery should be a regular attendant upon its conclaves, and never think of having his post filled by another Sir Knight.

And the same we heartily endorse, and we have always endeavored to live up to it.

Canada, 1898, is reviewed, and the Grand Master's address styled a business-like document. He apparently takes exception to the Grand Master's remarks regarding Canadian Ritual Manual, Uniform, etc.,

and the desire of a few in Canada to adopt anything that is American. Not being conversant with the local causes that led to the Grand Master's remarks, Sir Knight Haskins has not quite understood the case, and criticised accordingly.

Sir Knight Haskins would go a long ways to secure the adoption of a "Universal International Ritual." Well, we are afraid it will not be seen in our day or generation, nor in many years after that, nor is there any great necessity that we can see for it.

It is said that "Variety is the spice of life," and when we go away from our own "ingle nook" we are much more interested in the manner in which others perform the same tasks. As long as the essentials are as nearly assimilated as possible we care not how the "play is staged," as long as it is in keeping with the plot and instructively given, the lessons being properly kept in view. We are conversant with both the Canadian and American Rituals, and consider there are historical and other inconsistencies in them both which eradication would improve very much.

We are sure he will pardon us if we say with all courtesy that, from our standpoint, there are some very striking ones in the American work, but then nothing is perfect in this world.

He is pleased to style the report on Correspondence "a comprehensive and courteous review, and that we write like a veteran of the quill." Many thanks, Frater Haskins.

He thinks the non-affiliation law adopted by the Grand Encampment "all wrong," and is much opposed to the "Masonic occasion" idea regarding the appearance or non-appearance of Templars in uniform.

Membership, 1632; increase, 32.

Jesse E. Thomson, Rutland, Grand Commander.
Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA—1898.

Seventy-Sixth Annual. Richmond, November 10th.

The seventy-sixth annual was presided over by R. Em. Sir Knight I. H. Capers, Grand Commander.

In the Grand Commander's address we noticed he ruled that a Sir Knight who has not provided himself with a uniform, agreeable with the by-laws of the Commandery and edicts of Grand Commandery cannot be installed as an officer of a Subordinate Commandery.

Very minute inspection reports of each subordinate is given and the Commanderies appear to be in a satisfactory condition.

A Committee of three were appointed to take into consideration the subject of uniforms. The Grand Commander elect was absent through a painful illness, and was installed later in Hampton Commandery.

No report on Correspondence.

Membership, 1486; increase, 14.

P. T. Woodfin, Hampton, Grand Commander.

James B. Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Recorder.

WEST VIRGINIA—1899.

Twenty-Fifth Annual. Huntington, May 10th.

R. Em. Sir Knight John A. Zorn, Grand Commander, presented a report filled with General Orders, Correspondence, etc. During the Year the Grand Inspector visited all the Commanderies twelve in number, and travelled 3205 miles. He was not satisfied that Templarism in the Jurisdiction was in the condition it

should be. Apathy on the part of the Officers, a total disregard of qualifications, and a decided lack of interest in the membership with non-attendance at the meetings, were distinctive features of some of the subordinates.

The Grand Commander arrested the Charter of one of the Subordinates for gross irregularities. The Committee on Grievances approved of the Grand Commander's action, but owing to some mitigating circumstances recommended that it be restored.

Sir Knight W. W. Van Winkle is again the author on Correspondence. Canada 1898, gets a pleasant and lengthy notice and Grand Master Macwatt's address noted and quoted from. He is complimentary to the writer of the Correspondence Report, and we tender our modest thanks. He dubs us a true Anglo-Saxon. Aye, Frater Van Winkle, and we are Canadian and Briton to the backbone.

Sir Knight Van Winkle covers 115 pages in his report; he excerpts well and comments just about enough at times to give us a faint idea how he stands on some of the subjects or legislation under review. It is a pleasant review.

Membership, 1109; net increase, 71.

George DeBolt, Fairmont, Grand Commander.
R. C. Dunnington, do Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON—1899.

Twelfth Annual. Tacoma. June 7th.

R. E. Sir Knight Carmi Dibble, Grand Commander, opened the session in ample form.

The Grand Commander recommended the abolition of the Grand Representative system. He considered it was useless work and extra expense. It conferred no authority on any one and a very empty honor. We did not find that any action was taken upon this subject.

Sir Knight Yancey C. Blalock, is quite satisfied, so he says, to be classed as one of the clippers, and considers the views of a correspondent should be expressed only when asked for.

We are unable to keep ourselves under such good control as Frater Blalock. Our Scotch ancestry will come out and assert itself, and as we are afraid no one would call very loudly for our views, we cannot keep quiet, and have thus to occasionally let it out.

Canada, for 1898, has a two-page notice, the Grand Master's address receiving liberal quotation.

Membership, 623; decrease, 10.

Frank W. Churchouse, Spokane, Grand Commander.
Yancey C. Blalock; Walla Walla, Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN—1898.

Fortieth Annual. Milwaukee. Nov. 1st-2nd.

R. E. Sir Knight Charles D. Rogers, Grand Commander, presided. The address was a well prepared paper.

In referring to his visitations he remarked, and truly,

One of the most important features in our organization is too often lost sight of, and that is, care in the selection of its officers. Fitness and willingness to give attention to his duties should be the qualifications of one who aspires to office. Those who seek positions merely for the title and honor that it brings them, should be discouraged in their aspirations by your ballots. The roll of officers should be called at every conclave, and their attendance during the year should be read at the Annual Conclave, that the members may be able to judge who have been attentive to their duties and who have not. The right material, and abundance of it, is to be found in the ranks of all our Commanderies and should be brought out and developed.

Another good point was that "absence of music in nearly all of our Commanderies is a grave error." He stated that while a musical instrument was in every asylum, only four out of twenty-seven Commanderies had music at the inspection.

The address showed a painstaking interest, and that his duties were conscientiously discharged.

The report of the Inspector General was an elaborate detail of the standing of each subordinate. Bariboo Commandery won a handsome silk flag for making the best inspection.

That Veteran Frater, W. C. Swain, presented his sixteenth annual report, and like all its predecessors it is bright and entertaining. Canada, 1897, at Montreal, is fraternally reviewed.

He is frequently facetious, and his remarks are to the point. He is not a lover of water, especially the variety with possible microbes in it, and objects to it as a substitute for the Christmas libations. Referring to this subject, under South Dakota, he makes the following comment:—

We know a Sir Knight of this jurisdiction who ate too much watermelon and got a stomach-ache. Let us weigh well the evils and woeful pain of a stomach-ache, and consider if we had not better fight for the abolition of watermelons.

Membership, 3042; increase, 77.

Theo. W. Goldin,	Janesville,	Grand Commander.
John W. Laplin,	Milwaukee,	Grand Recorder.

WYOMING—1899.

Twelfth Annual, Cheyenne, April 12th.

R. Em. Sir Knight Jethro T. Holliday, Grand Generalissimo, owing to the removal from the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commander, presided over the assembly. The address of the Deputy and Acting Grand Commander was read.

It was short and merely reported official actions. The adoption of a fatigue Blouse, but the wearing to be optional, was resolved upon.

Sir Knight John C. Baird, the Grand Recorder, presented the Report on Correspondence. Canada for 1898, receiving a courteous notice, and the reporter a pleasant compliment. Under Illinois he quotes General Smith's remark anent the American Flag as the "flag of our language," and also states that in the proceedings of Canada "that one of our canuck friends alluded to the English and American flags as the twin guardians of the Anglo-Saxon language." We do not remember the latter remark in Canada's proceedings, but it sounds pretty enough. In the earlier days of the order of Malta, the order was divided into eight different "languages," as they were called, or languages. And our good friend the General has considered that the Templars of the United States are big enough and strong enough, etc., to be classed as a "langue," and that the Star and Stripes represented the flag of the "American langue," *Vide* the history of the Ancient Order of Malta. We have no quarrel with the General's "pretty conceit," as the immortal "William" would remark.

Membership, 342 ; increase, 16.

Samuel Dickey,	Evanston,	Grand Commander.
John C. Baird,	Cheyenne,	Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

We find we have little to say in conclusion. As previously remarked, the addresses of the Grand Commanders, Legislation, Reports, etc., have been of the usual routine order and nothing has arisen to give occasion for comment. We notice we are not the only Correspondent (not addicted to the almost exclusive use of the shears) who has thus had to remark on the paucity of material. We regret that several of the proceedings have not come to hand, although written for, and our list is therefore not quite complete.

The American writers have been pleased in a large majority of cases to reproduce the references made to our friends and cousins of the United States anent their late war, by Grand Master Macwatt in his address, as well as this Correspondent's remarks on the same subject, and have in many instances very courteously reciprocated with kind words and good wishes for the long continuance of the cordial entente prevailing between the peoples of the United States and Great Britain. So mote it be!

"Two Flags, two Peoples, but with One interest,
The proud endeavor manfully to strive
For God, for Right, for Liberty, for Peace."

We annex table of Statistics from Maryland as previously referred to. We take this table because it deals with the year 1898, exclusively. By its perusal the progress, or otherwise, during the year of the various jurisdictions can be seen at a glance.

The victorious conclusion of their war with Spain has given rise to patriotic references in many of the Addresses and Reports in the American Jurisdictions. The pacification of the Phillipinos is proving a longer and more wearisome task, and several prominent members of our beloved Order have fought their last fight in those far off Islands.—"*Requiem eternam dona eis.*" No doubt the end will be reached before another report is written.

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While waiting for some of the absent proceedings to come in to end our task, a serious war cloud has arisen over South Africa, and, even as we write, a declaration of war has been sent to Great Britain and the invasion of British Soil is now in active progress by the Boers. This has been long looked for in many quarters, and it will be found, when the history of the struggle is fully written, that the so-called African Republic (a republic in name only) has for years been scheming and plotting to drive the British flag from South Africa. The prospect is for a hard and bitter struggle and many a bloody fight, and we have no doubt that Greater Britain will also have a share in it, for Australia, New Zealand, Canada and other portions of the Empire will be found ready and willing to offer and send, if permitted, men to uphold the honor of the "old flag" that waves over them.

"Then East and West, through the vastness grim,
The whelps of the Lion will answer him."

If our anticipations prove true, Canadian Masons and Templars will be, ere long, having the same anxious interest in South Africa that our American Brethren and fratres had in Cuba the past year. We do not doubt the issue, and will reverently utter a Templars prayer, "God help the Widow and the Fatherless," for there will be many.

≠ *Will A. White*

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1898, FROM THE
PROCEEDINGS OF MARYLAND.**

GRAND COMMANDERY.	(Conclave.	DATE.	Nc. of Com- manderics.	No. of Knights Templar.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.
Alabama	38	May 11, 1898	6	288	....	92
Arizona	6	Nov. 16, 1898	3	162	37	..*
Arkansas	26	April 19, 1898	11	502	10	....
California	40	April 21, 1898	35	3,101	68	....
Colorado	23	June 7, 1898	25	1,666	....	1
Connecticut	71	Mar. 15, 1898	11	2,506	143	....
District of Columbia	3	May 9, 1898	5	1,467	....	36
Florida	4	May 12, 1898	5	217	15	....
Georgia	37	April 20, 1898	10	728	9	....
Illinois	42	Oct. 25, 1898	66	9,491	....	15
Indiana	44	April 20, 1898	40	3,569	43	....
Indian Territory	4	Sept. 14, 1898	5	182	....	22
Iowa	35	July 12, 1898	56	4,470	36	....
Kansas	27	May 10, 1898	47	3,247	13	....
Kentucky	51	May 18, 1898	25	2,151	131	....
Louisiana	35	Feb. 18, 1898	4	324	4	....
Maine	47	May 5, 1898	19	3,244	191	....
Maryland	28	Nov. 22, 1898	12	1,234	37	....
Mass. & R. Island	92	Oct. 27, 1898	46	12,734	421	....
Michigan	42	May 17, 1898	46	5,635	112	....
Minnesota	33	June 24, 1898	25	2,534	86	....
Mississippi	38	Feb. 8, 1898	14	486	2	....
Missouri	37	April 26, 1898	56	4,311	74	....
Montana	11	Sept. 12, 1898	8	374	8	....
Nebraska	26	April 21, 1898	23	1,655	....	24
New Hampshire	39	Sept. 27, 1898	11	2,162	47	....
New Jersey	40	May 10, 1898	16	1,801	22	....
New York	85	Oct. 25, 1898	58	11,670	294	....
North Carolina	18	May 18, 1898	11	362	13	....
North Dakota	9	June 6, 1898	8	449	23	....
Ohio	46	Sept. 14, 1898	56	8,443	180	....
Oklahoma Territory	3	May 10, 1898	4	145	....	3
Oregon	12	Sept. 22, 1898	6	399	1	....
Pennsylvania	45	May 24, 1898	74	11,969	478	....
South Dakota	15	June 17, 1898	11	751	....	5
Tennessee	36	May 25, 1898	16	1,075	....	16
Texas	45	April 13, 1898	31	2,155	40	....
Vermont	56	June 14, 1898	11	1,606	101	....
Virginia	76	Nov. 10, 1898	19	1,486	14	....
Washington	11	June 8, 1898	10	633	7	....
West Virginia	4	May 11, 1898	12	1,037	100	....
Wisconsin	40	Nov. 1, 1898	27	3,042	77	....
Wyoming	11	April 13, 1898	7	326	7	....
G. E. Subordinates	..	.....	19	1,363	49	....
			1011	117,246	2893	214
Canada	15	Sept. 6, 1898	37	1,832	68	....
			1048	119,078	2961	214

The net increase for the United States for 1898 is a little over 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ per cent., and averaging same to January 1st, 1899, as the reports were made out at different times during the past year, makes a further increase of 1,841, or a total membership of 119,078 Knights Templar, while there are three Commanderies less.

The increase for Canada is 3 $\frac{7}{10}$ per cent., and averaging same to January 1st, 1899, makes an increase of 22, or a total membership of 1,854 Knights Templar.